

"BEER GUY"

CHEERS FOR BREWERS

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You are about to graduate from college. After 20-plus years of school, you will soon set aside the books in return for a punchcard. So isn't it time to put down the beer and start thinking about the future?

No, it's time to make a costume out beer cases and dance around in it.

Or at least that's the way Matt Naffin sees it.

Naffin, also known as "Dancing Beer Guy," is the unofficial mascot of the Brewers, a co-ed softball team that competes in Penn State Harrisburg's intramural league.

His costume consists of multiple beer cases taped together to make a "shirt" and helmet, complete with eyeholes, ears, and a mouth. The beer cases represent a wide variety of beers from Keystone Light and Yuengling Light Lager for the shirt, to a Busch Light case for the helmet.

"I made [the costume] because all my friends are on the team and I just felt like acting like a goofball before graduation," said Naffin. "They are a really talented team without me, but I try to get them fired up."

Unfortunately, Naffin could not help his Brewers get past the Drunken Monkeys (that's another softball team by the way, NOT actual monkeys that are drunk) on Thursday. The Brewers, however, still clinched the number two seed for this week's five-team playoff with a 3-2 record.

Naffin has a ritual he performs before every game. One of his buddies from the team drives his truck up to the field. Naffin then walks to the center of the field and dances to "Baby Elephant Walk," which blares from the truck. He said he almost got beat up one time while doing the dance, but that hasn't discouraged him.

When asked what his parents would think of his "Dancing Beer Guy" alter-ego, he hoped they would make them proud. "They would probably say something like 'you should spend more time studying and looking for jobs instead of dancing around in beer cases on a sideline,'" he said. But they would hopefully be proud that I'm making others laugh in these last few stressful weeks."

The intramural softball games are held at 9 and 10 p.m. on Monday and Thursday nights at the softball fields behind the Capital Union Building (gym). It's one-pitch style, so all foul balls count as an out. The games are seven innings long. The championship game is scheduled for Thursday night.



Naffin, like any good mascot, poses with some Brewers teammates and fans.



"Dancing Beer Guy" keeps the Brewers stoked inbetween innings

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