

# Winter Snowfall

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After weeks of fall foliage, the weather has shifted, and colder weather finally heads steadily toward Pennsylvania.

On a chilly January day, most students are warm in a building somewhere, consuming hot drinks or lounging around in an attempt to keep warm.

What may not cross one's mind; however, are those adventuresome students who choose to spend their time riding down slopes strapped to fiberglass. Whether on two pieces of fiberglass or on one, many enjoy the popular outdoor recreation of skiing and snowboarding.

Many have heard of it. Many have seen it on TV. Some have even attempted to try the



*Not much to do in the winter? No Problem, grab some skis and hit the slope.*

challenging sport.

Skiing's history travels back nearly 5000 years to its origin in Scandinavia. The first skis were

found in Sweden and Finland. The function of skis changed from transportation to recreational during the twentieth century.

The technique of skiing is to master gliding and to progress to more demanding techniques such as the pivot and slip turn.

In 1965, two skis were bolted together making the very first snowboard. Snowboarding's history may not be as lengthy as that of skiing, but the sport has recently been gaining popularity.

Thanks to Liberty Mountain's convenient location, which is merely 30 minutes away, students are able to pursue both of these common interests. Together beginners and expert-level skiers and snowboarders share the same passion.

This past year, Liberty Mountain continued in its progression by adding the Dipsy Quad chairlift. In addition to last year's improvements, this season Liberty Mountain added eight new Areco fan guns to help with the

snowmaking.

While Liberty Mountain or any other Pennsylvanian ski resort "doesn't even compare to other places," says Freshman Roy Armbruster, Pennsylvanians have approximately 23 ski resorts to choose from.

"As my hero, Johnny Tsunami once said, 'go big or go home,'" states freshman and snowboarder Lindsey Myers. She shares the mentality that most snowboarders and skiers have when they hit the slopes.

Although this ski and snowboarding season hasn't started yet, the season is rapidly approaching. Whether a person chooses to go to local Liberty Mountain or Killington, Vermont, these two recreational sports create a good time and even competition between the two challenging sports.

# Bad Boy Blazes Up the Music Industry

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Sean Combs also known, as P.Diddy is not your average bad boy, although, he holds the title very well. But behind the threads of baggy jeans, and a New York fitted cap, lies a business suit.

Diddy is a very intellectual and determined businessman who is all about success. He basically wants perfection at all times. P. Diddy has been excelling in business since he was introduced to the music industry in the mid nineties. He created a multimillion-dollar industry with his very own record label Bad Boy Entertainment.

P. Diddy started his success of working with and producing artist like: Notorious B.I.G, 112, and Faith Evans. With the success of these artists, Bad Boy Entertainment has been signing more unique individuals. Yung Joc, Gorilla Zoe, Boyz N Da Hood, Cheri Dennis, and B5, are just a few of the new additions to Bad Boy Entertainments family.

Yung Joc, a down south business man who is one of the freshest rappers in the industry

today is on a rise. His first two hits off the album *New Joc City*, is "It's Goin' Down", and "I Know You See It", which ascended Joc's popularity rate immensely. This lead Joc to creating a great album entitled, "Hustelnomics", which was released on August 28, 2007.

Yung Jocs first single off the album is "Coffee Shop" which gained great credibility. But his second single, "Bottle Poppin" Featuring Gorilla Zoe have been consistently climbing the charts. Bottle Poppin is what majority of the rappers are doing now, other than popping tags. So why not write a song about it? Gorilla Zoe helped Joc pop bottles, which lead him to unleashing his own zoo, full of wild and interesting beats and lyrics.

Gorilla Zoe, an Atlanta native new album, "Welcome to The Zoo", was released on September 25, 2007. This album describes this rappers style, which is hardcore intended rap. Gorilla Zoe brings us a taste of his dirty south flavor. He is also the newest member of Boyz N Da Hood, which he replaced the spot of Young Jeezy. "WELCOME TO THE ZOO" invites listeners in on a well- produced hardcore tale

of a mobster's life in the south. The albums hit single, "Hood Figga is a head banger. After receiving respectable and honorable feedback from his single, "Hood Figga" escalated to another thrilling and fiery song like: "Tryna Make A Jug."

On October 2nd, 2007, Bad Boys artist Boyz N Da Hood released their album "Back up N Da Chevy." The album made the billboard charts, coming in at number 51 and selling nearly 16,000 copies. Two hit songs off the album are "Bite Down and Table Dance", featuring T-pain. Bite Down has a very sizzling beat to it, where you would catch yourself nodding your head. Bite Down balances out, because it comes off as a hard song, but it also holds a sense of solitude. Table Dance is not your normal mainstream rap song. The track is heated with lyrical energy and a rich flavor of T-pains vocal medicine that makes this very captivating and bound to be a hit song.

So guess whose painting a portrait of love? It is Cheri Dennis, an Ohio native soloist who is a descendant of hip-hop, blues and soul. Cheri has been singing since the tender age of eight on her

grandmother's church choir. Ms. Dennis has been involved with previous singing groups that never left ground. Therefore, she had to do what any other aspiring singer would do. She fled to New York City to pursue her singing career.

Cheri later signed with Bad Boy Entertainment, where she produced "Portrait of Love" off her album *In and Out of Love*, which will be in stores soon next year. *Portrait of Love* is one of those songs that has a nice flow to it. The melody is low key along with a semi up beat towards it to even out the song. Cheri used the source of making this track pretty simple, which makes the song even more attractive because she is not giving us too much of her, but just enough to satisfy the listeners.

Cheri Dennis is not the only one satisfying the precious ears of the listeners, but B5 is doing the job as well. The group is shaped and molded of five brothers from Atlanta Georgia. Some may compare these coming of age handsome young men to the Jackson five.

B5 broke through the glass doors of the music industry with their first single "All I Do." Two years later on their new album "Don't Talk", B5 pilots to more of a warm and sensitive plateau of love which the boys narrate sagas of their own love encounters. "In My Bedroom", which is the second popular song on their album, is about a relationship dismissal between a young girl and guy. And believe it or not, the male role in this song is weeping over his lost love. *In My Bedroom* is gripping the ears of listeners like wind pulling at trees on a stormy night B5 is back, mature and their sound is more handsome than ever.

Bad Boy Entertainment is a strong and solid record company. With the entire new blazing hot artist, there is no need to question why you should not add them to your musical collection. Go out today and purchase the hits of a Bad Boys production. Also, make sure to check out Elephant Man's new song "Jump." All new artist albums are in stores now!