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# Website of the Week **Scholarships for students are** now available online

by Mike Cooklis staff writer

A student's daily college work can be overwhelming at some times. And with the rising cost of school, a scholarship can always be a welcome financial aid.

Another way to look at a scholarship is as free money. This money is never expected to be paid back. There are many different scholarships available to students, but the way that you searched for them in high school might be the way of the past.

Today, one of the easiest and fastest ways to search is on the web. One of these sites is freescholarships.com. This site is exactly what its name is...free. It would compare almost to a lottery system. Winners are picked daily, monthly, and quarterly. And

these scholarships.

To become eligible for the scholarships that are being offered, you must first register. Registration is very easy, requiring you only to create your own login name and password. Right away you are given one chance to win in each drawing. The daily drawing gives away 10,000 dollars, the monthly gives away 25,000 dollars, and the quarterly gives away 50,000 dollars.

To earn more chances, you can do many things. Searching the web page or playing games on the site can earn you more chances. Even referring a friend to the site will earn you more chances of winning.

Another way of winning on the site is by earning "schollars". Each time you earn a chance, you are also earning a schollar. The schollar is the

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you don't have to be qualified for online currency of the site. You can spend this "money" at the freescholarships.com online auction. At this auction, you can bid on many different items in the same way you would bet on an item at an auction house. There are many great prizes to be won, and you can even bid on more scholarships. This is a new part of the site, and it is not yet running, but you can still save your schollars for when it does open.

I anxiously await every drawing in the hope that I might come away with a scholarship. I have not yet won, but I would like to think that my chances are getting better every day. For the amount of time that it takes to get setup at this site, there is no excuse that everyone shouldn't be a part of freescholarships.com.

### **Beth Wood lights up Behrend**

by Leanne Acklin staff writer

Bare foot and bare voiced, Beth Wood performed acoustically in front of a humble crowd Saturday night in Bruno's. With a rich, clean voice, Wood belted out nearly ten originals spanning her three CDs including her most recent release, "Late Night Radio."

Wood's tunes ranged from tales of major disappointment to playful storytelling, while they combined pop and folk music with spry country lyrics. Calm, upbeat tempos dominated the evening, evident in songs such as, "Late Night Radio," "My Miles Davis 'Kind of Blue," and a new one she tested called "Company Man," which Wood accredits to her hard working, understanding "sweetie." Wood also performed a cover of U2's "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For" doing no dishonor to U2.

Some Behrend students such as Stephanie Falcone seemed hooked on Wood's lyrics. "She's so great, she's a fantastic songwriter," remarked Falcone. While the lyrics were often witty, Wood's voice quality is undoubtedly her most remarkable attribute. During the performance of "My Miles Davis 'Kind of Blue," Wood proved her pure, clear voice was also extremely versatile, as the song's vocal range was quite demanding. Even while singing the piece in a large room with, sadly, only a dozen people, her voice sustained flawlessly.

Influenced by singers such as Shawn Colvin and Chris Whitley, Wood decided to take on her music full time about three years ago. Behrend was just one stop of her spring tour which covers the East Coast in promotion of her

"Late Night Radio." "It's going great," she said of the tour, "I'm really racking up the miles." Wood stated that the new album was based on "grass roots," and mentioned that "Border's (Books & Music) has been really helpful" in the promotion of it, where the CD is being featured in listening posts across the country,

according to Wood's website. With a classic voice and continued exposure at colleges and clubs across the country, success for this heartened singer/songwriter appears inevitable.

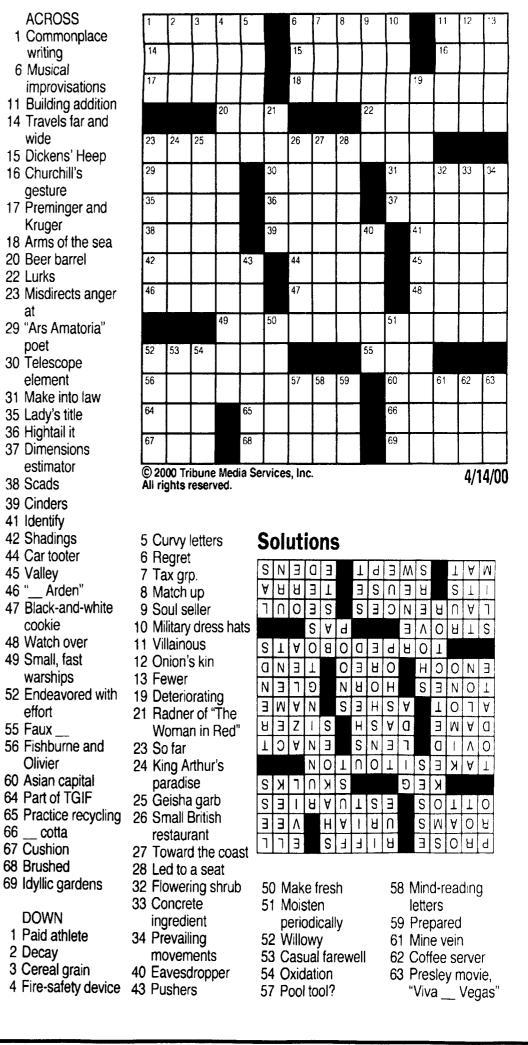
For more information on Beth Wood, including ways of obtaining CDs and mailing list information. visit www.bethwoodmusic.com.



independently released third album, Beth Wood performed at Bruno's last Saturday

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