

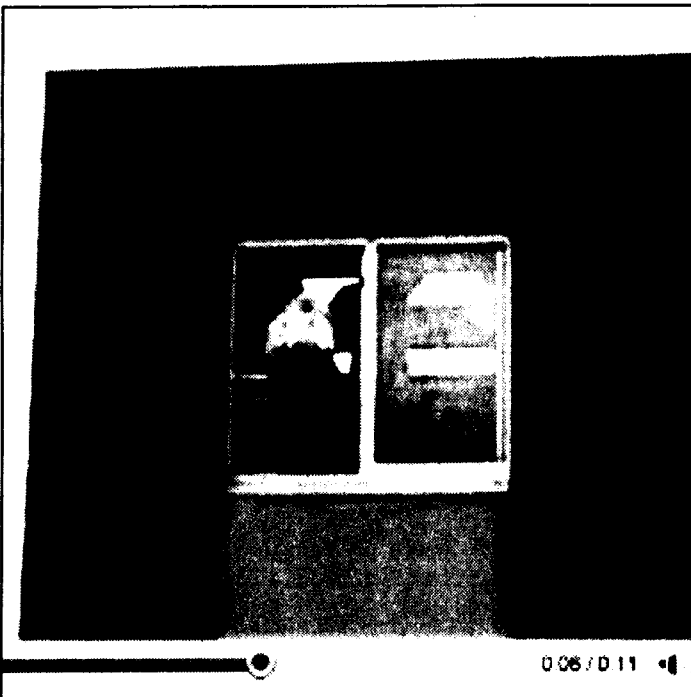
COLLEGE LIFE

Behrend students do YouTube

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When most people think of YouTube sensations, they think of such videos as Bo Burnham's New Math, Charlie the Unicorn, My New Haircut, and the dude who got tasered at the John Kerry Speech. Such web-legends have been chronicled into the annals of Internet history as some of the funniest images a person could see without wetting themselves. But, did you know that there are many up-and-coming YouTube sensations on this very campus? It's true! Several of our very own Nittany Lions are on the fast track to YouTube stardom. The "Related Videos" box is overflowing with tags such as Behrend, PSB, or Drunk. (And generally all the really funny videos include that last D-word.) YouTube them if you don't believe me!

Wait! Wait! Not so fast. In order to save you some of your valuable time that could be put to better use doing college things, (i.e.: Studying, homework, drinking, peeing on couches whilst in a drunken stupor, etc.): I've compiled a list of the best and brightest videos on the net. Please read, watch and enjoy.



Students display innovation with creative trash disposal.

crazier tricks and better music. Cast includes: Bryan, Dave, Mike E. and Mike S.

3. psb beer pong: A parody of videos 1 & 2. Watch it after you see the others.
4. Parking Lot Riding: Contrary to popular belief, you don't need mountains to ski. All you need is a four-wheel drive truck, a towrope, some guts, and a high tolerance for pain. The guys in this video have all of those things in spades. Watch in suspense as Sam and Eric go off sweet jumps at 50 mph while Tim and Brian drive. It's good clean fun.

Campus Insanity

4. Penn State Behrend - Dobbins: It's good, clean physical humor. Two dudes battle for kart riding supremacy, and like The Highlander, there can only be one.
5. Sled ride down Dobbins Stairwell: a once fun Childhood Activity+ Potentially Dangerous Twist + Alcohol = Comedy Gold! If you don't believe me, just notice what the guy in the Rugby t-shirt places on the railing at 0:44 seconds. Apple Cider maybe?

6. Taking out the trash at Penn State Erie: This man must be an engi-

neering major, because this video shows some serious innovation in waste disposal. I can't tell you what happens because it will ruin the experience, but take it from me: after you watch this you'll be thinking, "why didn't I think of that?"

YouTube is truly a remarkable thing. It allows the average American to be creative and express oneself to the entire world. So please, I beg of you, put on your thinking caps and create something spectacular with the awesome imaginative power we have been granted with... Or just get really wasted and tape yourself doing something stupid. Either way, you might get a good result.

