

Word on the Hill

What is your take on internet dating?

By Jonathan Woon



"I think it is a really risky thing to do. It is hit or miss."

Larry Vasquez
biochemistry



"It is a double edged sword."

Racel Wong
psychology



"Weird and kind of risky. You'll never know if the other person is real or not."

Casey Holt
athletic training



"If you are wise and you make sure who you are talking to. I met my husband on the internet."

Julie Schwabenbauer
Cafeteria Worker



"Sometimes you get what you want, some times you don't."

Patrick Hardiman
sports management



"Little unnatural, it goes against the natural process of finding a mate. It could be a 45-year-old sex offender."

Michael Aduddell
sports management

Use care with online love



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Love can be found in a click of a button. With the advances of technology, people find it easier to meet new people online rather than in person. The intimidation of being rejected in person is much greater.

There are several advantages and disadvantages when using online dating. Being behind a computer screen a person is able to say whatever they want to say. This gives the person several minutes to think of what to say. They are then able to use the backspace key if not worded correctly. Unlike in person, words cannot be erased.

If you decide to chat with strangers online, you need to be careful. With the inability of seeing the person, you could be talking to someone completely different than what you think. It is somewhat as if they are wearing a mask. For instance, you could be talking to a 50 year-old man when he says he is 21.

You should never meet someone you just met online in a private setting. Go to a mutual place. You should also never drink or eat something they made.

This happened to a Wichita lady a couple of weeks ago. She met the man using craigslist. They meet at the local Quick Trip and went back to his apartment. She then drank a drink he prepared for her and passed out. The guy abused and raped the woman. This is just one incident that happened. However, several more have occurred.

A popular lifetime movie called "The Craigslist Killer" is also about a murder that occurred while using the internet site craigslist.

Famous websites are now being used to gain relationships such as Facebook, Cupid.com, Match.com, and E-Harmony.com. That's just to name a few of the dating sites out there, not mentioning the religious chat sites such as christianmingle.com. Nowadays people are trying to find romance over the web.

Internet dating is not easy. It may include stepping out of your comfort zone. Glancing through several profiles to find prospective dates and ensuring their profile is appealing and has qualities worth getting to know.

Although people might not say who they really are, there

are those out there that are actually looking for that right someone. Some internet sites give that option by matching someone who is compatible with you.

Never reveal too much information about yourself. You have no idea who is reading it. Your boss may see information that you don't want him to know. This may result in losing your job.

While using Facebook and other sites that involve using pictures, be aware of pictures that you post and ones that you could be tagged in. Some may be from that night you got a bit too crazy, or the time you decided to wear that skirt that was a bit too short. Just imagine what your boss would think if he saw that.

A useful tool to help your quest at romance over the web would be Skype. With this tool, you are able to see and talk with the person on the other side of the web. It also helps long distance relationships work. This includes your girlfriend, boyfriend, family members, etc.

At college, I use Skype all the time. It's great for talking with old friends and family members. Take things slow when meeting someone new online. The best relationships are the ones that develop over time.

When I was in the sixth grade my parents got a divorce. My dad was a single father until my sophomore year. That is when he met Carmen online using yahoo. Surprisingly they went to church together for the past couple of years and didn't even know each other. Also, Carmen's children and I went to the same high school.

The first date was a little rocky since it was the first times they meet each other. They met at their high school football game. Reluctantly they went on another date and hit it off. The two only dated for six months and got married. They have been together ever since.

Personally, I have never thought about internet dating. This is because I am young and still in college. However, I do not find it a bad thing. If my Dad never met Carmen I would never have the wonderful step-mother that I have now.

There are several other relationships and marriages out there that have been created using the internet. I just want everyone to be safe when using the internet. You are never 100 percent sure who is on the other side of the screen and who is truly reading your information.

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Trailer spoils exorcism experience for horror film fans



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When I saw the first previews and trailers for *The Devil Inside*, I grew a bit nervous. The film looked quite frightening and I knew my friends were going to go see it, not to mention that I'm not a huge fan of demons or anything involving them. After I finally pulled my courage from the depths of my soul, I took my seat in the theater. After my experiences there, I have only one thing to say. Don't believe the hype.

The film, directed by William Brent Bell, revolves around Isabella Rossi, played by Fernanda Andrade, and her mother, Maria Rossi, played by Suzan Crowley. During her own exorcism in 1989, Maria killed three of the priests attempting to save her. She was found criminally

insane, and sent to a mental hospital located in the Vatican, an odd and intriguing location for a movie about demons. Unfortunately, not much is done with or for the setting, creating the first disappointment for audiences.

Like so many recent horror films, *The Devil Inside* goes for the documentary-type movie approach. Everything is filmed similar to *Paranormal Activity* or *Cloverfield*, in a first-person perspective. However, this was definitely the worst time to enter into this type of tried and true film making. It's just been done the technique. In fact, it's much worse in some scenes, getting way too close to the actors and making the audience lose focus on what's really going on in the film.

