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Biology students reconstruct a porpoise

by: Joel Walenza-Slabe

YC students under the guidance of Dr. Jeb Bevers, biology professor, are constructing a porpoise skeleton donated by Dr. Debbie Duffield, Portland State University professor.

Students began reconstruction at the beginning of the spring semester, according to Matt Christensen, one of the students receiving credit for the newly created class, *Articulations of a Vertebrate Skeleton*. "It's something that we just made up," said Dr. Bevers.

The students are "learning the mechanics of putting together a display," says Dr. Duffield.

Before the bones were sent, they were defleshed in a vat of ammonium hydroxide, then scraped and bleached. Still, the odor of the sea is detectable on the bones.

Marine mammals are protected by law and when one is found beached it is measured and occasionally retrieved for study. As the former director of the Northern Oregon Coast Marine Mammal Stranding Network, Dr. Duffield is the legal owner of carcasses found during her tenure.

In anticipation of more skeletons, Dr. Bevers had the architect of Building Four add four bolts in the walls to support something "we can hang in the commons area," such as a small whale.

"One of the goals of the biology museum is to provide animals," says Dr. Duffield, "[the animals] are really contributing in a positive sense."

These bone headed hobbyists utilize a drill press to drill millimeter holes into the bones. They measure the depth of the holes they have drilled and cut wire to fill them.

Then they slide the bones onto the epoxy glue coated wires. "Oh no," says Dr. Bevers quietly to himself, when a grain of sand-



Student Matt Christiansen and Instructor Jeb Bevers piece together the thoracic vertebra of a fully grown male porpoise. Some of the vertebra indicate signs of osteoporosis. Photo by: Deb Thurston.

sized bone flakes as the wire exits.

It takes patience and care to ensure that when the glue dries the pieces are all angled in the right direction and spaced correctly.

"It's all glue and wires, no plexiglass," says Dr. Bevers. The skeleton will be dipped in a 50 percent Elmer's glue solution to whiten and further strengthen

it.

The skeleton is of the harbor porpoise, the smallest of the porpoises. The marine mammal lives in northern coastal waters and estuaries, eating fish and squid. This average specimen, at five and a half feet long is about the size of a human.

Biology students studying the evolutionary adaptation of animals are able to see up close

"what the skeleton looks like," says Dr. Duffield, for instance "how the four limbs have adjusted to flippers."

The work so far has yielded a complete right flipper. "That's what nine weeks gets," says Christensen, setting the flipper back on the table to dry. As for the left flipper, "It's got a thumb so it's ready to rock," claims Dr. Bevers.

Shortened class periods effective next fall

by: Billy Fortner

Yavapai College President Jim Horton approved a committee recommendation to shorten class lengths by 10 minutes starting next fall.

Administrators decided that by making class periods 10 minutes shorter they would make the process of attending and scheduling classes easier on students, as well as conforming the college to the class lengths at other colleges and universities around the state.

Over the course of a full semester, which is approximately four months or 32 classroom periods, the 10 minute change adds up to 320 minutes or 5.25 hours of classroom instruction per semester for a three credit class.

The change is a procedural change as opposed to a policy change. The difference is that a policy change would have to

be approved by the Governing Board whereas a procedural change can be handled in committee and approved by President Horton.

Jim Hinton, assistant dean, Liberal Arts Division, said that YC instructors had been spending more time with the students in the classroom than other colleges and universities in the state. The amount of time in the classroom is measured in Carnegie Units. From that stand point, Hinton said, shortening class periods may be a good thing.

Barb Wing, Prescott campus dean of instruction, said

"We are trying to conform with other institutions around the state."

When asked if the change in class lengths would affect the quality of education at YC Wing stated, "If students at other schools can handle the curriculum then the students should be able to handle it here." Wing went on to say, "The focus is on learning outcomes, not how long you spend in a chair."

That opinion was not universal however. Debbie Roberts, history instructor, stated, "What does conforming with the rest

“The focus is on learning outcomes, not how long you spend in a chair.”

- Barb Wing

of the state have to do with the quality of education at YC?" In addition Roberts stated, "I think faculty should have been consulted for a change that so drastically affects the classroom and to the point I'm aware of, they were not."

The proposed change came after a decision to revamp the summer school schedule because classes were constantly overlapping each other, making them hard to schedule, according to Hinton. Details of those changes can be found on the YC website www.yc.edu.

Once the summer schedule changes were approved, a committee of teachers and administrators studied the problem with time blocks for fall and came up with shortening class periods.

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YC instructor helps rebuild New Orleans



Buildings are still in ruin in downtown New Orleans (top) (middle right); members of the nonprofit, PRC relief team deliver supplies (top right) and houses in many neighborhoods remain untouched after Hurricane Katrina (bottom right). Photos courtesy of Debbie and Ty Lamb.

by: Amanda Henry

Spring Break found YC Communications teacher Mrs. Debbie Lamb in New Orleans helping those still in need in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

While most other YC students indulged themselves over the course of Spring Break, Lamb her husband Ty and her daughter Amanda, delivered supplies to people in the Ninth Ward of the French Quarter in New Orleans.

"The devastation is worse than anyone can imagine," Lamb says. "It goes on for miles."

According to A. Lamb, a person could feel the "dirtiness" and all of the grief and sadness contained in the damaged people and their homes.

"They look as if they are emotionally drained," A. Lamb says. "Honestly, I don't know how they feel, but they seem to be functioning with happiness and joy."

According to Lamb, people are grateful for anything that they receive, but they are beginning to lose hope. "The Red Cross has already left the area of the Ninth Ward and the government pulled their diesel supply in the middle of March." Lamb goes on to say, "The diesel was used to run the generators for the medical and dental clinics."

"The people there need to know that they haven't been forgotten," Lamb says. "They have plenty of food and clothing, but they need people to come help with construction." According to Lamb, houses are empty with furniture still in them, "It looks like a ghost town, no people and no cars."

Working closely with the non-profit organization, Pastor's Resource Council (PRC) Compassion, the Lambs offered their backbones and their strength to the men and women of New Orleans.

"On the front of the houses was inspection spray paint marks, which state the date, how many dead were found in the house, and the initial of

who had searched the house," A. Lamb says.

Both Lamb and her daughter agree that the smell was horrible, "It smelled like black mold and mildew." Nobody was permitted to enter any building without wearing a gas mask provided by PRC Compassion.

The masks were given to the Lambs to protect them from



three main things: "mold in the sheetrock and wood framing; anything that may have been under water, which was practically everything and the uncounted for decomposing bodies."

"The homes have to be completely emptied of furniture and the flooring and walls removed and replaced before anyone will be able to live in them again," says Lamb.

At the pace volunteers are currently working, only, "One in every 20 homes is under some kind of repair," says Lamb. "Most that were damaged severely have not really been touched all that much," A. Lamb adds.

"There is a lot of controversy about whether to rebuild or not," Lamb concludes. "But no matter what you believe, these people deserve to live where they want to live."

Classes

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David VanNess, registrar, stated, "Classes were often overlapping by 10 and 15 minutes. That was unfair to students that were trying to register for classes, so we needed to restructure time blocks." VanNess also said, by way of example, that a student taking a class at Northern Arizona University would have the same amount of time in class that he will have at YC next fall.

Hinton, stated, "As an instructor I am quite concerned...I

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- Beth Boyd

have never had enough time to do what I wanted in the classroom. Now things, such as outside presenters that may have been interesting to the students, will have to be cut."

Beth Boyd who teaches a four credit hour geology class will also be affected by the change, as she will lose time from both her lecture component and lab section. She said, "I currently use every minute of every class in the semester so I am reasonably concerned about how I will fit all the content [that is required for university transfer] into a shorter amount of time."

In the new schedule Boyd will lose approximately eight hours of class and lab time. She went on to say, "The opportunity for spontaneous discussions will be diminished. I don't think this is in the best interest of our students."

"I do understand the desire to clean up the schedule's times but it's unfortunate that we have to sacrifice time in the classroom to do that," Boyd says.

Student Justin Houtz says, "Most students want to get there late and leave early anyway, so I don't think most of them will care. If you're serious about what you're doing here though, you want all the time in the classroom that you can get."

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Tech Talk



One billionth iTunes download means music has forever changed

by: Billy Fortner

Apple announced the one billionth download from their music store iTunes in the last three years according to a company press release.

