

# Campus News

## Brandywine to Protest Current State Policies on Coverage of Prescription Birth Control

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On April 25, Brandywine's campus lawn is set to turn pink. Pink with t-shirts, that is, for awareness of current state laws regarding insurance coverage of birth control.

Every year, Professor Karrie Bowen's Marketing 310 class is faced with the challenge of picking a social issue and building a campaign surrounding the issue, ending with a campus-wide rally. Every topic from gay marriage to drunk driving was considered to be fair game. Following days of debate, this year's class settled on the topic of birth control, and decided to focus on convincing state government that insurance companies should have to pay for birth control just like any other prescription medication, regardless of their own personal feelings.

It's still legal in many states, to include Pennsylvania, for insurance companies to refuse to pay for women's prescription birth control, regardless of their reason for taking it. That not only denies a woman the right to prevent a pregnancy, it also denies them the medical treatment they need for conditions such as endometriosis, heavy bleeding, menstrual cramps and even acne.

In an email to the class, the "Strategic Planning" or "bosses" of the class reported the following:

"In recent news, there has much debate regarding a new federal regulation which would require employer health insurance policies to cover the cost of contraception. According to recent statistics found in The New York Times, 63% of 1,519 Americans polled support the new regulation concerning birth control. We as a class feel that employer health insurance policies should include payment for contraception purposes; therefore, the purpose of this campaign is to inform, educate and recruit new members in supporting this cause."

The protest, set to take place on the campus lawn on Wednesday has been themed around pink to represent females and their allies, and will feature music, personal stories, information pamphlets and opportunities to learn how to register to vote if you are not already.

Last Wednesday, an informational session regarding the rally was held in 101

main where students were given the opportunity to join the cause, or figure out where they stood on the issue.

"Whether your insurance provider agrees to pay [for] your birth control or not, this is your chance to take action," says the class's head of Organization and Activism, Danielle Wilson. "Birth control is your right..."

All students are invited to join the rally on Wednesday. All funds raised by the event will be donated to Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania's St. David office.

For more information on the event, please contact Prof. Karrie Bowen at kab44@psu.edu.

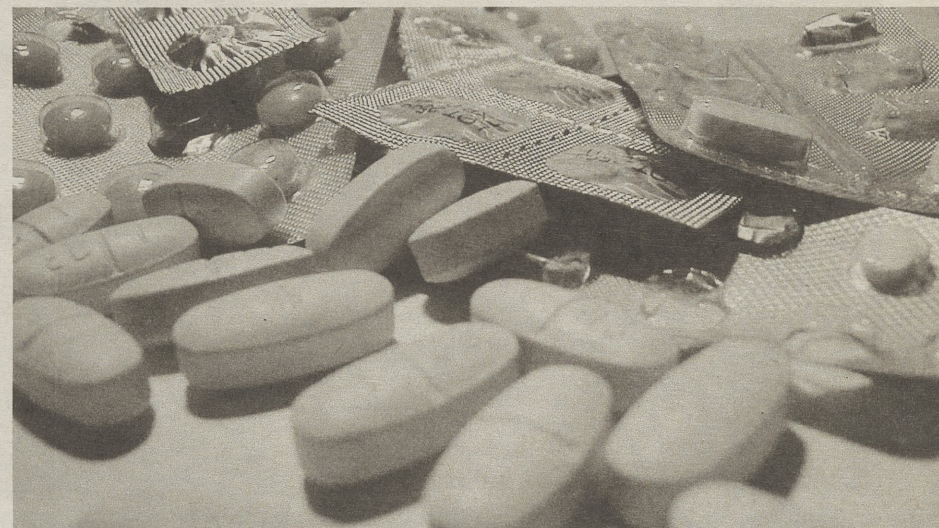


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## Improv: A Saturday Night Event

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April 14, 2012: Saturday night, PSU Brandywine was treated to an evening of fun, cheer, and side splitting laughter which the campus RANDOM Improv Club provided to a full house of family, friends, and supporters who witnessed the wonderful skits that displayed the talent that the cast has been honing this semester.

The troupe was introduced by Aimee, our Master of Ceremonies for the evening; Lauren, the club president, Eric, the vice president, Rebecca, the club secretary, Mike, the master of jokes, Sir William of the stage. Jackson, with the voice of God, Jim, who wishes he were Hendrix, Christian the Swede, Mari, the world's next saint, and Cj, the child of IT. All were present and enthusiastic to provide the levity that at this time of the semester some sorely need.

Aimee proceeded to outline the first skit which set the tone for the rest of the evening. The first skit was titled "Funny Quirks." The players for this sketch were Jackson (story teller), Mike (actor), and Lauren (actor). As the skit unfolded, the players are tasked with changing moods and regardless of what was happening they have to change that mood on the spot. Mike and Lauren skillfully pulled this off as Jackson feverishly changed the mood. A great start to the night watching Lauren and Mike stumble across the unknown.

