

# Housing and Food attempts to improve

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Is there anyone who thinks all of the Food and Housing services is bad? Does anyone get sick from the food

He also works closely with Residence Life and Housing and since he has started the job at Behrend in June 2001 transferring from the Berks campus he has made several improvements. So far the students' requests have led to the addition of more microwaveable

student's mischief their way of pushing the envelope to see what they can get away with.

Geering has also found a way to make the room selection process for returning students a bit easier. He created a new system where students can re-



Where is everybody? Is Bruno's food really that bad?

served at Dobbins or tired of the big chunk of money Bruno's takes out of his or her meal plan, just from eating one meal?

Are you sick of waiting for a washing machine?

Randy Geering is trying to fix these problems.

Food and Housing has 100-200 student food service employees, as well as five food service managers, and 10 housekeepers. Their job is to provide good living conditions for students. Geering, director of Housing and Food Services, says he is always open for suggestions and is looking for new ways to get students involved with making decisions.

Geering currently meets with Joint Residence Hall Council to hear suggestions and work with them to make improvements.

food selections and Ben & Jerry's Ice cream to Bruno's dessert section.

However, Geering ultimately hopes to become pro-active with the students and the RAs to reduce damages.

He has fulfilled his expectations of reducing damages by sponsoring parties for floors who go 30 days with no damages, which has always been a problem in Behrend residence halls as well as thefts.

Stealing from Bruno's and Dobbins has been a problem Geering has spent a long time trying to get rid of.

He has solved the problem with theft at Bruno's, by positioning the cash registers outside of the doors; however, he is still working on the problem at Dobbins. He sees the problem as an obstacle and is looking for new ways to overcome it. Geering looks at everything with stride and simply calls the

quest and fill housing contracts online.

The students will have five weeks to submit their housing contracts conveniently from their computer, however because the system is now done by computer, it randomly sends out housing contracts.

Even though Geering says nothing is guaranteed in housing, the system helps Behrend moves toward an easier assignment process.

Geering is still looking for new ways to make things better for students and offers his email address rrg@psu.edu as a means of submitting recipes and menu ideas. If one is looking for more, there is also a suggestion box located in Dobbins.

## Through the looking glass

by Mike Pingree, KRT Campus

### IT'S GREAT TO BE THE KING

Swaziland's King Mswati III noticed an 18-year-old girl named Zena Dlamini at the traditional reed dance of Swazi maidens, liked what he saw, and decreed that she would become his 12th wife. But Zena's mother has demanded that he return her daughter, and has gone to court to force him to do so.

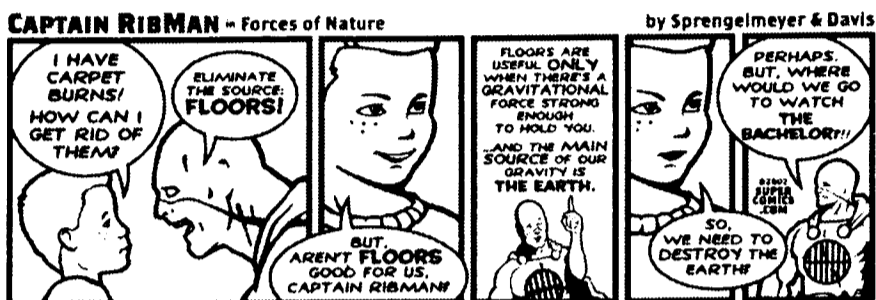
The nation's attorney general said the case will be settled in the traditional way: "The king will decide whether to keep the girl ... in which case the matter is at an end."

### I THINK I CAN MAKE ENDS MEET NOW

A woman went to her bank in Stockholm to see if her federal child-care allowance had been deposited into her account. She discovered that the Swedish government had mistakenly given her \$10 billion, an amount equivalent to the nation's defense budget. She had been expecting \$322.

### HIS ADDRESS, FOR EXAMPLE

Unable to stave off temptation any longer, a guard at a bank in Petah Tikva, Israel pulled his gun and robbed the bank. He made off with \$21,000 but was expected to be captured soon, police said, because "we know everything about him."



