

Wrestling judgments

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I am a big fan of professional wrestling and every week I look forward to Thursday nights on Spike TV for Total Nonstop Action. What I don't look forward to is the amount of people on any given day who feel the need to stress that professional wrestling isn't "real."

Most, if not all, wrestling fans are aware of how "real" wrestling is. We know that the fights are choreographed and the winner is predetermined but it's still an enjoyable form of entertainment. Wrestling companies do not give out all that information beforehand and you don't know what to expect during the show so it is just as much of a surprise as finding out the winning team of a football game.

It really bothers me when somebody who makes it an occasion to watch *Jersey Shore* or *Teen Mom* puts down my enjoyment of wrestling because it is fake. Hello! Wrestling is more real than any of the horrible reality TV



shows on television today.

Wrestling is a sport. It's a different kind of sport, just like soccer is different from basketball which is different from football. It involves physical talent, skill, and stamina just like any other sport.

Sure, it's more like gymnastics or cheerleading but it is still a sport. There is an amount of danger involved and I don't think it's fair to the people who wrestle to make it seem like their job is any less dangerous than playing any other professional sport. The fights have choreography but that doesn't mean it's totally safe. You can't really fake get-

ting hit with a chair. While the wrestling stage probably makes it so getting body slammed doesn't hurt too much if you have a 240-pound man falling onto your body, it's going to hurt a little bit.

Honestly, what's not to enjoy?

There is an abundance of attractive half-naked men and women, fighting, funny characters, and even funnier storylines.

Maybe if people stopped looking at professional wrestling as a fake sport and more as a form of entertainment, like a movie or TV show, there would be more fans of professional wrestling.

Was it Time to Legalize?

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Editor's Note: This article was written before the citizens of California voted against Proposition 19. However, the subject is still extremely controversial and discussion-worthy, with many vehemently arguing for or against the proposition. For this reason, the article will run in its original context, though parts were cut for space constraints.

As general elections quickly approach, California voters must face the mountain of decisions to make on the various candidates and propositions on the November ballot. At the moment, former CEO of eBay Meg Whitman and former Governor Jerry Brown are vying for Governor Schwarzenegger's current position while incum-

bent Senator Barbara Boxer is running for reelection.

However, one of the hottest issues of Proposition 19 — the legalization of marijuana for non-medical purposes under California but not federal law. Prior to 1996, the possession, cultivation, and distribution of marijuana was deemed illegal in California. Then voters approved Prop 215, allowing marijuana for medical purposes.

Prop 19 would allow the use of marijuana for adults over the age of 21, allow local governments to regulate and tax it, prohibit the possession on school grounds, use in public, or the in presence of minors, as well as prohibit the use of it while driving, and lastly limit employers' use where job performance is impaired. Currently, no other state allows marijuana for non-medical purposes.

Those in favor of Prop 19 are quick to point out the failed prohibition of marijuana and the advantages of regulating and taxing the substance. Other than limiting its use to those over 21, another gain from Prop 19 would be the cutting off of funding to drug cartels that occur across the California-Mexican border.

Furthermore, the taxes imposed on pot would generate approximately \$1.2 billion to \$1.4 billion per year. Knowing California has had trouble balancing its budget after the recession, these numbers play a hefty role on voters' decisions. On top of that, the legalization of marijuana would free up jail beds for criminals being released

early due to lack of space.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) is a strong opposition to this measure making several strong claims. They claim that the proposition lacks specific standards for what constitutes as driving under the influence.

Prop 19 would prevent companies from being able to take action against a "stoned" driver prior to an accident. The same goes for those in the work place. CBS News points out that Prop 19 would allow the possession of up to one ounce which is "enough to roll dozens of marijuana cigarettes."

As far as the price of pot goes, the Rand Drug Policy Research Center states it would fall due to elimination of challenges that stem from operating in the black market causing an overall increase in its use.

Additionally, MADD states that California would fail to meet Federal drug-free workplace standards because of Prop 19, thus disqualifying themselves for eligibility for Federal contracts and grants. Instead, the passing of Prop 19 could lead to costly drug treatment programs.

Whether Prop 19 is passed or not, it is undoubtedly a heated debate among college students. Overall, I found the proposition to be very confusing. It seems like it would be very hard to actually enact. Despite these diverse perspectives, all agree if Prop 19 passes, marijuana would be used explosively for the thrill before the hype dissipates.

globe as international aid surged to provide relief for the thirty three trapped miners; though the state of Chile demonstrated little concern, while taking advantage of the ordeal for all they could extort. Thirty-four miners a year, on average, have died in Chilean mining accidents since the year 2000.

