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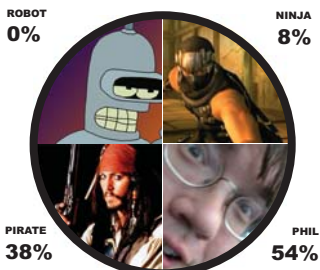
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Crazy Delicious

THE TRIBUNE: THE HOUSE ALWAYS WINS



RANDOM NONSENSE POLL QUESTION WHO WOULD WIN IN A FIGHT?



YOU DON'T LIKE LIVING IN STOUFFER

By: Phil Nichols

Most people like living here, but there are people who don't like living in Stouffer College House, and people who don't really care. It is inevitable, but it is something to recognize nonetheless. It is inevitable because we have an incredibly diverse population (so diverse that the things that make some people happy are going to have the opposite affect on someone else), because members of our community have a great number of possible sources of stress, because we have certain resources, and we have certain goals. If Penn were a conference rather than a university, and if Stouffer were a hotel rather than a community, and if our only residents were people who chose to come and who paid three or four hundred dollars per night, we might have a shot.

I have talked with some people who don't like living in their College House, because I am interested and because I like talking to people. I have lived in Stouffer for ten years, and other than my family there is not much that I value more than our community in Stouffer, but I certainly respect the opinions of those who do not. Some people are busy elsewhere, some people do not find connection, some people object to community, some people desperately want the forced community that they believe exists at our peer institutions, some people think that there are not enough social activities, some people think there are too many. Some people are just having bad years altogether. I wish that every person at Penn were completely happy in all things (and at the same time learned how to deal with challenges), and I imagine that all of us feel the same, but I am not sure that that will happen.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No letters this issue. However, two people e-mailed me back about their break, so here are their tales:

Break was lame, but I am an aunt now. My brother's wife had a baby girl named Madelyn. First one of the family! – Jerricka LoVerme

I was skiing in New Mexico when I was coming around a sharp turn right before a sharp drop off to a rocky hill and some trees when I lost an edge and planted my face in the snow. My momentum carried me and I had to dig my hands into the snow as I was careening towards the ledge in order to slow down. I finally slowed down with more than three-quarters of my body hanging over the edge and holding on for dear life with my gloves. My twin brother tried to hold his pole down to pull me up, but the top popped off and I slid down even further, scaring the hell out of me. Luckily, I was able to stay put, and pulled off my gloves and was pulled up by two others. Needless to say I skied a bit more recklessly the following day... you know, for shi*s and giggles. – Ben Taylor

EDITOR'S RANT

This Macaroon is Crazy Delicious

By: Corey Hulse

So, I'm going to put in a shameless plug for my little sister. She's 8, she's cute, and she's in the Girl Scouts. She's selling delicious girl scout cookies and I know that you know that you love girl scout cookies. They're \$3.50 a box and I'll hand deliver them to you. If you would like them, please e-mail your name, room, type(s) of cookies, and number of boxes to cshulse@wharton.upenn.edu. In other news, I have a Real Estate problem set due tomorrow. Can you tell me the cap rate on new construction in New Mexico? Yikes...



STUFFER BY THE NUMBERS



3 Winners in the Tribune word search contest. Check out Sudoku on page 8!

6 Brownies I ate at Michele Mondays. Now my stomach hurts. Do you have any pepto?

IN THE NEXT TRIBUNE

- * Valentine's Day Stories!
- * A Crossword Puzzle!
- * Bad Spelling!
- * Horrible Editing!
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- * Submit your articles by February 7th!
- * Delicious Hot Wings!

THE STUFFER TRIBUNE

The Stouffer Tribune is a tri-weekly publication created by the residents of Stouffer College House that is delivered fresh to your door whenever I get around to it. It's a new semester and I promise there will be five issues. The opinions in this publication are of the individual writers and are not endorsed by Corey Hulse or Stouffer College House. This publication is copyrighted too, so just smile if you can hear me. Destiny is calling me. Open up my eager eyes. I'm Mr. Brightside.

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NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS!

