

## Short Takes & Updates

### FREEZE, PUPPY... OR I'LL SHOOT!

**AUBURN, ALA.** — "You don't pull out a semiautomatic pistol and start firing in an apartment complex at a dog," says Auburn U. senior Brian Murphy, making a point that's hard to argue with.

The comment came after Auburn Police Officer Lavarro Bean shot Luke, Murphy's two-year-old Chesapeake retriever. Bean says the dog approached him in a "threatening and aggressive manner."

Not so, says Murphy. "That's not even remotely close to what happened. Luke goes trotting up to merely greet the police officer. I could tell he was scared, and I said, 'It's OK officer, he won't bite,' to let him know the dog was merely greeting him." Bean shot the dog three times.

Luke spent nearly seven hours in surgery, but now, both dog and officer are doing fine.

### MAYTAG MISHAP

**CHARLOTTE, N.C.** — One U. of North Carolina, Charlotte, student will never look at laundry rooms the same way again. In November, she nestled herself into one of the university's dryers and was unable to get out.

According to police reports, the sophomore "just wanted to see if she could fit into the dryer. She got her body in and realized she couldn't get out of it."

Joe Johnson, director of police and public safety, says the student was tall and "evidently her weight threw the dryer off sufficiently so the door was jammed." Two campus police officers removed the student before the fire department arrived at the "rescue effort."

The student was uninjured, but the dryer will cost \$100 to repair. Residence Life refused comment on whether the student will be charged in what campus police call the Downy Case.

### SMELL THE PRIDE!

**ANN ARBOR, MICH.** — To be a loyal fan these days you have to stay on top of the game. Buying school-sponsored sportswear, license plates and candy aren't enough anymore. Now you need to smell like your school.

Peter Klamka, a 1990 U. of Michigan graduate, is selling his 10 collegiate colognes in stores across the country. Licensing agreements have been signed with Florida State U., Pennsylvania State U. and Harvard, among others.

Klamka sold 100,000 bottles of the cologne last year, and more school scents are on the way.

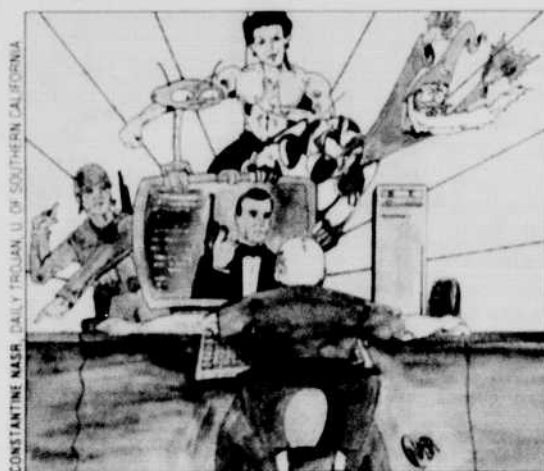
The colognes, which are aimed at men, have been described as rather strong. And at \$28 a pop, they have yet to win over Michigan State U. senior Nat Evans. "I'd rather have a sweatshirt," he says.

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## Internet users love to play in the MUDs

It's not quite like hanging out at the local coffee shop.

But visiting Multi-User Dungeons — fantasy, role-playing computer games — is a real enough distraction for many college students. So much so that several universities, including the U. of Tennessee, Indiana U., Clemson U. and the U. of Erlangen in Germany, have banned MUDs because of concerns about the computing time — and studying time — being consumed by avid MUDers.



MUDs are played over the Internet, a worldwide network of public and private computer systems. They sprang into existence in 1979 at the U. of Essex in England, according to technology writer Roy Trubshaw.

Similar to games like Dungeons and Dragons, MUDs allow players to assume character identities and go adventuring in labyrinthine worlds. Players can log onto a MUD from anywhere in the world, and MUDs can range in setting from virtual universities to simulations of the Star Trek universe.

As more and more students pour into the Internet's digital web, MUDs

have become the latest place to hang out and meet people. "They are able to open up to each other faster because they aren't being distracted by whether they are talking to a 4-foot-tall fat black woman or a tall Russian man with one arm or whatnot," says Devon Tuck, software engineer at Visual Engineering, Inc.

