

STUDENT LIFE

New fall TV lineup starts this week

By Brian Battin
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This fall, TV's three major networks are packed with all new comedies, dramas and a hand-full of our favorite yet ridiculous reality TV series. Yes, "The Apprentice" is back!

NBC is starting a second season of their once number one show "The Apprentice." Eighteen new business minded competitors square off to compete to be the last member in the boardroom. Once again we are anticipating the Donald saying those two words he is now most famous for: "You're fired!"

With the hit comedy series, "Friends," coming to an end, NBC is taking a chance on a spin-off. Matt LeBlanc's mindless character, Joey, has headed to Hollywood to pursue his career as an actor. "Joey" will premiere Sept. 9 at 8 p.m.

NBC's newest drama, "LAX," is about the everyday occurrences in the Los Angeles International Airport. The cast includes stars Heather Locklear and Blair Underwood. With today's stressful situations in the world's international airports, there will be countless stories to tell. "LAX" will premiere Monday at 10 p.m.

NBC will also have their returning hits, such as "Las Vegas" premiering Monday, "Law and Order" starting Sept. 22, "Scrubs," and of course "Fear Factor." Behrend student, Nick Madara, prefers "Fear Factor" because he says, "it is crazy to see what people will actually do for money."

The CBS network has a few fresh shows as well as those reality series that everyone loves. The dramas on CBS are "NCIS," the new "CSI: New York," and the star-filled "Dr. Vegas." "NCIS" (Naval Criminal Investigation Service) will star Mark Harmon as military crime investigator. "NCIS" will first air Tuesday at 8 p.m.

"Dr. Vegas," which premieres Sept. 24 at 10 p.m., stars Rob Lowe as Dr. Billy Grant. Dr.

Grant is a hotel/casino physician taking care of the casino's employees. This "Sin City" series has an outstanding cast with Joe Pantiliano and Tom Sizemore as the supporting actors.

The most anticipated new drama from CBS is the series, "CSI: New York." Gary Sinise stars as Detective Mac Taylor. Although this show is the third in the series of the crime scene investigations, the setting and cast could bring something different.

For all of you reality TV lovers, CBS is ready once again to outwit, outplay, and outlast. The "Survivor" series is back. This time it is taking place in the South Pacific island of Vanuatu. Eighteen new castaways are going to test their strength, endurance, and personal hygiene for the chance of winning the million dollar grand prize.

CBS is also continuing the reality TV shows "The Amazing Race" and "Big Brother 5," which is coming to an end. "The Amazing Race" first airs Tuesday at 10 p.m.

Are you ready for fall? Or are you ready for some football? ABC is back in the ratings hunt on Mondays. With last year's addition of sports anchor John Madden, ABC is trying to gain back lost ground. This year brings several key divisional match ups with Miami at N.Y. Jets on the first of November, and Philadelphia heading to Dallas on November 15. The NFL season gets underway this weekend.

ABC does not bring a variety of new shows this fall. They are relying on their popular TV shows to carry them through the fall. ABC still has "NYPD Blue," "The George Lopez Show," "My Wife and Kids," and "Alias." ABC will also be bringing back the hit series "The Bachelor," and a new reality show called "The Benefactor." "The Benefactor" is a similar series to "The Apprentice," but the object of this show is to impress a billionaire and win a million dollars. "The Benefactor" will premiere Monday at 8 p.m.

'Paparazzi' disturbs rather than entertains



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Tom Sizemore and Cole Hauser in "Paparazzi."

Review by Annie Sevin
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"Paparazzi," directed by Paul Abascal, hit the Box Office last Friday and is getting less attention than its own lead actor, a fictionalized Hollywood star. This movie was featured as a Paparazzi manhunt, but the plot quickly twists around making the Paparazzi the target of a vengeful hunt.

