

HUMOR

The people who count will get it

Sting busts University Manatee Bar-B-Que

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The nation continues to mourn as the manatee death toll climbs. Additional details concerning the bust of what has been termed a "Manatee Bar-B-Que" at the Penn State Behrend campus are being unearthed by investigators. Following the Tuesday evening raid by federal officials, the remains of at least 250 manatees have been discovered in a remote facility located on the grounds of the small Northwestern Pennsylvania college.

Initial findings suggest that the site was used for both the slaughtering and consumption of the manatees and is likely only one cell in a larger network of university manatee abuse.

Signs of the tragedy first began to appear during the week of March 20 when Behrend students reported sightings of a manatee being cared for by marine life handlers in the Junker Pool during off hours.

When questioned at that time in regards to where the manatee originated, University spokespeople responded "From the ocean, sucker!"

Several days later a classified press release that required the signing of a non-disclosure form upon delivery was issued to the Behrend Beacon and other campus organizations explaining that the Behrend campus was in the midst of establishing the Ceatation Study program. The release went on to explain that the Ceatation facilities would be dedicated to former Behrend professor Dr. Zissou and that the larger strategic justification of the Ceatation Center was to ensure that Behrend can remain competitive with Mercyhurst in light of that university's recent addition of a Homeland Security Training Center to its facilities.

Subsequent investigation of university financial records indicated that nearly 350 million dollars was allocated to the construction of the Zissou Manatee Preserve. This is troubling in that exhaustive research has proven that although a recent motion picture included the name Zissou in it's title, Penn State has never employed a Professor Zissou. Even more troubling to investigators was that the Zissou Manatee Preserve, upon inspection of the construction site, included Bar-B-Que pits and appeared to be suspicious-

ly "luau themed".

A careful head count was kept by student investigators as additional manatees began to appear in the Junker pool. The Behrend manatee population varied so greatly over the course of a brief analysis that tracking the nine million dollar manatee transport tractor trailer to the source of the manatees was warranted. After several days of surveillance, the manatee transport was traced back to a remote cove on Lake Erie. Just off shore, a Nicaraguan freighter, bearing Penn State markings, was spotted unloading manatees into an aquatic storage pen.

As investigators left the scene, they noticed a lone manatee sailing into the sunset. Upon inspection with a telephoto lens it became apparent that the manatee was being ridden by a lone individual and that it was in fact heading for a carefully concealed inlet. Under the cover of darkness the manatee rider was tailed through the waters of Baker Creek until reaching the Zissou Preserve construction site. Having reached the Preserve, the sea cow jockey dismounted his steed and proceeded not to preserve it, but rather kill and consume the manatee.

Although in a state of partial completion, the site was being used, not as a place of higher learning or conservation, but rather as a demented aquatic slaughter house and a gathering space for hundreds of partying university administrators from across the country. Structures composed of manatee bones and hides encircled the area while a professional butcher chopped away at manatees, whom, still alive, shrieked in horrific pain. Over two dozen manatees roasted on spits over open coals within the borders of the preserve as administrators from near and far salivated at the odor of burning manatee hair.

Investigators immediately alerted Federal Ceatation authorities whom raided the preserve the following evening. Thirty seven administrators were killed in the raid and as many as 150 have been reported injured. Current speculation indicates that the Zissou Preserve was to function as a major distribution cell in a larger manatee trade network.

Penn State spokespeople later indicated that an additional function of the preserve is to provide a steady supply of manatee to university administrators because "administrators require a daily

HVIZDAK'S PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Above : Hired professional butchers prepare manatee flesh for consumption by administartors. Below: The mysterious 'Sea-Cowboy' sails into the sunet before slaughtering and consuming his aqua-steed.

helping of manatee flesh to maintain their presence on this plane of existence and appease the Morningstar."

Investigators speculate that the Behrend campus was chosen as the preserve site due to recent zoning ordinance loop holes created by the commonwealth campus restructuring. University spokespersons insist that there are no University regulations prohibiting the slaughter and consumption of manatees and were unable to comprehend that their own policies are not above federal law.

On this day in Behrend History

- On this day in Behrend history in the year of our lord 1998 the first woman was admitted to campus.
- Although only accepted as a probational student for a two week trial period, the inclusion of this first "student-ess" caused riots to break out in Erie, Harborcreek, and the Bronx. To this day, few women choose to attend Penn State Behrend.



Wanted: Erotic Page Editor

The Beacon will be adding an adult themed 'Erotica Page' for the Fall 2005 semester. An erotic page editor meeting the following criteria is currently being sought. Do you:

Search for pornography daily?

Have an extensive collection of toys?
Work best when being whipped?
Enjoy working long hard hours?
Write while bent over a table wearing a short skirt?