One of the funniest skits of the first act was called, "Halftime": in which 3 actors carry out a scene in one minute. Then they stop and carry out the same scene in 30 seconds, then again in 15 seconds, 7 seconds, and finishing in 3.5 seconds. You can see how as time gets quicker, the pace of the actors provides a gamut of the Key Stone Cops and their antics of stumbling and stumbling, Jackson (guard), Mike (inmate), CJ (inmate) carried the day and the crowd was pleased laughing throughout the slapstick.

What separates this troupe from others I have seen is the way they bring the audience in to participate. It is not a one way performance, getting the audience involved provides a connection that a singular performance cannot provide. This was illustrated well during the parody titled "Replay." Once again, two actors carry out a scene and stop after 30 seconds. At this point the audience shouts out an emotion and the actors must carry out the same scene in the chosen emotion. This is done two more times. The scene is "Pulled over by Cop," the two actors in this silliness were Jackson as the driver and Becca portraying a cop. The emo-

tions varied from schizophrenic personalities to falling in love during the traffic stop. Hilarity carried the day once again.

Shortly before intermission Becca, Jim, Will, and Lauren held a press conference, Jim, Will, and Lauren were reporters tasked with asking Becca questions. Becca was not aware that she was Sarah Palin just learning how to count to ten. Becca had to guess who she was portraying. Political satire provides a good escape from the bombardment of campaigning news hogging the air waves.

Intermission was a good break for the players who put their all into the first act. The audience was treated to popcorn, pretzels, and water ice, the latter giving the famed "brain freeze" one lucky viewer exclaimed.

Act two was just as entertaining as the first, and the audience ate up the continued slapstick. One of the highlights was a skit in which the audience, before the show wrote lines for the players to use during the skit, "Who's Line." Here, two actors carry out a scene and spontaneously pull out the prewritten lines. No matter where they are in the scene, the line must be injected. Eric and Jackson were pretending to be explorers and the lines which were pulled took them to places which again split the sides.

The show concluded with the request for full audience participation. The last skit "Freeze: The scene begins with two actors on stage and positioning themselves in two different poses given by the audience. They then must carry out the scene based on those positions. Anyone, including members of the audience can at any time during the scene yell "freeze." When this happens, the two actors freeze and the person who froze the scene trades places with one of them and starts a new scene. Frantic antics prevail and promoting the audience to perform was fun to be had by all and it succeeded.

The evening was a great success and Lauren concluded by recognizing the clubs faculty advisors who were in attendance, Theresa Walls and James Morgan who were instrumental in the clubs success.

As the fall semester begins later this year, look for the Random Improv Club to continue their success. Lauren, who is considering a transfer to West Chester University, hopes to collaborate with both PSU Brandywine and West Chester's troupes for more fun filled antics.

## Brandywine Produces a next Snooki???

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Rumor has it that Penn State Brandywine may have the next Snooki wandering its halls, and because of which, 21-year-old Corporate Communication major Corinne Nimey has become somewhat of an overnight celebrity! When asked about how the craze all began Nimey was more than happy to share the juicy gossip.

Corinne explained that it all started with a joking Tweet that she was chosen to appear on the 6th season of The Jersey Shore, and the situation escalated from there. Within a short time, the information was all over Twitter. Noticing the chaos, someone then created a Tumblr about Nimey reporting that she was chosen to be the next cast member of The Jersey Shore.

Information quickly spread across the social media outlets, and with each post, the rumors grew. Someone even took it upon themselves to use a picture's from Nimey's personal Twitter that she had taken and uploaded last year when she met a couple of the real cast members.

Nimey shared her story with Lions Eye Reporter Emmy Chotalal:

"At first it was overwhelming because my privacy was being so invaded. But now I feel as though I can just laugh about it because it has become such a joke. Even if you look up my name on Google it all comes up and people are constantly asking me to verify rumors."

Nimey admitted that she has been a die-hard fan of The Jersey Shore since the very first season, which has not exactly helped the rumors die down. She has met many of the cast members on numerous occasions, in particular, Snooki, four times. Nimey was once filmed in Jersey Shore meeting the entire cast.

The rumor has been going around for months now according to close friends of Nimey, and she has not been exactly thrilled with her new-found local fame. Sources report that public relations companies have been contacting Nimey and asking her if she needs a personal publicist.

"I have even gotten emails asking if I need a Public Relations team and to send in a press kit," says Nimey.

The rumors have not been limited to social media either. News has reached the heights of newspapers and radio station such as local 96.5 and Tom Rivers Daily.

Nimey has declined the request of interviews and has become quite tired of all the public commotion on the subject. Her final statement regarding the rumors:

"I would much rather talk about it if it was true. The speculations have just gotten way out of hand."