## DITHERED TWITS by Stan Waling



"I'll miss his pain pills."

# Erie goes ga ga for Goo Goo Dolls

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Goo Goo Dolls bassist Robby Takac didn't lie when he said this part of their tour was for the fans. And certainly the group's stop in Erie was no exception. More than 2,000 fans packed the Warner Theater Tuesday night and left feeling very goo.

Local radio station Star 104 sponsored the trio's first return to the Warner in three years. And the guys from Buffalo brought the house down again, proving again why they are one of music's most beloved icons. Fans stood for more than 90 minutes of electrified rock, singing right along with every song, with hands in the air, and the occasional tiny flair from a lighter.

After a rather folksy, acoustic opening act in Lisa Loeb, the crowd was screaming for the Goo, who opened in dramatic fashion. Playing a double shot from 1995's "A Boy Named Goo," songs "Naked" and "Long Way Down" set the stage for the rest of the show. Flashing lights and pulsating guitar continued through the group's current hit "Big Machine." Of course, they didn't neglect to perform the power ballads that madethem famous, "Name" and "Iris."

The majority of the songs came from the band's most recent album "Gutterflower," which has pale sales compared to 1998's "Dizzy Up the Girl," which sold more than three million copies. "It's sort of a lull," John Rzeznik admitted to Billboard.com. "We're definitely not as hot as we were on the last record." Since debuting at No. 4 on Billboard's album chart back in April, Gutterflower has only sold 495,000 copies.

Perhaps even a more pressing issue for fans were the rumors flying around about a breakup. With Rzeznik's first solo effort, "I'm Still Here (Jim's Theme)" from Disney's "Treasure Planet," climbing the charts quickly, fans wondered if the Dolls had plans on parting ways. Both Takac and Rzeznik have spoken out against the highly publicized rumors. The only truth in the matter is Rzeznik has received offers to write for others and

Rzeznik has received offers to write for others and wants to look into those possibilities.

"I'm a songwriter," he told Billboard, "and any songwriter that's ever had a real career has had to grow and change and evolve. Because if you do music for anything other than the fact that you want

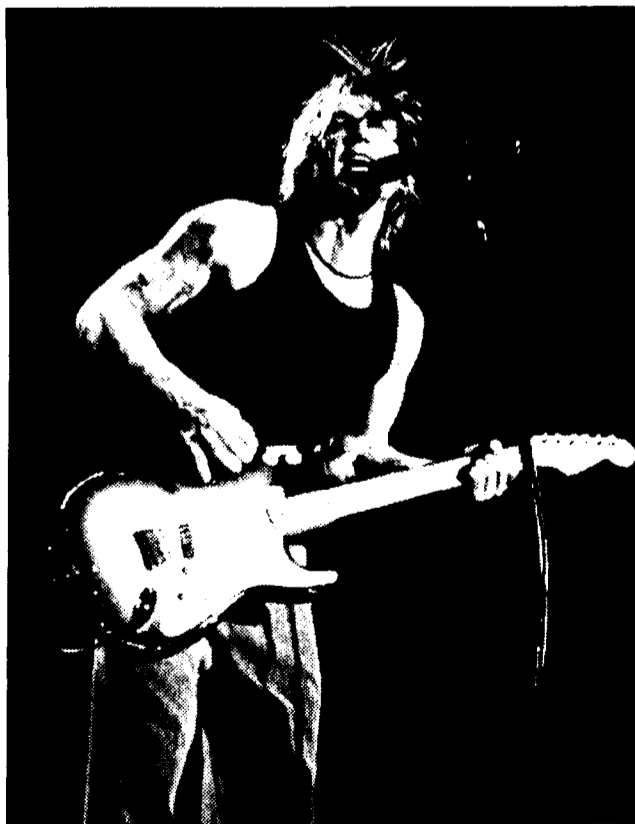


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The Goo Goo Dolls (with lead singer John Rzeznik) played at the Warner Theater Tuesday.