I'm all about more cowbell

My New Year's resolution is to stop sleeping everywhere in the annex but my own bed – Shannon Jensen

My New Year's resolution is to drink less....or maybe more – Beth Holzman

My New Year's resolution is to ensure that the house never loses another intramural competition again. Ever. – Mike Housman

My New Year's resolution is to chop off all Phil's hair with a sword. And to get in shape for the Philly marathon next fall. – Emily Buzzell

My New Year's resolution is to 50 pounds and quit smoking. Wait, neither of those apply? Um, then I will waste less time in the social black hole of 304. And by less, I mean more. – Jerricka LoVerme

My New Year's resolution is to defeat the evil that darkens the fourth floor with its dishonorable presence. Peter Breukner, I challenge you to a PIRATE'S DUEL! YAAAARGH! – Mollie Epstein

My New Year's resolution is to attend the University of Pennsylvania. – Ben Taylor

My New Year's resolution is to be better about contributing to the Tribune. – Phil Nichols

YOU DON'T LIKE LIVING IN STOFFER

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If you do not like living in Stouffer, do not give up. There are three hundred and fifty excellent people here in which to find some sort of connection. There is a group of GAs and Fellows who are diverse and amazing. We have House Managers who are about as friendly as you can get, and your Steering rep cares. We have a House Dean who is incredibly dedicated to making Stouffer a great place for you. And Amy is the most wonderful person you could ever meet. Talk to one person, just one, to see what could happen. You never know.

If you are indifferent, I am happy that you have found things elsewhere at Penn. But why not reach out, just a little bit, to see if there is something interesting about the place you live? There are so many things available here, so many interesting people, so many traditions, so many intramural sports teams, so many cultural events, so much pizza. You are going to find something.

And whether you love or dislike or are indifferent or change every day, I hope that you will take the time to meet new people this semester. A lot of research indicates that the ideal size of a community is one hundred and fifty. Some suggest that the ideal size of a residential community is three hundred. Prove these people wrong. Meet every person who lives here. You will get to stick it to the man, and at the same time get to know someone new.

It may seem odd that I write to the smaller group rather than the larger group of people here in Stouffer. Everyone who lives here, however is important. So to everyone – Happy New Year, I hope that you had a most excellent break, and I will see you at cookies.

WHO WOULD WIN IN A FIGHT?



ROBOT - 0%

No one picked the robot to win. If Bender had feelings, he would be crying right now.



NINJA - 8%

Ninja would win. Phil has the sense not to show up and get his butt beat (we hope), Pirate would show up but he'd opt to kidnap one of the bimbo girls standing around chanting "Fight! Fight! Fight!" to get some real booty (Yar!). Robot can't think for himself so he's naturally limited in his abilities. Only Ninja would show up, not be distracted by swinging breasts, have the honor to finish a fight, and the human ingenuity to win it. – Ray Crowe



PIRATE - 38%

The pirate would win because 1) swords impair mechanics 2) swords beat ninja kicks 3) swords beat efforts at multicultural understanding. – Shannon Jensen

I wanna say Phil, but probably the pirate, as long as his sword interfered with the robots wiring – Beth Holzman

The pirate would win because he would chop off all Phil's hair with a sword. – Emily Buzzell

The pirate would win. why? because. (really I just don't feel like writing up a justification, but pirates don't fight fair, so that's why. like, imagine a sword fight, but then the pirate pulls out a gun.) – Liz Lovelock



PHIL - 54%

Phil Nichols would win. It's a little known fact that he moonlights as a pirate, a ninja, AND a robot. – Christianne Supan

Phil Nichols would win hands down - unless the robot the pirate or the ninja had some kryptonite, that is... – Alex Numann

Phil Nichols. Why? Because. - Jerricka LoVerme

Phil Nichols would win. In such a fight, any intelligent combatant would seek help. Robots are horrible leaders. Pirate crewmen are notoriously treacherous. Ninjas are loners. But everyone loves Phil, who could probably summon the equivalent of a small army to aid him in his conquest of fictional and historical characters in any poorly defined hypothetical free-for-all melee. – Matt Crespi

