Top five of the week...



Every Penn State fan's dream come true. Ben Raymond shows Brutus some Big Ten pride. Mike Sharkey

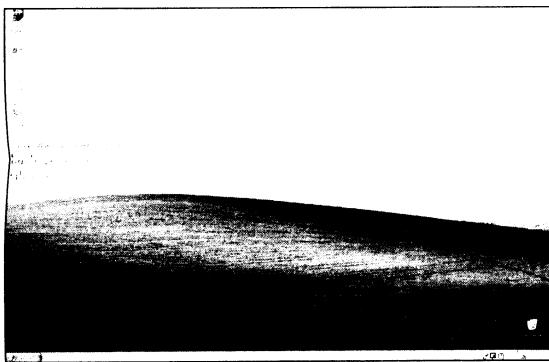
> By Brad Kovalcik staff writer

Top 5 April Fools Pranks

- 5. Fill the showerhead with cherry Kool-Aid and call campus ministries, declaring that your room is bleeding shower is an act of God.
- 4. Get two flashlights. Make sure all the lights in your room are off so that it is completely dark. When your roommate is asleep, climb onto the end of his bed, hold the two flashlights toward him, and scream "CAR!"
- 3. Girls: Tell your boyfriend that you're pregnant. Guys: Tell you're girlfriend that her best friend is pregnant (wink).
- 2. Call your parents and tell them you were arrested on Saturday night in Canada, and they won't let you cross the border unless your parents come and bail you out.

1. Convince everyone that Ohio State really did win the NCAA Tournament the night before.

April fool your friends



Enjoy a laugh as your friends click in frustration when you pull this one them.

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By Ben Raymond humor page editor

With just over a month left in the school year, the snow has melted away and students are emerging from their winter hibernation in the dorms. Refreshed from their slumber and fully recovered from St. Patrick's Day celebrations, it is time for another favorite holiday.

April Fool's Day is a great way for students to show their creativity and exact some cabin fever vengeance. A well-placed prank or goof can lift anyone's spirits. Now safety is always a concern and damages to the residence areas are not acceptable or encouraged. This is just a collection of past or future pranks that "could" be played.

There are some easy ones to start off with like saran wrap on the toilet seat, but this should not be mixed with adding any kind of laxative to a person's diet. Alone, both are hilarious, but the combination isn't fun for anyone. Ok, well maybe for a few people.

The doorway is a literal and metaphorical gold mine of opportunities. A simple one is the "Lincoln Tower," just stack a few pennies together and wedge them in between a closed door and the doorjamb. It's a great way to ground your friends and lock them in their room. Simple yet effective... brilliant.

Another favorite is the "Goo Balloon." The equation for this one is one part latex receptacle, and one part hand lotion/pudding. You then fill the balloon with your favorite filling and stretch it over a doorknob. The end result is messy and hilarious. Another variation is a thin layer of lcyhot over the doorknob. Is your room on fire or frozen over. It ends up being awkward and glorious.

The next prank is a personal favorite from the days when Niagra Hall wasn't carpeted. It is aptly named "The Johnstown Flood." It involves a shower bucket, half filled with water and tipped against a closed door. Knock, run, and wait for the splash. It is one way to get your room clean.

Mr. Shower Bucket plays a part in the next prank

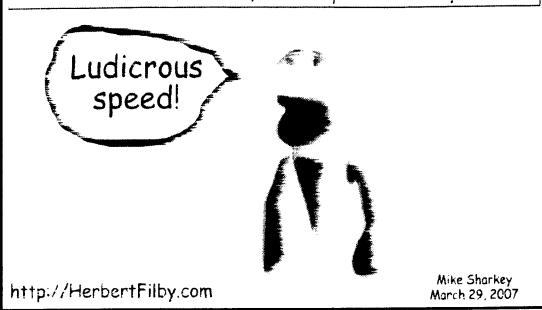
called "Vanilla Ice." Just wait until a friend steps in the stall for a nice warm shower. A bucket of tap water over the side and hiding their towel in the hall leads to an interesting evening for a lot of people. In technical terms this what you would call a "double whammy."

These are all just basic pranks. Basic yet timeless, but now it may be time to step up the creativity department. Should one of your friends come back to their room late at night and be a little less than coherent, and perhaps they fall asleep with their shoes on it's time to pull out the saran wrap again. This requires a number of people. Several to lift the mattress and a few others to secure the fallen friend to their bedwith the saran wrap. When they wake up it is quite a unique experience. For added effect, try putting the mattress in the hallway leaned against the wall. This one is called "Leftovers."

Now it's time for the feature prank. This last one is called "Haagen Dazs Desktop." Set up the desktop in any way you want, and then hide the mouse off of the screen. Next, you should hold down Alt and PrtSen (print screen). This copies the image of your desktop to the clipboard. You can then just simply open Paint and hit paste. It brings up the image of the desktop and you can do any editing you want to it such as creating fake error messages. Let your imagination run wild.

