

# Word on the Hill

## Do you think that your facebook profile should be public domain?

By Monica Springer and Anthony Cook



"No, it was created for college only. If I want the public to view it I'd get a MySpace page."

**Mike Daniels**  
History senior

"No, only the limited profile should be able to be viewed by the public."

**Shannon Varney**  
Nursing junior



"It really just depends on what type of person that you are."

**Stacie Hinkel**  
Nursing freshman

"Heck no, it's no one else's business other than those on campus."

**Rebecca Richmond**  
Nursing junior



"No, because there are stalkers out there."

**Tanner Weeast**  
Business freshman



"No. I think it's an invasion of privacy. It's a little scary to have all that info out there."

**Bret Smith**  
Philosophy and religion sophomore



"No, it is a little creepy to have people you don't know view your profile."

**Laura Fobes**  
Nursing sophomore

"No. Mama always said Facebook is one of the many tools of the devil."

**Tony Hanson**  
Nursing junior



"No. I don't think it should. That would negate all privacy settings that they have."

**Daniel Haneke**  
Biology senior

"No. It's just creepy if people I don't know can see things like that about me."

**Emily Stevens**  
Biology sophomore



# U.S. justice system favors celebrities

By Thomas Nelson  
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The United States has a double standard when it comes to the justice system and sentences being carried out. It is no secret that when committing a crime, celebrities receive a less severe sentence than regular, middle class members of society. After all, there are plenty of examples.

From Lindsey Lohan receiving a one-day jail sentence for drunken driving and being under the influence of cocaine, to Nicole Ritchie never even seeing the inside of a jail cell for a DUI, (an offense that should be a minimum of four days

in jail) celebrities get off easy. And one doesn't even need to mention the Paris Hilton ordeal.

Why do celebrities get off so easy? One could argue (quite successfully) it is because they can hire the best and most expensive lawyers. However, there could be another explanation.

The elucidation is tied to the media and advertising. Let's set up a situation. Mr. Celebrity is accused of a crime and the police come and take him downtown.

The media loves when this happens because it now gives them a story. Everyone soon becomes infatuated with Mr. Celebrity. The

masses watch the news or read the paper or even google Mr. Celebrity to find out all the juicy gossip about the accusation(s).

This event leads to higher ratings, which in turn, leads to more revenue for the week because of the increased viewers or readership.

The media does not want Mr. Celebrity to go to jail for an extended length of time. A short amount of time is fine because they can do daily updates (as in the case with Paris Hilton). However, no one would want to hear about year five of a twenty-five year sentence. Mr. Celebrity doing laundry or pounding

license plates for the thirty-second day in a row just wouldn't cut it. People would get bored.

But, if he was sentenced to a shorter term, then by the time the media gets done covering the aspects of the crime, Mr. Celebrity gets released.

Now, the media has a whole new angle to cover. It gets to tell all about his 'road to recovery,' and how he 'joins society as a rehabilitated man.'

Producers also pick up on this and are more likely to give Mr. Celebrity a new starring role in the next big blockbuster or a new recording contract because he is now getting

media attention and his name will garner interest from the masses.

Resuming the lawyer argument mentioned above, it is flawed. The media portrays these cases as more complicated than they actually are. These cases are the same as any old case in Simple-Town, USA.

Nevertheless, the media gives the perception that the case could go either way to build suspense, so interest will be kept. Most of the time, 95% of all lawyers could say that the celebrity is guilty. However, what would be interesting in Mr. Celebrity being locked up and out of the public eye for a number of years?

The next celebrity who is in the

limelight is OJ Simpson. Yes – again. On Sept. 16, Simpson was arrested and charged with two counts of robbery with a deadly weapon, two counts of assault with a deadly weapon and one count each of armed burglary and conspiracy to commit burglary.

If he is indeed found guilty, one could bet money that the sentence will not fit the crime.

It is truly a sad world when the media runs the country more than the justice system.

