

# ...BUT SERIOUSLY, FOLKS

Has anyone ever asked you the question, "What have you learned in college?" For me, the answer is simple: it goes, "I learned not to take life so damned seriously."

The most valuable lesson I learned at Brown University I actually learned when I bailed out for a semester. I'd entered college thinking I wanted to be a big career guy — specifically, an engineer. When I came back after a semester of ski bumming out West, I decided simply to study what interested me most, then to go out and take life by the horns.

You see, until you get out of the classroom and experience the excitement and adventure of the outdoors, you really haven't experienced life at all. And until you study the things that really interest you, you haven't really experienced college either.

For me, college didn't really start until I came back and studied writing, history, and environmental science. My career didn't really start until I began writing about environmental issues, adventure sports, and — my favorite topic — skiing.

That's what *Break!* is all about. It's about blowing off classes when the sun comes out. It's about going huge over spring break, instead of going home. It's about taking a break from what's expected of you — and doing what you really love.

We hope this issue will get you fired up about spring break. If it does, and you like to write, we'd love to hear about it.

— Bruce Edgerly, Editor



## HERE IT IS — IN GOLD!

Hello folks,

Not a bad magazine, nice photos, but you could use some education. Your article on Tommy Moe was poor. I'm not a river guide, I float any river I can, and I will be a river guide before long.

You have a nice picture of Tommy loading a handgun, but you refer to it as a .44 Magnum. It is in truth a Colt 1911-A-1. This particular design would no way handle the pressure generated by a .44 Mag. If such a trick was attempted and the handgun

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actually fired, one would undoubtedly end up with a bloody stump where the firing hand used to be and a face full of shrapnel.

It will be interesting to see if you have the balls or the integrity to actually print this.

Jeffrey Pentek  
Fairbanks, Alaska

exchanged her 4.0 for a 5.10

Editor:

Your section on "Campus Radicals" not only got me and my friends laughing hysterically, but contained some extremely useful information. The most useful story was the one on climbing walls. Thanks to your advice, my roommates and I have a two-story wall in our apartment. We've been putting up new

routes every couple of days, even getting some of the neighbors in on the action. I'm just waiting for the day our landlord pays us a visit! You can kiss that security deposit goodbye (not to mention my grade point average). Looking forward to the next issue.

Ellen McPherson  
Madison, Wisconsin

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Dear Editor:

Why is it that you insist on slamming the Greek system? Not all students in fraternities and sororities drive around in Daddy's Saabs and Beamers, as indicated in your story on "Dr. Beach." A lot of us work our way through college and therefore don't have the time to do the kinds of weird activities espoused in your magazine. Give us a break. *Break!*

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*Break!* shakes in the web: The following events are occurring right now. We await your input.

### Writing Contest

Instead of slaving for a grade from a prof who doesn't care, write us a piece on what you actually did. Give us the details, from wild inspiration to sordid ending and we'll pick the best stories and publish them in the next *break!* We won't grade your writing with letters, but cash: \$300 for the best piece we get, \$50 for anything we use. Please sign your writing, we won't use anything anonymous.

### Win Free Stuff

Does *Break!* a.) Suck. b.) Blow c.) Rock d.) Dominate e.) Rage? E-mail us a chunk of your mind. We'll enter your address in a drawing for all kinds of free stuff from mountain bikes to in-line skates.

**Give Us Shit! That's right. Ream us a new one. We can take it. We love getting letters from our readers — sweet or nasty, handwritten or typed, English or Swahili. Just keep it down to a manageable size. We also welcome story ideas, manuscripts, and photos related to college adventure sports. Send to: Editor, *Break!* magazine, 2025 Pearl St., Boulder, CO 80302. Or call us at (303)440-5111.**