This movie, although very reminiscent of Princess Diana's controversial death, doesn't really provide insight to the life of real paparazzi and their photogenic counterparts. "Paparazzi," for the most part, is a tale of four cruel individuals pursuing an actor and his family. The leader of the photography rat pack, Rex Harper (Tom Sizemore), becomes obsessed with destroying actor Bo Laramie (Cole Hauser) by threatening and eventually hurting his family.

Laramie, a native of Montana, becomes quickly fed up with his new found fame and the danger it brings to his family. After punching Harper, Laramie is arrested and then sentenced to anger management sessions. The photographers still refuse to give up, and they end up causing a car crash that sends Laramie's wife (Robin Tunney), and son, Zach (Blake Bryan), to the hospital.

Laramie continues to attend his anger management sessions but quickly realizes that writing his feelings in a notebook won't relieve his anger towards those who put his son in a coma. He has an accidental run-in with one of the photographers, Kevin Rosner (Kevin Gage), that caused the accident and Laramie ends up killing him. That's just the beginning of this perverse plot; Laramie be-

comes much more methodical and devious throughout his course of vengeance.

This film is neither good nor bad; mostly it is just disturbing. A line from Harper sums up the mind-set of the main characters in "Paparazzi." "I'm gonna destroy your life and eat your soul, and I can't wait to do it." Not only was that the attitude of the photographers, it was also the attitude adopted by Laramie as a means of dealing with the despicable goons who were trying to ruin him.

"Paparazzi" seems to send a very powerful message to audiences - if you're a good guy and you're smart, you can kill people and get away with it. "Paparazzi" is a grisly mockery of the word hero; Bo Laramie is intended to be the hero of this film and the protector of his family. However, avenging one's family honor by way of destroying others is not heroic; instead it is valiantly deranged.

At times it is possible to feel sympathy, if not joy, for Laramie when he's dishing out punishment to those who hurt him. It is scary to think that the hero of this movie could easily have been one of the villains; there really wasn't that much difference in their actions. Their motives, however, are what set them apart; the bad guys wanted money and power, and the good guy just wanted peace and safety for his family.

Nonetheless, Laramie's actions show him as villainous and arguably heroic at the same time, which makes for mixed emotions from viewers. The mixed feelings don't stem so much from the fact that Laramie was a killer - lots of cinematic heroes have been killers - it was the fact that he enjoyed venting his anger as much as the paparazzi enjoyed hunting him.



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Back to school means back to spending

By Leah Burfield
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The beginning of a new semester can mean a lot of things: dealing with waking up before the sun rises, attending new classes and meeting professors, and seeing old friends while meeting new. It is also a time when many students get used to the idea of having to frequently open their wallets to dish out the cash! Semester bills need paid, parking permits went up, and yes, you can't forget about books.

The bookstore is quite popular when it comes to spending money. Lines of students form throughout the store. From Math books to Spanish books, they all cost money. Most students can and will spend anywhere from \$200-\$500 per semester. Just ask Julie Kosin, a math major. She came to Behrend as a freshman this fall and has already spent well over what she planned.

"Well, I was hoping that it would not be more than \$300 but I knew that I needed the books," mentioned Kosin. "No matter how expensive they were I knew that I would have to spend the money no matter what the total was."

No doubt about it, book prices can hurt a person's

wallet. Kosin's final costs were well over \$400. So what can be done to save a little cash? First of all, before the beginning of the year, look at your schedule. You already know the classes you will be taking so now you need to know about the books.

Once you get the text information you can then begin your search. Don't just stick with the bookstore. Think about the Downtown Library or even the Penn State Library. It wouldn't hurt to see if the same book you need for a class is on the shelves.

The library search was brought up to me recently after purchasing my books. I did go online to search for titles but found nothing so I decided to just keep the books I had," said Kosin.

Another common thing that most college students have learned is to go online. Amazon, Ebay, along with its sister, Half.com, are just a few places to look. More than likely those sites will have the book you need at a much lower cost. The only downfall is that shipping may take some time. If you get right on it at least a month before classes, you should be alright. "I think I may try searching online next semester, just to see if I could save money. If I can, then I think trying it that way would be worth my time!" stated Kosin.

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