Marijuana reform: It’s a joint effort

Movement to legalize Marijuana heats up in Wilkes-Barre with rally to be held May 7th.

The people are revolting and their voices are being heard. As the Cannabis movement gains weight and gets organized, it’s time to take a serious look at the argument of Marijuana legality.

The issue of total legalization, of course, is complicated, but a great starting point is the most convincing issue of the movement, and first stop on the road to total legalization, Medical Marijuana. 14 states allow the drug to be administered, the first of which was California, 14 years ago and the last of which was New Jersey, this past January.

Closer to home, Kenny Brown, founder of the Cannabis Defense Movement and organizer of a medical Marijuana rally to be held on May 7 on public square in Wilkes-Barre, is looking for legalization to make its way to Pennsylvania. In an exclusive interview with THE REVOLT, Brown gives us an inside peak at the movement from the front lines.

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Jenny’s got a gun!

Jennifer Shubilla pops off on gun control

Recently I was passing the time trading stories with a coworker. Our tales were mostly light-hearted, until she began to describe a gruesome event that just happened to one of her acquaintances. This acquaintance was a proud yet terribly irresponsible gun collector. While showing off his collection, he began to play around with a (unknowingly to him) loaded pistol. He jokingly aimed said pistol at his beloved best friend, a beautiful and well-behaved five year old black Labrador retriever, and shot its entire stomach off, killing it not instantly but eventually, after much pain and suffering had been endured.

The relaying of this terrible incident (I initially intended to describe the incident as gut-wrenching, but I’m actually so serious about this issue)
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that my almost-everything-goes and often provocative sense of humor did not prevail and I could not even force myself to type a pun with such bad taste) sparked an intense discussion with The Daily Pennsylvanian staff later prompted me to write. I have always been an advocate on gun control and regulation. I do not think it should be everyone’s natural right to bear arms. Yes, I am familiar with the 2nd Amendment to the United States Constitution. You know what I say? Amend the amendment. It’s been done before (see: 18th and 21st amendments) and there’s no reason it can’t be done again. According to The American Bar Association, there is more disagreement and less understanding about this right than any other current issue regarding the Constitution. So, let’s make it clear. Not only do I want the “right to keep and bear arms” issue made clearer, I want it made stricter. It makes me extremely uncomfortable, putting it mildly, to know how easy and common it is for people to possess a gun. I’m sure there are at least a few of you reading along, nodding, and thinking “Yeah. That’s how it should be.” I completely and wholeheartedly disagree.

Let’s make it a hundred times more difficult to buy a gun. I’m for more intense background checks for gun licensing (which are minimal and not in depth whatsoever), a more complicated process and application to purchase guns (they are laughable), more limits on the amount of guns a person can own, more locks and safeguards on each and every gun, more restrictions on who can carry an open and concealed gun; and much, much more enforcement on the illegal trade of guns.

I think a license should be required for any person to possess any type of gun, regardless of whether they plan to carry it in the open or conceal it. This goes for hunting as well. I think there should be a safety test, background check, and license which should be mandatory for all hunting guns and would be a separate entity from the sportsman license itself.

After taking a gander at the Pennsylvania Firearm Owners Association website (www.pafa.org) I was simultaneously frightened and angered. Here are a few gems directly from the aforementioned website as well as Pennsylvania Open Carry (www.paopencarry.org) that, in my opinion, are pretty disturbing:

1. In Pennsylvania it is actually illegal for any government or police agency to keep a registry of firearms.
2. In Pennsylvania a License to Carry Firearms (LTCF) is only required to conceal a firearm, or to carry a firearm in a motor vehicle.
3. In Pennsylvania, persons 18 years of age and older whom are not prohibited by law from owning firearms may openly carry a handgun in plain sight with no license.

I find these facts disheartening because one can ever know what kind of crazed person is carrying a gun around with so little to prevent him from doing so (For a recent example see, Tea Party Rally, Washington DC.) My question is: should we allow such accessibility to guns just because the Constitution says it’s a right to have one? Despite the much quoted “shall not be infringed upon,” I disagree.

