

# All That Jazz...

## Don't Read This!

### Computers UGH!

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Hey, hey, hey!! I am back. I know how much you all must have missed me over the summer. All you "Don't read this" addicts who probably wasted away to nothing as you anticipated the coming of the fall semester and the Press have finally found peace of mind as you sit reading this issue. What? You dare laugh with sarcasm? Let a woman dream, please. For those of you who are new to this campus, I wish you a hearty welcome and I hope you enjoy your stay here. The key to success is to read this column. Listen, you gotta give me credit for trying.

Today's topic of discussion is computers. Yes, yes I know what a wondrous invention they are. I know how efficient they have made life. I know how easy it is to store masses of information on a little disc. I also know that computers can be a real pain in the neck, to say the least. Maybe it is just me. In fact, it is probably me. But let me share with you my computer horror stories. One of the things that I hate is when you lose your paper before you save it. That happened to me once or twice a long time ago during my freshman year. I could not type very well then. I kept losing the 'A' and the 'S', they kept hiding from me and I had a real aggravating time. Finally, three hours later, I was done. Time to print. Printer breaks down. In my ignorance happened to be in a disc-less state. I am not ashamed to say that I tried to beg the computer to save from agony and print the darn thing — but, alas! It was not my day.

I thought that was a bad experience. I had a friend who spent an entire Friday and Saturday typing up a sixteen page paper. It was all saved on her disc and everything. She goes to the Library to print it out. She loses everything on her disc as she walks through those thingies that make sure you don't steal books. Needless to say, the girl was in hysterics. What else is there? There are times when the printer refuses to print right. There are times when you push the wrong key, and all these strange numbers and letters appear on the screen and just won't go away. I could go on for ever. But I won't want to put you through that.

Moral of the story? Be careful how you treat your disc, always keep one handy and pray that everything works!

## .....Tips For Safe Partying

The Beer Drinkers of America Party Smart Education Project urges adults who drink alcohol to remember these tips for Smarter Partying and Hipper Hosting as they plan their campus events this fall. Know Your Limit — Stay Within It

Many factors affect how much you can safely drink: how much you weigh, whether or not you are in good health, if you've had something to eat and whether you are tired or refreshed. Know What You Are Drinking

What you drink is just as important as how many drinks you have. A frozen daiquiri, for example, contains twice the alcohol of a glass of wine. Once glass of rum punch could have three or four times as much alcohol as a single beer.

Designate a Driver

If there is a chance someone in your group will drink more than is safe, designate a non-drinking driver. Then rely only on that person to provide transportation. Food for Thought

Food slows down alcohol absorption. So, if you host or attend a party, remember to serve or eat plenty of food — the higher in protein and carbohydrates the better. Cheese and nuts are good choices. A selection of alcohol-free beverages allows guests to choose or alternate between drinks containing alcohol. Last Call for Alcohol...But the Party Isn't Over

As the host, you control the bar. Close it at least an hour before the end of the party and offer your guests a new round of interesting food and alcohol-free drinks before they leave. Neither food nor coffee counteract the effects of alcohol, but having a snack for the road will buy valuable time. Only time processes alcohol out of someone's system and helps make him or her a safer driver. Don't Let a Friend Drive Drunk

If anyone in your group has been drinking too much, don't let them drive. Taking away a friend's keys may not be easy. But you might save your friend's life. Call a Safe Rides Service

If there is no safe way to get someone home who has been drinking too much, call a local safe rides service. Many campuses have them, and you can easily carry the phone number with you.

A Good Host Is a Good Friend If you care enough to invite someone to your party, you should care enough to make sure they get home safely. Provide transportation for those who need it. If that isn't practical, offer a place for guests to spend the night, even if it means your couch or your floor. You Are A Role Model

Be responsible for your own actions. Think about what you are doing and how it affects those around you. Remember that under-age friends look to older adults as role models. Make sure your actions set an example which emphasizes responsible behavior.

These Ten Tips for Smarter Partying and Hipper Hosting are available in a brochure published by Beer Drinkers of America.

