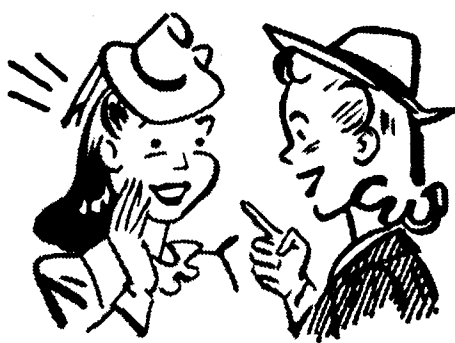


Spicing it up



I Know What Boys Like....

After the newness of relationship wears off, it is very important to try to do things to spice up your relationship. I for one know that if my relationship ever got boring, I'd want out, but by keeping things interesting, you bring new life back into your relationship. Now I know what most of you are thinking when I say spice things up, and as a typical guy, at first I thought the same thing. For once try and get your mind out of the gutter (not that a French Maid outfit doesn't spice things up, but my fiancée probably doesn't want me telling people about that).

Try and find new and interesting things to do that you both enjoy. One thing that is great about Erie is that there is always something to do (please try to keep that laughing to a minimum). Try a picnic dinner at Presque Isle. Or a quick day trip to Niagara Falls for some sight-seeing. Even a candlelight dinner at home can help make things a little more interesting.

The important thing is not to get into a rut. When both people in a relationship are bored, the relationship is about to crash and burn. If the relationship is worthwhile, you should be willing to put in the time and the imagination to spicing things up!

What A Girl Wants....

So the sizzle is gone, eh? Never fear, it can be brought back. All it takes is for both partners to want it back. You know something is wrong when the spark is gone, and neither partner cares! That's when it may be time to abort. Being "comfortable" in a relationship should not equal boring.

How does one go about getting back the spice in a relationship? It's easy to recapture the times you used to have in the first few months when everything was new and exciting (and often en fuego). And this may be the only time you read this in the relationship column, but the ladies agree with the guys for a change! It'll be ok, we promise.

To bring back the spice, all you need to do is break the routine. Do you find yourselves doing the same thing Friday after Friday? Is it "movie night" every night? That seems to get old, real fast. Watching *Friends* every Thursday may be enjoyable, but think of all the other fun things that you can be doing with your significant other.

Turn off the TV; don't go to Blockbuster that night (unless you have no intention of actually watching the movie that you rent, tee-hee!) Try something new. Find a restaurant that you have never gone to before, go play pool or go bowling somewhere new. And as for the candlelight dinner that the guys mentioned, one word: YES!

And don't forget the old fashioned, "take the phone off the hook for the night." If you have the privacy (and not too many people here on campus do), then take the time to get reacquainted with the love of your life. The spice can be brought back to even the most mundane of couples; all it takes is a little effort and imagination.

Do you have a relationship question? If so, send it to Behrcoll5@aol.com and have it answered by our relationship experts. Answers will be given in our features advice column from a male and female point of view.

HOROSCOPES

Aries (March 21 - April 19). Asking your professor if he participates in illegal activities will not get you an 'A.'

Taurus (April 20 - May 20). Were you Hot and Trendy last week? If not, get with it, you go to a Hot and Trendy school!

Gemini (May 21 - June 21). Try and work off some steam; get a concubine.

Cancer (June 22 - July 23). Wonder why you're not feeling well? Did you eat at Bruno's?

Leo (July 24 - August 22). Canada doesn't deserve to be a country, plot an invasion in your spare time.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22). Do the world a favor this week, hit a Macintosh with a hammer.

Libra (September 23 - October 23). Papaya: they aren't just for breakfast anymore. Wink, wink. Nudge, nudge.

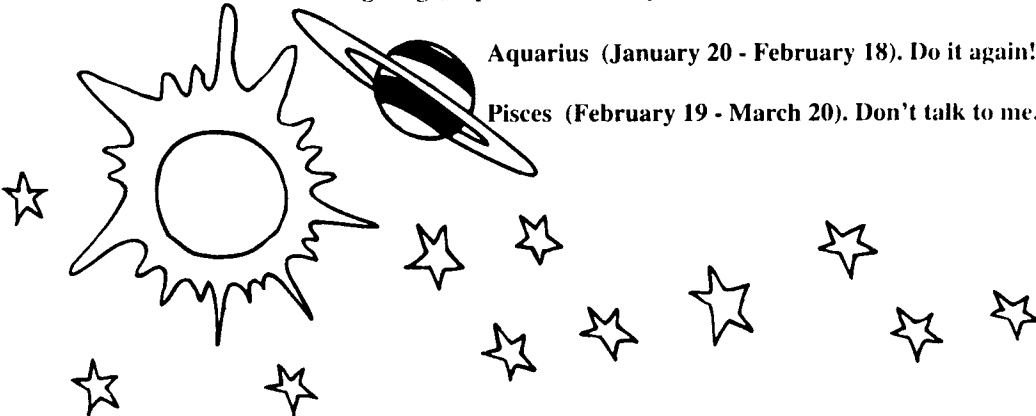
Scorpio (October 24 - November 21). Vote for a third party candidate, it may be throwing away your vote, but it is still damn funny.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21). Don't be dragged out to sea by an overwhelming wave of dumb.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19). Recipe for college success: 1 week of class + 1 weekend long binge, repeat as nessecery.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18). Do it again!

Pisces (February 19 - March 20). Don't talk to me.



