

STUDENT LIFE

Humor

Greeks must go

By Dan Snedden
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Despite the strong Greek presence at Behrend, many students feel that the Greek system has endured for too long. "It's just not right. I see them all over campus, keeping to themselves, wearing outlandish outfits, and clinging to dead traditions," said Irving Washington, CWRIT 04. "They're simply trying to postpone the inevitable to hide from the truth."

A large portion of Behrend's faculty agrees that the Greek System is antiquated. "Every facet of the Greek System is far behind the times," said Warren Piece professor of Greek, Roman, Ottoman and Azerbaijani studies. "They just can't get it together. The infighting, disputes and wars over irrelevant things such as the recently overly publicized situation with Helen proves that the Greeks have no place at Behrend. Fourth Macedonia is over, and the Greeks need to catch up with the times."

Piece also explained that the Greeks should not despise, but embrace the Roman System. "After all, the Roman System is in many ways a copy of the Greek System, the only difference is that the Romans are competent."

The Greeks use of the Phalanx, while devastating, quickly tires the soldiers. The Roman method of marching soldiers to battle with javelins, scutum and spatha, can easily defend against and over take an opposing force, in phalanx formation or otherwise, reinforcing the fact that the Roman System is superior.

Furthermore, the Greeks are behind the times in defining their own existence. They were still adhering to polytheism when the Romans were well on their way to establishing the Roman Catholic

Church, which for over a millennium did more than just preach and teach; it ran Europe.

"Rome gives us a well documented history; their record keeping system is second to none," said Piece. "All the Greeks have to offer is mythology, a couple books written by some guy named Homer. Now I've read Homer, and I assure you Bart's works are far superior. His etchings in calcium carbonate upon a porcelain-on-steel surface are truly classic."

One of the largest difficulties the Greek System faces is its lack of organization and vision. The Greeks were still fighting over a few rocks in the Aegean while the Romans were conquering the known world. The Greek System, in and of itself is very good, but it is incomparable to the unquestionable efficiency, organizational savvy, and the more aesthetically appealing equipment of the Romans.

The Roman System, notwithstanding its apparent advantages, has its faults as well.

"Eventually you'll find that after about 500 years of the Roman System, you go imperial," said Piece. "After about another 500 years you end up losing the Roman System entirely and you end up with the Byzantine System, barbarians and the rest of Europe trying to get it together."

Thus the biggest disadvantage, and only argument against the Roman System can be made; eventually it will produce France and no one wants to see that.

However, the Greeks have plagued Behrend too long, therefore the students, faculty and staff of Behrend but stand together, in a box formation, wielding javelins, scutum and spatha and march upon the Greeks in turn bringing forth the long overdue Pax Romana.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Moses parts REDC; construction delayed at least 40 days and 40 nights.

Pitt, Aniston call it quits after 'Newlyweds' get more tabloid coverage

By Daniel J. Stasiewski
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Hollywood uber-couple Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston announced Friday that their four and a half year marriage has come to an end. The split comes after Jessica Simpson and Nick Lache have become America's favorite celebrity couple.

"Now I know how Nicole (Kidman) felt," said Aniston, whose marriage to Pitt put an end to the Tom Cruise/Nicole Kidman relationship four years ago.

The couple knew the relationship was over when both superstars released films in 2004 with only minor rumors of a miscarriage making front page news. Worse, Simpson and Lache have as of late been the main focus of all the tabloid break-up headlines. Without that incentive to

stay married, Pitt and Aniston decided it was time for one last publicity push.

"I have a 'Mr. and Mrs. Smith' coming out this summer. Jen has 'Rumor Has It' in April," said Pitt. "We thought it was the best time for both our careers."

The couple said they do regret not making a film together with a legendary director to prove themselves as more than just pretty faces. Martin Scorsese is said to have turned down the chance to direct the couple in a remake of "His Girl Friday."

Kidman, whose eleven-year marriage to Cruise came to an end when they were no longer the "IT" couple, had this advice for Aniston.

"The first thing you have to do is find a gay porn star to claim he had sex with you're ex-husband. You'll be up for Oscar in no time!"

Aniston and Pitt's marriage survived tough competition in the past with the Julia Roberts/Benjamin

Bratt "We Can't Have Kids" headlines stealing their thunder for a few months in 2002. Their most formidable opponent prior to Lache and Simpson was the infamous Bennifer. Fortunately for Pitt and Aniston, "Gigli" happened putting a premature end to a marriage that could have been more successful than six of Elizabeth Taylor's eight marriages.

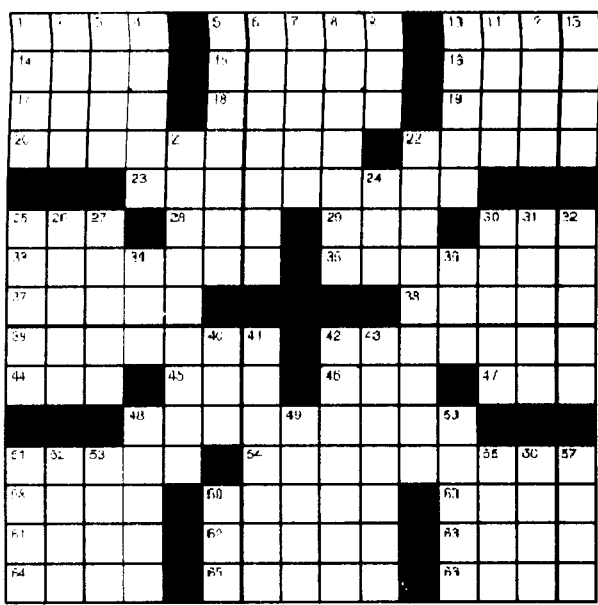
As for the new golden couple, Lache had downplayed the thought of a lengthy and loving relationship.