Sports and Skill Videos

1. Pong Trick Shots PSB Legendary: First on my list is a video filled to the brim with sweet skill and a side of awesome. Watch in awe as our intrepid heroes Zack, Jon, Pat, Kevin make some of the craziest shots you've ever seen! These guys really know how to handle some balls. They can do anything. Bounce it off an ironing board? Ricochet it against a wall, overhead light, and several pieces of furniture? Not a problem! If you can manage to watch this video and not drop your jaw, you are officially more of a man than I am.
2. PSB EPIC PONG SHOTS: It's pretty much the same as number 1. Only it has even

Whiskey Chronicles

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Many Behrend students visit Niagara Falls at some point during their time at our school. Despite the world-renowned landmark, most of our students aren't there for sightseeing. They go for one reason: a drinking age of 19. You could consider it our Mecca.

When going to Niagara Falls, most people expect a fun night ahead of them. Go to some bars, meet some new people, get black-out drunk. You know, the usual stuff. One thing you never expect to happen is to be restrained by bouncers at a nightclub while the owner is throwing haymakers at your teeth.

Such a tragedy occurred to one of my friends, who, for the purposes of this article we will refer to as Striker. One summer night, Striker and some of his friends decided to take a trip to Niagara Falls to drink at some bars and casinos. Upon crossing the border, the group was not three blocks into Canada before they stopped at a beer distributor.

After checking into their hotel, Striker and his friends drank a few beers and then headed to a bar. In the hour Striker and his crew were at this bar, they ended up doing five yaeger bombs and decided it was a good idea to go to a casino.

Now, Striker doesn't like to gamble, so he just sat at the bar and drank the whole time and inadvertently got very drunk. After his friends finished gambling, the whole group headed back to the bar, and it was at this point that the trouble began.

In his own words, Striker was "pretty hammered" when they got back to the bar. Being the Cougar he is, Striker noticed a sixty-year-old woman and decided to begin hitting on her. She was at the bar with her husband.

In his drunken stupor Striker actually believed that this woman enjoyed being hit on, despite her husband being right next to her, so he began to rub her leg under the table. The woman didn't reject Striker's advances, so he was convinced that he "was totally about to get laid." It was then that Striker's friends intervened and asked him what he was doing. Despite them advising against intimacy with a

sixty-year-old woman, Striker continued rubbing the woman's leg.

Since everyone was very intoxicated at this point, the intervention was causing quite a scene. Enough of one for the club's bouncers to pull my buddy aside. The first thing the bouncers did was HD Striker, and when they found out he was 19 they were prepared to let him go.

Striker didn't like the bouncer questioning his age, so he began to mouth off. While my amigo was running his mouth, all the bouncer did was smile. The next thing he knew, Striker was being pushed through the bar by two bouncers holding his arms behind his back. Striker realized he was in a position where he could cause a scene and get a lot of attention so he took it.

Striker started yelling at the bouncers, challenging them and telling them they were "big hardasses," and so on. The bouncers saw this as a good enough reason to retrieve the club's owner to help quell the situation, but my friend decided to trash talk him as well.

One thing led to another, and pretty soon the bouncers were holding Striker back as the bar's owner was punching him in the head. Despite being obviously disenfranchised, Striker continued to call out the owner. "Oh what a big boy! Hit me with my arms behind my back. Let's take this outside!" The bouncers listened and literally threw my comrade out of the club.

Even though he had just been physically beaten, Striker continued to berate the bouncers from outside of the bar while his friends held him back. Deciding enough was enough, one of the guys started to walk him back to the hotel.

Unsurprisingly, Striker was blacking out at this point and not really remembering what happened. Once they were about halfway back to their hotel, Striker realized what he had done and instead of going back to the hotel, he turned around ran back to the bar before his friend could stop him.

If you think that this night couldn't have gotten worse for Striker, you are wrong. Find out how Striker fared in round two against the bouncers next week.