But there is one possible drawback to MUDs — their addictive nature. U. of Virginia third-year student Mick Stone describes them as being "great for procrastination, worse than television even." Stone found a novel way to end his dependency. "What I did was run amuck killing other players at random and shouting obscenities. They kicked me off [the MUD]."

Some operators of MUDs have even taken to setting automatic time limits on their games, says technoculture analyst Joichi Ito, an independent computer consultant. But some colleges and governments have imposed more drastic limits on MUD time. The Australian government has banned MUDs outright, and the U. of Erlangen shut down access to MUDs on university computers in October, after noting that many students spent six to eight hours a day playing them.

"To prevent our students from further addictive behaviour... we are not able to provide you with copies of files from this MUD-server," reads an announcement from university administrator Juergen Kleinoeder.

Students interested in MUDing — and willing to run the risk of MUD dependency — should check with their school's computing services department, and get a copy of "The Totally Unofficial List of Internet MUDs" from Scott Goehring at [scott@glia.biostr.washington.edu](mailto:scott@glia.biostr.washington.edu) on the Internet. ■ Sanford Clark, U. of Tennessee

## Fraternity brothers perform labor of love



A frat brother shows off his pride and joy.

Senior Jason Holeman didn't feel at all like himself.

He stretched his legs out behind the March of Dimes table at the U. of Florida. "I feel embarrassed and humiliated," he said, looking at his "pregnant" stomach, protruding through his Pi Kappa Alpha T-shirt. Holeman was wearing a pouch for "Men Have Babies Too," an event scheduled in November by Greek organizations to benefit the March of Dimes.

The March of Dimes received the donations from their fund-raiser before WalkAmerica, their biggest annual event in which volunteers walk in celebration of the money they raised. All together, the Gainesville area chapter brought in \$233,000.

"WalkAmerica is our largest fund-raiser, and what better group to get involved than ones that are closest to becoming the next set of parents," said Betsy Trent, Gainesville's March of Dimes community service director.

According to first-year student Kari Goetz, who offered support to Holeman during his "pregnancy," raising money and awareness was a lot easier than finding men to wear the maternity suits. "A lot of them just weren't comfortable putting on those pouches," she said. Holeman said four other fraternity members were supposed to wear pouches with him, but they chickened out. "This was supposed to be a bond," he lamented.

For more information about WalkAmerica, call (800) 525-WALK. ■ Sandra L. Nortunen, *The Independent Florida Alligator*, U. of Florida

## 'Zine puts out a Top 10 that would make Letterman shudder

The inaugural issue of Dartmouth College's newest 'zine, *Inner Bitch*, includes, among other things, a center spread on the "Top 10 Things to do with a Severed Penis." The back page of the journal pictures a pair of bloody shears with the message: "We're women. Don't touch us. We'll hurt you. Brought to you by S.N.I.P. — She-beasts Not Impressed by Penises."

"Our publication gives voice to the feelings of a radical contingent of women on campus who are usually not heard," says senior Dominique Ellner, the magazine's editor. "It is a testament to the empowerment of women."

Twelve female undergraduates contributed to the first 28-page edition, which came out in January on photocopied 11-by-17 inch paper. Ellner says private donations paid for production costs. "We didn't want college funding," she says. As a result of the limited budget, the first issue was distributed only to fraternities, sororities and affinity houses.

Ellner plans to publish the magazine once a term. "There aren't enough leftist publications on campus," Ellner says. "Other publications aren't expressing the experiences we

have had, and panel discussions don't do the trick."

Students have given *Inner Bitch* mixed reviews. Senior Nathan Saunders says he doesn't find the 'zine offensive. "A lot of men are disturbed by the references to castration, but I think that is meant to be taken figuratively. It is a way for women to empower themselves and cope with the frustration of living in a male-dominated society."

Saunders posed for the journal as a fraternity brother crushing a can against his head. His picture is next to a poem titled "Listen Up Mr. Frat Boy."

Sophomore Anh-Thu Cunnion says she didn't pay much attention to the new magazine. "It is unnecessary to be so offensive," she says. "More people would be willing to listen to their message if they didn't have such offensive attitudes."

Senior Paul Moore, who found a crumpled copy of *Inner Bitch* outside a fraternity, says, "This is not of an intellectual level that merits response. It should not be dignified with debate." ■ Jason Casell, *The Dartmouth*, Dartmouth College