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Zach tunes in

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'26Scientists: Volume One Anning - Malthus' by Artichoke is not your typical album by any means. The Album cover shows a picture of a human skull that would fit perfectly in a medical school classroom. The back of the CD shows the rear view of the skull, with the top of the skull removed. There are little bits of paper coming out of the skull with names of thirteen scientists in 'Last Name, First Name' fashion. The name of the scientist is then followed by their birth date and death date in parenthesis. This also doubles as the album's track list. Each of the thirteen songs on the album is about a famous scientist. Listening to this album left me with a sense of DejaVu because I had the strangest feeling that I was back in my high school science class. Needless to say, it was not the good kind of DejaVu. The song lyrics are merely 'laundry lists' of facts about these scientists' lives.

'Galileo Galilei bought a telescope - for geocentric theory was no hope - the year was sixteen hundred and thirty three - they locked him in his house and they lost the key' This is an example of the lyrics you will find on this album. That particular example is from the 'song' entitled 'Galilei, Galileo (1564-1642)'. The rest of the lyrical content goes downhill from there. A prime example of this can be found in track 10 'Lister, Joseph (1827, 1912)' 'Hey fools wash your tools in acid - gangrene seems to be in fashion'. I found the lyrics on this album to be mildly annoying at best.

'26 Scientists: Volume One Anning - Malthus' sounds like a cross between Schoolhouse Rock, They Might Be Giants, and your most annoying high school science teacher. The melodies are not nearly catchy enough to save the album from its rather bland subject matter. The beats on the album are also rather similar. Most of the songs also have all of the melodies being sung by different people in octaves, which began to wear thin after about the second song. My favorite part of the album happens to be the last thirty seconds of the very last song, Jefferson, Thomas (1743-1826). This thirty seconds contains a nice little guitar riff. I was that the rest of the album was as interesting and memorable as that small outro. However, after six complete listens, that is all that I can remember off the top of my head.

I wouldn't really recommend this album to anybody except for science teachers who are looking for a great way to kill forty minutes and forty seven seconds of class time. I was very let down by this album. I feel that the basic concept had the potential to result in a very interesting set of songs. However, Artichoke fails to deliver. All things considered, this is not the worst album ever made. However, I will not be waiting in line to buy Volume Two when it comes out.

Champs is home to PSH

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Most people live their lives in the nine to five rat race of trying to pass their courses, and make ends meet in between. You wake up, go to school, go to work, come back to do homework, and promptly pass out from exhaustion. Most people in this situation look forward to Friday with a certain anticipation that only grows stronger as the week progresses. I've found a better approach that reduces the amount of stress racking my brain, and gives me something to look forward to other than the end of classes for the week. Pray tell, what is the magical solution, you ask? Champion's Sports Bar.

Although Champion's Sports Bar is the official name of the establishment here at Penn State Harrisburg the students only know it by one name, Champs. If you pass by a group of people in the halls excitedly talking about who is coming out on Thursday night, well now you know where they are going.

Champs is located at the corner of route 230 and Second St in Highspire, right across the street from Subway restaurant. It's no more than a five minute drive from here at campus and well worth the trip.

Walking in through the front door places you in a dining and

rec area. The rec area has two pool tables and a mini arcade. On any given Thursday this one room is packed enough, but continue on towards the bar and dance floor and the crowd grows even thicker. The bar is fully stocked and ready to serve up any kind of drink you can think of, and they have a cooler that is conveniently placed for anyone to grab a six pack of their favorite drink to save for later.

The dance floor area can also be closed off and reserved for

7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., Thursdays \$1.50 taco specials along with 25 cent wings. Fridays are a particular treat with prime rib specials, Saturdays keep things going with 25 cent wings from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m., and continued steak specials, and Sundays feature 25 cent wings from 12 p.m. to p.m.

As the name of the place implies it is a sports bar, and to back up that reputation Champs has 8 television screens set up for anyone sitting at the bar. On a

to 1:30 a.m. The one night that everyone here at PSH knows about is Thursday nights. Thursday nights at Champs feature not only a great drink special of one dollar domestic drafts, but there is a DJ spinning out karaoke tunes from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

"Penn State Harrisburg makes up nearly 80 percent to 90 percent of our business on Thursday nights," said owner Tyler Schmidt.

Schmidt estimates about 100 or more PSH students show up throughout the week. Schmidt has also expressed an interest in wanting to see local student bands come down on Friday nights and perform on stage.

The comfortable yet worn interior of Champs will also be getting a face lift very soon. Beginning in January Champs will undergo some remodeling. Without a doubt you will be able to find PSH students there to break in the new look over good laughs on a Thursday night.

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Full bar and a limited kitchen menu



Photo by Ashley Lockard/The Capital Times

Penn State Harrisburg students gather together for some fun and karaoke at Champs.

private parties. The rate will vary depending on what type of food is being served, but is usually around \$150 to \$200.