For a free copy and more information, contact the Beer Drinkers of America Party Smart(R) Education Project, 150 Paularino Ave., Ste 190, Costa Mesa, Calif. 92626, or call toll-free, 1-800-441-2337.

## Help me Rhon and Da!

For those of you avid Press readers from previous years, last semester must have been a sorrowful period as we bid a farewell to dear Jenny Boyle, otherwise known as the Rhonda, of 'Help me Rhonda!'. She is now in graduate school in Rhode Island, probably having the time of her life. Some say that it is best to be out with the old and in with the new. Well, maybe. We, the loyal readers of this incredible advice column in an effort to keep the spirit of Rhonda alive, came up with a rather interesting idea.....

Hi I'm Rhon, and I'm Da. And together we are Rhon-Da, get it? We are going to strive to live up to the standards that Jenny set. At this point in time, we may not sound serious but believe me, we are. All problems will be handled with utmost consideration and confidentiality. We are already planning to move into the counselling centre so that we know how to handle those situations that college students tend to get into these days. So everything is professional, and yet since we are your peers we have more of an understanding of what you are going through. Another plus is that there is going to be a male and female perspective, (Rhon being the male and Da being the female), whomever you are comfortable with.

Now what we need from you is lots and lots of mail. Come on, you all have problems. All you have to do is write it down and drop it off in the Press office. No name required. No one is going to know who you are. Just go down to Corey 111, and stick the letter in the box on the door.

Okay, we'll see you next week. Until then keep those letters pouring in !!!!!!!

## Rating The Reel

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Hey readers: Well, another semester is upon us, with another summer of blockbuster hits and sequels now behind us. As usual, I saw everything that came out such as the blockbuster hit Batman to the super disappointment Friday the 13th part VIII-Jason Takes Manhattan, which should read more like Jason takes six dollars. Anyway, for those of you who don't know me, I'm Chris. My job is to review and preview new films, and to give you the latest news in video releases. With any luck, I'll get you through the semester with an insight as to what's hot and what's not. So here goes the first of many to come!

My review for this week is Casualties of War, starring Michael J. Fox and 'bad boy' Sean Penn. This film had to be one of the most intense films of the summer. It is based on a true story, which deals with the kidnapping, rape, and murder of a Vietnamese farm girl during the Vietnam War. While out on a surveillance mission, several members of Penn's squad take turns in raping the innocent girl. The character of Michael J. Fox is the only one who upholds his moral standards, and refuses to take part in this serious action. This naive soldier is then forced with the difficult decision of turning his comrades in to be court martialed, as he is threatened and abused by them for not participating in the rape or murder. This particular Vietnam film is more emotionally than physically violent. It has definitely

matched and even surpassed some of the previous Vietnam pictures in my opinion, leaving the viewer with the idea that murder is murder, even in times of war. Director Brian DePalma certainly has not let us down with this latest installment in what seems to be an endless topic, the topic of war.

Previews for this week include: The Package. The package in this film is a court-martialed American serviceman who is currently being held over in Europe. It is up to an Army Sergeant (Gene Hackman) to deliver him to a U.S. prison before a Soviet assassination attempt takes place. This film is currently in theaters around the country.

Video releases this week include: The January Man, starring oscar award winner Kevin Kline as a detective on the hunt for a serial killer. This film has murder, corruption, and big city comedy. It also stars Susan Sarandon (Bull Durham), Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio (The Abyss), and Danny Aiello (Moonstruck). Also out is The Best of Eddie Murphy: Saturday Night Live. This comedy special includes all of Eddie's funniest character portrayals such as Bill Cosby, Little Richard Simmons, Buckwheat, James Brown, and Stevie Wonder just to name a few. And last but not least, the film that won best picture and actor has finally come home to video. If you don't know what film I'm talking about, it is none other than Rainman starring Dustin Hoffman and Tom Cruise.

Until next week, "I'll see you at the cinema!"

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pm at 19 Church St. (The  
United  
Community Church).  
Everyone is welcome!