If so send your resume and photo spread to jbpl33@psu.edu
B-cup or less need not apply

Beacon Horoscopes

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ARIES- Your lovely mother realizes that her husband of over 20 years no longer fits the bill as either her lover or financial support. She has fallen for a dashing younger man who sent her a Valentine on a whim. It will be quite awkward when you find that this stalwart rogue is a close friend of yours. Don't create an embarrassing scene, as this innocent flirtation will turn to true love, marriage and eventually three half brothers. You don't have to call him 'dad,' you will address him as 'sir' and be home by 11, but out until at least 10. Don't stress over this, for now, try to catch some 'Z's.'

TAURUS- You will spend the first six weeks of your summer trying to find a job aside from your usual summer job cleaning the fryers at your local Bruno's Greasy Spoon franchise. As the hot breath of the loan agency melts the hair on your neck faster than your lousy job destroys your will to see another day, you realize that communications was a pseudo major and you would have been better off majoring in basket weaving. At least that's a specific enough field to get a real job with. You find a use for that Philosophy of Ethics book when you follow it out to the successful people who picked real majors, such as journalism (which pays just enough to afford an efficiency and a weekly treat of Easy Mac), can drop coins into it as they pass your future home, a van down by the river.

GEMINI- Forget about the deaths you have to arrange, the promises you have

to keep and the reason you were put on this God-forsaken rock and do what you want to do: become a carpenter!

CANCER- The stars predict that tomorrow you shall have your revenge (as you're making your preparations remember, who destroyed your career, caused your spouse and children to leave you and left you naked on the street).

LEO- If you play your cards right, you can be the next Pope!

VIRGO- You are finally escaping your branch campus and moving on to a university that is both accredited and reputable. You should be looking forward to professors that actually have degrees and the prospect of a favorable male to female ratio.

LIBRA- You will wake up with the severed head of a racehorse at the foot of your bed. After washing your sheets, change your way of life, repent and become a minister in a small mid-western town. By the way, the horse head will appear more palatable if served with a sprig of parsley.

SCORPIO- Today is a good day to avoid Gemini's, Aquarius' and the Bubonic Plague. In doing so you will find your life to be much longer. Also, don't eat pizza for the next week, or allow yourself to come into contact with chemically treated body wax.

SAGITTARIUS- This week is the sixth anniversary of the dry spell in your busy excuse for a love life. Living with your 21,000 pound learning machine, you are becoming utterly disoriental and you're getting really

your son who's at college even though he writes you twice a day, despite having to work three grueling and degrading jobs to pay off your gambling debts. After selling his teeth to buy back your wedding ring from the pawn shop, he can't afford dentures and has to mash up his weekly bag of Sam's Club beef jerky (the only sustenance he can afford) with his shoe. All he ever wanted was for you to love him; why did you have to push him away?

CAPRICORN- This week you will completely run out of material for the humor page of your college newspaper and will bring back horoscopes in an effort to fill space.

AQUARIUS- Put a battery back-up in your alarm clock or you will be late for work tomorrow. As you leave don't trip over the dog, he'll be laying in front of the end table. Traffic will be heavy, so don't take your normal route and avoid your boss; he's in a bad mood. Also, tomorrow's your anniversary; call your wife at lunch, just to let her know you're thinking about her. I took care of the flowers, so don't be surprised when she thanks you. Unless you want to be on the bridge when it collapses, leave work no later than 4:30 and if you have the opportunity to save a small child and two puppies, have an heir, just go for it.

PISCES- I've seen far into your future and I assure you, about a week from now, you are going to read a really, really, funny humor page... To be continued.

Drunk Drinking Dangers

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ination,' and 'vomit.'
Haze Haze Haze: Players drink vodka while being tied up, blindfolded, and forced to do ungodly things to a four-legged creature named Bessie.

The average age at which Americans start drinking is around 16 years old. More than two out of every five college students turns out to be binge drinkers. These staggering statistics paint a dismal picture of our future. Behrend has a serious underage drinking problem. In 2003, there were 6 liquor violations.

Obviously underage drinking is in trouble. Something must be done to show underage kids the fun side of drinking. To take efforts to this effect, the Beacon is publishing the rules to a few drinking games that you can play in your RA's room.

Inebriation: Each player attempts to spell inebriation. For each attempt, the player takes a shot. If they get it right, they get a double. If they get it wrong, they get a triple.

This game is great because it's educational. Spelling is a fundamental skill for all classes. This game is also a favorite among English majors and different words can be substituted for inebriation, such as 'intoxication,' 'hallu-

Note: Haze Haze Haze is an entertaining and socially rewarding game not to be confused with hazing, which is illegal and not encouraged by any means.

This game is a great way of bonding with your friends. Studies show that shared suffering creates friends for life. This is because people will always want to be friends with the people who have copies of the pictures of them doing something that would ruin their career.

Peer Pressure: The rules are simple. Keep drinking unless you want to be a loser/outcast/freak/nerd/geek for the rest of your life.

This game is great because it's so basic; it's actually the underlying theme of all drinking games. This game is high stakes, lose once and it could take you a whole semester to regain any dignity at all. But when it comes to drinking games and dignity, you lose in one area as much as you gain in another.

