

Website of the Week

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Where can you find information on such diverse topics as political news and analysis, elegant commentary on the arts and society, and even... the fortune cookie? *Slate*, *Atlantic Unbound*, and *The Big Dumptruck* are just some of the E-zines that provide this information, and much, much more.

The world of electronic magazines (a.k.a. E-zines) is a popular, wildly eclectic set of Internet-based volumes that is as diverse and spread out as the Web itself. They come in all shapes, sizes, and genres and number into the thousands. Although little data exists on E-zines, the one thing that is clear is that people are flocking to their sites and reading them in large numbers. E-zines come in many forms and styles. There are sites unique to the Web, such as *Slate* and *Salon*; offshoots of prominent print magazines, such as *Atlantic Unbound*, a spin-off of *Atlantic Monthly*; and an extensive variety of personal, smaller-scale postings.

While E-zines will never take

the place of conventional magazines, they do have some advantages: their inexpensive running costs, minimal space restrictions, easy update capability, and easily accessible archives.

E-zines have the freedom to say whatever they want, however they want to say it. Most E-zines aim to enlighten, inform, and entertain, rather than offend, but you always have to be aware of what you are looking at, and the objective of the site. Here are some examples of E-zines.

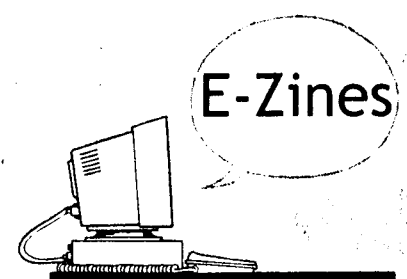
Slate (www.slate.com) may be one of the smartest and best-edited on-line magazines. It's especially solid on politics and world affairs, but includes cultural and pop-cultural subjects as well. Some exciting features include "Today's Papers," which analyzes front-page coverage from four major newspapers such as the *New York Times*, *LA Times*, *Washington Post* and *USA Today*; "Dispatches," daily reports on developing stories; and the "Breakfast Table," feisty e-mail discussions on a wide range of issues.

Atlantic Unbound (www.AtlanticUnbound.com) is an offshoot of the esteemed print magazine *Atlantic Monthly*. But make no mistake—you won't find most of the material on the website in the magazine. Ma-

terial exclusive to the site includes new fiction, interviews, and even poems recorded in RealAudio by their authors. You can also search *Atlantic Monthly's* complete archives back to 1995; if you're willing to settle for a less complete archive, you can search all the way back to 1857, when the magazine was founded.

A more personal E-zine, www.BigDumpTruck.com, offers a humorous look into the personal insights of its creator, Jody Burchstead LaFerriere of Leominster, Mass. A new edition is put out monthly, and includes open letters by Ms. LaFerriere to such controversial public "figures" as Martha Stewart and Tinky Winky. The site also offers reflections on such broad and diverse topics as spaghetti sauce and the World Series.

Each of these websites represents a different aspect of the E-zine craze. They offer something different—a flashier alternative to print magazines that is drawing readers by the millions. The best thing about E-zines? The cost. You can get all of the news, humor, entertainment you want for FREE, reason in itself to read one today!



STUDENT CLUB OF THE WEEK

Joint Residence Council

by Liz Hayes
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This week's student club of the week is the Joint Residence Council, or JRC. Although it is on the opposite end of the spectrum of last week's student club, Commuter Council, the two do have a similar purpose: giving students on campus a voice in the affairs of the College.

The basic function of JRC is to oversee the individual hall councils found in the residence facilities on campus. Perry, Niagara, Lawrence, Almy, and Ohio Halls all have their own individual hall council; the three suites (Tiffany, Tigress, and Porcupine) are all represented by one hall council, as are the apartments. Each hall council is made up of the four elected members of its executive board, and all the residents who regularly participate in hall council meetings and events of the particular hall or halls.

The Joint Residence Council itself is comprised solely of the four executive board members that serve JRC. These board members have usually first served on the executive board of another hall council, or at least were very active with their hall. There are no specific prerequisites for candidacy, but it is desired that

prospective members be familiar with the residence life system. Anyone who is active with his or her hall council is considered a member of that council.

