

HUMOR

LIFE IN HELL

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HELL FOR BEGINNERS

A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO THIS CARTOON FOR NEOPHYTES AND A REMEDIAL COURSE FOR THOSE WHO HAVEN'T BEEN PAID ATTENTION

<p>WHAT IS "LIFE IN HELL"?</p> <p>LIFE IN HELL IS A CUTE LITTLE COMIC STRIP FULL OF FUN, MEMORABLE QUOTES AND BRILLIANT...</p>	<p>WHAT ARE THE MAJOR THEMES OF THIS CARTOON?</p> <p>LOVE, SEX, WORK, DEATH, AND RABBIT.</p>	<p>WILL "LIFE IN HELL" OFFEND ME?</p> <p>HELL, DUH. OUR BEST.</p>
<p>WHO STAR OF THE STRIP?</p> <p>DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: TWO CRATES FOR EARS, BUSHY EYES, CONSTANT TIGHT LIPS, EMOTIONAL STATE: BITE DEPRESSION NORMAL.</p>	<p>WHO, PAARTY IN THE...</p> <p>DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: BARS FALLS BANNED NORMAL, EMOTIONAL STATE: GENERAL AMBIGUOUS, UNUSUAL STATE: STAGNANT.</p>	<p>WHO BROTHERS OF COVERS...</p> <p>DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: FEELERS WITH EYES, NO SHAMS, SIDE OF HEAD, EMOTIONAL STATE: AVAILABLE.</p>
<p>WILL THE CHARACTERS IN "LIFE IN HELL" EVER ACHIEVE HAPPINESS?</p> <p>WHAT A SILLY QUESTION. BUNNY AND THE GANG WILL BE AS HAPPY AS YOU ARE.</p>		

Professor fails billionaire

By Jordan Gilmore
copy editor

The world's richest man has no worries about writing complete sentences for a local professor. Microsoft founder Bill Gates announced today that Behrend professor Kim Young can't make him write complete sentences. "I have never taken any college courses, and I won't be made to write sentences for a teacher that doesn't teach me," Gates said.

The controversy started when Young failed Gates after he did not turn in a complete sentence for an assignment. "He didn't do the work, so I failed him," said Young.

Gates supporters are left to wonder how he could receive such a low grade if he isn't even enrolled at Behrend. The answer may be a glitch in the Microsoft program that Penn State uses to register students for classes. A source in the Penn State

Registrar's office who asked not to be identified said that the program randomly inserts celebrity names into class registers. "The program has never worked properly," said the source.

The embattled Microsoft head says he has other, more important issues to deal with. "My cat threw up on the new carpet. Shakespeare is confusing. The Penn State game is on television. I haven't received a paycheck in years. My puppy is staying with me this week. And, on top of all that my heart isn't what it used to be, healthwise," Gates lamented.

Young will have none of it. "He's on the class list. He didn't do the assignment. He has failed the course, and, more importantly, he has failed himself," she said.

Gates says that there is at least some good news. "At least I don't have to cross Jordan Road," he points out. The Penn State Senate will meet to discuss the matter on Wednesday.

Headlines from around the world

By Ben Raymond
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- In Beijing, women are now to be recognized as descendents of the Chinese Philosopher Confucius making them equals. Confucius says: equal is great, but Splenda is better.

- On Monday night, 70,000 fans returned to the Superdome football stadium in New Orleans. The event was kicked off by a duet between Rock & Roll juggernauts Green Day and U2. Things were going well until halfway through the second song, when Bono left the stage to help a starving child at the back of the nacho line.

- This week it was announce that car maker Chrysler may look to China to launch a series of new smaller cars. China was second on Chrysler's list, right behind the clowns from Barnum and Bailey's.

- News company CNN is featuring a special report on leaves changing across the country. Viewers can expect a follow up this winter on watching paint dry.

- This week, former President Clinton was outraged during an interview. This came after Fox News correspondent Chris Wallace actually questioned Clinton about something that had to do with his presidential administration.

Battle of the Bulge

By Chris Lafuria
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"Is that a cell phone in your pocket, or are you just happy to see me?" If you have heard this phrase before, then you suffer from one of the most widespread and reputation-diminishing fashion faux pas that has been making people all over the nation look artificially stacked and naturally peculiar.

Cell phone pocket was first conceived when people realized that the fad of cell phone clips and holders was becoming antiquated. Unbeknownst to the public, the idea behind cell phone pocket seemed beneficial in theory, but genuinely obnoxious and repulsive in practice. Many times, conversations would be ended because the receiving party would notice an obvious and blatant bulge at the base of the talker's pocket. Not knowing the form or function behind the bulge, a quick turnoff was highly inevitable.

Even though it seems as if the mere presence of cell phone pocket is enough to draw change in people, it does not stop there. Like the loud buzz from a wrong answer during a lie-detector test, the vibration that ensues when a call is received is a reminder to the owner that they do not have their phone in the right place. Furthermore, hearing such insufferable songs as Justin Timberlake's "Sexy Back" and orJay-Z's "Dirt Off Your

Shoulder" resonating painfully from someone's pocket is enough to start throwing punches.

