

# The Bulldog

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### Be on the Lookout for...

- 10/8- Free funny t-shirts
- 10/10- SC-BU v. LLCC volleyball
- 10/17- "Tunes at Noon" featuring Shannon Curtis
- 10/26- Halloween bonfire



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## PTK Welcomes New Additions by Mitch Ladd

The SC-BU chapter of Phi Theta Kappa is now a little bigger.

On Sunday, Sep. 30, four new students were inducted into the honor society. Those students are Barbara McCall, Angela Neale, Brian Replogle and Chris Reynolds. Joel Washko and Nicole Hanner were eligible, but not present at the induction.

To be eligible for membership, students, must obtain a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale and must also maintain at least a 3.0 GPA from then on.

According to Sr. Beata Knoedler, who advises PTK along with Teresa Saner and David Logan, some schools only enforce a 3.0 GPA to be inducted into their chapters.

"As you study, you are empowering yourself, but how are you empowering others?" Sr. Beata asked the new inductees while explaining some of PTK's more important attributes: scholarship, leadership and fellowship.



*Chris Reynolds lights the way during the PTK inductions.*

PTK is an international service organization for two-year colleges.

PTK, as a whole, has history dating back to 1910, and was officially organized in 1918. The SC-BU chapter held its first inductions in 1942.

## Fundraiser "Fore" Baseball by Zach Kirchner

Do you like baseball and golf? If you can say yes to this question, and want to help or donate to the baseball team, then you are in luck.

On Saturday, October 13, at the Edgewood Golf Course in Auburn, the baseball team is holding its 8th annual fundraising golf event. The team will have tee times at 8 a.m.

and 1 p.m.

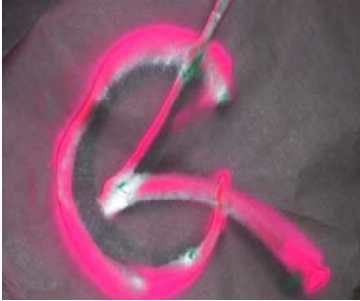
"We are hoping to raise 25 to 30 thousand dollars to offset the cost of our baseball trip to Phoenix, AZ over Spring break," said Coach Steve Torricelli.

"All players are expected to attend, everyone works and a few will actually golf. Also, this is another function for

our players and families to get together, for team unity and building; we like to turn this into a big event," Torricelli continued.

"We still have room for morning slots, so come out. The afternoon slots have filled up. Lets hope for beautiful weather and low scores," Torricelli said.

## A Message From the Commission for Readability and Approved Print



**Huh. And all this time I thought that the "LC" symbol stood for "Lion-O and Cheertara."**

The Commission for Readability and Approved Print (formerly known as the Literary Club) has recently discovered some subversive texts and newspapers on *this very campus* that should be challenged and consequently banned.

The Commission knows that everyone is busy getting ready for midterms, and many of you have other obligations beyond school that might distract you from the power of making your own decisions on what to read. So, for your own protection, the Commission has made many of those decisions easy for you by making those decisions *for* you. You will thank us when you are safe from unacceptable thoughts and diverse ideas and when your children will fully conform to what the Commission deems "ideal."

For society's sake, the following *must* be banned immediately:

*The Sleepy Weasel*—Those who suffer from narcolepsy find the image of a "weasel" to be offensive, underhanded, and "sneaky."

*Time Magazine*—Because time is relative, so who are they to put time into a weekly magazine and tell us what happened when?

*Jane Eyre*—It promotes polygamy, and because she doesn't even spell her name the way it is pronounced. Who is she to name herself after oxygen?

*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*—Everyone else has, so why not? We'll call it joining the "banned" wagon.

*National Geographic*—Other cultures!?! As if!

The Resource Center Teaching and Learning page—It advertises passion, which is corruptible in the wrong hands. (*Romeo and Juliet* anyone?)

The works of William Shakespeare—Because it has footnotes! Footnotes, for God's sake! Oh, the horror!

The poetry of William Blake—Overexposure to assonance.

The Dictionary—Because *it* tells us what words mean. Who is this Webster, and why does he get to give words meaning? I thought only Adam could do that, and even then, he chose some real doozies. What if I want "dictionary" to mean "a receptacle for garbage"? Wait... maybe it already does.

*War and Peace*—Because Tolstoy isn't man enough to make up his mind.

## Student Government Needs YOU

Are you looking to help out your campus? Well, SC-BU's Student Government is looking for you.

There are two seats open to serve during the Spring '08 and Fall '08 semesters. Candidates must be able to serve during both semesters.

"We are looking for committed, motivated people," said Josh Sproat, one of Student Government's sitting representatives.

Those seeking to serve the SC-BU community must be

traditional students with at least a 2.0 GPA. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 12:05 p.m.

The deadline to run for Student Government is Nov. 2, with elections being held on Nov. 15 and 16.

Student Government acts as a representative for the traditional student body. Anyone may attend meetings; however, only representatives are eligible to vote.

"What we are trying to do is make campus life better for

## by Mitch Ladd

everybody," said representative Liz Long. "They can come to us with questions or they can attend meetings."

"We'll try to help with any problems or issues," representative Appollonia Mackey said. "That's what I like to stress. A lot of students don't know where to go (for help)."

For more information, or to express interest in running, contact Sproat, Long, Mackey, Melissa Council, Chris Reynolds or Dean Broeckling.

## Finish the Fight

On September 25, people said goodbye to something they have been probably playing for a few years now, especially college students. *Halo 2* won't really be played anymore...but *Halo 3* will be in full force for a long time.

