

Got Issues? Fetch advice from Jack and Jill.

Do you have a question for "Jack and Jill"? Drop it off in the "Jack and Jill" box on the door of the Capital Times office at room W341, in the Capital Times mailbox in the Student affairs office, or e-mail your question to us at captimes@psu.edu. The staff of the Capital Times, anyone associated with Penn State or anyone in the entire universe are not responsible for these answers.

Q: Dear Jack and Jill:

I am a twenty-six year old female who has been involved in a relationship for over five years. My boyfriend and I have discussed getting married, but now every time I bring up our future, he avoids me. Should I be concerned? I am very committed to making our relationship work for a lifetime, but I don't feel that I should wait forever. Other than this "problem" we get along great and I consider him my best friend. What should I do: give him more time or break-up with him?

"CONFUSED"

JACK:

5 years! And you want to get married already?! The "problem" isn't with your boyfriend, it's with you. One of the biggest mistakes people make is rushing into relationships. You should consider your boyfriend's feelings, once he

feels the time is right you'll be hearing wedding bells. Don't wait for things to eventuate, enjoy the ride. Give him more time, and slow down!

JILL:

First of all, understand that Jack is a Martian. That said, your guy probably will be ready to get married in ten more years- to someone else! You are, for now, the "back-up" girlfriend just in case the "real thing" never comes along. The longer you are together, the harder it is to let go, because you've got all this time invested. You're wasting your time and your life by staying with this guy because "you" are defined by him. Who are you and what are you interested in, what do you like? I'll bet you don't know these things without filtering it through him, even though you would say you like the same things as him, and that's why you're together.

This will be very hard, because this guy is a habit, and habits are hard to break, but make yourself your best friend right now, find out who you are, keep busy and don't run back to him in (especially initially) times when you would have filled it with him. You'll get confident, comfortable and contented with your own company. Then, when you do meet someone to "settle down" with, it won't be because you don't want to be alone

with yourself, but rather you won't want to be alone without them, and vs. versa.

Q: Dear Jack and Jill:

I have been employed at a doctor's office for two years, and really like my job. The problem is that a male co-worker of mine never engages in conversation unless the topic of discussion is sexual in nature. I just get tired of him always making insensitive remarks. He is not directly sexually harassing anyone in the office, but he does make me feel uncomfortable. I also have not shared my feelings with him. Should I discuss the situation with my boss, or just ignore him? **"TIRED OF HIM"**

JILL:

It sounds like you are passively avoiding confrontation because you don't want him to be "mad" at you, but inwardly stew, forfeiting honest communication. Your co-worker probably honed his fine art of talking to girls in Jr. High and thinks he learned a life skill ever since. Think about what you'd like to say to him, rehearse it with friends, and then pick a quiet time at work to explain to him how his choice of conversation makes you feel. Then make a point of introducing non-sexual topics to him when you see him and ignore the sexual stuff. If he still doesn't get it, maybe your



other co-workers can get together with you in attempting to "re-program" his boring routine. Then again, he may never get it, in which case you should follow Jack's advice.

JACK:

The way to get over your discomfort with your male co-worker is to

make him feel uncomfortable. Leave him a Playgirl subscription on the front desk or spread a rumor that he wets his sheets. You can also notify your boss that he looks at adult Web sites when he should be working. The goal is simple: reduce him to a pervert and he will engage in any topic of discussion but sexual by nature.

Scavenger Hunt ?

Three weeks have passed since the mission was placed before you, and no one has chosen to accept it, or at least completed it. It cannot be that difficult; Harrisburg is only so big. Its not like we were sending you on a suicide mission to Brooklyn or anything.

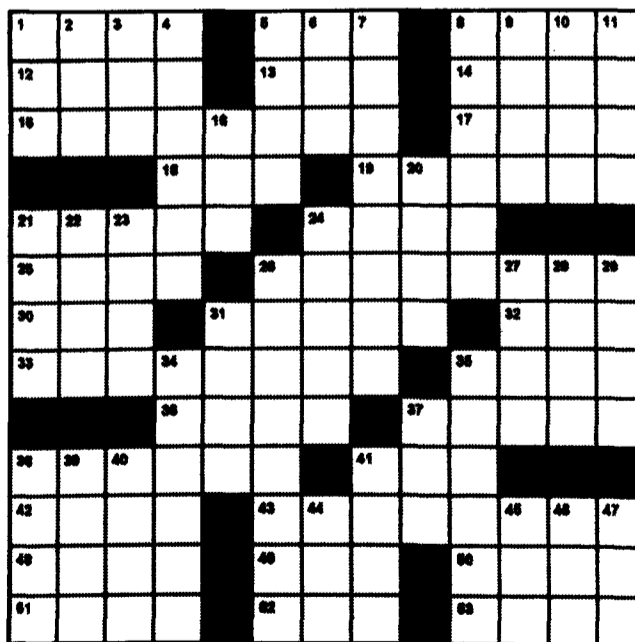
Maybe the thought of your ugly mug appearing in this issue of the CapTimes scared you a little. Not to fear. We ran a photo of Dr. Spanier on the front page last issue and no one got sick.

This \$50 gift certificate to Strawberry Square lies here in W-341 collecting dust just waiting for you to claim it. All you need to do is be the first person to send an email to us with the correct answers, and the prize is yours.

Come on folks. What more do we have to do? Okay, okay. We will even give the winner our parking space for the remainder of the semester.

Please, prove us wrong because, at this point, we have come to the conclusion that there is no hope for all you apathetic students who could care less about what takes place here at YOUR university.

Crossword Companion



Answers on page 6

ACROSS

- 1 Fair
- 5 Ballet step
- 8 Fears
- 12 Beers
- 13 Era
- 14 Tardy
- 15 Horse
- 17 Small hawk
- 18 Over (poetic)

- 19 Said
- 21 Probe
- 24 Rotatable disc
- 25 Anger
- 26 Openly
- 30 ___ Baba
- 31 Husk
- 32 Fish eggs
- 33 Vent for release of gas
- 35 ___ Turner
- 36 Atilla was their king
- 37 Iliad author
- 38 Chasm
- 41 Heat source
- 42 Ireland
- 43 Wire
- 48 Snow at head of glacier
- 49 Frost
- 50 Tides
- 51 Former Russian emperor
- 52 Food chewed a second time
- 53 Edges

DOWN

- 1 Fuel
- 2 Altitude (abbr.)
- 3 Meadow
- 4 On an incline
- 5 Two
- 6 Past

- 7 Sane
- 8 Caustic substance
- 9 Stay
- 10 Female
- 11 Sow
- 16 Shelter
- 20 Lofty
- 21 Snatch
- 22 Small stream
- 23 Stew
- 24 Disputes
- 26 Speech sound
- 27 Crowd
- 28 Sole
- 29 Leap ___
- 31 Avoid
- 34 Complainer
- 35 Extended time
- 37 Color
- 38 Lease
- 39 Greek God of War
- 40 Long live (It.)
- 41 Winter vehicle
- 44 Old coin
- 45 Hitler's average (abbr.)
- 46 Type of weapon (abbr.)
- 47 Manuscripts (abbr.)