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WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to school and to Steamtunnels magazine. Steamtunnels is now inserted in 275 college newspapers across the country, with a total circulation of well over 2 million readers.

Our web site, steamtunnels.net, is growing as well. In addition to enhancing the magazine with additional in-depth stories, guides and downloads, and lots of new web reviews, the site also has message boards, a daily news feed, local campus events and links to your college hot spots. We will be adding even more features shortly.

When visiting our site, don't forget to register to win a trip to the Jim Russell Race Car Driving School this spring. Two lucky winners will be sent on an all-expenses paid adventure to Sonoma, Calif. to learn how to drive like a pro on a real Nascar track.

Your feedback is important and always welcome—if there are some features we don't have and you would like, tells us about them—send your comments and suggestions to editor@steamtunnels.net. We will respond.

Robert Desmond

Editor-in-Chief

MEET THE STAFF

Alice Hill Technology Columnist



Steamtunnels welcomes technology columnist Alice Hill in this issue. Alice's column on technology trends (and pseudo-trends) will appear in every other issue of the magazine (see page 9). Alice is a veteran tech journalist: at CNET she was editorial director, and wrote a regular column with over 2 million readers. While at CNET she also launched gamecenter.com and other web projects.

Prior to that she was at Ziff-Davis, where she was the first female tech editor. She's also had stints in corporate America at Arthur Andersen and Soros Fund, and is currently a vice president at ecommerce home store cornerhardware.com.

College: Sarah Lawrence, B.A. Journalism, 1987; Oxford (Wadham College)

Favorite web sites: CNET.com, ZDNet.com, SlashDot.org, PlanetQuake.com, Salon.com, Inside.com, Suck.com

Hobbies: Building PCs, Wireless anything, Italian scooters

For fun: Multiplayer Age of Empires, fast scooter riding

Brett Catlin Intern



Brett has worked in our Boston office since last summer, doing everything from working on the local web sites to guerrilla marketing at back-to-school events. He's a senior at Boston University, where he's getting a B.S. in Business Administration, and is also the Vice President of the local chapter of the Zeta Beta Tau fraternity. A native of the Cheese State, he prefers cheddar and is a Green Bay Packers fan—of course.

Hometown: Appleton, WI

Major: Finance, with an International Relations minor

Favorite city: Grenada, Spain

Worst job: Manufactured huge light-up plastic pumpkins at a factory in Wisconsin

Hobbies: Running, biking, cooking, fine wine

Best wine: Bedford-Thompson Zinfandel

Favorite web sites: fedex.com (he mails a lot of packages), steamtunnels.net, zbtbu.com

Favorite food: Grilled swordfish

ON THE COVER

Clockwise from top: Aaron Bishop (© Michael Hildreth/Courtesy Mt. Hood Meadows Ski Resort); Shaggy (courtesy MCA Records); Vince McMahon (courtesy XFL)

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