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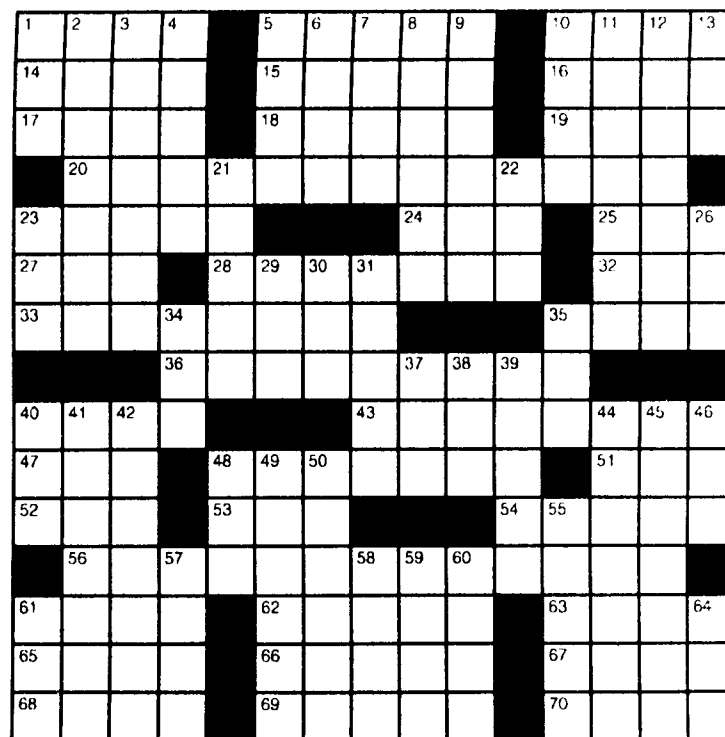
Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Rolling stone's lack
- 5 Clip sheep
- 10 Walk the floor
- 14 Litter's littlest
- 15 Witty Oscar
- 16 River to the Caspian
- 17 Get out of bed
- 18 Incandescent
- 19 Light knocks
- 20 Kissing game
- 23 River horse
- 24 12/24 or 12/31
- 25 Sell-out letters
- 27 Fruit cooler
- 28 Was contrary to
- 32 Elver's parent
- 33 Goes to sea
- 35 Alan of "Shane"
- 36 Bug killer
- 40 Actress Samms
- 43 Tennessee city
- 47 Vocalize displeasure
- 48 Disk-shaped toy
- 51 Capp and Capone
- 52 Public transport
- 53 Jogged
- 54 Razor sharpener
- 56 Distant relatives
- 61 Uris novel, "___ 18"
- 62 Delta deposits
- 63 Snug spot
- 65 Individuality
- 66 Pontificate
- 67 Happiness
- 68 Christmas decoration
- 69 Landed estate
- 70 "Lohengrin" lady

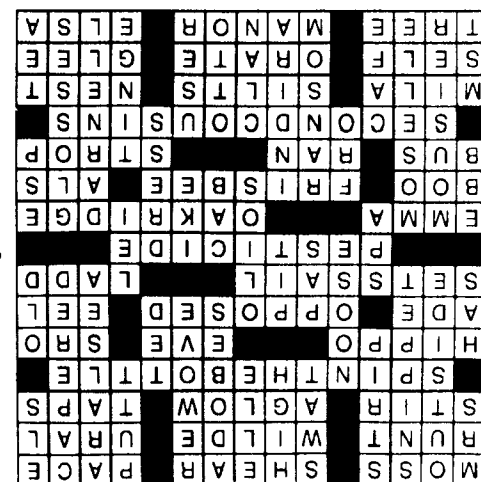
DOWN

- 1 "___ Doubtfire"
- 2 Where it's cold, baby
- 3 Scrap
- 4 Landing area
- 5 Thwack
- 6 Lofty
- 7 French pronoun
- 8 Pueblo bricks
- 9 Made wool



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Solutions



- 10 Green stroke
- 11 Caspian's neighbor
- 12 Frolicked
- 13 Ernie of the PGA
- 21 Rustler's last rope
- 22 Actor Knight
- 23 Possesses
- 26 Like MacDonald?
- 29 ___ de deux (dance duet)
- 30 Natural cavity
- 31 Medleys
- 34 Healing waters
- 35 Floral ring
- 37 Automobile compartment
- 38 '50s candidate to like?
- 39 Frock
- 40 Back flow
- 41 Like the timid one
- 42 Light, dry white wine
- 44 Infielder Coles

- 45 Reflective paints
- 46 Psychic letters
- 48 Partner of to
- 49 Kidnapper's demand
- 50 Ms. Gandhi
- 55 Barest hint
- 57 Coffee shop
- 58 Family group
- 59 Italian eight
- 60 Exploiter
- 61 CO clock setting
- 64 Hyson or pekoe

Have you gone on a road trip lately? If so, write about it and send your entry to behrcoll5@aol.com.

Contest Rules: Any Behrend student can submit a 300-500 word story about a road trip they have taken since the end of the spring 2000 semester. The trip must be more than 150 miles from the original location. A photo must accompany entry with sufficient proof that the trip was made. Insufficient proof will lessen chances to win contest. If more than one student took part in the road trip, only the student submitting the story is eligible, unless all members send name in with entry. If more than one student name appears on entry, prize will be divided amongst the students who entered. Send in entries to behrcoll5@aol.com as soon as possible to ensure publication in the Beacon. Only entries appearing in the Beacon will be voted on. Beacon members are ineligible and will vote on the winner.