Apple Corporation stated, "Over one billion songs have now been legally purchased and downloaded around the globe, representing a major force against music piracy and the future of music distribution as we move from CDs to the Internet."

Launched three years ago, iTunes took 11 months to sell the first 50 million songs. The downloads picked up subsequently, hitting the 250 million mark by January 2004, according to their website.

Tres Ikner, of local band *Dutch Holly* said "iTunes is part of a bigger revolution; people can have bites as opposed to the whole... I think that this is another nail in the coffin of the traditional re-

ording industry."

Ikner also stated that gone are the days when music companies control all the means to record and distribute music.

Ikner records and distributes the music that his band makes through places such as *MySpace* via the internet with results that are comparable to what studios produce with regards to sound quality.

"I hope that every customer, artist and music company executive takes a moment today to reflect on what we've achieved together during the past three years," said Steve Jobs, Apple's CEO in the press release.

Ikner said "[there can be] no filler on an album any more. The new industry challenges artists to make stuff that can stand alone. With new technology people can just have what they want so everything has to be good."

"Dad always thought laughter was the best medicine, which I guess is why several of us died of tuberculosis."
- Jack Handy



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Roughriders rack up the best record in Yavapai history

by: Jeff Hans

The 2006 Roughrider baseball team is already statistically the best team in YC and ACCAC history, now they are looking toward taking that success onto the national level.

The Roughriders finished the season with a 47-9 record, the best in ACCAC history and walked away with first place in the division.

Along with the best record, several Roughriders were tagged with awards. Evan Leblanc was named ACCAC Player of the Year and YC head coach, Sky Smeltzer, was named ACCAC Coach of the Year.

The Roughriders continue their move up the national charts and are currently ranked second in the country behind New Mexico. New Mexico has been number one in the polls all year.

This year's Roughrider team has been different from teams in years past. Most markedly in how well they've been working together.

"As long as I've been at Yavapai, I've never seen a team as unified as this one," said YC Resident Assistant Tawny Villain. "We play well as a team; we trust everybody," said Sophomore Pitcher Hunter Haggerty.

Although the team is not surprised to be doing this well, they are uncommonly young for this amount of success.

"Six of our nine starters [are freshman] and they play a major part of every game. They have stepped up amazingly," said Haggerty.

Entering a tournament without much experience could be risky, but both New Mexico and YC are loaded with freshman players who have been major impacts.

The team's confidence is well noted. "What would be our weakness you think?" said Haggerty

talking to teammate playing ping-pong. After much deliberation he decided that if there was a weakness, it would be the base running.

"We are terrible on the bases," said Haggerty. However, looking at the stat sheet shows the team actually has a better percentage than both New Mexico and the third ranked team in the nation, Gulf Coast Community College, with a 79 percent success rate on the base path.

Kevin Gossage was the only team member to give their running credit. "We actually take a lot of extra bags."

The Roughriders and their fans have come to expect great things out of their team. Nothing short of a National Championship will suffice. "If we don't win it, we'll be incredibly disappointed," said

Haggerty.

The team has only a few competitors standing in their way of appearing in the NJCAA World Series. "Community College of Southern Nevada and Dixie State are both good teams that we might have to face," said Haggerty.

"There is no second place or runner-up with this team," said Villain.

The Roughriders finished their last 15 games 14-1 including two key victories over second placed Arizona Western. Also amongst those wins was a 32-4 blowout over local school, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University.

The Roughriders began the first round of the playoffs May 4-6 against Chandler/Gilbert Community College and if the Roughriders emerge victorious the next round will be held May 11-13 here at YC.

If the Roughriders continue winning they will go onto the district playoffs in Nevada and then onto Nationals in Grand Junction, Colorado.



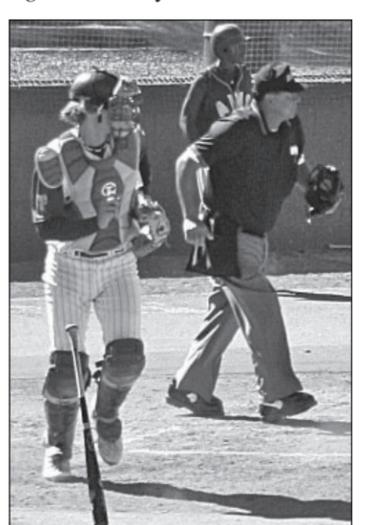
Sophomore first baseman Mike Roskopf anticipates a ground ball in a doubleheader against Arizona Western. Photo by: Deb Thurston



Catcher Kevin Gossage talks to freshman pitcher Jeff Chase in the first of two games against Arizona Western. Photo by: Deb Thurston



Freshman Outfielder Evan LeBlanc adds a run to a 5-4 victory; he currently leads the league in hitting, with a .458 batting average. Photo by: Deb Thurston



Freshman catcher Kevin Gossage waits behind the plate in a doubleheader sweep against AWCC. Photo by: Deb Thurston



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Jeff Hans

Offsides

The Evolving American Definition of 'Die-Hard Fans'

Of all my depressing days in life, I can pinpoint the exact day I was at my lowest. I wasn't even sad, I was simply angry. In fact, just thinking about it, I really want to flip this desk and kick the screen in. It was when the Red Sox, I mean Red Sox, beat the Yankees in the ALCS in Game Seven.

I absolutely cannot believe how angry I got over a single match-up. Yet we have the ability to sit comfortably here in the United States and wag our fingers at the rest of the world that has rumbles in the stadiums before, during and after soccer games. The only difference is that Europe and other countries have simply evolved a bit further than we have in terms of protecting our team's pride. Don't get down on yourselves yet America. We're moving on up the food chain thanks to the east coast rivalry of Yankees and Red Sox, oops, I meant Red Sox.

Every year, the coverage is increased; if you don't buy your tickets the day they are released during the off-season, you virtually have no shot at buying tickets for a reasonable price. Well, reasonable to your average fan. Every sports coverage show in the country can talk about how much they hate the rivalry but deep down they feed off of it. They want to see that ALCS between the Yankees and Red Sox (oops!) it's just not worth it to keep correcting myself.

The Yankees and Red Sox rivalry is the beginning of the evolution in American sports, but you can already see others on the rise. Ohio State and Michigan is probably the fiercest rivalry in college sports. ESPN ran an advertisement where a couple was making-out but one was wearing Ohio State and the other Michigan. I have no preference between the two teams but that even got a gasp out of me. I thought that World War III

could've broken out; if they were wearing Boston and Yankee gear I'm pretty sure the Muhammad cartoon fiasco would've looked like a school yard scuffle.

Is this healthy for sports? Why not? It makes people live for something on a day-to-day basis, takes them temporarily away from the daily grind. My day can be made or ruined by a simple outcome of a single game in a 162 game season. That is 162 times, plus play-off games, that I can get

"...the Muhammad cartoon fiasco would've looked like a school yard scuffle."

furi-angry or overjoyed because Jeter hit a game winning homerun or Mariano Rivera blew a save for a loss.

When I look at the European teams and their fans pay the better half of a month's salary toward a single game that has the possibility of ending in a tie, I don't see a moronic thought process. I see the fact that everyone wants his team to win. Everyone wants to see the goal that proves that his team is better than a rival's. When you live with that much passion toward something, there is no difference between someone insulting the character of your significant other and someone insulting your team.

I consider myself fortunate in being a Yankee fan. My father grew up in New York and has been a life-time fan. I lived in New York for several years and was brought up by a Yankee fan in a Yankee environment. I can't imagine being a fan of a franchise like Kansas

City or one similar. When I go to a Yankee game in a visitor stadium like the Royals, the die-hard fans I can only tip my hat to, they have proven to me that they are a fan worthy of the great game of baseball because they stuck with them through the highs and lows; however, despite my hate for the Red Sox, I get even angrier when I see someone wearing Yankee gear or any other team and they are fans because they win or because it's trendy and they can't even name the Yankee shortstop.

I cannot believe that my passion for my teams isn't felt by other fans, who can switch teams based on how they are doing. Let's say seven years ago, I was 14 years old and I couldn't find another Patriots fan if my life depended on it. The last time I saw one, I was either in New England or it was during their previous Super Bowl run.

Now a days, I look down the hall of the dorms and I'll spot a guy wearing a Pats hat, and then upon further investigation he isn't interested in the fact that the Patriots could be facing the likes of Daunte Culpepper and Matt Lienart for years to come. I can drive down the highway to Phoenix and I can count at least 10 cars with Patriot bumper stickers. Where were these people seven years ago? I'll tell you, selling Broncos gear and buying Rams merchandise.