I don’t at all understand the appeal of guns. Maybe if I did, the leniency of the laws would not bother me as much. Overall, I think much more focus needs to be put on our society’s motivation to buy guns, and much more enforcement needs to be enacted towards those who do. I, along with the rest of us, understand and respect difference in opinions, and if you have any you’d like to share—fire away (verbally that is) and your thoughts can be featured in an upcoming issue. Jennifer Shubilla JL55355@psu.edu

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The 21 year old activist immediately makes one thing clear, “It’s not about getting high. It’s not about being a hippie stoner.” “Marijuana can be used to strengthen the argument, we have heard that smoking Marijuana can kill brain cells and can also be considered a gateway drug.

Truth is, there are no recorded studies supporting the loss of brain cells due to smoking Marijuana, though there are none to oppose it either. “Let us remember that holding your breath too long, drinking alcohol, and working out excessively can kill brain cells.” As for the gateway drug theory, you may find more logic in citing exterior forces in the need to experiment with hard drugs, rather than the Marijuana itself.

“I am not saying that marijuana is not harmful, it can ruin lives, but so can eating too much McDonalds”, Brown adds on the topic.

So why’s the movement suddenly gaining momentum? In November California voters will vote on legalizing and taxing the substance across the state, a groundbreaking move which could potentially be very beneficial, economically speaking. Brown hopes to see a similar decision on the ballot in Pennsylvania in the near future. “We wish to one day see a legislative period where people can freely consume a safe alternative drug for medical and recreational purposes.”

Regardless of where you stand on the issue, the rally in Wilkes-Barre is a complete grass roots event, by the people and for the people and worth checking out. Starting at 11am and running until 6pm and it will include music, performers, speakers, and more. Why should you go? As Brown puts it, “You can be part of history, not only PA history but US Cannabis reform history.”

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Want to learn more about the rally and the local fight to legalize Marijuana? Log on to Facebook and search Cannabis Defense Movement or Rally For Medical Marijuana in Pennsylvania

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Through tactical planning by Jackie Warnick-Piatt and Marika Merritt, the fire department (who were notified prior to the event) were glad to come and keep an eye on things and show the brothers Calore what a real hose looks like.

“We’ve had worse. You’re not that stupid,” fireman Dave Hopfer lightly commented.

Even as the fire was doused with water, it seemed nothing could put out the burning Penn State pride. As one student commented, “It was really nice to see the campus so alive at night, and I never liked that tree anyway.”
So long! Farewell! Auf Weidersehen Good-bye!

After 20 years, Lester Jones, campus Mayor, steps down from office

After 20 years of being employed at Penn State W-B, through the good times and the bad—including mysterious encounters with the spirits of Hayfield and pit stops for late night snacks with THE REVOLT staff—Lester Jones, from Naugola, maintenance man and campus “Mayor,” is preparing to join the Class of 2010 in the countdown to their final days here at Penn State Wilkes-Barre.

On May 28 Lester will put his 20 years at Penn State Wilkes-Barre behind him. Although he is not ready to retire completely, he wants a break from working a five day week, and plans to look for part-time employment.

Lester works in Hayfield House most of the time. “I enjoy working in Hayfield House, and the Tech. Center the best, but wherever I go I know that I am welcomed.”

Over the years, Lester has probably made friends with hundreds of students, and said that when he sees them in public, or after they graduate, “it’s as though they never really change; I see them as a college student, and that’s what they always are—a college student.”

Lester has impacted some students in ways that he may not be aware of. “Lester was one of the first people I got to know at Penn State Wilkes-Barre,” said Donna Smith, 2009 graduate. “And although Asst. librarian Marcia Nelson is looking forward to her upcoming retirement after dedicating twenty-four years to Penn State Wilkes-Barre. Marcia previously worked at the King’s College and the Luzerne County Historical Society libraries before becoming a full-time employee and Penn Stater in 1986. She has always enjoyed working at Penn State Wilkes-Barre the most, stating, “I feel that the campus community is very open, and since it is a small campus, everyone knows each other. It is also a great place for students with the small class sizes. King’s did not have the feeling that we have here. Professors were always addressed as Doctor.

