

HUMOR

The people who count will get it

Friendly mascot enters Beacon

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And the new Beacon mascot is (drum roll) Deacon the Beacon. Deacon, a happy lighthouse with a smiling face designed by Harley Thimblefeep HDFS 05, won an intense mascot competition spanning nine semesters and nearly four hundred entries.

"This is a great choice. I can feel the spirit of Deacon pounding inside me," exclaims Beacon editor-in-chief Dan Stasstinky COMBA 11.

To celebrate this momentous occasion the Beacon has purchased an eight-foot high foamium "Deacon Suit" at a cost of \$11,000 using SAF funds. Deacon will be featured prominently at all campus events from orientation to graduation.

"Deacon will be 'finding glory' with New Found Glory whole heartedly," says Stasstinky, citing the first major public appearance where the new face of the Beacon will be present.

Deacon is expected to join the pop singing group on stage to lead Behrend students in a much anticipated tribute to his favorite music act: A Gloria Stefan Sing-A-Long.

Deacon has truly captivated the hearts and minds of Behrend students, faculty and administration.

"The Freaky Deaks," a Deacon fan club, has sprung up in Ohio Hall and the campus bookstore reports that "Deacon is literally flying off the shelves; students just can't wait to get Deacon merchandise into their lives."

Strong sales of Deacon items benefits not

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only Behrend students but the community at large as a significant percentage (.037%) of each purchase is donated to local children's charities if said purchase is made on a Tuesday and is also an odd numbered calendar day.

Perhaps an even better indicator of Deacon's universal appeal is the wildfire spread of "The Deacon Dance."

The new dance step cooked up by Behrend students who just can't get enough Deacon.

"I see Behrend kids doing the dance everywhere, all the time; between classes, outside Reed 117, out in Hammermill by the coffee cart during lunch time and especially in the academic building Tuesdays," said Stasstinky.

When asked if Deacon will ever join students in their spontaneous dancing Stasstinky mumbled in broken English, "Deacon will be coming."

Stasstinky added that Deacon has truly pushed his way into the life path of everyone and will surely "usher in a new age of spirituality, cuddliness and kindness for the whole world to enjoy. Even terrorists."



CHRIS HVIZDAK/BEHREND BEACON

Left to right Annie Sevin, Deacon the Beacon and Jenn Haight dance up a storm outside of Reed 117. Although police and safety has been alerted to Deacon dancing, there is no current ban on the act.

Mystery Link of the Week: www.spreadingsantorum.com



santorum (san-TOR-um) n.

1. The frothy mixture of lube and that is sometimes the byproduct of
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Al Gore: Man, Myth, Legend or Inventor of the Internet?

By Dan Snedden
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Despite the second inauguration of President Bush, there are still many angry Democrats holed up in their basements arguing over the 2000 election and the legitimacy of the Bush Administration.

These Democrats and other subversives are convinced that by somehow showing that Al Gore was in fact elected in 2000, the Bush Administration would mysteriously disappear and that America would become a socialist utopia.

Recently, America's top researchers proved that the Republicans and all other patriotic Americans were right all

along; Al Gore is indeed a fraud.

"He thought he was pretty clever, and to be honest with you, I believed him for a while," said Professor Warren Piece of the College of Political and Social Controversy. "I did a little research and after finding out it was all a lie, I could have kicked myself for my stupidity."

Sadly, much of the general public still clings to the near propaganda spun by the former vice-president. For months after the 2000 election America was left in the dark as misinformation ran rampant.

"I had no clue that Gore lied about it," said an anonymous source affiliated with the Democratic Party. "He seemed like an honest candidate, actually I did-

n't think he had the mental capacity to tell a lie, but he delivered it so well."

Many Behrend students are distraught over this recent information, especially those who voted Democrat (or leftist) in the 2004 election.

"I feel like such an idiot for voting against the One True [Republican] Party," said Irving Washington CWRT 04. "I hate to say it but my dad was right all along. Al Gore did not invent the Internet."

A recent poll showed that 78 percent of all college students still believe that Al Gore invented the Internet.

"Our first problem is going to be finding out who actually did invent the Internet," said Piece. "Somebody had to have invented it, it couldn't have

been a group effort. It's almost like a singular vision. When I use Google, it's as though there is only one person providing my search results."

Some scientists speculate that the Soviets may have invented the Internet; this can be discredited however as the Soviets were incompetent and any scientist who would say that must be a communist.