Although we are out there, in every state, we are willing to die for our teams. We are a part of the evolutionary process that I believe is heading toward the hooliganism that other countries already have.

Perhaps owners will see the passion the fans have across the board. Perhaps they'll invest more in their teams like the Yankees and Red Sox have. Heated rivalry is good business. Until that day, we're stuck watching the inferior Red Sox and the ever great Yankees.

PLAYER PROFILES

Evan LeBlanc, 19

Hometown: Tucson, AZ

Sport played at YC: Baseball

Position: Left Field

Favorite Team and Player: Detroit Tigers and Jim Edmonds of the St. Louis Cardinals

Best memory of playing baseball: Winning the USABF Western World Series when I was 13.

What historical athlete in your sport would you like to play with: Jackie Robinson

Most embarrassing moment playing your sport: In Tee-ball, in my very first game, I got hit in the face when I was standing on the mound. I threw my glove down crying, yelling, "I quit!"

Future athletic plans: I plan on attending Santa Clara University and hope to eventually get drafted.

Future educational plans: I hope to get a Master's Degree and would like to become a college baseball coach.



Kevin Gossage, 19

Hometown: Colorado Springs, CO

Sport played at YC: Baseball

Position: Catcher

Favorite Team and Player: New York Yankees and Bernie Williams.

Best memory playing baseball: Wall off home run to beat South Mountain.

What historical athlete in your sport would you like to play with: Babe Ruth

Most embarrassing moment playing your sport: Pimped a double.

Future athletic plans: Professional Baseball.

Future educational plans: Undecided.



Hunter Haggerty, 20

Hometown: Parker, CO

Sport played at YC: Baseball

Position: Pitcher

Favorite Team and Player: Atlanta Braves and Greg Maddux

Best memory playing baseball: Throwing my first no-hitter.

What historical athlete in your sport would you like to play with: Yogi Berra

Most embarrassing moment playing your sport: Tripping myself attempting to slide into home.

Future athletic plans: To play at a Division I school next year.

Future educational plans: Graduate with my degree.



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Editor

Things that make you go hmmm

Justin Dufour

Tell them you already have

It's one of the oldest conversational tools in the book. Fictional scenarios such as if you could have a dinner party and could only invite five people who would they be? If you won Powerball what would you do with the money? If you could meet anyone in the world who would it be?

These questions are all fun to answer and even imagine what you would do in these circumstances. Quite frankly you know that they will never happen. So I thought...

It should be pretty obvious through my other columns that I have a slight obsession with sports. I love to talk and argue about them. I love to watch them in person or on television. I really love to play them. I have played baseball since I was three years old. It is by far my favorite sport to watch. I grew up in western Massachusetts and back East Major League Baseball (MLB) is more than a sport it's a religion.

Being a Massachusetts native must make me a Boston Red Sox fan, right? Wrong, I grew up a New York Yankees fan. OK lets hear it, bandwagon! I have heard it all my life. I just brush it off my shoulder because I know the truth. The truth is my Dad in Connecticut and a Yankee fan for over 50 years. Where do I got this obsession? If anything like mine, you know that the teams you root for are inherited. Think about it. I have a friend on the YC Baseball team. He's a Detroit Tiger fan. He's from Tucson. I bet his Dad is a Detroit Tiger fan.

Bottom line is I was very lucky to inherit a team that has more success than any other team in the history of sports (my friend not so much, he's a Tigers fan).

In 1995, I was at Fenway Park to see the Yanks play the Sox. It was late in the summer and they had the kids up from the minors. I received an autograph from this kid. His name was Derek. That next year I saw this kid again but this time it was on TV. He started playing shortstop for the Yankees. That year he won the Rookie of the Year and on a side note led the Yankees to their twenty-third World Series Championship. Over the next nine years I have watched this kid become a man. I have seen him win three more championships. I have seen him make plays that he had no business making (the flip and the catch). I watched him hit game winning home runs in November. I have seen him lose in game seven of arguably the best World Series ever (2001). I have watched him become the best baseball player in the world - not with statistics but with intangibles, instincts and of course clutch hitting.

I had no idea that the kid I met in Fenway was going to do all this. I had absolutely no idea who he was or what he was going to be. So when that question came up, "Who would you most like to meet?" it was always Derek Jeter, even though I had already met him. I met a kid looking for a chance to prove himself. I have always wanted to meet the man who is proven.

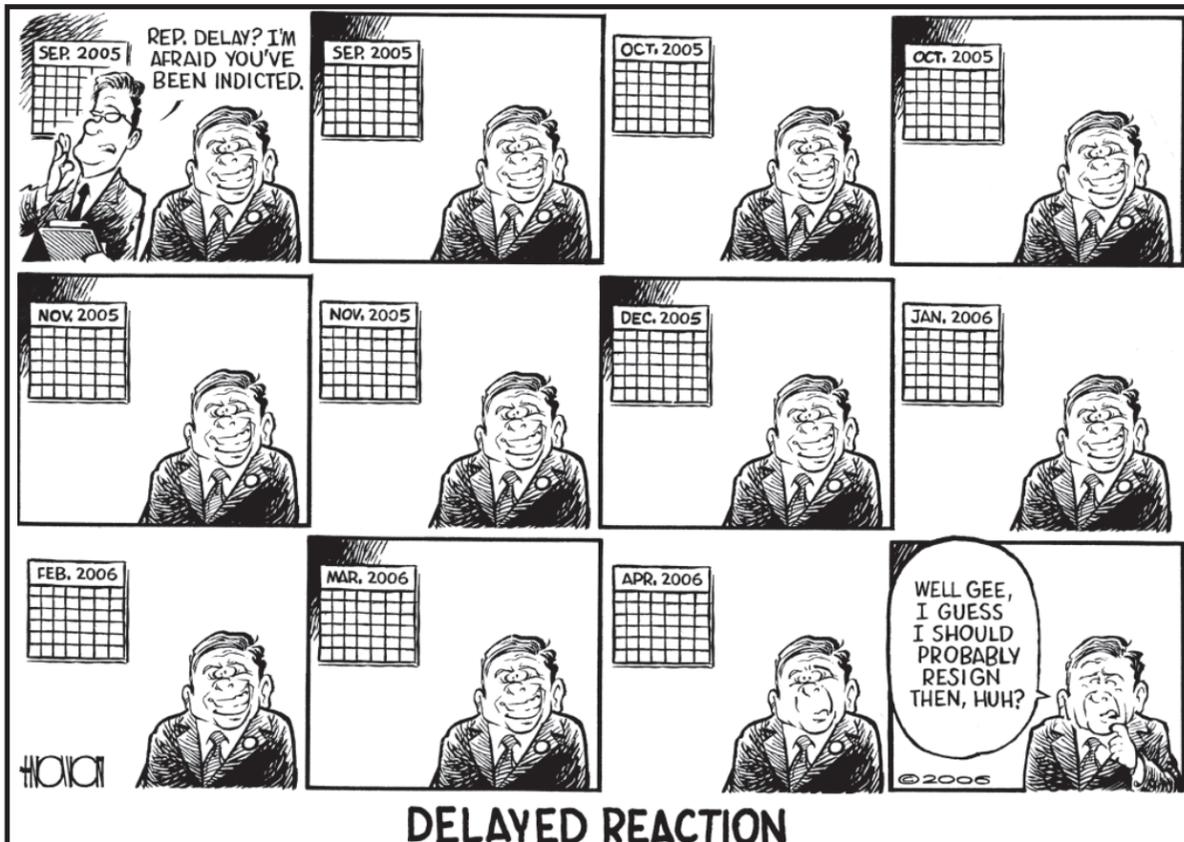
Just the other day in Newport Beach, CA I met Derek again. It was one of the greatest and most nerve racking moments of my life. I was with my girlfriend walking through Fashion Island. About an hour earlier we had met Yankees Manager Joe Torre (another Hall of Fame legend) outside of a restaurant at the mall. Jokingly my girlfriend said, "Let's leave over by the place we met Joe, maybe will run into Jeter!" "Yeah right," I thought, but I wanted to leave that way too, just in case.