At midnight, Xbox 360's newest; most anticipated game to date was launched. Long lines, with impatient people, were all across the country. On opening day, the game sold \$170 million.

Three packages of the game,

the Standard Edition (\$59.99), the Limited Edition (\$69.99), and the Legendary Edition (\$129.99) were released. The more expensive the edition, the more extra content the person receives.

The campaign takes about eight to ten hours on normal mode, with many more hours to plow through on the hardest setting. However, the multi-player, especially on Xbox Live, is the heart of the game. This is what most people bought the game for.

by Zach Kirchner

With close to half a million people and counting playing online, just about anyone can get a game going quickly. As experience occurs in multi-player mode, the player gains military style ranks. It will take an incredible amount of game play to reach the highest levels of rankings. Players are paired with others around their same ranking.

If you are looking for a great game, with incredible replay value, graphics, and amazing game play, this is for you.

## In Memory: *Meerkat Manor's* Flower by Danielle Lounsberry

Last night while catching up on *Meerkat Manor*, I was heartbroken as the last episode I watched ended with the death of Flower. Flower was the leader of the Whiskers, the largest clan of meerkats in the Kalahari. After reuniting the clan in the previous episode, Flower gives birth to her third litter.

After creating the babysitting den, the group went out to forage. While foraging, they noticed the Zappas on their territory. After charging at them and making them leave their land, Mitch noticed that young Axel, brother of Slash and Rose, and a Zappa, was left behind.

Normally any young from another clan would be killed, but Mitch, being the noble meerkat that he is, takes Axel

to Flower. Flower has the decision of welcoming Axel into the group or killing him. Flower welcomes him. This is just one example of Flower's character.

While the group is returning to their den, they come upon a venomous snake. All of the meerkats must band together to get this snake off their land, so that it does not get what it is after – meerkat babies. However, the attempt is in vain, they chase the snake right into the babysitting den.

It is up to Flower to go into the den and chase the snake out. This results in a venomous bite to the head and the loss of Flower.

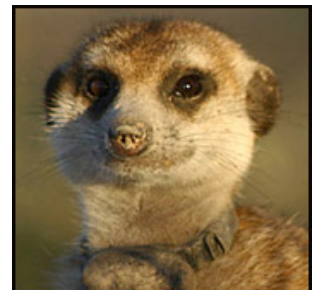
*Animal Planet* has realized what a great loss the death of Flower has created. They

have created a "Remember Flower" section on their website (<http://animal.discovery.com/fansites/meerkat/flower/flower.html>).

Fans can share their thoughts and feelings about Flower in the "Talk About Flower" section. They can read Flower's eulogy in the "Gone, But Not Forgotten" section, where they can also make a donation to the Fellow Earthlings' Wildlife Center, where her family has requested donations be sent. There is also a "Video Tribute" section on the page.

Fans can read the transcript from the live chat that was held about the death of

**See "Flower" on pg. 4**



*A flower may wilt, but the memory of this Flower never will.*

## "Flower" continued

Flower in the "Revisit the Live Chat" section.

The page also contains some very interesting information: in 2008 a full-length feature film will be coming out in theaters about Flower.

The film, titled *Flower: Queen of the Meerkats*, will be about how Flower became the leader of the Whiskers. It is being made by the same group that created *Meerkat Manor*.

Those interested can click on the "The Flower Movie" section for information about the movie, still frames from the movie and sneak peaks. So fans of Flower need not mourn long, we will be seeing our dearly loved Flower again soon, only on a much larger screen!

## Spotlight Student of the Week

Name: Bradley Ford

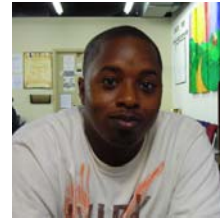
Age: 19

Major: Pre-Medical

Favorite instructor: Lynette Shaw-Smith

Favorite class: College Algebra

Plans after graduation: After college, I plan on going to medical school where I will go in the pediatric field.



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## I'm Not Sayin', I'm Just Sayin'... by Zach Kirchner

*Editor's Note: the following does not necessarily reflect the opinion of Springfield College-Benedictine University, its students, staff or faculty. It is the sole opinion of the author.*

This past weekend, September 28 through 30, was the 6th annual International Route 66 Mother Road Festival. Vintage cars flooded downtown, and thousands upon thousands of people were walking all the streets.

They also took up *all* the usual and semi-convenient parking spots.

Parking downtown is horrendous as it is. Even on a

"normal" weekend, when there is not an event going on downtown; parking is still not the easiest adventure.

When an event is going on though, it is extremely hard and aggravating to find a parking spot.

Tow companies have a field day when these events come into town; especially when getting your car or truck back costs around \$150.

Even though these events are money-making machines for all of downtown Springfield, it seems a bit odd that more parking isn't offered.

It is an amazement some of

the old, run down buildings aren't torn down and turned into parking. This would make the downtown experience more enjoyable.

Some people won't even venture downtown, especially when a big event like the car show is going on, simply because there is no parking or the fear of being towed.

Sometimes, it doesn't seem worth dropping cash to spend on food and drink, and then a hundred plus to get your vehicle back at the very early hours in the morning!

Downtown should think about this sometime.

**My bad:** In last week's article, "The Midterm's are Coming!" we incorrectly listed the dates of the workshop as Sept. 3 and 4. They will really occur on Oct. 3 and 4. Also, in the "Must See TV?" article, the show *Back to You* actually airs on Wednesday, not Sunday. We apologize for any inconveniences.