"With the amount of obscene content on the Internet, it's hard to believe that Gore didn't do it just to spite his pro-cessorship wife," said Piece. "But then again, I don't think Gore would be able to come up with a joke. At least one that can hold anyone's interest."

The research team that discovered the fraudulence behind Gore's claim to

the Internet remarked: "It is difficult to find who actually invented the Internet as most of our research came from the Internet."

The most unfortunate finding in this study is that it may lead to discrediting of the information found on the Internet, and without the Internet, many students, especially, Behrend students would be at a loss for a trustworthy information resource.

"We have a long road ahead of us," said Piece. "It's bad enough finding out that we can't trust a politician, but also finding out that information on the Internet is untrustworthy is just too much. But if nothing else, we can at least take heart in the knowledge that 'W' invented the World Wide Web."

Beacon Horoscopes

By Jerry Pohl

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ARIES- Your friends may not think you're very tough, but you'll prove them wrong this weekend when they see you dive out of a boxing ring in fear without even touching the ropes. Despite your heroism, you will still not get a date.

TAURUS- Later this week, you will find yourself on an outing with your friend, Tim. He will take you to the house of a friend of his in the fishing district. Upon entering their house, their dog will run up to you and you will bend down to pet it. It will catch you off guard by jumping up and giving you a bloody nose. As you lie on their couch, with your head back and your nose stuffed full of paper towels, you will sobbingly cry out in desperation, "I just wanted to smell your dog!"

GEMINI- Think of an excuse now, because you will find yourself in quite the sticky situation. Sunday morning, you will wake up screaming, "Heather!" You will awake to find yourself sleeping next to several people, none of whom are named Heather. All of them will be offended and if you don't have an explanation, you will find yourself waking up to them more often, but it won't be fun anymore.

CANCER- You will make an amazing discovery Wednesday night, do not miss it on account of its shyness. But also, don't tell your friend, Zack, because he will steal your idea for pasta sauce. I know what you're thinking, "It's already been invented," but you will discover that pasta sauce, white delicious pasta, also makes a great burger and dessert topping and frozen margarita.

LEO- Just ignore your friend, Emily, at that party you're going to attend. She'll be drunk for the first time and will be running around screaming, "I won! I won!" But when you ask, "What did you win?" she'll just say, "Nothing!" with an attitude and storm off. Don't let this affect your friendship and make sure she doesn't drink as much next time.

VIRGO- My advice to you this week is to keep in mind that old adage, "You catch more flies with honey than with vinegar." It will also be prudent to keep in mind that only hillbillies sit around thinking of the best way to catch flies.

LIBRA- You and three of your friends will find yourselves trapped in the freezer at the convenience store where one of them works. I know you don't want to admit it, but the sooner you accept the fact that cannibalism is on the horizon, the sooner you can take measures to make sure you survive. Suffice it to say, the last one to make a "Star Wars" reference will be deemed the weakest link. Remember, that a convenience store freezer is as cold as planet Hoth.

SCORPIO- Your friend, Mike, will offer to install a discount security system for you. Do not believe his lies. His security system is just a rouse so that he can build a tunnel, a la Hogan's Heroes, allowing him to enter your house through one of your chairs and steal anything that can fit in that chair.

SAGITTARIUS- You will win lots of money late one night when your friends discover that they can squeeze you hard enough to crush you. Five of them will be giving it their all within recess.

but watch your back for Dan. He will sneak up behind you and, if he manages to get his arms around you, he will squeeze harder than you thought any of them could. You will morph into a giant pink marshmallow and lose the bet.

CAPRICORN- The url of the link you lost when you forgot your wallet at the garage is http://home.earthlink.net/~the_exponent/bachelorette/. I know you were only going to fill out the survey as a joke, but take it seriously and start saving up for a ring. Invite me to the wedding. It doesn't matter where you register; I'm getting you a gently used game of Chinese Checkers.

AQUARIUS- Between classes, at Bruno's, the person at the table next to you will appear to be choking on their chunky chicken salad. When you perform the Heimlich maneuver on him, they will suddenly spin around to get a hug. Do not follow your instinct to be cross with them; he just suffered a personal tragedy and is just looking for some affection in this cold, cruel world.

PISCES- Your best friend, Jenn, will be jealous of the three-way you had with the two men she lusts after. She will also misunderstand your comment about how much your bum hurts. Explain to her that Jerry threw a chunk of ice at you and Zack was too intimidated by the former to participate in the experience anyway. It doesn't matter, as her affections for them will always remain her shameful secret and you two will be best friends forever.

The Beacon's Book of the Week

