

Word on the Hill

What is your favorite TV show?

By Anthony Cook and Paige Carswell

Random Thoughts from the editor



“Two and a Half Men.”

Alex Hutchins
business
junior



“Brothers and Sisters.”

Chelsea Fort
biology pre-med
freshman



“Cash Cab.”

Sean Nelson
specialized ministry
grad student



“I love Money.” ‘From Gs to Gents.’ ‘Project Runway.’ ‘Top Design.’”

Brittany Cook
theatre
sophomore



“Jon and Kate Plus 8.”

Christie Boote
elementary education
senior



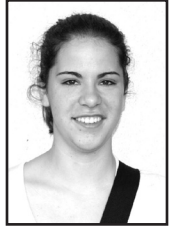
“Sunday Night Football.”

William Rosson
music education
sophomore



“Girls Next Door.”

Brooke Rowzee
theatre
junior



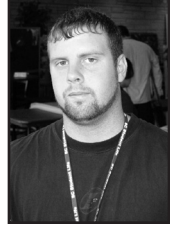
“‘Heroes’ is my favorite.”

Jamie Garrard
music
senior



“RAW wrestling.”

Vertie Jokomo
history
freshman



“Family Guy.”

Chaz King
business
sophomore



“Family Guy.”

Jeff Smith
physical education
freshman



“I don’t watch TV.”

Jacob McGuire
business
freshman

• Why is it that every time someone tells me a drinking story they have to tell me about the pictures they took the night before and how they don’t remember taking them? Do random pictures just appear out of thin air? More importantly do people think I want to hear this same story that I’ve heard from dozens of other people?

• The other day I wanted to look up the word Rhinotillexomania. I went to buy a dictionary but Webster was charging like \$45 bucks these days, so I bought a book of R for 1/26th the price (plus tax).

• Snakes and spiders are so easy to be scared of. I want a unique fear. So instead, I’ll be scared of T.V. repairman.

• I don’t have any rich relatives, so I doubt I’ll inherit lots of money when they die. However, my aunt has a great coffee maker that I’ve always had my eye on. I don’t really want to tell her about it because that might be rude, so I’ve just been dropping hints when she’s around.

Personal balance proves difficult



Cameron Siefkes

same thing. I am not suggesting that everyone should be able to flip and split on such a small surface. I just wish it was easier to balance.

Academics, clubs, sports, jobs and relationships are all a big part of everyone’s life.

We attend a school where it is normal to be involved in multiple sports and activities, which is not the case at a larger school. The problem comes in when we begin to have too many things to do and we cannot find a way to juggle all of them at once.

If you have it all together, congratulations because you are further ahead than I am.

The number one thing that stops me from balancing my life is procrastination. Do I

go to movie night or do I stay at school and work on a project that is due in the morning?

I could quite possibly be the queen of procrastination. I feel like some of my best work comes when I save something until the last possible minute.

However, I know this must change.

I’ve noticed this problem in many other people as well.

Instead of sitting in front of the TV to watch your favorite program, try completing your assignments first. You will find that your life is a lot less stressful.

Balancing relationships could be the hardest thing to

do. Family, friends and significant others deserve all of the attention that we can give them and that does not always tend to happen.

A problem I have found with myself is the fact that sometimes I forget to inform my family of my life and to find out about theirs on a weekly basis. The solution to this is simple. I need to call my parents regularly and if you have the same problem just pick up the phone. Your parents will love it and plus they gave you life. So just give ‘em a ring.

A question that I think more people need to ask themselves is, ‘Do I go spend

another night with my boyfriend or do I hang out with friends that I have not given enough of my time to?’

I have lost a few friends over this exact question. They just could not grasp the concept that some people can actually split their time between friends and their significant other. Your friends will always be there for you until you give them a reason not to be. That reason will come when time and time again you choose to blow people off or take them for granted.

So, the answer is simple. Just make the effort to give your attention evenly and everyone will be happy.

Finally, athletics, clubs and work can really start to

weigh us down. I know that there have been times where I just can not take on everything that I have on my plate. This year I decided to drop a few activities so that my life becomes a lot less stressful and so I can put an equal amount of energy into everything that I do.

If you have to let something go to make your life easier, then just do it. Do not worry about who you might be letting down or who you may offend. Chances are they will understand if you are just too bogged down.

