

# CAMPUS NEWS

## Disgruntled student's girlfriend dumps him to pursue fictional character, doesn't know vampires do not exist

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a blast from the past  
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Penn State Behrend student and all-around ladies' man Ryan Smitty thought that everything was going perfectly with his girlfriend in the days leading up to their six month anniversary, but was hit with a bombshell when he showed up at her doorstep with flowers in hand to take her out to dinner on the big night.

"I was really excited, because this was the first time I'd made it to six months with a serious girlfriend," Smitty (junior—marketing) said. "But then she answered the door and told me that she wanted to break up so that she could try and find a boy that was more like Edward. Naturally, my first reaction was to ask who the hell Edward was, and all she said to me before she slammed the door in my face was the word 'Cullen.'"

Smitty immediately went home and attempted to figure out just whom Edward Cullen was, and what he had that Smitty was apparently missing. He said he also wanted to figure out if Cullen was larger and in better physical condition than himself, so he could make an educated decision on whether or not to fight him. When he couldn't find him on Facebook or in the Penn State student directory, he began to worry.

"I was, like, really surprised by that, because everyone has Facebook," he said. "But then I checked MySpace, and he didn't have a personal one, but I did see that a lot of 14-year-old girls talked about how much they loved him and stuff in their profiles. I thought he might be some kind of creep, like a pedophile or something." Smitty soon discovered from a

roommate with an adolescent sister that Cullen was not a pedophile, but was actually a main character in writer Stephenie Meyers' immensely popular *Twilight* book series about vampires for young adults.

Cullen's character in the novels is that of a very visually striking and extremely romantic and chivalrous vampire who falls in love with Bella Swan, a human teenage girl.

"I thought it was a really cool thing that I was dating a girl that liked to read a lot instead of the cheerleaders and Hooters waitresses I'm used to, and I've always been really attracted to chicks that wear glasses, but if I would've known I was going to get dumped for a character some writer just made up I wouldn't have even started things in the first place," Smitty said. "I mean, it's ridiculous, man. I've never dumped a girl because I wanted to try and get with Hermione Granger."

Smitty's former flame, Angela Valley (sophomore—mythology and occult literature), says that she's not holding out exclusively for a vampire, but just anyone with the personality traits that Cullen possesses.

"It's not so much that I want someone that never sleeps or can't go near garlic and is really pale, it's deeper than that," Valley said. "I just want a guy who will do things like carry me on his back while he runs through the forest at 60 miles per hour, or is willing to give up his eternal life just to make me a little bit happy. Things like that just really get me going, and Ryan wasn't able to give me that. Also, he was too

tan." When Valley's roommate pointed out to her during the interview that most normal men can't run 60 miles through rough terrain and asked her if she thought vampires could do this and did in fact exist, she said that she was confident that they did.

"I mean, lets get real, here," she said. "That Stoker guy didn't just come up with that whole thing out of nowhere. He had to have met a pack of vampires and then decided to write a story about them. Nobody is that creative, except for maybe one of the Bronte sisters."

Smitty said he plans to move on as quickly as possible from his break-up with Valley, and that it is her loss.

"Honestly, any woman that thinks a guy is going to do all of the things that guy in the book does for them is just naive, because he's a character that came from some woman's imagination," he said. "It makes sense that he'd be the perfect man, because it's easy to dream up the perfect person if it's only in our heads. I mean, I dream up a different perfect woman almost every night of the week. I don't understand the whole vampire thing factoring into that, but to each their own. Did Angela really say she thought vampires existed?"

At the time of publication, Valley is still single and has not gone on a date since their break-up. A source close to her said that she's spent the past three weekends re-reading the *Twilight* series.

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## Mother Nature Thoroughly Shits on Erie

Since some unexpected and late snowfall earlier in the week, Erie is dangerously close to breaking the record for the most snowfall in one winter. However, Mother Nature has no intention to give Erie residents such satisfaction.

"The idea is to get as close to the record as possible without actually breaking it," says Nature. "That way Erie locals will be made as miserable as possible without the consolation of bragging rights."