Phil Nichols doesn't sleep... he waits. – Everett Herman

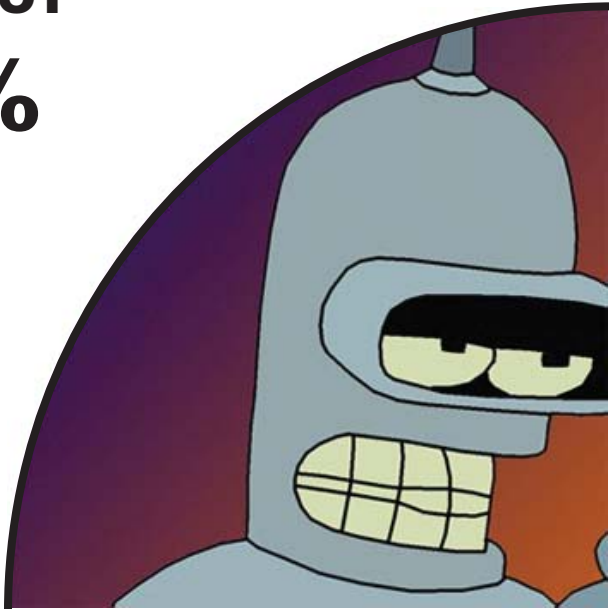
Phil Nichols... you're even asking this question? What are you, some kind of idiot? – Ben Taylor

A pirate, assuming that the encounter would happen on a pirate ship the salt rich sea air would accelerate the oxidation process of the robot causing it to rust, and of course everyone knows ninjas are notoriously susceptible to sea-sickness rendering them incapacitated. The last option is a trick, Phil is a pirate. – Matt Sklarrrr

THE ULTIMATE SHOWDOWN

ROBOT

0%



NINJA

8%



PIRATE

38%



PHIL

54%



THE HOUSE OFFICE: DVDs UP THE WAZOO! - \$1 TO RENT!!!

2001: A Space Odyssey | 8 Mile | A Few Good Men | A League of Their Own | All About Eve | American President, The | Antonia's Line | Apartment, The | Austin Powers: Goldmember | Austin Powers: The Spy who Shagged Me | Being John Malkovich | Bend it Like Beckham | Big Fish | Big Lebowski, The | Black Hawk Down | Boiler Room | Braveheart | Bridge on the River Kwai, The | Brotherhood of the Wolf | Caddyshack | Casablanca | Chappelle's Show (disc 1 & 2) | Chinatown | Citizen Kane (disc 1 & 2) | Clerks X (disc 1, 2, and 3) | Count of Monte Cristo, The (disc 1 & 2) | Cutting Edge, the | Dial M for Murder (Alfred Hitchcock Collection) | Dodgeball | Dr. Strangelove | E.T. (2 disks: original and 2002 feature) | Edward Scissorhands | Elf (Disc 1&2) | Eraserhead | Eternal Sunshine of the spotless mind | Fight Club | Foreign Correspondent (Alfred Hitchcock Collection) | Forrest Gump | Godfather, The Part I | Godfather, The Part II (disc 1 & 2) | Goodfellas | Goonies, The | Graduate, The | Grosse Pointe Blank | Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (disc 1&2) | Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (disc 1&2) | Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (disc 1&2) | Hitch | Hustler, the | I confess (Alfred Hitchcock Collection) | Incredibles, The (disc 1&2) | Kundun | Lawrence of Arabia | Life Is beautiful | Lost in Translation | Love Actually | Maltese Falcon, The | Miracle (disc 1&2) | Mona Lisa Smile | Moulin Rouge | Mr And Mrs smith (Alfred Hitchcock Collection) | Mr. Deeds | Napoleon Dynamite | North By Northwest (Alfred Hitchcock Collection) | Notting Hill | O Brother, Where Art Thou? | October Sky | Office Space | Old School | On the Waterfront | Patriot, The | Psycho | Rain Man | Roadtrip | Roman Holiday | Rounders | Rudy | Scarface (1932) | Scarface (1983) (disc 1&2) | Shawshank Redemption, The | Shrek | Shrek2 | Sideways | Singin' in the Rain | Some Like It Hot | Something's Gotta Give | Sound of Music, The | Spaceballs | Stage Fright (Alfred Hitchcock Collection) | Star Wars: A New Hope | Star Wars: Return of the Jedi | Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back | Star Wars: Trilogy Bonus Material | Starsky and Hutch | Strangers on a train (disc 1&2) (Alfred Hitchcock Collection) | Sunset Boulevard | Super Troopers | Suspicion (Alfred Hitchcock Collection) | Swingers | Team America World Police | Tears of the Sun | Top Gun | Under the Tuscan Sun | Wet Hot American Summer | Willow | Wizard of Oz, The | Wrong Man, The (Alfred Hitchcock Collection) | Zoolander |