Marcia strikes a pose

Marcia Nelson closes the book on her career at Penn State

Everyone has had a drastic haircut in their life, an event which presents two moments. First there is the initial glance in your rear view mirror outside of the salon. You ask yourself, do I like it? Is it too short? Will everyone else like it? Then there is the moment in which you first see your friends. Their eyes widen and glance up at the new coif as they walk toward you, and then they speak…

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So just to clarify, you are reading THE REVOLT, your new campus newspaper which is not The Collegian anymore and you absolutely love it—literally cannot put it down. It’s like cake without the calories; it’s like sex without the fear of an STD.

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Castro so tough. Just kidding—we don’t, but we do love evoking emotion from our fellow students and if it takes plastering a dictator on our front cover to get you riled up, then so be it. Let’s also remember that not all revolutionaries were historically positive, though they were revolutionaries nonetheless.

The dialogue Castro created with some readers was very exciting for our staff. We love opinions and we want this paper to be a stage for all of the students of Penn State Wilkes-Barre, not just our staff.

Speaking of our staff, I would like to congratulate our own Richard Smith and Amanda Nolan, along with the rest of the class of 2010, on graduating. Subsequently, THE REVOLT is looking for some new talent. If you’re interested in writing, photography, clog dancing, or design, consider joining.

We also heard a few very passionate objections as to the figures which graced the top of our first issue, mainly Fidel Castro. Well we love

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and Professor, we don’t have that excessive formality here.”

Marcia currently resides in Dallas with her husband, who has al-
ready been retired from being a correctional counselor for seven
years. When asked what she will miss most about Penn State Wil-
kes-Barre, Marcia said it is definitely the people, quickly adding
that getting up early in the morning on winter days is something
she will not miss.

One area of work that Marcia particularly enjoyed was doing re-
search for instructors. “It feels almost like a treasure hunt, with a
feeling of accomplishment at the end when you find what you
were looking for.”

After retiring, Marcia looks forward to spending more time garden-
ing, as well as traveling the United States with her husband. “Now
that we have more time, I really like to travel, especially to Ar-
tego, Las Vegas, California, and Utah.” This summer she plans on going
to Virginia and Florida.

Marcia has always been a wonderfully helpful staff member, help-
ing us grow through the years just as the campus has. A great thanks
to Marcia for everything she has done, and a warm wish of happi-
ness in the future.

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ACCESS DENIED
Students left out in the cold

There are few things more disconcerting than being on a roll, a productivity kick, and then having an outside force bring all your action to a halt. This has recently hap-
pened to me a few times. One Saturday evening I came to campus to complete an assignment and was told I wasn’t allowed in any building because they were all closed and students were not granted any access on weekends after a certain (very early) time. I figured weekend afternoons were a prime time for students to do homework, and I pro-
ceeded to drive home scratching my head. Fast forward two days to Monday, when I was kicked off of campus at 9pm because it was closing. 9pm? There are senior citi-
zens’ gatherings that go on later than that. So, we aren’t able to be on campus doing work after 9pm on weekdays and past the afternoon on weekends. After being locked out, ushered away, and pissed off, I’m on a mission to try to fix this issue. If there’s nothing that can be done about extending hours, then I’ll take it as a free pass to take my sweet time with all future class assignments. Since I don’t think that’s a satisfactory compromise for any party in-
volved, I invite all students to share their opinion and if I’m not the only one disgruntled, perhaps we can make a change.

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Lester

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he may not have known my name right away, he al-
ways recognized me and said hello. That means a lot
to a nervous and lonely incoming freshman. Students
need that. Over my four years here, I went from being
acquaintances with Lester to being actual friends. He
did not have to do that. He did not have to greet stu-

dents and learn their names and get to know them, but
I cannot tell you how much it means to new, fright-
ened students to walk across this campus and see a
friendly face and feel noticed and welcomed. That is
one thing this campus is good at, and Lester was one of
the best.”