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Ben Stiller, Jack Black and Robert Downey Jr. play "dudes playing other dudes" in *Tropic Thunder*.

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Tropic Thunder trumps comedic competition

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"I don't know what it's called, I just know what sound it makes when it takes a man's life," growled Four Leaf Tayback (a scraggly Nick Nolte) when asked about his weapon. Tayback, a Vietnam veteran who lost his hands in the conflict, wrote a book (of the same name) about the suicide mission he went on. Two of the three other vets who went on the mission followed suit, but only Tayback got the movie deal. *Tropic Thunder* chronicles the disastrous attempt to bring Tayback's story to the silver screen.

Taking a different approach than most movies in the genre, *Tropic Thunder* reveals the backgrounds of characters through several parody commercials. The first features Alpa Chino, a rapper-turned-actor played by Brandon T. Jackson, in his "big-ballin'" commercial for his energy drink *Booty Sweat*, which pokes fun at some of the more silly aspects of thug culture. Next, a fake movie trailer appears with Tugg Speedman (Ben Stiller), who is a washed up action star who held the title of the highest paid actor in the world. More recently, Speedman has been producing flops, including an ill-advised venture into serious acting in a film called *Simple Jack*. Jeff Portnoy (Jack Black), a mildly talented comedic actor with drug issues, then takes the screen for his fake movie *Fatties*. He plays multiple characters by himself, very similar to Eddie Murphy's *The Nutty Professor* but more prone to flatulence. Finally there is Kirk Lazarus, (Robert Downey Jr.), a 5-time Academy Award winning method actor who submerges himself so deeply in his roles (he underwent pigmentation alteration to play the black character) that he doesn't get out of character until after the DVD commentary.

After we become friends with the main characters, the film gets down to business. Damien Cockburn, a freshman director (Steve Coogan) is trying to grab hold of the reins of his star-studded cast, angry producer (Tom

Cruise), and difficult schedule. Tayback gives him the idea of taking the pampered actors out of their element by dropping them into the real jungle, while shooting the movie guerilla style. Faced with the threat of impending eunuch-hood by Cruise's power-freak character, Damien immediately takes to this idea. After they get their actors out into the wilderness, things spiral out of control. Tugg is captured by a heroine syndicate and the rest of the "unit" has to save him, closely following the battle plan, "The Wet Offensive," from Tayback's book. *Tropic Thunder* features interspersed cameos featuring big names such as Jon Voight, Alicia Silverstone, and Jennifer Love Hewitt. Matthew McConaughey (*How to Lose a Guy in 10 days*) plays another crucial role as Speedman's agent, torn between fortune and loyalty to his best friend.

Many of *Tropic Thunder*'s spoof jokes are dead on when it comes to other war films and Hollywood in general. The music also fits the scenes they are ascribed to, but in their own way typical of what you'd expect, which is part of the fun.

There have been a few controversies involving this film, most notably the Simple Jack subplot and Lazarus's pigmentation alteration to play the part of the black character. The producers defend the Simple Jack part, and rightfully so, by explaining that it's purpose is to satirize the type of emotionally exploitative movie it represents, and those who play the parts in them. Also, Downey's role as Lazarus is not offensive at all, he's just insanely entertaining. During the movie they point out how wrong it is and even Lazarus realizes that he may have gone too far.

Tropic Thunder is a fun-filled joy ride from start to finish, that intelligently lampoons the hollywood movie-making process. The only concerns that I'll voice is that the movie is definitely not for kids, with foul language running throughout and some hilariously excessive gore at times. *Tropic Thunder* has been rated R by the MPAA for pervasive language, including sexual references, violent content and drug material.

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Our cousin, friend, and brother Jim has been diagnosed with cancer at the age of 31. Jim and his fiancée Brooke Gachry are both taking an unpaid leave of absence from their jobs to be in Erie where Jim has the support of family and friends through this difficult time. The purpose of this benefit is to help alleviate some of Jim and Brooke's expenses.