POEMS BY ADREYO SEN

Making Up

Brows furrowed, they sit a calculated distance apart,
 Stiff and watchful, half turning to look at each other,
 Then shifting their eyes to the colourful blur on television.
 In the tense silence, the polished jargon of the news reporter,
 Challenges the gentle snore of my sister in the next room. He opens his mouth and
 hesitates,
 Nervously she taps her feet to Ricky Martin, mis-timing the beats completely.
 He clears his throat, a bit too loudly, eyes fixed on the weather report.
 A pause, pregnant with failed initiatives and rehearsed openings, follows.
 The weather's horrible," a slight plead in his voice.
 She grunts assent, her spoon knocks against the teapot only just distinctly.
 He takes the hint and stutters, "If you're making tea..."
 "One spoon sugar?" she allows him a small smile.
 A few minutes later, her head is on his shoulder,
 Her small hand enclosed in his, they dream in mutual peace.
 And as always, forgotten in their blissful silence, I retreat to wash the dishes,
 While politicians and sport-stars take turns to blare at the uncomplaining walls.

Remember

Remember?
 Remember the numerous romantic glances, Across tables stained by tea and time in
 the dirty brown college canteen,
 How Raju used to bare his nicotine stained teeth in a smile that reached his ears,
 And say, "You can never grow old as long as there is love in your heart."
 And we used to tease him for being such a hopeless romantic?
 Well yesterday,
 As I sat with my red-taped files staring at incomprehensible figures,
 And you knelt before me, your brown eyes moist with barely suppressed laughter,
 And implored me not to build Rome overnight,
 And join you for a cup of tea instead,
 The tiny crisscrossed lines falling away from your face like magic,
 I realised he was right.

Matrimony

First into the hissing cauldron goes the soft squishy base,
 Shy smiles and common favourites, lingering conversations and first dates,
 Then comes the syrup, foolish promises and forbidden meetings of bliss,
 Mix it and stir it and seal it with the first sincere kiss,
 Short quarrels and remorseful whispers add to the spice,
 Throw in a pinch of precious gifts while the mixture's boiling nice,
 Next comes the gravy, earnest discussions on college stairs,
 About their similarities and the prospects of becoming a pair,
 Then shake the mixture and taste it and leave it to rest,
 For of all the great settlers known, time is the best,
 At last the shreds of onion, the desperate hints to 'parents dear',
 Before coming clean about each other with a manly sigh or feminine tears,
 And if the mixture's bubbling and the broth does not over spill,
 Add a few joyous bells and perhaps a huge wedding bill,
 Then finally cover the mixture with its lid or it will spoil like many,
 And you'll get the fruit of love, we call it matrimony.

AN ODE TO ASPARAGUS

By: Sudeshna Dutta

"I vowed to procrastinate less and do more work, but then again, there's loads of time for work so here's a poem I wrote inspired by the contents of my fridge."

Oh Asparagus! Your delightful stalks do entice me,
Thin and bendy, whispering "come bite me",
Not from a can no, because that's just gross-
Only the fresh ones can arouse my purple prose.
And if some lemon juice in the fridge I see,
Why, then in gastronomic heaven I shall be.



TRIBUNE QUOTE OF THE ISSUE

*"They who dream by day are cognizant of many things which escape those who dream only by night."
~ Edgar Allan Poe*



THE EUGENE KIM PICTURE CORNER



This winter break, I got kicked around by the waves in North Shore, HI. I also tried surfing. Actually, it wasn't surfing, it was more like falling in the same direction as the surfboard.

-Eugene

TRIBUNE SUDOKU CONTEST

Holy Anchovies, Batman!

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1				7		9		6

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9.

NAME _____

CONTEST!

Complete the Sudoku and turn it in to Mayer 309 by 8pm on Sunday January 29th and you will be entered into a drawing for a \$10 gift certificate to anywhere. Seriously. Everyone who finishes it and turns it in will get an "I'm Awesome at Sudoku" certificate.

CONGRATS TO OUR PREVIOUS WINNERS!

Matt Crespi (\$10 to the Penn Bookstore)

Christianne Supan (\$10 to the Penn Bookstore)

Ben Adams (\$10 to chucknorris.com)