Donna also added this testament to Lester’s kind-
hearted disposition: “One of most touching experi-
ences I had with Lester happened about a year and a
half ago. My best friend had been a student here on

campus and had gotten to know Lester quite well.
When my friend moved on, Lester continued to ask
me about his well-being, and one day I had to break
the news to Lester that this friend had been killed in
a motorcycle accident. We held a memorial service
on campus, and when we opened the floor for people
to come up and say a few words, Lester walked up
and spoke. Lester has always been such a soft-spo-
ken man, and when he set aside his quiet demeanor
to get up and honor this deceased student, I realized
just how much he cares for the students that cross
his path. It was so moving. Lester is one of those
people I will never be able to forget, and I am truly
appreciative to him for the service he has done to this
campus.”

Besides just the students, Lester has built up quite a
following of groups: “I made many friends, and will
miss the friendly and family-oriented people I worked
with on the faculty and staff boards.”

He has also seen a number of transitions throughout
his time here. “I’ve been through six Chancellors, two
department heads; I’m on my fourth boss. It’s been
quite a roller coaster ride--but a fun one. Some days
I can’t believe it has been twenty years, and then other
days, I come to work and say to myself: ‘Yup, it’s been
twenty years.’”

Lester is looking forward to having more time to
devote to his various hobbies. Music is a big part of
his life, and he enjoys country, oldies, bagpipes, and
classical. You won’t catch him singing and dancing
around Hayfield House, but if he were ever going to,
it would be to a Phil Collins CD.

After forty-two years in the housekeeping and main-
tenance field, Lester will move on to someplace new.
The Mayor (“people call me that because I talk to
everyone…and I enjoy it”) has been such a wonder-
ful addition to our campus family, and will always be
welcome back for a visit. Best wishes and many
thanks to Lester from the PSU Wilkes-Barre!

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Woodlands

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tend classes and acquire “a home away from home.”

The Nittany Woodland Commons is a privately-owned
facility rented out exclusively to Penn State Wilkes-Barre
students. Recently, the Woodlands has renovated its older
buildings (Hemlock and Oak) with new dishwashers, flat
screen televisions, and microwaves. It has also recently
added a new building called Aspen, which has single bed-
rooms. Parking has been expanded with the increasing
population and number of vehicles.

When asked how these recent renovations should increase
interest and enrollment in the apartments, investor and part-
owner Dennis Dunn stated, “The recent addition of the
Aspen building and the planned addition of the fourth
building over this summer have a very positive impact
on Penn State Wilkes-Barre enrollment. Many who could
not afford to live on-campus in the past can now consider it, with
safe and affordable housing located close to campus.”

The housing experience for students has proved to be
a very safe one. The owners have worked diligently
with the Lehman Township police to patrol the grounds
sporadically to make sure nothing is amiss. Resident
maintenance manager Tom Nikolos is also on hand for
any “handy” problems that students may have with their
apartments. When asked how living so close to campus
has enhanced his freshman experience, Jonathon Barreto
explained, “Living on my own is great, and it taught me
that I have to learn how to take on my own work.”

With all of the constructive changes being made to the
apartments and the safe environment, it’s a surprise that
residents still have some gripes about the way things are
run. Many students complain that lack of communication
with the property managers is something that should be
rectified immediately.

Freshman Caity Luch complains, “There’s a bit of stress
when it comes to paying bills. Some of my roommates
pay more than I do, even though we all use the same
amount of electricity.”

The winter time is usually a dangerous time for students
who make the journey to class each day. “He doesn’t
even bother to clean up the snow” gripes freshman

Precious Hills. “I slipped and slid to class and to anyone
else’s apartments every day, falling and hurting myself
each step of the way.”

When asked about the lack of communication, Dunn
replied, “We have at least one Resident Meeting each
semester.” What will the investors discuss? Hopefully one
of the issues that they will work on fixing is the unhappi-
sness of the currently enrolled students- a great way to ease
the apprehension of students entering into the Penn State
system in August 2010.