As we exited the mall two men walked by about 20 yards in front of us. Melanie and I looked at each other at the exact same time and said, "That was Derek Jeter." We were stunned. The problem was he had already gone into the restaurant. I was crushed. I did not want to interrupt his meal because I know how important eating is and interrupting is very impolite. So I did what any normal Yankees fan would do, I went back to my hotel room and had Melanie iron the one nice shirt I had and we went back to the restaurant. Logically I made the server seat us outside by the only exit so that Derek (and Posada) would walk by us and interrupt my meal.

When they exited the restaurant, I had the butterflies and my heart was racing. I started to get up to introduce myself and ask him for a handshake when I realized for the first time in my life I was speechless. I literally could not force myself to speak. This may happen to others all the time but not me. I haven't stopped running my mouth since my first words (ask my Mom, Melanie, my editor or anyone else who has ever met me). Thank goodness Melanie was there and abruptly said, "Derek will you shake our hands." He was clearly in a hurry but took the brief second to smile, look us in the eye and say, "Sure, how you doing." I somehow shook his hand and stutted "T-t-thanks."

As grateful as I was for him to take the time to acknowledge us, that isn't why I was thanking him. I was thanking him for being a part of my life for the last 10 years. I have watched him play almost every night for a decade. I was thanking him for leading another Yankee Dynasty and for allowing me to witness amazing baseball. I was thanking him because now when the question comes up, "Who would you most like to meet?" I have to find a new answer. Or just reply "I already met him."

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Editor

Keeping it in Perspective

Kristina Brisco

I'll tell you what to do...

Okay, I admit it. I like to tell people what to do. I probably always have. But it's not entirely my fault. I inherited that legacy by being conceived, or rather, by my seven younger siblings being conceived. Consequently, my spot in the pecking order has impacted my personality to some degree.

I like things to be organized. I don't mind being in charge. And if you want to ask my opinion about something, I'll almost always give it to you. I have a practical streak that hides in the shadow of my tendency to over-engineer things and I avoid anything that looks too simple. I hate to answer the phone at home. I like laughing, lying in the sun, eating Ben and Jerry's and sex. Not necessarily in that order. I procrastinate too much and read too little. My favorite saying is from Einstein and my favorite song is from the 80's. I tend to cry at the movies, when I'm PMSing and any time my husband calls me 'beauty.' But mostly I'm just bossy.

For this month's column I decided that I would exercise that talent and provide our readers a list of the top five things that I've learned about life so far. The list should probably be longer. But ask my journalism advisor and she'll say that I think everything should be longer, especially my stories. For the sake of her sanity, I'll limit it to five.

The item at the top of the list is family. My family is a bit like *Visa*, they're everywhere I want to be. Cliché I know, but it's the truth. They're in the bathroom when I've already held it longer than I should have. They're lying in my bed watching a three part mini-series when I finally get a min-

ute to sit down and watch the news. They're pouring the last drop of milk out of the carton when I walk into the kitchen for a snack. They're sitting at my computer playing a computer game when I want to start homework. "Mom! I can't stop yet! Not until I beat this level! Puh---leease?" And they're usually walking out of the shower just as I step from my bedroom with nothing on but a bath towel. The billowing cloud of steam that follows them out of the bathroom door does not bode well for my chance at a hot shower.

Yet in spite of all of these inconveniences, I wouldn't change a thing about my family. Ironic? Probably. But honestly, I can't think of a group of people who has taught me more

hidden philosophical meaning. Life can be simple. Wow! Is that cosmic or what?

Items four and five on my list are education and sex. Education is one of the most effective deciphering tools provided to us, yet we often fail to use it. Perhaps that's because we fail to recognize its value. If we truly understood the profoundness of an authentic education then I'm certain a degree would be called an orgasm, and graduate work a multiple. But then we'd have to be living in a society that has an authentic understanding of what sex is. Unfortunately our collective memory deposits the educated in an elitist box and sex into Pandora's. Oh sure, we peek inside every once in a while, but only when no one's looking, or, when too many are. Mark Twain once quipped, "Of all the delights of this world, man cares most for sexual intercourse; yet, he has left it out of his heaven." I can't help thinking that that one omission is the key to understanding why global peace will never exist.

That's it then, five of the many things I've learned about life thus far. For what's it worth, I think you should compare them to your own top five and then do me a couple favors. Figure out if education and sex are really all that important in life and then articulate an answer to the question, "Why?"

Next, show your friends how much you appreciate them. Pick ones that won't be afraid to hold a mirror up to your frailties as well as your strengths. Don't forget that some of the most profound connections made with other human beings are achieved because you were willing to be honest about who you really are.

Most importantly, tell your family you love them, every day if you can. Who cares if your hairbrush is never in the same place twice. It could be worse. You could be seventh in line for a hot shower.

And finally, remember that it is usually a bossy person who's able to get to the heart of the matter. If you're ever in need of advice, look one up. Like me, they'll be happy to tell you what to do.

"I procrastinate too much and read too little... but mostly, I'm just bossy."

about patience, understanding, kindness and perseverance than they have.

The second and third items on my list, friends and money, are connected in an esoteric kind of way. I can hear one of my friends now, "Oh, for Pete's sake Kristi, are you going to go get all intellectual again?" Ugh...Yep. Another perk to being bossy is that I tend to feel perfectly justified in imposing my ideologies onto anyone within earshot. Anyhow, regarding money and friends here's what I think.

Both appear to be necessary components in everyday life. Both are obtained through hard work and giving up a part of oneself in order to reap the greatest reward. And both are difficult to come by. Once acquired, either can be lost with a foolish word or with one selfish action. As an extrovert I'd find it impossible to function without my friends. They temper me, challenge me and remind me that everything that goes on in the world does not have a

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Pros and Cons

Dry college campus

Keeping them dry and keeping them alive

by: Kristina Brisco

So YC's a dry campus? Good.

Of course I would think so, after all I'm a mom. As such, I've had the privilege of holding babies in my arms; I've watched them smile when they've taken their first steps; I've handed out hankies when they didn't get asked to dance and I've even grown a few more grey hairs attempting to teach them how to drive. The last thing I want to see is one of those little white crosses on the side of the road with their name on it.

Overly worried? Maybe. Maybe not.

According to an American Medical Association (AMA) report entitled, *A Matter of Degree: The National Effort to Reduce High-Risk Drinking Among College Students*, "more than half of all students engage in high-risk drinking, consuming four to five or more drinks in a row. And more than one-third of these students are living what's called a 'party lifestyle' characterized by frequent, deliberate intoxication."

The consequences, says the report, add up to some pretty hefty medical costs, insurance hikes, and educational expenses. "Drinking by college students, ages 18 to 24, contributes to an estimated 1,400 student deaths, 500,000 injuries and 70,000 cases of sexual assault or date rapes each year."

So what's a mom to do?

Try to educate my kids, of course. And then keep looking for ways to keep them safe in the face of these disturbing statistics. Not an easy task even on dry campuses, but it's a start.

I tend to agree with YC Officer Randy Cooper when he says that alcohol on campus invites so many other problems that it's contrary to what the college is here for. YC's zero tolerance policy regarding alcohol is a good one. "Why should the majority of the students have to deal with the minority of students who want to be drunk and stupid? Not everyone in the dorms likes to drink. I wish

these kids, just one time, could've gone with me when I had to go to tell a parent that their kid was just killed. I bet you they would think a little," says Cooper. "That's one of the worst things I've ever done is go to someone's house...it's called a death message....watching the family fall apart, it just breaks your heart."

So call me a mom who's behind the times. Call me naive or call me a control freak. But do me a favor, please don't call to tell me my child was just involved in an alcohol related accident. Because then I'd be like that mom Cooper's talking about. The one with a broken heart.

Wet campuses keep their drinking students safe

by: Jeff Hans

It's four in the morning; I can't remember whose house I'm in and I'm completely trashed. Since I'm fairly new to Prescott my sense of direction is a bit off. My friends are either passed out or missing in action, probably in the room down the hall passed out with someone they won't remember the name of in the morning. I have to get home, but my designated driver has already left. Time to drive it myself, so I get in my car and attempt to drive despite the fact I can barely walk. One of a few things will happen - I'll either crash my precious car or I'll get a DUI that will haunt me forever or worst of all, I'll get brave and try this again.

All of this happens because I go to school on a dry campus.

The dry campus ideal has worn out its use. Students today are going to drink one way or another. As a school, wouldn't it be in your best interest to protect your students? Help them stay safe while drinking instead of shifting the problem out of your hands. That is exactly what a dry campus does to students; it forces them to take unnecessary risks.