Special prices on meals at Champs also make it an ideal setting for an extended lunch break, or as an exciting atmosphere to grab a bite to eat with friends. Mondays feature 25 cent wings from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., Tuesdays have 20 cent wings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Wednesdays come around with clam and seafood specials in addition to 25 cent wings from

Sunday and Monday nights they have 3 large pull down screens that have the game being shown by projectors. Specifically to Monday Night Football Champs gives away prizes that range from jerseys to hoodies at every quarter of the game.

There are other events held at Champs than just sports related things as well. Wednesday night is trivia night, Friday night is a night of live entertainment as local bands take the stage, and Saturday nights feature a DJ spinning records from 10 p.m.

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In 2002, Penn State was ranked the number four party school in the nation, 20th in 2003, and 19th in 2004. In the 2006 edition of the Princeton Review for year 2005, Penn State University is ranked ninth for "Lots of Beer", fourteenth for "Lots of Hard Liquor" and 13th for "Party Schools" nationwide. Although these findings are specific to University Park campus, we have similar activity here at Penn State Capital College.

Since the addition of underclassmen (freshman and sophomore) in Fall 2004, how to cope with them has become a major question. For those undergraduates that commute, being interested on-campus during the week is a challenge. For those who live on campus, it is the same problem on the weekends: "What's there to do on campus?"

When asked how we, PSH, can keep students from being bored on campus, Officer Jennifer Allshouse of Safety and Police Services - PSH said, "The campus has gotten a lot better, especially over the last year."

Indeed, many activities take place through the joint efforts of staff, Student Government

Association, and Student Affairs/ Student Activities Office, such as Blizzard of Bucks, Pieces of East, October-Fest, lectures, speakers (Dr. Angel Esteban), concerts (Javier Mendoza), along with a myriad of active clubs and student organizations. However, a general presentiment within the student body is that the campus needs to do more to involve its students, especially during free time between classes and on the weekends.

Indisputably, student apathy is rampant. One might ask, "What does all this talk about dissatisfaction have to do with the rankings?" Where apathy festers, thoughts of escape breed. Also, if anything can kill a dull feeling, it's a party. Here at PSH, there is at least one party every other week. That said, parties are certainly the most frequent, if not most popular, forms of entertainment.

So what is the allure of on/near campus parties? Could it be the opportunity to escape the boredom and to indulge in risky behavior? Of course.

In spite of the allure, anyone can

benefit from a few TIPS first.

Training for Intervention Procedures for the university is an alcohol education program that teaches students intervention skills for dealing with alcohol use

discussion.

In an effort to prompt responsible behavior in students, TIPS for the University utilizes a three pronged approach:

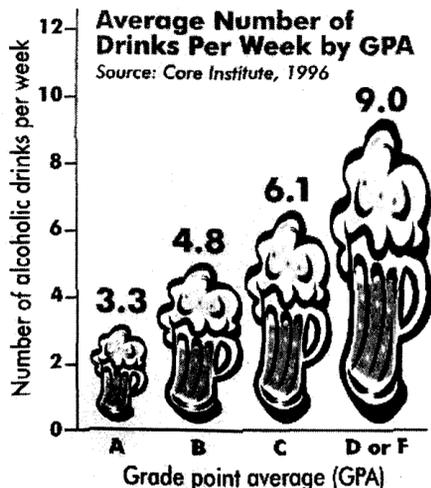
- i. Build essential tools and knowledge by giving students the facts about alcohol use.
- ii. Build skills training by enacting "real" scenarios, for example learning how to recognize the signs of alcohol misuse in themselves and in others, and how to aid them.
- iii. Practice and rehearsal, which involves the students taking the info that she or he learned to compose and role-play their own scenarios.

"[TIPS for the University] is important because adults cannot always be there. We need peers to step in and take charge," said Officer Allshouse.

When students leave the care of adults/faculty, they should know how to retain accountability for themselves, personally and inclusively.

Alcohol drinkers, dispensers, and their fellow students all play a part in improving our national image. If individual students remain cognizant of the self-explanatory "It's Not your Call, It's the Law"

Where's the party?



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and misuse. Derived from the TIPS for On Premise Program, designed for establishments that sell alcohol, TIPS for the University, is scheduled to be implemented at PSH in Fall 2006. It will be taught in sessions, during which responsible drinking and dispensing behavior will be addressed through role-play and

Rolling Stone editor comes to PSH

Rolling Stone contributing editor and rock critic, **Anthony DeCurtis** will serve up a unique blend of musical perspective, culture and trends in his talk **Monday, November 21 in the Gallery Lounge at 5 p.m.** It is free to college campus and community.

DeCurtis is a contributing editor at *Rolling Stone*, where he has written since 1980. DeCurtis wrote some of the magazine's best cover stories, profiles and record reviews. He is also a contributor to *The New York Times*. He is the author of *In Other Words: Artists talk about Life and Work and Rocking My Life Away: Writing About Music and Other History of Rock and Roll and The Rolling Stone Album Guide* (third edition). His essay accompanying the Eric Clapton box set *Crossroads*, won a Grammy in the "Best Album Notes" category. He holds a PhD in American Literature and teaches in the writing program at the University of Pennsylvania.