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A Monday Afternoon in the Middle of Winter Break at the Java Depot Over a Cup of Hot Chocolate.

By Rachel Senturia

"Yeah so I'm getting along with my stepsister more. She's at Michigan."

"Oh yeah"

"Yeah, Alpha Phi too. What's the deal with Alpha Phi?"

"Seriously, I just don't understand it. The craziness of it all."

"Well, they've got the charitable acts too. You know, philanthropy."

"Oh yeah, the caring and giving."

"Don't forget self-centeredness. Yeah, like doing something to make the drinking more acceptable. Philanthropy, spell that one bitches."

"Is that stuff for real?"

"F-I. Oh I don't know. There was the Alpha Phiver party, you know Phiver like phi, phiver."

"That's hot."

"You know Erin is in Tri Delt."

"Yeah, what happened to her? I hear she's always talking about her sorority and that's all she talks about and how she got trashed the last night."

"What's the deal with her?"

"Maybe you should join a sorority."

"Do you know how far I am from joining one of those? I am like further than across the room. They wouldn't accept me if I got a make over and then sold my soul to get a new one from Nordstrom's and then wrapped myself in Burberry. After all that, I still wouldn't get in."

"Too much philanthropy?"

"Probably."

"What's the deal with Tri Delt? What's the deal with Sororities?"

"What's the deal with Ovaltine?"

"I don't know, it's the feeling of belonging I guess. Like, what up my sister."

"What a fraternal unit."

"Yeah, I just don't get it. So I've just been doing the chilling thing."

"Well, if you're not chilling in Burberry then you're not chilling right."

"Damn."

"Yeah, it's like I hate you but I like you enough to call you my sister even though if you hook up with the hottie from Delta Gamma Beta Pi I'll kill you, you know."

"Delta Gamma Dumb."

"Man, Erin's weird. And Burberryed-up. Hey, did you know you can't get a flu shot if you're allergic to eggs?"

"Too bad."

"I know."

Corey's Video Game Review

By Corey "Feel the Pulse" Hulse

Super Mario 4: Adventures at Penn

Nintendo is at it again, this time releasing the long awaited fourth Super Mario game for the Nintendo Entertainment System, starring everyone's favorite plumbers, Mario and Luigi.

Storyline: King Koopa takes over the Penn Campus when he is elected to be the new President, replacing Judy Rodin. He has cast a dark spell over the good land of Philadelphia, turning everyone into mushroom-like people, while releasing not just the usual hoard of Koopa Troopas and Goombas, but some NEW enemies as well. The famous plumbers are back, Mario Mario C'05, and Luigi Mario W'07, and are here to save the Princess before King Koopa takes over Drexell!

World 1 (Stouffer and Mayer Buildings)

Stage 1: Start in Stouffer A-Section. Power-up on some wings from Beth's "West Wings and Wings" program, and proceed to make your way to the foosball tables in F-Section. Newbies will automatically complain that "this place is like a maze!" Stop in the bathroom in downstairs C-Section, but always make sure to close the door behind you when you use the urinal. Annoy the crap out of the patio-side of C-Section by playing basketball when your timer reaches 4:00 AM. Proceed down and nab the cookies from the Nichols' apartment for a bonus, then beat the drunken chick that visits from the Quad in a game of foosball. Head out to Henry the Specta-Guard for the exit.

Stage 2: Carefully dodge the massive crowds of freshmen at the Stouffer Triangle (Where on the menu, malts are "\$0.00." Check it out yourself). Proceed to the conference room and have Steering subsidize money so you can buy Super Leafs and Fire Flowers. Steering will then refuse you SEPTA tokens, so you'll have to continue the quest without them. Watch out for burst water pipes on the fifth floor. The boss is on the seventh floor. He's some punk from the Quad who thinks he's cool, but he's totally not cool, so knock him out with some toast. Congrats! You've saved Stouffer and Mayer.

Previews of Other Stages:

World 2 (Quad)

Battle the Goombas and the Ultimate Frisbee kids in the Upper Quad. Enter the Quad through Speakman. Proceed to travel intra-quad without going back outside by utilizing the septic system pipes that go from section to section.

World 3 (Nursing Education Building)

Mack it to the Nursing students. Be very glad that they put your Macroeconomics recitation there.

World 4 (Houston Market)

Wait in ridiculously long lines for a cheesesteak. With mushrooms of course. Preferably 1-up mushrooms.

World 5 (Penn Bookstore)

Bowser has driven the textbook prices up beyond comprehension! Oh wait, it was like that before. Charge it to the bursar and get out before the Top Dog protesters picket in front of the exit.

World 6 (High Rises)

Crap! The Boss is on the Rooftop Lounge. Of course, the elevators are broken, so you need to climb the stairs. All 25 flights. Avoid girls in black pants.

World 7 (Huntsman Hall)

Use the fancy escalators to bring you floor to floor. Huge battle against Darth Vader on the dictator's platform in the forum.

