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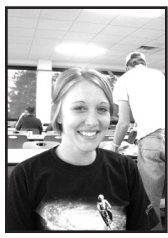
How many games do you think the football team will win this year?

By Anthony Cook and Sam Gillis

Random Thoughts from the editor

- If you choke on ice, the good thing is you can wait a few minutes and everything will be ok.
- When they build piñatas do they do it around the candy?
- Here's a quick little stock tip. With the real estate market seeming to be in shambles, I expect sod houses to make a return to the spotlight. Dirt is in.
- When I'm really in a pinch in a conversation I turn to sandwich meats. This seems to be a universal topic, and I like to hear if a person likes ham or turkey more.
- When I go to a job interview I like to be remembered. Instead of the usual tidy and neat appearance that employers are used to seeing, I like to go looking a bit sloppy. It makes my image stick around, especially during the job hiring part. It's worked wonders for me thus far.

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"More than last year. The team is getting better."
Cassi Reimer
physics and math junior



"Thirty some."
Taylor Kinnamon
business administration freshman



"Six."
Bryce Johnson
pre-law senior



"I'm going to give them five."
Mandi Beaver
biology junior



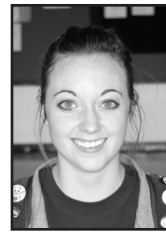
"Five."
Kenneth Wright
business administration junior



"Five."
Zack Conroy
business marketing junior



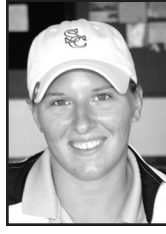
"Same as last year."
Justin Fruck
undecided sophomore



"All of the games that they score more points."
Kelli Bryant
biology and chemistry senior



"Six."
Nathan Morrison
athletic training junior



"Five."
Blair Koehn
Marketing senior



"We'll be .500 this year."
Gage Cranmer
psychology sophomore



"Five."
Shannon Varney
Nursing senior

Gossip provides entertainment for boring people



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Everyone enjoys having their own privacy. We don't like being talked about behind our backs and we don't like it when people can't mind their own business. I've always thought that girls were the worst talkers, because as a girl myself I've been involved in many conversations about other people. All my life I've been go-

ing to small private schools and after a while I've noticed that I know so much about random people that I've seen in class, but never really talked to.

Every little thing gets pulled out and talked about that finally people will think that after a while they know more about you than you even know about yourself.

When I was little we would always play this little whispering game in birthday parties and one person would whisper a sentence to another person, then it would continue from one person to another, and the last person had to say it out loud.

What always happened was that the last person that had to say the sentence out loud said something totally

different from what the first person started with. That's what I have noticed about rumors, too.

It has always bothered me that people don't have better things to do than to speculate and prey on other people. I am not saying that I never do it myself, but how much fun is it to actually talk about other people when you know that other people talk just as much about you.

It really freaks me out to go around and think about all the things others know about me, especially thinking about all the things I know about other people.

I've come to realize that it is important to think about what you say about other people, because you'll never

know what they are saying about you.

You think you have privacy, but you don't. If people have the chance they'll get right into your business as soon as possible. And they'll enjoy it without even thinking other people are doing the same thing to them.

I guess the various times we've heard the saying, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," is a very true saying. If you talk about other people or spread rumors they'll do the same thing to you.

We all think we're safe from rumors and talking, we think that if we sit in our room and talk to no one, people will not talk about us. Well, I've come to learn that

if you hide from rumors and just sit in your room people will probably talk about that as well, because people sure like to talk.

Filling your life with childish games like gossiping is just another excuse for people to make their own flaws disappear.

We all like to think we're perfect even though we're all far from it. Nobody's perfect, actually I don't even think we as human beings know what perfect is, because we're all so far from it.

We like to think that some people have it all figured out, because they're pretty, they get attention from guys, they look the way you wished you would look, or they are as outgoing as you wish you were. Even those people are

not perfect, which is another reason for why people talk about others, because they want what "perfect people" have and they want to be who those "perfect people" are, despite the fact that they were never really perfect at all.

It makes me so upset when people say that others are ugly or that they aren't as fun as them. Everyone is beautiful, has a great personality, and is special in their own way.