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### Editorial

### Personal Column

# Choosing right guy creates challenges for women



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Would Mom approve of this guy? Is he ready for the real world? Do I really want my kids to have his eyesight, smile, and dramatically receding hairline? If you're asking yourself these questions, or even if you're not, certain guidelines apply when picking out potential intimate partners.

According to the American Bar Association, 1.3 million females are assaulted by their intimate partner every year. About six percent of adults in the United States suffer from a serious mental illness. Add the unavoidable spread of AIDS and

other viruses throughout the world, and one will instantly see how important it is to choose the father of one's children with careful thought and discretion.

What many women don't understand, though, is picking out someone who has no diseases or serious mental disorders probably just isn't good enough. There are certain traits that inexplicably allure women into a man's open arms and drawers.

Many women choose the "man's man." Typical of this species are the bar fights, mistresses, and "but honey, just one more game of golf."

There's always Mr. Sensitivity. This one sounds wonderful in the beginning, until you realize that every moonlit walk ends in tears and every tiny argument ends in slamming doors.

My favorite, however, is "I got put in jail but I've learned my lesson. Oh yeah, and I don't have a job." Although it doesn't sound wonderful on paper, it's amazing how many

women go for this. It's almost like the Prince Charming light bulb goes off.

Many people say that the biggest problem with finding a really good guy is that they don't just stick out like a sore thumb. This is helpful in explaining why what does stick out gets grabbed like it's going out of style.

"All the good ones are taken though," say even the most optimistic bachelorettes. While this at times can seem true, it doesn't mean that one should seek out any sign of love or affection and think that it could be the real deal, or that maybe it's a little bit under par, but we'll take it anyways.

My high school sex education teacher was a little bit unorthodox. Every week, at least once, she preached to us about the same thing. "Now look around," she'd say. "Look at all of the ugly children in the world. Would you like your chil-

dren to be ugly? Standards, kids, standards."

Pat Brant's recipe for choosing a child's father always came as a rough blow to about 80 percent of the class, but it brings up a good point. Whether you like it or not, you have to look at the man's face every day for the rest of your life. If you don't, then the children certainly still have to acknowledge him as their rightful father.

When looking at him, if there are things that make you absolutely cringe in disgust, then maybe this guy just isn't the right one for you.

There are different turnoffs for each person. While some may find body type to be most attractive, others may look and think about how that small mole on his right arm is just doing them in. The blue eyes that are so charming to one woman may seem piercing and cold to another. Although one shouldn't be so

# New tradition brings negative feelings

For over two weeks, students and faculty alike have had their email inboxes bombarded with particularly vague and incomplete campus announcements. These announcements, courtesy of Sheleah Taylor, have touted the advent of a brand-new Builder tradition. Thus, for those two weeks, students in numerous fields have snickered amongst themselves at the inherent irony of a brand-new tradition.

The morning of September 18, 2007, brought an end to our pent-up anticipation with the arrival of the assumedly final email in the series. That's right. We now know the nature of this 'new' builder tradition, called Builder Fest. It is a barbecue on the football field.

The plain nature of this event brings to mind the question, "Was this worth all the hype?" After all,

Southwestern College sees numerous barbecues every year. In many cases, those barbecues are hosted by individual departments and do not require an admission fee, yet by charging a meal-credit for food, Builder Fest essentially does.

Moreover, in most other barbecues, attendees are not limited to the amount of food they may eat, yet Taylor's announcement clearly states that attendees can "pick any three" from a selection of a burger, a hotdog, a bag of chips, or a drink. That seems like quite a meager sustenance for a growing college student.

The most important issue however, is not the price of food. It is whether or not Builder Fest truly deserves to be called a campus tradi-

tion. Other campus traditions, such as the mound building and Stau Bau, are designed for all students to enjoy.

Builder Fest, however, seems to cater mostly to the athletic crowd, particularly the football players. In fact, the inspiration for Builder Fest came from the head football coach, Ken Crandall himself. It is also no coincidence that Builder Fest immediately precedes a football game on Saturday evening.

As a Southwestern College student, I believe that our football team should be celebrated, if only in the name of school spirit. However, I do not believe that we should create shallow, new traditions for the exclusive benefit of specific departments.

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