However, JRC involves more than just the four e-board members; during its weekly meetings on Tuesday nights, JRC meets with the presidents, or another representative, of each hall council. Others who are often present include RA's, residence coordinators, and representatives from Housing and Food Services, as well as from the Residence Life staff. JRC works closely with Linda Lombardi, the Director of Residence Life and the organization's advisor. During these meetings, JRC discusses the upcoming events each council is planning, as well as any problems the halls are having.

These problems may include any kind of maintenance problems, funding problems, or other residence life problems. The individual hall councils also go to JRC for additional support. Each council is given so much money through Residence Life, but it can also get JRC money. However, JRC must approve of what the money is being spent on.

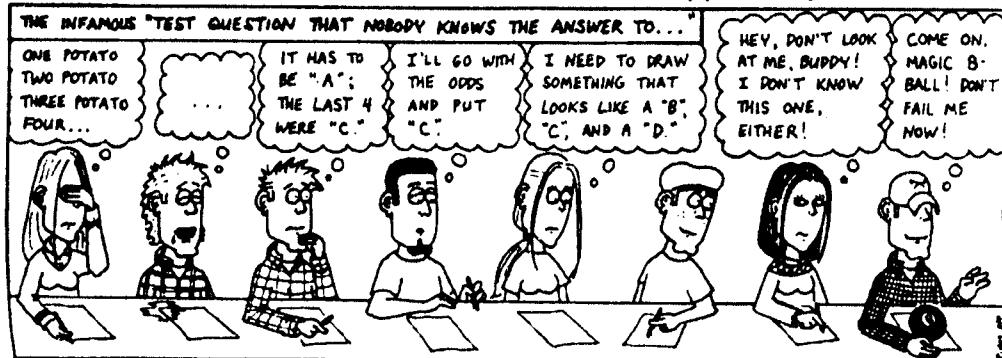
JRC also sponsors some events in collaboration with other organizations. For instance, JRC was a main participant in the recent Cider Rock.

held in the apartment quad. Also, JRC is a key player in the similar Spring Fever, held late in the spring semester. Other upcoming events include the Feed the Need food drive. In this charity event, several Behrend organizations are assigned three buildings on campus. In these buildings the organizations set up boxes, in which students and faculty may place donated food items. In addition to these events, JRC will be a sponsor of the upcoming spirit stations. The day before every men's and women's basketball game, a booth will be set up in the Reed Building to help promote school spirit and pride.

Once again, the only students actually in Joint Residence Council are the four on the executive board; however, students are always welcomed and encouraged to join their own hall councils. Joining a hall council is a great way for the voice of the students to be expressed. JRC's Tuesday meetings in Ohio Hall are not generally open to the public; the views of the public, however, can be expressed through the hall council representatives. Of JRC and the hall council system in general, JRC president Sean Mascoll says, "I'd suggest to everybody [who lives on campus] to get involved in JRC, or at least your own hall council. It presents an excellent opportunity to get involved."

LEX

by phil flickinger (www.l-c-x.com)