Don't be like everyone else. Go against what everyone else thinks. Don't say something about others just because everyone else is doing it. They might talk about others while you're there, but they might talk about you when you're not.

Amethyst Initiative absolves students of responsibility

By Peg Williams
News and opinion editor

Some college students are going to get wasted. And the law should be changed to accommodate that fact.

Supporters of the Amethyst Initiative believe that lowering the drinking age will result in less binge drinking and more responsibility.

Believing that giving adults under the age of 21 the right to purchase alcohol will teach them that things are alright in moderation is a warming thought, but there

is no substance to it. The Amethyst Initiative absolves students of responsibility for their actions. It is a ridiculous petition.

The vast majority of adults over the age of 21 can't even handle the right to consume alcohol in an appropriate manner.

Hence the need for support groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous. And now, college presidents desire to put that responsibility into the hands of 18-year-olds who are easily influenced by the

new environment created by college.

Lowering the drinking age would make life more convenient for college officials. They wouldn't have to worry about a house party being busted and a dozen of their students being taken to jail.

Also, the name of their college wouldn't be associated with negative behavior, simply because the names of their underage students who got drunk and broke the law wouldn't show up in the

newspaper a couple of days later.

If they are so concerned about underage binge drinking, it stands to reason that they would implement programs to provide alternative means of entertainment instead of giving students the tools to do whatever they want and then hoping that they will learn responsibility somewhere along the alcohol ridden path. That is a dangerous way to discover the value of moderation.

The website www.amethystinitiative.org said that,

"Adults under 21 are deemed capable of voting, signing contracts, serving on juries and enlisting in the military, but are told they are not mature enough to have a beer."

But how many are actually that responsible with their newfound adulthood? How many of your peers have joined the military? How many of them plan to vote?

If the right to purchase and consume alcohol at the age of 18 was added to that list

students would learn anything but moderation.

Most college students don't simply drink a beer. They drink a lot of beers and in quick succession with the intention of being inebriated. And lowering the drinking age won't change that fact. It will just keep them from getting into trouble for it.

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New Kids on the Block still have 'The Right Stuff'

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Remember the good ol' days of bubble gum boy bands like N'Sync and The Backstreet Boys? Now it's time for an even farther blast from the past with the latest release of The New Kids on the Block

album entitled "The Block." The album was launched last Tuesday and is the group's first collaboration since selling more than 70 million records in the 80s and 90s.

The men will be hitting the road this month. They will kick off their tour in Toronto and are planning to start a European tour in January.

Members Jordan Knight, Jonathan Knight, Joey McIn-

tyre, Donnie Wahlberg and Danny Wood are not kids anymore. However, the 30-something year old men stayed true to their signature pop and dance beats and spiced it up a bit with some more contemporary sounds in this album.

Seventeen songs are loaded into the CD, one of which may sound familiar to those who listen to popular music, called "Summertime." It was a big hit this summer and rightfully so. The song is reminiscent of "Summer Nights" from Grease.

It is all about remembering meeting a girl randomly one summer, asking for her number, having a summer fling, and then finally parting ways when the season is over. When the weather is

nice, roll the windows down in the car, crank the volume up and listen to this one.

One song that could definitely be a big hit on the club scene is "Big Girl Now" featuring Lady GaGa. The lyrics are a tad cheesy and it is pretty much the typical, "Hey girl I like your body and the way you move it," type of song, but it has a contagious beat that will make anyone dance.

Other artists on the record include Ne-Yo, New Edition, Akon, and The Pussycat Dolls.

There are many tracks on the album about relationships. All of the inspiration for these songs comes straight from the guys themselves. They are all in relationships right now and the song's lyrics explain all of the highs

and lows that everyone goes through.

One of the better ones that is sure to melt the hearts of both new and old fans is titled, "Stare at You." The title describes what the song is all about. Other tracks that are worth listening to are "Click Click Click," "2 in the Morning," and "Close to You." For a good laugh listen to track eight, "Sexify my Love."

Sure, some of the lyrics on this album are awkward and a little uncomfortable, but it is worth listening to. It may be something that should be kept on the down low for buying, but these men still have the "Right Stuff."

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