The problem with this lack of empathy: after the magnitude of journalists have gone home, the miners' celebrity statuses terminate and mining authorities and government agencies melt away, the miners will need a way to cope with this sense of abandonment.

For Edison Pena, this is no problem; the "triathlete" appeared on the "Late Show with David Letterman" after competing in the New York City Marathon. Pena is a self-proclaimed Elvis fan who allegedly jogged to his music while trapped for 69 days along with the 32 other miners.

Next on his agenda: a flight to Graceland for Elvis Presley's annual birthday celebration. While the saga deserves our utmost compassion and support, leave it to the Chilean government to provide compensation, not Elvis Presley Enterprises.

Cravin' Torie

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STEP ONE: FOREPLAY.

It's time, Behrend. It's time we all put on our big kid pants and address that dark cloud hovering above our campus. No, I am not talking about the oh so joyful Erie weather.

I'm talking about sex here, people.

Although we may be considered late bloomers in this category, we're embracing this rage and jumping on the sex train like people jumping on the Pittsburgh sports bandwagon.

Like it or not, sex is a major part of the collegiate period in our lives. Of course, some students focus more on this racy act and their personal sexuality than others, but it is still roaming around our campus like a dirty, horny monster.

Now, this column isn't going to be me blabbing on in great detail about my own personal sexual adventures or calling out the elegant walk of shames that emerge on Friday and Saturday mornings. Instead, my intentions are to provide an educational, and yet entertaining weekly column for you as the student body to relate to. I am definitely going to get down and dirty discussing every naughty detail dealing with sex, relationships, sexual safety, what women want, what men want, the good, the strange and everything in between. If you are squeamish or conservative, I'd suggest putting the blinders on when browsing over this section. I'm putting my hater shades on and throwing it all out there.

For example, here are a select few words that have high chances of appearing in a future article: twat, penis, anal,

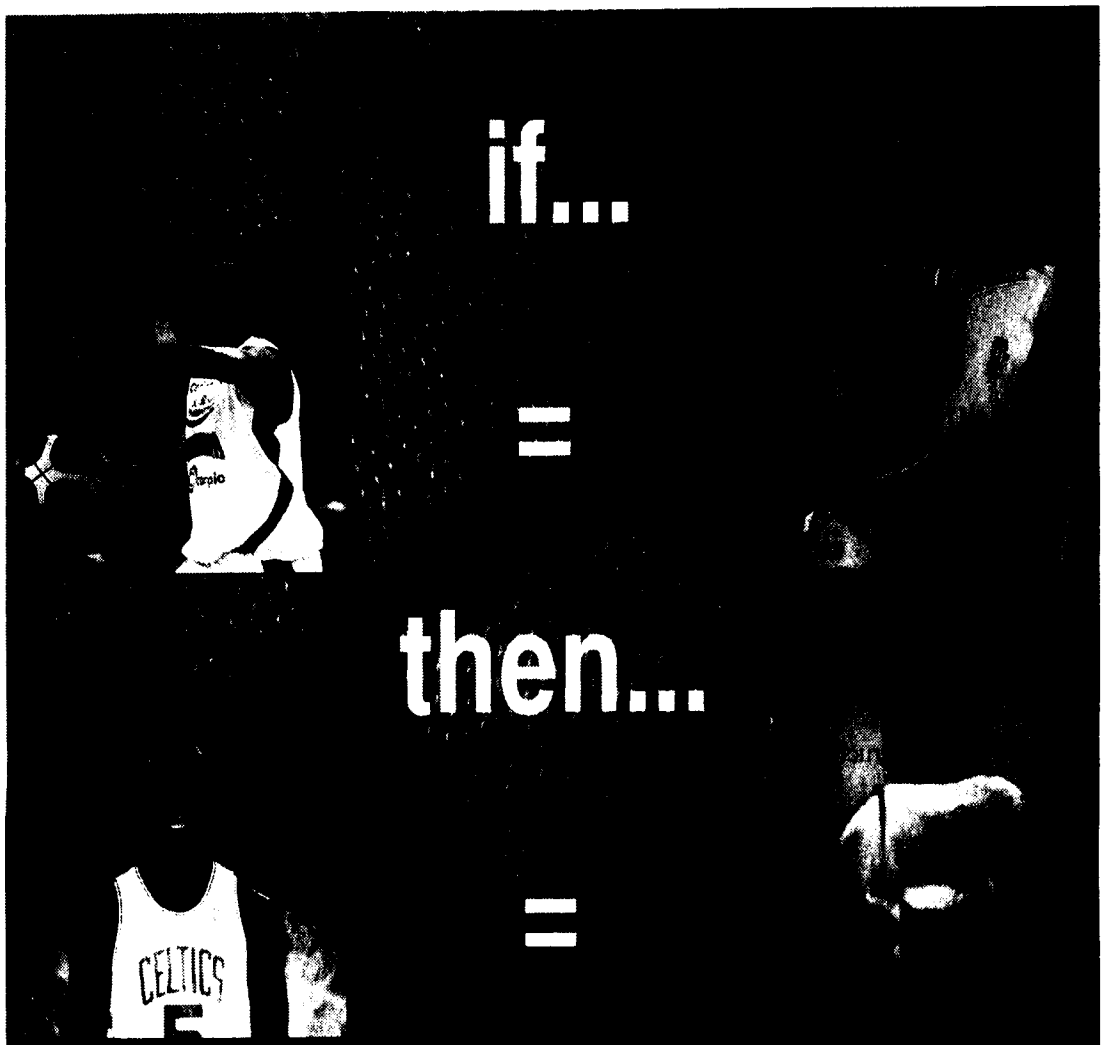
vagina, dick, fuck, orgasmic, raw, jizz, masturbation, arousal, penetration, teabag, schlong, oral, etc.