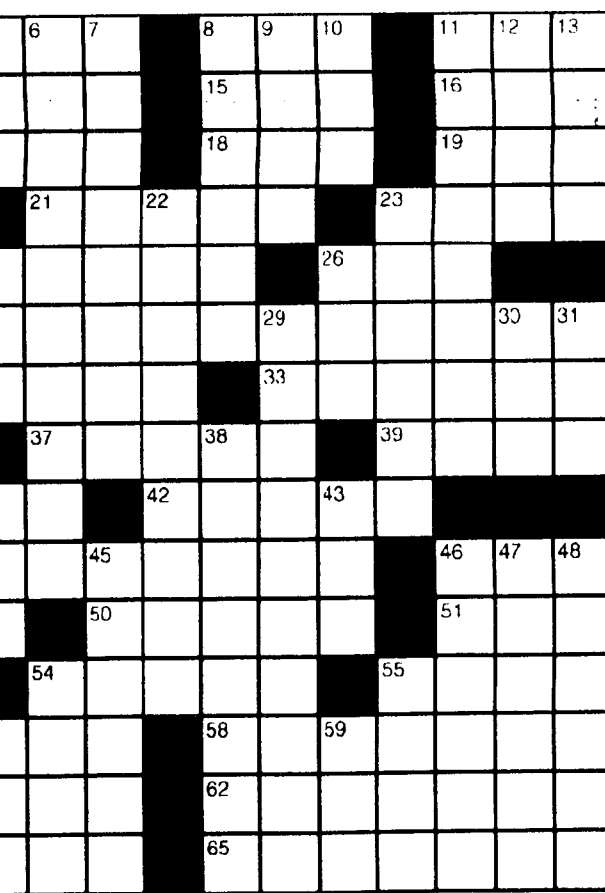


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- 11 Sack
- 14 Daughter of King Minos
- 15 A Gershwin
- 16 Notable period
- 17 Least illuminated
- 18 Blighted tree
- 19 Edge
- 20 Large quantity
- 21 Raging
- 23 Offense or defense, e.g.
- 24 Building branch
- 25 Hill or Loos
- 26 Internet
- 27 Visualize
- 28 Lack of definition
- 32 Use a razor
- 33 Monotonously unchanging
- 34 Pretentiously creative
- 37 Defects
- 39 Itsy-bitsy
- 40 "___ Knowledge"
- 42 Conical condo
- 44 Speculative
- 46 Org. of Couples
- 49 Fruit drink
- 50 Chestnut-and-white horses
- 51 Compete
- 52 Early car maker
- 54 Mold, mildew and smut
- 55 Pealed
- 56 Be in poor health
- 57 California fort
- 58 Lettuce choice
- 60 Golfer's gadget
- 61 Old cloth
- 62 Four-time Indy winner
- 63 Newman movie
- 64 Look over
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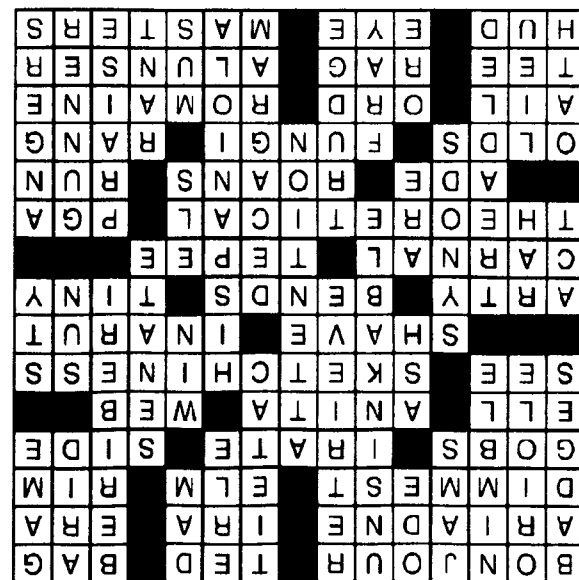
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- 6 "The ___ Molly Brown"
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- 8 Man's jewelry
- 9 Perry's penner
- 10 Hoover, e.g.
- 11 Thiamine deficiency
- 12 Desiccated
- 13 Sports event
- 22 Heed
- 23 Legislative body
- 25 Cinder
- 26 Take first
- 29 Neighbor of Cuba
- 30 Sat. follower
- 31 Pigpen
- 32 Church gatherings
- 34 Dissemblance
- 35 Collegiate cheer
- 36 Used a foot pedal
- 38 Metric unit
- 41 Exist
- 43 Evanston's



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- 54 Ravel
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- 57 Bauxite, e.g.
- 59 Rock or Blues, e.g.
- transp.
- 45 Travel with difficulty
- 46 Commutation
- 47 Ordnance officer
- 48 Enrages
- 52 Curse

HOROSCOPES

Aries (March 21-April 19). See the world, visit Iowa.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Get more involved on campus, expand your horizons!

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Try something new, go to class!

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Go outside and enjoy all of the outdoor activities Erie has to offer.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Huh?

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Life isn't always easy, but it sure as hell can be interesting!

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Don't spend all of your time reading horoscopes, it's bad for you!

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Grapefruit, they're not just for breakfast anymore (nudge,nudge,wink,wink)

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Bongo says, "Get a life"

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What the hell is a Capricorn anyway, get a real astrological sign.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb 18). Try out watersports, it can be a VERY enjoyable experience.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). Late Drop is coming, the time to decide is now!



by Bongo the three legged monkey