The next step is to remove all of the actual icons from the desktop. Preferably in a separate folder so they can reset the computer later. You can then pull down the taskbar at the bottom of the screen. After the desktop has been cleared, change the background to your newly created image. Holding a straight face while they click wildly in frustration will be your reward for the time and dedication to the prank.

Now these are just a few examples of ways to enjoy yourself. The possibilities are endless. So go forth and prank ahead folks. Just remember that payback is a dish best served with curry and turboThe Life of a Comic, as told by Herbert Filby



This is why I'm Liz

By Liz Cybulski staff writer

You know, it is easier to be a smart ass when I don't have to actually sit down and think about it while crunching under a deadline. Otherwise said, being an on-the-spot smart ass is better. The point? This article was a little late in coming to the Beacon on layout night, but better late than never. Its just a few things this week, hope it holds you over till next week.

Broads who act like they know all about sports/a sports team when in all reality they don't. Or even worse pretend just to impress or be one of the guys. This happens a lot when teams have comeback seasons, like Penn State and the Steelers in 2005, and the Pens this year. Girl, we all know you're just repeating what you heard on SportsCenter to impress the guy. And guess what, you're pissing off the girls who really do pay attention to sports. never fails to amaze me how much of a mess the So shut your trap if you don't know what you're Fishbowl is when I have to go clean tables. Do you talking about. And any guy that is still with you, realize it takes more of an effort to make a mess even though you babble on about sports with out a than just sit there and eat? I've never understood damned clue of what is actually coming out of your the concept of people wanting to work at being mouth, is only because you're a word that starts annoying, rude, and messy because it's one of those with the letter "e" and ends with "asy"

be chosen by God to be annoying in class. Like the is just giving me more fodder for my article.

people who ask a question that is, in all honesty, stupid. That in turns gets the professor confused on where he or she left off, wasting more time. Couple this person with their match, the person who answers your question before the professor does. Hey, fool, do you have a Ph.D? What? You don't? Oh, Okay so please shut your pie hole.

I hate. Hate. Hate that Florida and OSU have basketball teams in the Final Four this year. Most know the Penn State team located at University Park has always had an ice cream cone's chance in hell at ever making it to the tournament. You're better off betting on Pete Rose betting on baseball again then expecting PSU men's team there. Thus, I've attributed this hate to my football bitterness carrying over into basketball season. I'm okay with

All the people that sit in the Fishbowl at Bruno's and make a mess, stick it. I work at Bruno's and it characteristics that just screams "I'm stupid." But There are always those few people who seem to hey...if you like coming off like that your dumb ass

Behrend Foxy Photo Hunt

Based on the popular touch screen bar game, here is some practice for you. See if you can pick out the difference's in these pictures of Dee. The answer will be posted in next week's issue. Good luck.?





Preposterously pornographic

By Jerry Pohl

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Relationships are difficult. They're hard to get into, harder to maintain, time consuming, expensive, and often so unpleasant it wasn't worth all the trouble in the first place. For those looking to get out of the endless hormone driven cycle of futility, there is hope. I have long been of the opinion that actual human intimacy is a poor substitute for pornography. For the price of dinner and a movie, you could join three adult sites for a month. In the time it takes to go on enough dates to see someone naked, you could see hundreds of naked people, thousands if you know what you're doing. And they won't just be naked, they'll be doing stuff.

The great thing about pornography is that it is graphic depictions of people engaging in sexually explicit acts. The disadvantage is the lack of quality and creativity. Women have become nothing more than canvases in modern pornography. They are no longer characters or even active participants. They just sit there, head back, eyes closed, mouth open, waiting for the climax...of the film. And the blank expressions on their faces; I don't know if I could tell the difference between a modern porno movie and footage of someone squirting soap on a mannequin. It's gotten to the point where

the viewer is more active than anyone on screen. Adult actresses need to understand that if you just lay there during sex, you're kind of a terrorist.

And the production values could use some work too. There's some great stuff out there but I'd recommend boycotting any production that uses incamera audio or doesn't have a steadycam. The idea that anyone with a libido can just get a camera, an emotionally scarred woman, and literally any man off the street and make a porn movie is only reinforced by the fact that a good portion of the stuff out there is exactly that.

Some people - mostly uppity feminist broads say that pornography is degrading to women. Putting aside the scientifically proven fact that degrading women is hot, I argue that pornography is even more degrading to men. Men are objectified as nothing more than their genitals. Rarely does the viewer see their faces or learn their names. Women, however, are the center of attention - quite often literally being in the physical center of activities, whether they be semi-circle or Eiffel Tower. Men in these films are no longer actors, they are mere props, and get paid just about as well comparatively. Though it still pays better than being a humor writer, and probably involves less exposure to STDs.

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