

## Penn State and Microsoft Combine to Give Students Free Software

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Through a new Penn State and Microsoft program, students are now eligible to order and pick up a special selection of popular Microsoft products.

Students can pick up their order through their campus contact. They also have the option of having their order shipped to their home through the Microsoft Ordering Center, (MOC). A shipping fee will apply to those ordering through the MOC.

Students can choose from a variety of Microsoft products. The products include Office Pro 2000 for Windows, Office 98 for Mac, Front-page 2000 for Windows, and Front-page for Mac, and Visual Studio.

Students can order their products through Terry Majzlik, Manager of Network and Information Systems. Majzlik's office is in E-302 Olmsted Building.

When students place their orders they must show their Penn State student ID and indicate the model of computer they own.

If students have any questions, they may speak with Majzlik or they can go to the Internet website <http://moc.cac.psu.edu/msoverview.html>.

According to Majzlik, the supply of the first shipment is almost depleted. Students who come to place order, and find out the quantity is gone, should not worry.

"The next shipment is waiting to be picked up, and this shipment will include twice as many products as the first shipment," said Majzlik.

This program is scheduled to continue through August, 2002.

According to Majzlik, this is an opportunity students should take advantage of. "As a student I would be thankful for the opportunity to receive the software."

## Blair Witch Mockumentary Better than the Feature

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While the *Blair Witch Project* played in the movie theaters all summer, the much lesser known made-for-TV mockumentary, "The Curse of The Blair Witch" received only three showings on the Sci-Fi network.

It is unfortunate that it was so little known because we believe it to be superior to the movie.

"The Curse of the Blair Witch," an in-depth study into the faux myth of the Blair Witch, resembles a "20/20" or "Dateline NBC" news story.

The legends, the happenings, and ultimately the disappearance of the student filmmakers are chronicled and examined.

Folklore professors, town sheriffs, and family members are all interviewed and the interviews are combined with news splices to create an absorbing and entertaining mockumentary.

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### VIDEO REVIEW

*The Curse of the Blair Witch*

Nicole's Grade: B+  
Dan's Grade: B

lation who missed the Blair Witch phenomenon this summer, we'll be kind enough to bring you up to speed.

A long time ago (circa early 1800s), a lady was accused of being a witch in a town called Blair. She was exiled from the town and probably died.

Later, people started dying. She was blamed and the town was evacuated because of the curse of the Blair Witch. The town was eventually resettled.

During the mid 1900s a town resident murdered some local children, reportedly on order from the

infamous witch.

Fast forward to the 1990s: three student filmmakers venture into the woods where the witch supposedly lives and disappear.

The only evidence found was their film. This film was assembled and released at the Sundance Film Festival and generated a lot of hype.

Reminder: this is all made up, except for the Sundance Film Festival.

"The Curse of the Blair Witch" examines all of these happenings. What could have been a shameless plug for the movie, "The Curse of the Blair Witch" stands on its own, surpassing the movie.

Where "The Curse of the Blair Witch" succeeds is in its realism. The collaborators, Daniel Myrick, Eduardo Sánchez and Ben Rock (Myrick and Sánchez also did the full movie), have a firm grasp on making a television documentary.

Their style is flashy, sensationalist, and a little exploitive just like "Dateline NBC".

Care is also taken in the assemblage of fake news reels. The clips from the 1950s are grainy and blurry; the sound from the clips from the 1940's definitely sounds authentic because of its poor quality compared to current sound technology.

"The Curse of the Blair Witch" is much creepier than the movie.

To see supposed experts tell the audience how the disappearance of the three student filmmakers was due to the Blair Witch's vendetta is eerie.

We found ourselves almost believing what we were watching regardless of the fact that we already knew that Heather, Michael and Joshua were actors who are very much alive.

The mockumentary instills a desire to know more about the Burkittsville phenomenon, as if there was one to discover.

"Curse of the Blair Witch" is not perfect however. It seems a bit unbalanced and certain segments seem thrown in at the last minute.

Watching the mockumentary after seeing the movie does make some of the interviews, particularly with family members, seem quite contrived and forced.

These quickly remind you of the falsity of the piece, but it is still fun to watch. Besides, you never know what is lurking in those woods behind your house!



## Your Horoscope



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**Scorpio** (October 23-November 21): You have been cooped up for quite a while with school, work and all the other daily chores of life. It is time for you to go out and have a good time. Hook up with some friends and hit a well-known club, or go to a movie. Whatever you decide to do make sure that it is tons of fun!

**Sagittarius** (November 22-December 21): Everyone needs to reward himself or herself once in awhile. Otherwise it is easy to feel unappreciated. So treat yourself to something like a new pair of shoes, a CD you have been dying to hear or dinner at your favorite restaurant. Make sure all the hard work you do pays off.

**Capricorn** (December 22-January 19): Set your goals for what you desire and go for it.

You are very capable if you have the determination and perseverance. You can have anything you want if you work hard enough.

**Aquarius** (January 20- February 18): Maybe you should take a night off from all the rushing around you do everyday. Curl up with a good book or watch a good movie all by yourself. Enjoy the solitude and silence once in a while. It will give you the opportunity to recharge yourself.

**Pisces** (February 19- March 20): It is important to go out once in a while with the gang. You can have so much fun when a group of friends gets together. So round everyone up, plan an outing and have a great time.

**Aries** (March 21- April 19): Do something outrageous and be the center of attention. Sometimes it just feels good to be in the limelight so bask in it while you can. The crazier you are, the longer you will be on stage!

**Taurus** (April 20- May 20): If life has been pretty rough lately, maybe you need to get away for a while. Try visiting an old friend or go home for the weekend with family. It will help you escape from the everyday pressures that have been bothersome lately.

**Gemini** (May 21- June 20): Good friends are hard to come by and even harder to hold on to. Be sure to make a point to let your friends know how much they mean to you. If you haven't spoken to a friend in quite a while, this is your chance to let them know you are thinking of him or her.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): If a love interest asks you out on a date or a friend asks you to go somewhere accept the invitation and have a great time. You never know unless you go!

**Leo** (July 23- August 22): Bring in this weekend with a bang. Get a group of friends together and celebrate the end of the week. The holidays are just around the corner so everyone is in a joyful mood. Take advantage of the situation and spread some holiday spirit around.

**Virgo** (August 23- September 22): Things have been hectic for you lately. Do something that will make you feel good. Stay at home by yourself, have a quiet dinner with a friend, or go to a party. Whatever you decide, make sure it is something that you will thoroughly enjoy.

**Libra** (September 23- October 22): If you really want a pick me up do something nice for someone else. Send a sad friend a card, call your mom, or just smile at the people that pass you. Once small act of kindness goes so far. Try it and see.