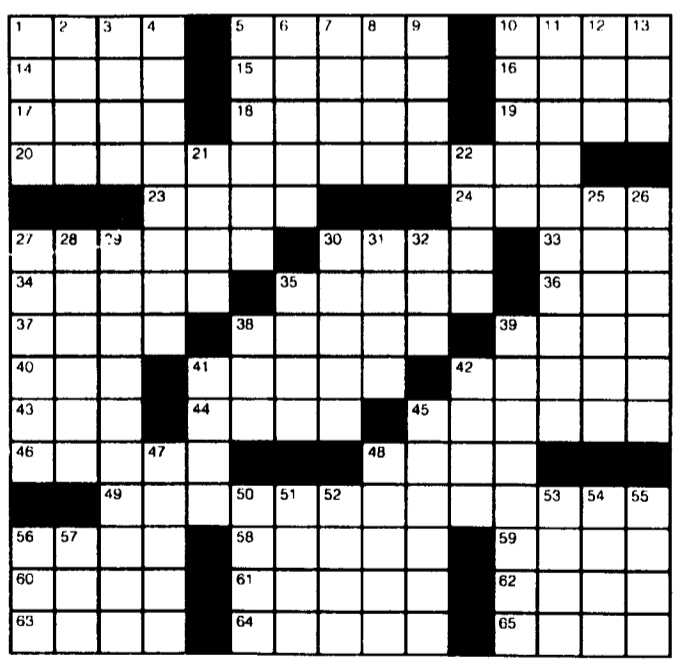
unfair to your fans."

And fans will be treated to a spectacular show kicking off in February. The Goo Goos will hit the road again for their first arena tour, slotted as the opening act for Bon Jovi. In that time, the group will finish their theater tour next month and take a month to recuperate.

The Goo Goo Dolls/Bon Jovi tag team will play State College in February, and Erie will live off its Goo fix for the next few months.

## Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Side of a doorway
  - 5 Sun-dried brick
  - 10 Air pollution
  - 14 Open a little
  - 15 Use Crayolas
  - 16 Evergreen
  - 17 \_\_\_ de foie gras
  - 18 Singer Lopez
  - 19 Billy of rock
  - 20 Plug-and-socket device
  - 23 Olympus honcho
  - 24 Israel's Meir
  - 27 Pinch pennies
  - 30 Burn the surface of
  - 33 Miscalculate
  - 34 Director Pier \_\_\_ Pasolini
  - 35 Alan Ladd classic
  - 36 \_\_\_ sequitur
  - 37 Raggedy doll
  - 38 Uncanny
  - 39 Billy of "Titanic"
  - 40 Med. personnel
  - 41 Long (for)
  - 42 Irritating smoke
  - 43 Front of a shoe
  - 44 Qualified
  - 45 Niche
  - 46 Anchor position
  - 48 Pear choice
  - 49 Go broke
  - 56 Roasting stick
  - 58 Refine ore
  - 59 Notion
  - 60 Actress Yothers
  - 61 Plane passageway
  - 62 "Hud" star Patricia
  - 63 Omelet requirement
  - 64 State
  - 65 Small landmass
- DOWN
- 1 Quip
  - 2 Comet competition
  - 3 Actor Damon
  - 4 Airily
  - 5 Gets rowdy
  - 6 Day in the movies
  - 7 Spicy stew
  - 8 City on the Rhine
  - 9 Comic Idle
  - 10 V.P. Agnew
  - 11 Shelley's Bysse, for example
  - 12 Lennon's love
  - 13 Set
  - 21 Captain of the Nautilus
  - 22 Monster
  - 25 Worker bees
  - 26 "Gunsmoke" star
  - 27 Greek city-state
  - 28 Is unable
  - 29 Host of "The Twilight Zone"
  - 30 Old English county
  - 31 Merit
  - 32 Word in partnerships
  - 35 Stamp of authority
  - 38 Pattern of intrigue?
  - 39 Elongated green squash
  - 41 Barks shrilly
  - 42 \_\_\_ up (admit)
  - 45 Team list
  - 47 Jots
  - 48 Ball beauty
  - 50 Biblical twin
  - 51 Pass over
  - 52 Bird abode
  - 53 Fateful day in the Forum
  - 54 Authentic
  - 55 Legend
  - 56 Sault \_\_\_ Marie
  - 57 Sty occupant



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