"We love each other, but haven't seen the ratings for season 2 yet," said Lache. Lache also explained that the unexpected popularity of Simpson's younger sister Ashlee put a stain on their public image.

"Everytime she gets caught doing a Milli Vanilli, we lose our place on the front of People. There are only so many strippers I can have sex with before Ashlee takes the cover for good."

Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Explosive report
- 5 No sten periodically
- 10 Spill the beans
- 14 Imitate Leo
- 15 Assign
- 16 Earring site
- 17 Against
- 18 Rampages
- 19 Archipelago member
- 20 Extol
- 22 Beginning
- 23 Inserted scene from the past
- 25 Actress Claire
- 28 Birthday count
- 29 "lost" network
- 30 Pussy's foot
- 33 Neophytes
- 35 Hungarian stew
- 37 Cognate
- 38 Noodles in Roma
- 39 AAA offering
- 42 Vivid
- 44 Acknowledge
- 45 Singer
- 46 Director
- 47 Noah's zoo
- 48 Green condiment
- 51 Dissident
- 54 Humorous part of the body
- 58 Light greenish-blue
- 59 Jewish sect member
- 60 Rude person
- 61 Knitting stitch
- 62 Upper crust
- 63 Pound of poetry
- 64 Baking pans
- 65 Run in the wash
- 68 Rags counterparts



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Solutions

- 5 Onslaught
- 6 Cover names
- 7 Deadly sin
- 8 Carryall
- 9 "The X Files" extras
- 10 Flash on and off
- 11 Setback
- 12 Up for the job
- 13 Borscht ingredient
- 21 Extortion scheme
- 22 Possession
- 24 Bad classification sys
- 25 Emcee's lead-in
- 26 Certainly not
- 27 Birdlike
- 30 Turkish bigwig
- 31 Up and about
- 32 Thump
- 34 Mich neighbor
- 36 Track circuit
- 40 Cape Cod, MA
- 41 Booby trap
- 42 Building block
- 43 Turned, as a corner
- 48 Diner offerings
- 49 Feminist Orbach
- 50 Recoded
- 51 Absorbed
- 52 Distant starter?
- 53 Searing injury
- 55 Sleep
- 56 Par for the course
- 57 Periods
- 59 New Testament bk.

Beacon Horoscopes

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ARIES- This morning you may or may not decide to get out of bed, eventually you will probably get something to eat, but you might choose not to. All signs indicate that you will wear some form of clothing for a period of time during the day.
TAURUS- This week you may collide with Explorers, Mustangs and Broncos. You will not experience and problems with Rangers, however if you go on an Expedition you should Focus on hiring a well-trained Navigator who knows the Contour of the land which will help you avoid Lightning.

GEMINI- Gem-in-i

n. 1. A constellation in the Northern Hemisphere containing the stars Castor and Pollux. Also called Twins.

2.

a. The third sign of the zodiac in astrology. Also called Twins.

b. pl. Gem-f-nis One who is born under this sign.

CANCER- Today you will have a decision to make.

LEO- If your name is Eduardo and you are wearing a red T-shirt with a picture of the Swiss Family Robinson on it, you will fall down a flight of 23 steps, lose your arm to a Doberman, be chased by a horde of cannibals from the South Pacific, during the chase you will be hit by a Greyhound bus heading running five minutes late from New York to Chicago and you will be thrown, face down, into a red dump truck filled with 27-day-old manure.

VIRGO- If you are reading this; chances are you attend Behrend.

LIBRA- Your quest for the Holy Grail will take a bad turn when you run into a three headed knight. However you will find an opportunity to escape when the three heads begin to argue amongst themselves. Relations with your minstrels may become tense as they mock you in song during your retreat from the knight.

SCORPIO- No information provided.

SAGITTARIUS- Alignment of planets in your house will cause much damage and drastically decrease property values. You will meet an Eastern European organ grinder and his monkey will aid you on your journey towards personal and spiritual enlightenment.

CAPRICORN- While unsafe in the microwave, genetically enhanced capricorn is delectable if slow roasted over hot coals. Like a standard ear of popping corn, it is best if served while warm and with butter and salt. The most noticeable difference between an average ear of popping corn and an ear of genetically enhanced capricorn is that an ear of capricorn can feed a large village for a month.

AQUARIUS- You will finish school with mediocre grades and get a mediocre job. After drifting through life through a few years with a few small raises and no worthwhile life experiences you become disappointed with your empty existence and will seek to define your life through a relationship with another person. A few years will pass, you will have a small family and run yourself into a bottomless pit of debt. You will toil for a heartless employer until age and lack of up to date skills render you obsolete. You will drift from unskilled part-time job to unskilled part-time job for a few more years until your body finally fails and you die. Alone.

PISCES- You will be faced with a grave decision that will effect the welfare of hundreds of people. Don't let ethics and morals hold you back get your piece of the pie regardless of who you mow down in the process!

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