Now, at this point, I'm sure there are some of you out there who are asking one question: Why? Why do we need a sex column in the *Beacon*? And my answer to you is quite simple: we are adults now. Like it or not, sex is happening all around you.

Remember that late night squealing you heard coming from down the hall? That wasn't a mouse, junior.

How about the repetitive thud noise against your wall from the neighbor? Chances are they weren't nailing a picture to that wall. That, my friends, was a couple of your fellow students having themselves a good time.

So strap yourselves in, students, and let's take a ride. Sex is on the brain, and it might get a little bumpy.



Trashing a trash talker

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At what point does trash talk trash a person's reputation? The question came in to play just last week, when Charlie Villanueva, a player for the Detroit Pistons, claimed that Kevin Garnett called him a cancer patient during a game between Villanueva's Pistons and Garnett's Celtics.

Villanueva told of Garnett's trash talking over Twitter. He tweeted: "KG called me a cancer patient, I'm pissed because, u know how many people died from cancer, and he's tossing it like it's a joke." In a later tweet: "I wouldn't even trip about that, but a cancer patient, I know way 2 many people who passed away from it, and I have a special place for those."

Garnett's comments were offensive for two reasons: one, obviously, is that being a cancer patient isn't something to joke about. Two, for those who don't know Villanueva, he has Alopecia Areata, which means he has no hair on his head, no eyebrows, etc. much like a cancer patient going through rounds of chemotherapy.

Garnett, of course, denied the charges,

saying: "My comment to (Villanueva) was in fact 'You are cancerous to your team and to our league.'"

Really? Charlie Villanueva is the one who is cancerous to the league? This coming from Kevin Garnett, whose every other word is a profanity? The Kevin Garnett who juts his chin out like he's the king of the universe? Who took a cheap-shot on then-Warriors player Marco Belinelli? Who got on all fours and taunted then-Trail Blazers player Jerryd Bayless? Who made his own teammate, Glen "Big Baby" Davis, cry?

Need I go on? The point is that Kevin Garnett is the mayor of Doucheville. Not that Villanueva gets a free pass on this either. Bringing this controversy to fruition on Twitter? Really? Was his Facebook account down? Why not talk to an ESPN writer about it?

Either way, the trash talking done by Garnett, if true, went too far. There's good trash talking: "you've got no game, you can't make this shot," and then there's over the line trash talking: "you look like a cancer patient."

To answer the original question posed -- trash talk can't trash a person's reputation if they have already trashed it with past actions.



After the Party's over

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On August 5th, 2010, a main ramp leading in and out of the San Jose mine, located in northern Chile, collapsed leaving thirty-three hard-working husbands, brothers and fathers trapped 2,300 feet underground.

A threadbare, scribbled note read "Estamos bien en el refugio, los 33", meaning, "we are fine in the shelter, the 33 of us." The paper was retrieved using a small probe lowered into the mine by authorities, three weeks following the collapse. The tragedy has marked news around the

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