On a wet campus the school has the ability to have a more watchful eye over students. Let them participate in activities, while decreasing the possibility of serious consequences. Students are faced with having to decide between either risking drinking in the dorms and possibly facing eviction, or endangering their lives because they have to get from the party back to the dorms.

If we had a wet campus, students would be able to drink in the confines of their own rooms, have a good night without worry of how they are going to get home, because they are already there. Of course there is an increased risk of alcohol poisoning. But would you rather the student is at a place where help is available by sober people, instead of a group of drunkards attempting to remedy the situation while honestly thinking about what will happen to them if the cops get called.

There are many risks on both sides of the equation to dry and wet campuses. Instead of worrying about liability, the institution should be worried about their students' overall safety. This is a new age; kids are going to do what they want to. It's like the abstinence versus promoting safe sex argument. We need to begin to practice and promote safe drinking habits by changing out the old dry campus thinking and ushering in a new era of wet campuses.

FACE OFF

CAMPUS BEAT

Should immigration laws in the United States be changed? Why?



Kyle Carlson
Secondary Ed.

"Of course they should change. I understand trying to better your family's situation, but illegals take jobs away from Americans. I've heard employers say they can't get Americans to work, but it is actually they can't get Americans to work for the same price illegals will. Plus employers don't have to pay benefits and taxes on them. The employers are the problem."



Ashley Armstrong
Veterinary Medicine

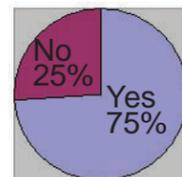
"I understand why people are immigrating to the U.S., for better job offers and a better life; I don't believe that those people who are living here illegally should have the same rights as citizens. This is not the United States of Mexico; if they want the same rights, they should become citizens."



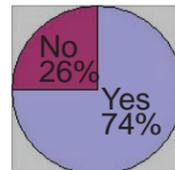
Jenni McClearn
Spanish

"No, but I think a green-card needs to be obtained by the immigrant regardless of the situation. Everyone in this country is a descendent of an immigrant, so prohibiting their immigration would be very unfair."

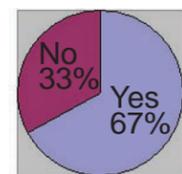
Should illegal status be a felony?



Should illegal immigrants be deported?



Should employers who hire undocumented workers be charged with a crime?



Top ranked solutions for improving the Arizona border

- Train/post more border patrol agents
- Hand down stiffer punishments for those illegally crossing
- Allow more guest worker programs

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by: Melyssa Cortell

Late one night I stepped outside to grab a textbook from my car and as I was digging around in the backseat, it occurred to me, the things people carry around all the time in their cars could define their personalities.

I stepped back and asked myself, "What would someone think about me if all he had to go on was what is in my car?"

Would they think that I am a sloppy person judging from the amount of stuff that rides around back there? Or would they think that I might be really busy and have to carry around a bunch of things just in case? Would they consider it organized? I am not one to define anyone by what he owns, wears or drives but you might be able to get a general idea.

The things people have in their cars may depend on how far away from home they work or what their life outside the house consists of. If home is just around the corner, they are less likely to carry an extra set of clothes or a lunch. However if they live far from where they work their trunk could contain various changes of clothes, shoes for every occasion and enough snacks to make a lunch. The driver may have kids if there are toys scattered around the floor or a lollipop stuck to the carpet. The driver might have pets if there is an excess amount of hair throughout the car. The driver may love to travel or be bad with directions if the car contains more than one map of the area.

What someone has in his trunk may depend on what he does for a living. An important business person's car might be stacked high with boxes of file folders full of im-

portant documents. A mechanic or a construction worker's truck is probably brimming with tools. Often the backseat is full as well as a part of or the whole truck bed. A college or high school student might have to lug around loads of books. Some classes have two or three books per class! That would fill up the cargo areas in a hurry. A computer technician might have a trunk full of computer parts, tools and software. A door to door salesperson might bring an extra clean suit.

From my car you might judge that I am a fairly organized person as there are boxes for certain things that reside there permanently. I have a box for personal hygiene items such as a toothbrush and toothpaste. It also holds a package of refreshing towelettes, deodorant, a brush, some extra makeup, various hair accessories and an extra pair of socks.

There is another box that contains strictly business materials. In my business box there are extra flyers, a client list with phone numbers and a phone book. This box includes an extra notebook, pens, pencils and a small calculator. Often you will find my textbooks scattered throughout the front and back seats. Personally I am not that great with directions so I have maps of the area and an atlas of North America.

There are also numerous pairs of shoes rolling around on the floor in my backseat. I have shoes for hiking, a pair for working out, flip-flops for when the weather is great, a nice pair of boots, and couple nice pairs for going out.

In my trunk I have a Rubbermaid tub full of tools, parts and fluids for my car. There's a quart of oil, a bottle of antifreeze, power steering fluid, brake fluid, windshield washer fluid, an extra fuel filter, an extra oil filter, a pair of brand new windshield wipers, two first aid kits and various tools that I have collected in the past year. In the box there is also the Triple A sticker I obtained six months ago that never quite made it to the windshield. That box makes me feel safe and I am always ready

for anything the road throws at me. Looking through the junk in the backseat of my car, I was disappointed to realize that I almost have everything I would need in order to live in it.

I feel that Americans are spending less time at home and more time out and about and in their cars. I feel like I am never at home anymore. Everything that I have to do is out in the world at work or school. I think that people of American society are becoming more like this as time moves forward.

Our cars are even adapting to this new lifestyle. We can take the phone with us in the car and some vehicles even have small coolers. If this is the way that we are living now, this means we need more space. Society has adapted from the station wagon to the larger version: the minivan. We were driving small cars but now we are driving big trucks and SUVs. If you watch the commercials for minivans and SUVs a big selling point is how much cargo room they have. The latest craze is to have a complete DVD surround sound system in your vehicle. How long until we have microwaves in the car? What about working refrigerators? If we can heat and cool our food and watch the latest and greatest flick in the car what will we want in there next? Comfortable beds? Reclining chairs? Where will it stop?

As we move away from being at home all the time, we are losing touch with what is important.

As a result I think that we have intensified feelings for our vehicles. I know that I could not operate in today's world without a car. It is my window to the world and I must treat it as such.

My car receives the utmost respect and attention but sometimes I take my car for granted; I have to take a step back and say, "Hey! Look where this car has gotten me."

In many respects it has become a personable entity in my life, like a friend I've had since grade school. The point is that my car has become more than a car, it's become my second home.

YC SPOTLIGHT

"Sometimes life seems like a dream, especially when I look down and see that I forgot to put on my pants"
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Evan LeBlanc



by: Kristina Brisco

Evan LeBlanc, 19, is a shy guy with a dream to play in the majors. But his friends give him a hard time because he's rather quiet.

"Remember that time when you hit the ball that bounced?" asked Jake Klever, a YC Red-shirt who plays outfield for the Roughriders.

"The pitcher threw the ball and it hit the ground before Evan hit it. He kind of got confused and swung at it I guess." Klever shrugged and grinned, "He got a base hit off it."

"Oh yeah, and there's this one time that my friend dared LeBlanc to take a dip of chewing tobacco," said Shane Leever, LeBlanc's roommate and another outfielder with YC. He laughed then, "And after about three minutes of having it in his mouth..."

"It was more than three minutes and you know it," interrupted LeBlanc.

"Nope, it was three minutes..."
"More like 25..."

"Nope, three," said Leever. "Then he ran to the bathroom and made the most painful sound in the world."

All three of his friends laughed out loud as LeBlanc tried not to let his own smile show from beneath the rim of his baseball cap.

"You guys are such liars," said LeBlanc shaking his head.

"Seriously though, I think he is a very hard worker and very determined," said Leever

"He'll do a little roll over to third if you need it, he'll get the sac fly if you need it, and he'll lay down the bunt and move runners over," added Klever.

LeBlanc plays left field for YC's Roughriders and admits that baseball is where his heart is.

"My dad umpired in Little League. My parents were always around trying to be part of the process. My dad was a big ball player when he was growing up, my mom was a swimmer."

LeBlanc paused looking up from under the rim of his hat again. Then he smiled and added, "If you can call that a sport."