World 8 (Frat Row)

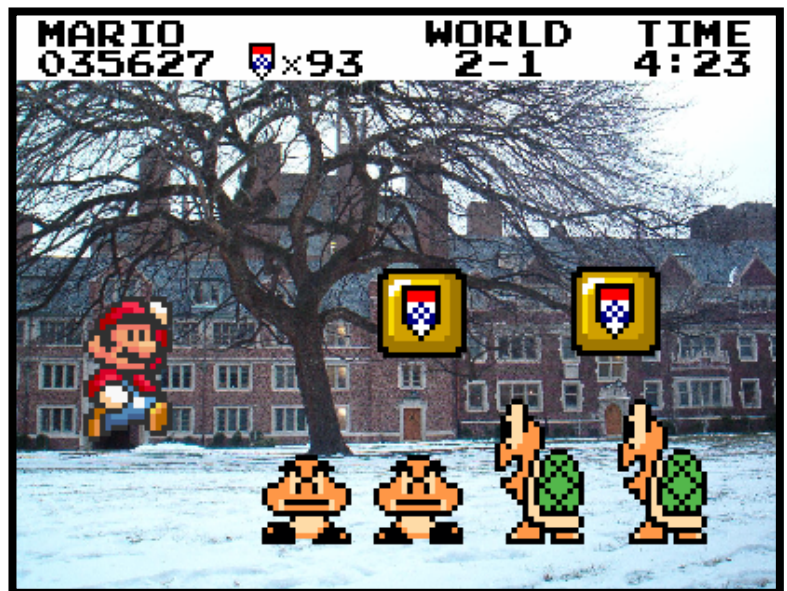
Watch the drunk freshmen travel in herds from frat house to frat house. Rush events make it very difficult to get through this stage. Blend in by being rowdy and stupid.

World 9 (Judy's House)

Take all the free hot chocolate you can. You will face King Koopa in the master bedroom, which is now a flaming lava pit fueled by burning student tuition dollars. Defeat him, save the princess, and emerge victorious!

World 10 (The Button)

You, the Princess, the Button. Need I say more?



Mario is at it again, this time battling his enemies across the Penn Campus. This Screenshot is of World 2 (Upper Quad).

WHERE WILL I LIVE NEXT YEAR?

The World, And I, May Not Know For Quite Some Time

By James Schneider, ST Editor and *potential future homeless man

Where Will You Live Next Year? This flyer has been splattered all throughout the hallowed halls of Stouffer College House, residences throughout Penn and the world at large. For many of you (sobs) lucky returning students, you may avail yourself to the splendor of Stouffer College House once again. Or, if the building hasn't been as good to you (Bad Building, Bad!), then feel free to move into an occupancy where the elevators take 20 minutes, where you can go days without seeing another (non-roommate) human being, and you are trapped 20 stories in the air during the frequent fire drills. Your life will be incomplete, sucky, and riddled with despair; but, hey, that's your prerogative.

For me, I will not be living in Stouffer next year. The University, in its infinite wisdom, decided that approximately \$180, 000 was enough money to squeeze out of us seniors. In 10 years it will top \$280, 000, so I shouldn't complain, right? But, I am Mr. Penn, bleeding R&B. I've cheered at countless sporting events, I am active in dorm life, and I have written for and edited *34th Street Magazine*. Yet, Penn, and Stouffer, can be my Rushmore no longer. They throw us out on the street, left to fend for ourselves in the scary, scary real world (Bad Real World, Bad!). They don't let our purses and wallets stray too far, though. I've already received forms that ask for a donation to Penn. On this, I muse, "Was it not a donation of sorts to drop 180,000 bombs? Yes, I think it so." In any case, the University makes me go bye-bye once they give me a diploma.

Without the comforts – or occasional irks – of 3702 Spruce Street, I guess I'm gonna be homeless, tossed out on the Street, writhing in agony with no stable internet connection. Although... my new laptop has wireless, so maybe I could tap into Penn's network over by the engineering school. Yet, I lose what I love most about Penn – like Freshman girls' naïveté. Oh, out loud! Nevermind. You know I love you all, *in that way*. Cheer up!

My PennCard will stop working in the next few months. Sleeping in the building, once you've finished school – unless your name is Brooks – is passé. And, graduating seniors won't even be afforded the "simple pleasures" of skipping blissfully on the patio... in -9° with the wind chill weather, praying for the spring when once again the girls will sport tanktops and the boys... well, I couldn't really care less what you guys wear; point is, GIRLS IN FREAKIN' TANKTOPS.

I don't want to live in the street. I want to stay in Stouffer, continue to put out the Tribune and *34th Street*. Weep. Weep. Sob. Sob. Cry. Cry...