Focus on your academics, on your friends, your family and all the extras that may come along. It may seem like a lot, but doing all of this may just help you balance.

Increased gas prices fuel presidential campaigns

By Brian Nelson
Staff reporter

Why do villains try to take over the world?

Remember the old crone in “Snow White?” How about Elphaba, the Wicked Witch of the West from the land of Oz? Or the man many consider the most twisted villain ever created, “Star Wars” Emperor Palpatine.

These villains are part of an imaginary world. We are not. We live in a world where something, rather than someone, is taking over our way of life. That thing is oil.

‘Shop at your local big-box store and save money for gas!’ While you shop at Wal-Mart, locally-owned businesses hang ‘out of business’ signs in their windows.

We are drowning in rising fuel costs because many of us refuse to swim. We expect someone to save us.

‘Vote for me and I’ll lower your dollar per gallon.’ Sound familiar? Many politicians claim they will lower fuel prices. They may be making empty promises.

“We will drill new wells offshore, and we’ll drill them now. We’ll drill them now,”

said Senator John McCain the night he accepted the Republican nomination for president.

One of the geographical locations Senator McCain wishes to drill is the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska. Did someone forget to mention that there is only ten years worth of oil there?

Drilling in Alaska won’t drastically drop fuel prices, but instead slow down the rising cost, for a very limited time.

The idea of drilling oil in the U.S. has a lot more to do

with gaining voters than lowering fuel prices. Gas prices are largely based on supply and demand. When demand is higher than the supply, gas prices go up. Developing countries, such as China and India, are driving more vehicles, thus need more gas and spike the demand around the world.

Expecting to see gas at \$1.29? Only in a galaxy far, far away...

The value of the U.S. dollar has become too low. The economy is in bad shape.

When Bill Clinton stood in the White House in 1998, a

barrel of oil cost \$10.87. Ten years later, with George W. Bush in office, gas rocketed to a historic high of \$139.12 per barrel.

So what can you do? Learn to swim. Quit paying for gas. Help lower the demand. Buy a bike. Winfield is easily accessible by bike and foot. When you drive your car, think ‘green.’ Carpool with friends and neighbors.

Don’t let this presidential election be based on fuel

prices. Vote. Vote because you believe in what the candidate stands for. Research what they support and what they promise. This country needs to hear our opinion. Don’t drown in a dying economy where oil affects every aspect of life. Swim. Better yet, walk.

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Newly released comedy delivers laughs

By Blake Carter
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It’s safe to say that this movie delivers.

The summer surprise hit, “Baby Mama” was released on DVD last Tuesday. The movie stars Tina Fey and Amy Poehler, both known for their many famous roles from Saturday Night Live.

The movie’s storyline is fairly simple. Fey’s character, Kate, is a single business woman who wants a baby.

Kate turns to Poehler’s character, Angie, to be her surrogate mother. Angie ends up moving in with Kate. And that’s when things get funny fast. It proves to be too much for Kate to handle while also giving her an idea of what living with a child will be

like thanks to her pregnant roommate.

The movie itself can be a little slow and drags from time to time, but the comedy just keeps on going. Poehler and Fey make a great new generation female “Odd Couple.”

The simple physical jokes are highlighted when the baby-proof bathroom proves to be too much for Poehler’s simple minded character. After that the movie just keeps getting better and better.

When I found myself picking this movie, I can honestly say I was a little judgmental, especially since so many comedies have been made about pregnancy. Even Arnold Schwarzeneg-

ger did one in the 90’s with Danny Devito, if that tells you something. But I ended up being pleasantly surprised with “Baby Mama.”

Fey and Poehler make a great team that plays well off each other, which in my mind has even improved

since they were last on Saturday Night Live.

It’s no great wonder that Universal picked them for this film.

I was quite surprised by how much I liked this movie.

As a guy I thought this comedy would be directed toward women. But anyone can pick this up and be quite happy with the money spent. “Baby Mama” is a heart-warming comedy that adds

a modern day twist to things. Surrogate mothers are a wonder of technology that don’t get much attention.

So it was interesting to see this topic covered so well in a comedy without making fun of the process itself. I was generally worried about that when I first heard about this movie. That’s why I was blown away by how the movie was just funny without harming the issue of surrogate mothers. It dealt directly with it, but kept to a simple fun way of telling a story.

In short “Baby Mama” is a simple feel good comedy that should be picked up and cared for like a newborn.

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