"I've got a great family that loves and supports me in everything. I had a couple of surgeries recently, some shoulder work on my left and reconstructive on my right. The support of my family...well, they sent me to the best doctors. They did everything they could to make me happy. Even today they still come out to see me play," said LeBlanc.

"My mom's pretty quiet, she just sits and watches. My dad though, he definitely puts his input in. My sister...she's a field engineer and she flies around the country for her work. Even as busy as she is, she came out to see me while we were in Tucson," said LeBlanc.

LeBlanc said he chose YC because he liked the weather and the facilities. More importantly he liked that he was going to get to play. "Originally I wasn't going to come here. I signed up to go to U of A. But they wanted me to, basically, come and sit on the bench. I thought it would be a better fit for me to come back here. Besides, I kind of wanted to get away from home, but not too far," said LeBlanc.

LeBlanc's quiet appreciation for family and friends stems from a tragedy that occurred when he was in high school.

"I used to hang out with a group of guys back home in Tucson. They call themselves *The Entourage*. One of the kids in that group was killed in a motorcycle accident that year. The guys, eight or nine of us, rolled his casket down the aisle for his funeral. That one thing impacted me so much," said LeBlanc.

"I mean just knowing that kid, Zach Morgan was his name, and his outlook on life; he was always smiling, laughing, running around. If you think of something bad happening you don't think of this kid. He was always driving his '65

brown pickup truck around campus," said LeBlanc. "He was one of those kids everyone knows. It's always a cliché when you hear people say, 'Oh yeah, they were always smiling, always happy.' But that's exactly what that kid was."

"That experience itself was one of the most life-altering for me. It kind of gives you a whole new outlook on life. You never expect something like that to happen. It makes you realize how much you have."

"What I do have, I have some great friends and I have the opportunity to play college ball. That's what I'm going to do," added LeBlanc.

LeBlanc says that the team is starting to unify. "Early on, people kind of stuck with their own little groups and who they felt comfortable with. As of late we're really coming together on the field which is helping us come together off the field as well."

Like any team, the Roughriders have had their ups and downs this season says LeBlanc. "We lost a couple of games that we know we shouldn't have, one to Phoenix College. We were just physically a better team than they were. We destroyed them in the first game and then took it too easy on them the second. That's a team that we knew that we should've beaten but we just didn't perform to our capability" said LeBlanc.

But there's been exciting moments during the season too. "Home to South Mountain, in the twelfth inning and Kevin Gossage hit a walk-off home run," said LeBlanc. "The second would probably have to be hitting two home runs against Pima in one day. It made it more fun that it was against Pima...that was all the high school guys I grew up with."

After this season, LeBlanc plans on transferring to a school in California. "I signed on to play at Santa Clara University. They're a young pitching team which could be very advantageous in the future. I'm going, hoping to make an impact in the lineup somewhere," said LeBlanc.

"Hey!" interjected Klever suddenly. "The LeBlizzle is an all around good cat."

The three-some erupted into laughter again. "What do you think coach would say about Evan?" asked Leever directing his question toward Klever

"Actually," said Klever. "He's been quoted on that already. He said that Evan 'is not as athletic as Kates and Keo.'" More laughter. LeBlanc rolled his eyes.

"No really. He'd say that..." Klever paused and then shot a glance at his friend LeBlanc. "Evan, you are kind of are a cliché," said Klever.

Then he added. "He's quiet and goes about his own business. Up until two weeks ago I didn't even know he was batting 450 or something like that. I tried to talk to him once about it but he's shy and doesn't say much about it."

More laughter and then Klever continued. "I guess overall, Evan is just a kid you'd want on your side in the dugout."

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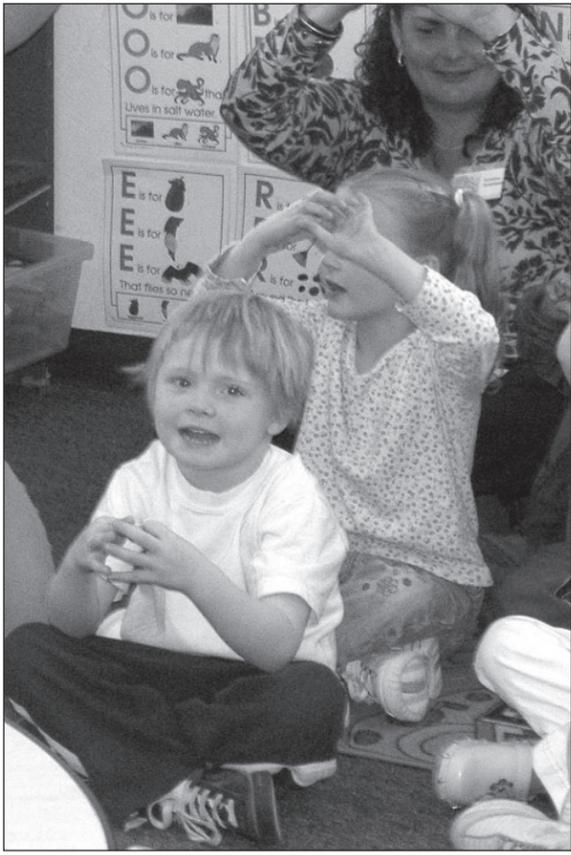
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YMCA partners with Yavapai College for Read-a-Thon

YMCA children and YC student Cristina Alcantara sing *Itsy Bitsy Spider* during the Learning Community Read-a-Thon. Photo by: Kristina Brisco



by: Kristina Brisco

"Where's the crocodile?" asked 5-year-old Teresa Rose as she leaned closer to peer at the book being read to her by YC Freshman Nick Guglielmino.

"I don't know," said Guglielmino as he turned the page. "Let's find out."

YC's fourth annual Starting Block Learning Community Read-a-Thon took place on April 19 and was hugely successful according to Gennie Fuemmeler, learning community coordinator. Approximately 22 children and 11 YC students participated in the service project.

"I think everyone had an absolutely wonderful time," said Fuemmeler. "Before coming over here to read, we talked a lot about questions that can engage a child's thinking. We talked a lot about how any child can critically think."

According to a memo put out by Fuemmeler's office, the Starting Block Learning Community is a cohort of YC students enrolled together in the same classes, taught by a team of instructors. This semester the team is Keith Haynes and Fuemmeler.

The Read-a-Thon partners

YMCA Head Start children with YC students and is designed to promote love of reading for at-risk children. This program, says Fuemmeler, is especially helpful for children who would not otherwise have someone to read to them. Additionally, one of the goals of the program is to improve retention of freshmen students.

According to Fuemmeler, research by national learning/retention expert Dr. Vincent Tinto shows a significant increase in retention when students are involved in learning community-linked courses. Starting Block Learning Community students are "often first-generation college students who come from a wide diversity of ethnic groups and include both traditional age college students and non-traditional, re-entry students," says Fuemmeler in a memo from her office. "The intent of the learning community is to offer additional support services and involvement for greater retention and success of each student."

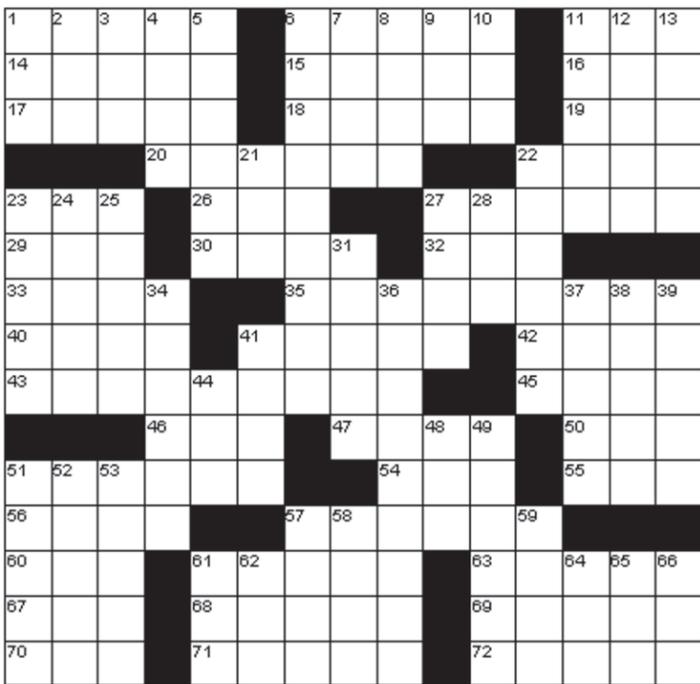
Chrisette Drummond, a YC student who has participated in the program for two semesters, offered some tips for students pre-

paring to read to a large group of children. "Take your time with the children," she said. "And don't rush them through a story. Give them the time they need to soak it all in."