Housing Lottery Information

By Anne Mickle

This semester, Stouffer will be conducting a lottery for rooms for 2004-2005. This is only for people who are participating in the in-house process, meaning those who currently live in Stouffer or Mayer and who want to live in either Stouffer or Mayer next year.

In order to participate in the lottery or retain your room, you must turn in your room selection/agreement by 5pm on February 3rd. These forms will be available at the Information Center in Stouffer, the reception desk in Mayer as well as in the House Office (142DS in Stouffer) and my office (101A Stouffer) beginning on Wednesday, January 21st. These can be turned into the House Office (142DS in Stouffer), the Information Center, or to my office (101A Stouffer). They cannot be turned into the Mayer front desk. Do not worry about room codes in completing the form – you can put specific room numbers or types of rooms.

If you want to retain your current room, you must turn in your form, but you do not need to participate in the lottery. Assuming that your form is turned in on time, you will be assigned to your current room. The 5th and 6th floors of Mayer will be residential program and freshmen floors next year. If you currently live on these floors and would like to retain your room, please indicate that you would like to retain and we will assign you to the closest equivalent room on another floor. For example, if you live in 616, and would like to stay in that room, we will try to assign you to the closest room in the –16 line of apartments. This does not apply to people living in efficiencies or two bedroom doubles – these apartments can be retained on the 6th floor. For those on the 5th floor, you must reapply to the Healthy Living Residential Program. If you are not selected to remain on the floor next year, you must participate in the lottery.

The 5th floor will be the Healthy Living Residential Program (see <http://stouffer.house.upenn.edu/> for more information). In order to live on this floor, in a two bedroom double, an efficiency, or a one bedroom double, you must submit an essay by January 23rd. The essay should describe your present interests and activities related to this program, the contributions you expect to make to the residential community, and the benefits you hope to derive from community membership. If you currently live on the floor and would like to return next year, your essay should focus on your contributions to the community this year and the benefits you hope to derive from another year in the program. The essay should be no longer than one single-spaced page and should be submitted directly to Anne Mickle.

If you want to change rooms, you must participate in the lottery. If you are not able to attend the lottery, you can send someone else to pick a room for you or those of us running the lottery can pick for you based on the preferences listed on your agreement. At the lottery, you will pick a number, within your seniority group, and choose a room based on your number

The lottery will take place on Thursday, February 5th, beginning at 9 pm in the D-seminar room in Stouffer. The schedule is as follows:

- 9 pm – residents who have lived in Stouffer for 6 or more semesters (including this semester)
- 9:20 pm – residents who have lived in Stouffer for 4 or more semesters (including this semester)
- 9:50pm – residents who have lived in Stouffer for 2 or more semesters (including this semester)

You should be prepared to pick a room when your time slot comes up, so you may want to arrive early to see what is still available.

We will maintain wait lists, in seniority order, for desirable rooms which may get taken quickly. This will include Mayer efficiencies and Mayer two bedroom apartments. You must select another room during the in-house process in order to be on the wait list.

If you want a one-bedroom double in Mayer or double in Stouffer, it is preferred that you sign up with a roommate. If you want a two-bedroom double, you must sign-up with a roommate. Your roommate need not live in Stouffer College House now. You can pull them in during the selection process. Room selection/agreements should be turned in together.

Please feel free to contact me at mickle@pobox or in my office (101A Stouffer) if you have any questions.

Open Your Doors

By Phil Nichols

You guys are all pretty interesting. It is kind of selfish of you not to share how interesting you are with other people. I know that you are not studying all of the time. So, open your doors. Let people into your lives. Stop and say hi. Show people the stuff on your walls. There are plenty of places in the world where people have to shut their doors: apartment buildings, army barracks, prisons, Princeton. It would be a real waste not to take advantage of the fact that for just this little while you live in a place that is much different than any of those. So, share. Open your doors. (Of course, you want to close and lock your doors when you are gone, or sleeping, or watching reality television.)

Welcome back from break. I hope that you had an excellent time. We missed you, Stouffer just wasn't the same without you. Open your doors.



Editor's Note: Go ask Anne or your GA for a door stop, should the need arise.



It's a new semester, and my last semester as the Editor of this very fine Tribune. Someone needs to carry on the torch. I think it might be the woman in this picture. I think also that I have a headache, and a tremendous dearth of submissions – especially given how little all of you had to do in the past few weeks.

Were you, like me, interviewing the likes of Kate Bosworth, Topher Grace, Josh Duhamel, Gary Cole and Ginnifer Goodwin? No!

I bet you were sitting on your lazy butts contemplating ways of submitting to the Stouffer Tribune. But, magically, and mysteriously, you misplaced the countless emails requesting your pictures and quotes and your articles.

A few of you have kept it up strong, and submitted weekly on all manner of topics. The rest of you, I say, "For shame!" Please send me your goods.

I hope that someone gets my message in a bottle, yeah... message in a bottle... message in a bottle... message in a bottle, yeah.