Isabella, trying to find the truth behind her mother's accident, travels to the Vatican to better understand exorcisms and the supernatural. During a class lecturing on such, she meets up with Ben and David, played by

Simon Quarterman and Evan Helmuth respectively, priests who practice exorcisms outside the church's jurisdiction and permission. Probably the most intriguing part of the entire film, this premise could be made into a movie all by itself.

Eventually, Isabella goes to visit her mother in the mental hospital. During her visit, she is disturbed by Maria's extremely peculiar and frightening behavior. She brings the evidence she documented to Ben and David, who surmise that her mother could possibly be possessed. They decide to make a second visit, where Ben and David provoke the demon into revealing itself. This has disastrous effects, as the priests discover that Maria is not possessed by just one demon, but four.

From here, the movie just starts going downhill, even more so than it already was. Events take place too quickly and audiences can easily guess what has occurred since their second visit to Maria. Barring a few frightening and disturb-

ing moments, the movie eventually leads up to one of the worst endings I have ever seen. I don't encourage anyone to go and experience that level of disappointment. There was literally booing throughout the theater.

With all the recent horror documentary films being made, including the recently released and reviewed *Paranormal Activity 3*, *The Devil Inside* is quite a few steps below the rest of the competition. Despite its scary scenes viewed in trailers, the movie really offers no horror that most audiences of the genre crave. Despite having some major potential in plot, *The Devil Inside's* shoddy camera work and horrible ending left me with an unfinished and unsatisfied feeling about the entire film. It could've been at least a good film with a little more effort, but it turns out that theater audiences can't always get what they want.

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Educational experience must include current affairs awareness

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A bomb could explode half-way across the world, kill several and injure a few others and you can bet that it will get at least a few minutes of discussion on national news. That is the way the news works, something happens and there is a need to know about it. But what if it doesn't impact us at all? Switching the station on the television or clicking the back button on our laptop is easy enough, but it comes down to what if there just isn't any interest or purpose to college students knowing what is going on out in the world anymore? That is the way it seems anyway.

On Jan. 10 Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney won the primary in New Hampshire, beating out fellow candidates Ron Paul, Jon Huntsman, Newt Gingrich, Rick Santorum

and Rick Perry. The next day an Iranian nuclear scientist was killed in a bombing in Iran. Those were just two of many stories on CNN.com, which is only one of a countless number of mass media outlets.

Now how many of you could have listed off all of the Republican presidential candidates without the given answer above? Do you know what is happening in Iran, South Carolina or even here on campus? There are things happening every second of every day and with technology advancing at a lightning fast pace, we are able to see or know about it as it happens.

Let's face it. We don't care unless it has something to do with our lives directly. If someone shoots and kills three people in California we might think, "Who would do such a thing?" and move on with our own problems. What it comes down to,

though, is that once we get out into the big, bad world, what happens across the world just might become our problem.

Take the fact that the presidential election is coming up this November. The decision that the citizens of America make will ultimately affect the state of the country for the next four years.

During those next four years, many of us will be graduated from college, have a job and may even be living in our own home. Wouldn't it be better if the person that will be leading the United States was someone you knew enough about to feel comfortable?

It isn't just the informer's duty to find news; they first must have something to be informed about. The first obligation of the news and news reporters is to inform the citizens. It makes it a little hard when the citizens don't take on

the objective to be informed on the news.

If we don't start informing ourselves now, then we might not break out of the habit of ignoring current events. Not that everyone is uninformed, but it is easy to admit that even I haven't put much effort into checking news sites on a daily basis. It is scary when you first realize what you are missing out there.

This isn't a rant about how today's college students sometimes forget there is an entire planet's worth of news that happens every day. This is simply a wakeup call that will hopefully snap a few of you into action. Besides, how are all of us young college students going to change the world if we don't know what it holds?

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Put in perspective:

How important is it in today's society that college students inform themselves about events happening in the world?



life, then you should pay attention to it and even reflect upon it. Some issues can affect you more directly and others more indirectly, so it is important that you try to think about what kind of implications certain events might have on you.

2. What issues should I be vigilant about knowing? Some things will be very important to the person you are and the gifts, talents and abilities you have. At the very least, college students especially should begin to investigate and hone in on those areas regarding their major in order to become more knowledgeable and fluent in the ideas and issues with respect to their vocational pursuits.

Either way, there are such

things as being over-informed or under-informed and neither is very good.

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Today, I find myself not very informed of world events. I don't really know who runs for president, what laws have been passed, or what ingredients have been placed in Taco Bell's "meat."

I really wish that I knew what

was happening, though. I find myself in a lot of conversations that I can't follow that I wish I could.

For college students, it's really important that we pay attention to what's going on around us. We need to know what kind of economy we're entering when we graduate. It would also be nice to know if our future career choice is going to be available to us as we begin job searching.

I can feel so out of the loop because of my lack of knowledge with our world. If I were to just take some time to pull up a news website and do some reading, I could have a much better understanding of what's to come.

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