Students are outraged at Nature's intentions for this

year. "I'm only living in Erie for two years out of my life," says 16 semester senior Jacob Flemenct. "I'm not going to ever get this chance again. And to come this close is just infuriating."

Donald Rolaski, a sophomore majoring in engineering (go figure) works at his father's plow business. "My Dad is always talking about the winter of '01," says Rolaski. "About how when I was sleeping soundly in my bed, he was clearing the way for the worst winter of all time. I so badly

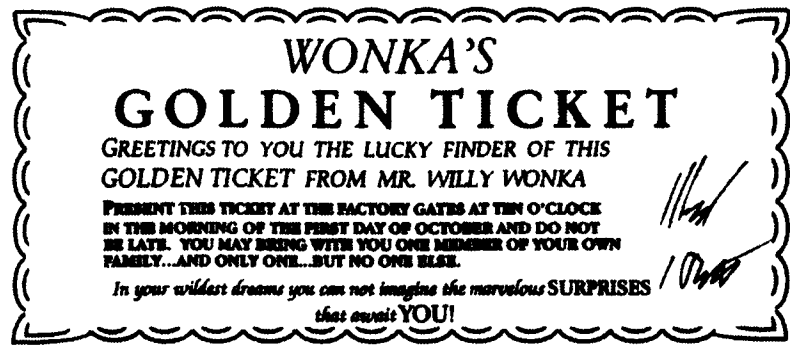
want to shut him up this year." Nature seems to be enjoying the general pissiness of residents. "I mean, you could someday tell your grandchildren that you survived the second worst winter in Erie history. But no one ever cares about a runner-up."

Deciding to embrace mediocrity, the city of Erie is printing a series of t-shirts, bumperstickers, and yard signs celebrating the season.

The slogan will read: "Just two inches short! (That's what she said!) Winter 2008-2009."

## What's Inside

### A Golden Ticket



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Five Golden Tickets per 1,000 issues. If you are one of the lucky winners you win ... a Golden Ticket.

## FIGHT!

Chaos that erupted in the Hammermill computer lab ended in serious injuries and academic probations. The two students, whose names are being withheld, were reportedly sitting on opposite ends of the lab when one student walked over to the other demanding his DVDs back. The second student refused and the two began to quarrel.

The fight soon turned in to a fist fight including loud curse words. Only one computer was damaged, the school board is relieved to say. Five students are seriously injured and recovering at various local hospitals.

ing because "they were yelling so loudly."

When the fists started to fly, everyone stared in awe.

"I didn't know people still did that kind of stuff!" commented one student.

The fight was closely matched until the first student threw the second student over the computers and into the wall behind them. A hole is now in the wall at the crash site.

The second student got back up after falling from the wall and continued with the fist fighting. She appeared to be using her nails at this point.

Students in the corners appeared to be making bets on who they thought would win. When asked how much

was at stake, one student replied, "\$125."

Whoever bet on the male student to win lost a good amount of money. The female pulled the same stunt on him except when he landed on the ground he was unconscious.

Several students were injured in the events.

Authorities say that they are horrified, but would not comment past that. The two students who started the fight are academically prohibited from graduating and the students who participated in gambling are being fined a much larger sum of money than what was at stake.

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## THE BEHREND BACON

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### Who's Responsible for this?

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Please blame her.

Evan Koser,  
MIA

Connor Sattely,  
Managing Failure

Neil J. Peters,  
Keeping On Keeping On

Michelle Quail,  
Keeps the gears turning

Marcus Yeagley,  
Walking, Talking AP Style Textbook

Matthew Schwabenbauer,  
Finally of Age!

Emily Reichert,  
Rocking the Cupcake Hat

Mike O. Wehrer,  
Resident Green Bay Fan

Kay Smith,  
Senior Rookie

Jennifer Juncosa,  
Late for Grey's Anatomy

Jeremy Korwek,  
"The Printer is Jammed. FIX IT!"

Nick Blake,  
Pens fan to the Bitter End

Keegan McGregor,  
Mr. Grumpy Pants

Christine Newby,  
Also Known as Newby

Daniel Smith,  
Hey Korea, Give Us Dan Back!

Matthew Alto,  
Weathers and Runs

Bethany Long,  
Wisely Flies Under the Radar