Michael Schjang, another student who participated in last semester's Read-a-Thon agreed with Drummond. "These kids are very energetic...it was all up to us to keep them focused in the books we were reading to them. So what I did was I changed my voice to make myself sound like a little kid reading to them. I also tried to make the book sound interesting by asking what the colors were on every other page...This was a great opportunity for me because not only was it fun but it also gave me memories of when I was their age. I miss taking naps and singing songs as loud as I could."

The Read-a-Thon ended with the YMCA children singing a thank you song to the YC students. As the final chorus of *Itsy Bitsy Spider* echoed off the walls, Priscilla Hooke, a YC student who had just finished reading to her child smiled and said, "I will definitely do this again."

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Ryan McCoy's sculpture, *Gentleman's Thanatos* and Mary Helen Ewing's oil painting, *Self*, are just two of the exhibits at the Spring Student Art Show. photo by: Deb Thurston

A Prescott mother deals with a child's injury

by: Richard Conaway

When Aissa DeSela, single mother of four, arrived at Prescott High School there was organized chaos; she blinked against the flashing lights of the emergency vehicles and the helicopter caused her hair to whip around her tear stained face. DeSela told the helicopter pilot her weight and she joined her unconscious daughter on a very sad journey.

Prior to DeSela's arrival, Madison, 15, had climbed atop the roof of a fellow student's car despite her uncomfortable feelings with the 'car surfing' game. When the driver circled at 25 mph it caused Madison's body to fling off the roof as if caught on a current of wind. When the back of her head hit the asphalt, her brain jostled

around inside her skull, destroying neurons, nerve tracts and parts of her frontal and occipital lobe.

"People don't realize the amount of brain injuries out there," says DeSela.

According to the Brain Injury Association of America, every 23 seconds someone in the United States sustains a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).

"I've been her advocate since she got hurt," says DeSela. Doctors didn't know if Madison would survive. They resuscitated her twice; she fell into a coma and was on life support for 19 days. Doctors shunted her cranium to drain the fluid that builds after a head injury and performed a tracheotomy.

Doctors didn't know if Madison would rehabilitate from her head injury. After Madison woke from her coma, she pulled the tracheotomy tube from her throat and tried to speak. "The mom gene kicks in real fast there," says DeSela and she insisted doctors rehabilitate Madison. According to DeSela, the doctors said a person over 20 wouldn't have survived.

Madison now joins one of 5.3 million Americans who, according to the Center for Disease Control,

currently have a long-term or life-long need for help to perform activities of daily living as a result of a TBI.

Twenty months after the accident, DeSela's family and Madison are struggling with the changes caused by a TBI. Madison, once on the school's Honor Roll and a popular girl, struggles with depression and self-esteem issues. "It would have been easier if it had been a limb," says DeSela.

"What it's done to my family, I can't talk about yet," says DeSela. Her other children call her daughter, 'Madison the Meanest.'

"... there is no buffer between what she thinks and what she says..."

"She's like a teenager on steroids," says DeSela, "Her emotions are huge and there is no buffer between what she thinks and what she says to people."

The TBI has impaired Madison's judgment, made her more impulsive; her personality changed and her motivation is affected. Additionally, Madison lost her sense of smell and her vision is blurred.

"Life's going to throw [crud] at you no matter what you do," says DeSela. "You can choose to smile or to feel sorry." DeSela chooses to stay positive. "I try to accept it and eventually [Madison] will." She adds, "The brain will recover and make new connections."

"School keeps me sane," says DeSela. She was a medical assistant when her daughter was injured but after seeing Madison go through rehabilitation with a speech therapist, DeSela was inspired and plans on graduating from NAU with a speech therapy degree.

"[A TBI accident] changes your whole perspective; everyday things don't matter," says DeSela. "Things that upset me are about my daughter. [If I have] a bad hair day, who cares," she laughs.

Ironically, DeSela used to have an old truck with a bumper sticker that read 'Misery is Optional.'

Massage therapists earn more money

by: Justin Dufour

The average salary of a Certified Massage Therapist (CMT) in the United States is over \$49,000 a year.

This is nearly \$20,000 more than the average American can expect to earn in a year, according to the salary wizard web page.

Massage therapy is growing rapidly. Consumers spend over \$4 billion a year and about 20 million Americans receive massage therapy every year, according to www.studymassagetherapy.com.

Sara Freeman, a CMT and part owner of Arizona School of Integrated Studies (ASIS), has been doing body work for over 10 years.

According to Freeman part of the reason she decided to get into the business was the ability to start her own lucrative business with limited funds. It took Freeman less than \$1000 to get started. A massage table costs around \$500.

Freeman bought a house at age 22. "It [massage therapy] is my life saving blessing," said Freeman. She is convinced that massage therapy is to thank for her success.

The ability to create her own schedule is another great aspect of the profession, according to Freeman. CMT's can work for themselves or work for a spa. Both can be lucrative, according to Freeman.

CMT's do have to put up with some old ideas. "There is an archaic idea that massage therapy involves a sexual aspect," said Freeman.

Greta Stromberg, a CMT and Director of Teachers at ASIS, believes that the business is moving away from those old ideas.

"You just know your boundaries... it is easy for me to sense when something isn't right," said Stromberg.

Part of the curriculum at ASIS includes values and ethics of the profession. Stromberg helps prepare the students in the area of personal growth and professional boundaries. Values and ethics are something very personal yet the school can hone the proper ethics involved with the profession, according to Stromberg.

ASIS in Prescott is in its third semester. They enroll 12 students a semester. The ASIS School in the Verde can hold 24. Although the numbers of students enrolled are small, ASIS is not highly competitive. There is an interview process where the applicant is required to fill out some personal information and showcase some basic writing skills.

Besides the hard sciences like physiology, anatomy and biology, ASIS's curriculum includes kinesiology, communication, first aid and the business aspect of massage therapy.

"Our students our fully prepared to go into business for themselves or for somebody else," said Stromberg.

On completion of ASIS, students must be licensed by the state. All states' licensing processes are different. There is a national certification also. In Arizona, part of the requirement is to become certified nationally.

According to the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork, national certification is the highest professional credential in the field. It increases employment opportunities and mobility between states.



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The sixth annual Zaki Gordon Institute Shorts Film Festival



Zaki Gordon Film Institute students work on their shorts in preparation for the Shorts Film Festival in Sedona Memorial Day weekend. Photo courtesy of: Zaki Gordon

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Zaki Gordon Institute

Each year YC's Zaki Gordon Institute hosts a Shorts Film Festival on Memorial Day weekend in Sedona, AZ.

According to the Institute, the popular student film festival promises to be both entertaining and inspiring.

Traditionally the film festival has served as an exhibition of Zaki Gordon Institute graduates' thesis film projects. This is the second year the film festival has accepted submissions from students in grades 7-12.

In this category, three projects will be officially selected to screen and the top award winner will receive a full scholarship to attend a one-year certificate program at YC's Zaki Gordon Institute (ZGI).

The opening celebrations for the film festival weekend will take place at the Bistro Bella Terra restaurant located in downtown Sedona. According to Zaki staff, the opening will allow viewers an opportunity to mingle with filmmakers and enjoy great food and door prizes.

The Saturday evening highlight, *Carnival of the Arts*, is a fundraising event hosted by the Sedona International Film Festival & Life through Arts Foundation. The fundraiser will provide the opportunity for film goers to meet celebrities, eat food and participate in a silent auction. Live Mardi Gras style entertainment will also be provided.

Serving a shorts program that Zaki says will dazzle audiences, the class of 2006 will be showcasing projects covering many genres including documentary, drama, horror, comedy, action, animation and art films. During the two day event more than 30 short films will screen.

An addition to the programming includes the debut of the new advanced certificate students' presentation of the *35mm Project* sponsored by Eastman Kodak Company.

Zaki awards for best actor, ac-

Film Festival Schedule of Events

OPENING GALA:
When: Friday, May 26 at 6 p.m.
Where: The new Bistro Bella Terra at the Hyatt Pinon Pointe Shops, Sedona.
Gala Pass: \$50 includes attendance to the gala and a weekend screening pass. Call to make reservations at (928) 649-4265 or toll free (888) 204-4406.