Another facet of cell phone pocket that should be enough to convict the user of chromosome deficiencies is the struggle to get the cell phone out of their pocket. While in public, it is less than decent to publicly thrash about, trying to answer your phone, as passers by witness what they think is a meth addict playing pocket pool.

One of the reasons for cell phone pocket may be convenience. Business Economics major Andrew Friedle says that the reason he puts his cell phone in his pocket is "to always stay connected." While junior International Business major Stephen Oyler puts his phone in his pocket for "easy access."

Another explanation may be a lack of other places to put their phone. But just like rat-tails, oversized sunglasses, singleear piercings, and other fashion trends that ephemerally maintain popularity, cell phone pocket needs to find an exit.

A majority of people are sitting here reading this article and quickly realizing that they fall into this unfortunate category. Hopefully within the duration of reading this article, the guilty parties will receive a call, from either their friends or, hopefully, their conscience, telling them that it's time to empty their pockets. Logically, it seems as if cell phone pocket creates a sense of convenience for the user. Pragmatically, cell phone pocket makes every conceivable scenario and encounter with others indisputably awkward.

Top 5 of the week...

By Brad Kovalick
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This is for anyone who has ever suffered the embarrassment of poor song choice during a date. For all of you this is the...



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Top 5 songs not to set the mood with:

1. The Great Disappointment - A.F.I - bummer.
2. I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For - U2
3. Country music - Does this honestly need an explanation?
4. I Touch Myself - The Divynals - The Divynals are awful... what?
5. Anything by Foreigner

You know you're a Behrend student when...

By Liz Cybulski
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- You don't circle around the parking lot when you pass someone who just turned on their back up lights. You throw your car in reverse.
- You've driven into campus via the Station Road light and have entered in the wrong direction, two or more times.
- You call Police and Safety to ask if they can help get your car out of the snow. They ask you if you have a shovel.
- Bruno's chicken wrap days get more attendance than L.E.B events.
- You thought homecoming involved a football game...What does this look like? State College?
- Getting dressed up only applies to the phrase "I'm getting dressed up to roam the Quad."
- The REDC isn't just in a tale about Moses anymore.

- Your future apartment's kitchen will be furnished by Dobbin's dishes and flatware.
- Our lion is better because he DOESN'T have a scarf.
- A "walk to the gorge" isn't just for exercise.
- People come from two areas: Erie or Pittsburgh.
- One name brings joy to the hearts of the apartment quad - TRUIT.
- There's unspoken beef between the University Gate Apartments and the on campus apartments.
- There's a pool in the Junker Center. But there's also one beside the Admissions Office, but you can't swim there.
- You live at Jimmy Z's the first and last week of the semesters.
- Buffalo Road's Sheetz is the best thing to happen to Behrend since it became a college.
- The most infamous person at Behrend is a girl who starts running out of nowhere and then stops abruptly.

The Life of a Comic, as told by Herbert Filby

http://HerbertFilby.com

Mike Sharkey
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Good deeds don't go unpunished

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Everyone has a bad day now and then. It's just a part of life. Bad things happen all the time. The best advice is to try and find the humor in every situation.

When something bad happens, your friends may say something like, "In ten years you'll look back on this and laugh." Odds are there's someone around that has had a worse day than you and they don't have to wait ten years.

The weather this week has gone from bad to miserable, and has a lot of people moping around with scowls on their faces. In order to remedy that, these are some personal experiences that hopefully you can relate to, or just plain laugh at.

One important life lesson for everyone is that karma is real. For some people, however, it is reversed. For many people, doing good deeds is a rewarding experience. For others, this could not be further from the truth.

Three years ago, on Father's Day, I wanted to do something nice for my dad. Having just finished up my first year here at Behrend, I had not seen him that much. He had just recently taken up the sport of golf. Generally, golf is referred to as a lifetime sport. I didn't think it meant that it was supposed to end lives.

Before our tee time, we decided to warm up a bit at the driving range. I took the tee box to the right of my dad. I can remember the transaction of events exactly, as if it were a Ben Stiller movie. I put the first ball on the tee; head down, knees bent, gave the driver a waggle, slowly drew the club back, and then whack, clink, thud!

Apparently I had overestimated my athletic ability. The ball had ricocheted off of the barrier to my right, flown back over my shoulder and hit my dad square in the forehead.

That was also the day I learned how to drive a manual transmission car. It was on a direct route to the emergency room where my dad received 11 stitches in his forehead. Needless to say, it took three years for me to pick up a club again. Even after that, it was only to play miniature golf, and I encouraged the rest of the party to bring a helmet.



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When I got up for work the next morning I was already in a great mood. I headed out the door and it was a warm, sunny summer morning. I had my windows down and my aviators on. It was such a nice day that people were out mowing their grass.

As luck would have it, I happened to drive past the yard of a man mowing his grass as he ran over a rock. I know this because the rock was ejected from the lawn mower and struck me in the side of the head. I remember seeing a bright flash of light and immediately thinking, so this is what Dad must have felt.

It took karma a while to catch up me, but it made its point. So I have resolved to keep my niceness to a minimum. If doing nice things causes bad results, shouldn't bad deeds cause good things? Nope. That just makes things even worse. I am not saying in any way that you should not do good deeds. Just be prepared for the consequences if you do.

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