## **Nutrition: Eating Disorders**

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With the recent notices being run in The Collegian inviting people to attend the Eating Support Group that is held on campus, I decided to write an article on the two major eating disorders that afflict many people in this country: anorexia nervosa and bulimia.

Anorexia nervosa is a severe psychological disorder of selfstarvation which leads to emotional physical problems and eventually death. A person suffering from anorexia becomes so intensely obsessed with food, weight, calories, and exercise that it becomes the topmost priority in the person's life. The emotional problems suffered by the person causes a denial of hunger, which leads to total fasting and/or binging and purging. Because of the poor nutrition, a person with anorexia is very susceptible to colds and illnesses. Below is a list of signs a person suffering from anorexia may have:

- 20-25% loss of body weight
- depression
- loss of hair - growth of lanugo
- distorted body image
- low pulse rate
- extremely sensitive to the cold - intense fear of becoming fat
- compulsively exercising - withdrawn from social
- interaction perfectionism
- plays with food and eat small
- tearful, uptight, overly

sensitive, restless nervous at meals

It is estimated that a quarter million people in the United States suffer from anorexia nervosa.

Another eating disorder that causes weight loss is bulimia. Although the weight loss comes more gradually than that associated with anorexia nervosa, bulimia is just as severe and is also fatal. Bulimia is a recurrent pattern of binge eating immediately followed by self-induced purging. The alternations of bingeing and purging causes fluctuations in the person's weight. Someone suffering from bulimia is fearful of the inability to stop eating voluntarily. Therefore, they get rid of all the food they consumed during the binge period by vomiting and using laxatives and diuretics. The following is a list of other symptoms the person may possess:

- swollen glands - puffiness in the face - weakness, headaches
- depression
- bursting blood vessels in eyes - severe enamel erosion
- damage to esophagus, causing
- internal bleeding
- perfectionism
- petty money stealing to support binge periods

A person with bulimia consumes an average of 10,000 calories in one evening and throws up more than 6 times a day. Bulimia can go by unnoticed by casual observance, but is severe enough to cause death if it is left untreated.

## Kingdom of the Chipmunks by Our Man With Vision

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"Preconscious thought can actually be temporarily pushed back into the unconscious condition, as seems to be necessary in the case of jokes.... A similar reversion...plays a great part in the causation of neurotic disorders."

-Sigmund Freud

You know, it's getting so a guy just can't walk around this beautiful campus anymore without fearing for his life. Just the sight of all those defenseless little third graders innocently parading down the walkways was enough to make me nervous. Why, should just one of those succulent little people stray too

near to the bushes... Oh, the camage!

I am speaking, of course, of the chipmunk problem that has been left to run rampant on campus this year. When are people going to wake up and take action? Sure, the authorities tell you that they're doing everything they can. And then one night, someone will stumble across a skeleton, picked clean, wearing nothing but a torn sorority jacket, and notice from the corner of his the town. At first The King was when I told him I was a student

particularly fat chipmunks. Smiling chipmunks.

I've tried to warn people before. The I-Team has stopped accepting my calls though, ever since I told them Elvis Presley is alive and living in my neighborhood.

Yes, it's true. Elvis lives on a quiet street in Fairview, in a cozy red-brick house. He came to my door a few days ago asking to borrow a cup of sugar.

Well, old Elvis was looking pretty pale, and I suggested that we take a day to do lunch and see

could go dressed as himself.

I was eager to impress Elvis. so I immediately headed downtown to show him the nightlife that Brie has to offer, upstairs,

night, someone will stumble across skeleton, picked clean, wearing nothing but a torn sorority jacket, and notice from the corner of his eye what looks like a gang of particularly fat chipmunks. Smiling chipmunks.

We stopped off at a couple of Erie's fine taverns, namely Guido's Hairy Armpit and the Dew Drop Dead inn. The drunken brawl and obligatory stabbing weren't scheduled to begin until 4:00 AM, though, so we decided to move on.

Elvis never went to college, so

eye what looks like a gang of a little worried about the at Penn State he was anxious to possibility of being recognized, see the campus. I proudly but he felt better after I told him showed him the new Winter that it was Halloween, and he Garden, but he was disappointed when I told him that it wasn't the lobby of a supermarket. managed to cheer him up by telling him they sold doughnuts

After polishing off a dozen or so jelly-filled, The King and I ...And then one made our way up to the apartments and crashed a Halloween party. Elvis hadn't had so much fun in a long time. He even won \$50 in a costume contest, and we spent that on more doughnuts.

We were making our way to the Zurn building's new plastics factory so I could show Elvis where they make lawn flamingos. I was just about to talk Elvis into doing a comeback concert in Erie Hall when he strayed too close to the bushes and was carried off by a roving gang of chipmunks. I'm not sure whether he's alive or not, or if he'll ever come back. Neither are

Now Time-Life Books keeps calling me and asking me to authorize my story for their Mysteries of the Unknown series. You know the ads: Somewhere in Pickanose, Idaho, a man orders a set of Time-Life books. It's dismissed as stupidity. Or was it?"

## You Pays Your Money and You Gets Your Sex

into. It is also rather addictive, and Smoking...from pg.4 not the nicest thing to do to your lungs. Which still isn't any new smoking policy is to be justification to become outright enacted which sentences smokers to obnoxious about trying to convince me to stop. I still see no reasons pursue their lung-killing in fresh air, only. We will have to step for being called a butt-head on outside any University owned national T.V. And I'm sick and tired of people thinking they're building to light up, and knowing smarter than me, just because I Erie winters this will become quite a pain in the...behind. Now you

non-smoking areas.

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might, with a sheepish grin on

your non-smoking face, say:

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light up once in a while, and they don't. Smokers can tolerate nonsmokers, why can't it be the other way around? Let's make a deal, you leave our smoking sections alone and stay out of our smoke-filled personal lives, the way we smokers

(CPS) - - Students at some 500 campuses will soon be signing "contracts" that will obligate women to have sex with men if the men pay for their dates, at least if a part-time chemist from Madison, Wisconsin, has his way.

Roy Schenk, 58, says he's hoping to generate interest in his "dating contracts" by sending samples of them to "500 campus newspapers and some talk shows."

Students. Schenk explained. would sign the contract before going out. Its provisions, he hopes, would give the man who ! pays for the evening the right to decide if there would be any sexual asking women to either quit being ring or after the



"Dating exists today as a form of prostitution," Schenk said. "I'm prostitutes or be honest

"I think the guy has a few psychological problems," claims University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire senior Barbara Shay.

Added Chris Tornio, another UW - Eau Claire senior, "I think it's quite a ludicrous idea that if men take women out on a date and pay for everything that they should sleep with them."

Others have used stronger language to describe the document.

In late September, the United Council -- which lobbies in the state legislature on behalf of the student governments at 13 UW system campuses -- condemned the contract as sexist and offensive.

currently dating" anyone, contended everyone's not as hostile to the

"Basically, a lot of fellas say, 'it makes sense, but I have a lot of trouble getting dates already without bringing something like this up.' Women's reactions vary from place to place. Some, Schenk claimed, "don't mind, and some are very offended."

There are, he added, circumstances in which a woman wouldn't be obligated to have sex with her date. "If people go Dutch treat, obviously, there is no commitment for sex.

On the other hand, "unless there is a contract at the start that the woman will pay for the next date, the only honorable thing for the woman to do is take off her panties

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