CARNIVALE of the ARTS:
When: Saturday, May 27
Where: Enchantment Resort
Carnavale Pass: \$165 includes a weekend screening pass. Reservations required, call (982) 282-1177.

SCREENINGS:
When: Saturday, May 27, 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. & Sunday, May 28, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. For screening program information visit www.zgi.yc.edu
Where: Zaki Gordon Institute for Independent Filmmaking Yavapai College's Sedona Center for Arts & Technology 4215 Arts Village Drive, Sedona (89A & Cultural Park Place)
Screening Passes: \$6/Day Pass and \$10/Weekend Pass. Tickets can be purchased in advance at ZGI or during the film festival beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday & Sunday.

AWARDS CEREMONY/ MULTIMEDIA WRAP PARTY:
When: Sunday, May 28, 6 p.m.
Where: Zaki Gordon Institute for Independent Filmmaking Yavapai College's Sedona Center for Arts & Technology 4215 Arts Village Drive, Sedona (89A & Cultural Park Place)
 All pass holders are welcome to attend.

trous, writing, camera, sound/music, editing/effects, director and picture, are determined by a screening panel of film industry professionals and peers.

Film goers will be able to participate in rating films for the popular Audience Choice Award as well.

The Shorts Film Festival will close with a grand finale at the Multimedia Wrap Party. Com-

binning art and play *World ViewZ* will present pictures of behind the scenes and the film festival events. The celebration will feature "shadow dancing" in collaboration with *Light Vibe* dance team.

ZGI is now accepting applications for fall 2006. For more information visit www.zgi.yc.edu or call toll free (888)-204-4406.

President's Award Winner



Verde student, Julia Palfreyman, won the President's Award at the Student Awards ceremony on the Verde campus April 27. Palfreyman also received the All-USA Academic Team Award along with Leah Knister. Photo by: Heather Sanko

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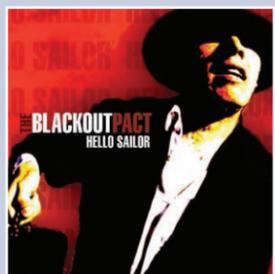
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MUSIC



Alex Worth Undecided

Intentionally perforated and disjointed melodies, intricate harmonic guitar ostinatos and the occasional shout along chorus are part of what is in store for you on *Hello Sailor*,

the voracious debut album of Denver, CO post-hardcore pioneers the *Blackout Pact*.

Originating from humble roots, their record is surprisingly sophisticated and simultaneously raw. The multilayered yet aggressive vocals expose the band's equal love affair with punk and rock. From the *Arco* styled intro of *Luxlo Flaming Deluxlo* to the math rock infused *Do I Sound Like I'm On Old Time Radio* this record has something to offer anyone disillusioned with FM radio.

Silly song titles aside, *Hello Sailor* is a fearless and intense record from the Geoff Rickly (of Thursday fame) produced sextet.

WEBSITE

Mary Verbouth English Department

If you travel, you really have to get to know the *Travelocity.com* website. It's a great way to plan vacation or business travel by being able to check basic flight, hotel and car rental costs. But be forewarned: it makes things a bit easier, but don't be lulled into thinking it's instantaneous.

For me, the best feature is "Travel Alerts." You type in the city (or cities) where you want to travel, put in the cost you are looking for, and will send you the price of up or down. prices change this feature in the

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MOVIE

Amanda Henry Psychology

Need to wind down and get in a few laughs and Git-R-Done? Then I recommend seeing the redneck of all movies, *Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector*.

You'll laugh so hard that you'll be swimming in a flood of tears by the time it ends. From braless snow cone vendors, to "fruity" costumes, Larry covers every realm of crude, sexual comedy that the boy from Blue Collar has to offer.

With his gorgeous looks and top dollar speech, you'll never want to see another movie again. The new King of Comedy has finally made it to the big screen with two thumbs way up. Git-R-Done.



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Handicapping the 'American Idol' race

by: Ed Bark The Dallas Morning News (KRT)

"American Idol" isn't only a hit show. It's also a hot online betting proposition.

Or maybe you'd rather lay money on which major member of "The Sopranos" cast will be first to get whacked this season.

There's also that nasty, late-breaking sexual harassment suit filed against Maury Povich's daytime talk show by one of its former producers. Care to wager on how Povich and his wife, Connie Chung, will handle it?

"Idol" is where most of the action is, though. Tim Williams of *PlayersOnly.com*, one of many Internet sites offering weekly odds, says the Fox juggernaut easily is "the single biggest non-sports betting event."

"I live in amazement, just seeing where the country has gone in the last five years," he says in a telephone interview. "From hardcore sports handicappers smoking cigars to people betting on 'American Idol' and 'Survivor.' At a minimum I'm sure we take as many wagers on 'American Idol' as we do on some baseball games. It's phenomenal to have something like this even in the same league."

PlayersOnly and rival betting sites such as *Betmaker.com* and *pinnaclesports.com* agree that Chris Daughtry is the prohibitive favorite among the five remaining contestants. They're just as certain that Paris Bennett barely has a scant chance. Going into Tuesday's latest performance show, here's how the three of them stack things up:

PlayersOnly, which only offers action on the eventual Idol winner, has Daughtry as a 13-10 pick. In other words, for every \$10 bet, you can win an additional \$3. Bennett, the long shot, is listed at 20-1. That would be a tidy return of \$19 for each buck wagered if she somehow sings her way to the top.

Betmaker lists Daughtry at 1.3-1 (a 30-cent return on the dollar) while Bennett is a 26-1 proposition. The site also takes action on which contestant will be eliminated next. Bennett is an extremely heavy "favorite" at 5-10. This means you have to wager a minimum of \$10 to win just \$5 besides not losing your 10-spot. Or you could blow a measly \$1 on Daughtry. The odds of him being voted off are 20-1.

Pinnaclesports is on the same page regarding Daughtry and Bennett. But the site also offers an array of other wagering options. There's even an "Idol Exacta" that lets bettors pick the top two finishers in order. A combo of Daughtry and Katharine McPhee is listed at +259, which means you have to risk \$100 to win \$259. Bennett and Elliot Yamin are deemed the least likely one-two finishers at +70,000. Wow, what a payoff! Still, it's a sucker's bet.

YouWager.com invites an interesting side wager on "Idol": "Will Paula Abdul check into rehab prior to the end of this season for an alcohol problem?" A "Yes" bet is listed at +500.

Williams of *PlayersOnly* says his site probably will be taking action on ABC's next edition of "Dancing With the Stars," which likewise is a live competition.

"Our stance obviously is that we prefer live shows," he says. "There's far less chance of anyone having advance knowledge of the outcome. We don't have a policy against doing taped shows (such as "Survivor" or "The Apprentice"), but we're more selective than some sites are."

All of the gaming sites have become more attuned to monitoring "unusual betting patterns and volumes of betting," Williams says. Some editions of "Survivor" have had "issues," he says, prompting *PlayersOnly* to remove the show from its site for now.

Betmaker is still gamely taking action on "The Sopranos," though. The site's odds-on favorite to be killed first this season — "Accidents and suicides do not count" — is Christopher Moltisanti at +110. Tony Soprano is the least likely (+900) while "None of the Above" is at +400.

Alas, "None of the Above" does not include marked man Vito Spatafore among its 10 candidates for extinction. You'd probably only win beans betting on him anyway.

One more thing. *SportsInteraction.com* offers several sporting propositions on Maury's little predicament. Among your options: "Maury and Connie divorce" (8-1). Or "Maury and Connie appear on 'Dr. Phil'" (12-1).

Who would've bet it would come to this?

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Unitarian Universalist Hall, 7 p.m.
- May 12**
Spring Student Recitals
YC Performance Hall, 7 p.m.
- May 12-14**
Arizona Shakespeare Festival
Granite Creek Performing Arts Center, reserved seating
- May 13 -19**
YC Adventure Trips:
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- May 13**
Prescott Farmers Market opens
Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to noon
YC parking lot
- May 14**
Spring Instrumental Concert
YC Performance Hall, 3 p.m.
- May 15**
The Business of Art
Panel discussion
Prescott Fine Arts Gallery, 6 p.m.
- May 17**
Evening of Jazz
YC Performance Hall, 7 p.m.