Many changes are said to be happening down at the
Nittany Woodlands. Dunn proudly stated, “The biggest
change will be the addition of the fourth building that will
add another forty beds in eight apartments. It will be very
similar to the Aspen building. Not to be forgotten, we
will be installing sprinkler systems in Hemlock and Oak,
and also wiring those buildings for Internet (Ethernet)
services. Currently these buildings have only WiFi cover-
age and we have experienced some slower speeds than we
want. The ‘wired’ internet will provide very high-speed
to our service. As you can see, Nittany Commons at PSU
Wilkes-Barre continues to invest substantial amounts
(millions!) in expansion and improvements. At the same
time, we are working to hold costs down to keep rent
payments affordable. Our residents can help do this by
conserving energy, keeping their apartments clean, and
avoiding damages- all of which add to our costs and must be
recovered in rental charges.”

Though there are many positives of being very close to
the campus, the Nittany Woodland Commons has some
larger issues on hand as far as its residents’ satisfaction
is concerned. Personally, my bills accrue over the months
from inconsistent billing and charging. My bathroom has
undergone very minimal repairs though I have complained
over and over. I won’t say that the roof leaks and the beds
are horrible, but considering the money paid, I believe
that the product should be fully done, just as the owners
expect their rent to be fully paid.

Hopefully these concerns can be taken care of as soon as
possible instead of adding to the problems that have been
left unattended.

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Following a victory over the multi-talented Penn State Mount Alto team, it appears that Penn State Wilkes-Barre’s baseball program is finally taking steps in the right direction. Over the past couple years the club has gone through a few embarrassments, including not even fielding a team in 2009, and then this year’s 34-4 loss suffered at the hands of Wilkes University.

Manager Sean Foley is the main man on campus to thank for the resurgence of Mountain Lions baseball. A strict agenda, practice schedule, arrangements for their trip to Florida, playing strategies—all credit must be chalked up to Foley. Foley, a former assistant coach under Jerry Grecley at Kings College, served his time as a catcher in his playing days at Penn State. His brother, Mark, is a beloved assistant coach, noted for his humor.

As far as offense goes, the lineup is among the best in the USCAA conference. Senior Matt Kempinski covers the shortstop position and anchors the lineup from his leadoff spot. Alongside Kempinski in the infield are third baseman Kyle Jola, second baseman Greg Kaminski and a carousel at first base rotating between Tom Perry and Corey TIMEK. Jola and Timek are two of the strongest hitters on the team. While Jola has gone yard, Timek is trying to turn “warning-track power” into “over-the-fence power.”

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As the season winds down, there are certainly some disappointments, including the charismatic supernova, J.P. Mericle. Set to compete for a spot in the infield, Mericle suffered a head injury that ended his season—but not his career, as he plans to return next year.

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Among the bumbling athletes that called this country home in the early twentieth century were many alcoholics and racists. As we progressed into current day, the twenty-first century were many athletes that imbecile who puts a stain on their respective leagues.

In baseball, Milton Bradley holds the title of biggest dumbass. Who better to summarize Bradley’s persona other than Bradley himself? “I’m baseball’s Kanye West.” Outspoken, arrogant, flasdy, talented, the “bad guy” image. Yep, pretty spot on with Kanye. Nobody wants to sign Bradley to a contract longer than a single season, as not even Bradley knows what stupid thing he will do next. Despite being suspend-ed over half a dozen times in his career already (including one season-ending suspension with the Cubs last season,) he still managed to amass nearly $25 million in his nine-year career.

Latrell Spreewell should thank the Lord every night that he still has a pulse. Not just for the fact that he has offered millions of fans (some who are mental-ly unstable), but because he can barely afford to put food on his table, if he can even afford a table that is. In 1995, “Spree” shot a 2x4 to practice, threat-en ing his own teammate, and then later promised to return with a gun. Spreewell’s idiocy continued in 1997, when he infamously choked head coach (and Scrunton native) P.J. Carlesimo during a temper tantrum. He was handed a year-long suspension, and during that suspension violated rules of the road and landed on house arrest. After all that, Spree idiotically turned down a three-year $21 million contract to play in the NBA irref ectionally defending himself by saying, “I have a family to feed.” In the end, he never signed another NBA con tract, and went flat broke in 2008.

The NHL is a man’s sport, and one of the burliest men on earth is Sean Avery. Avery is a great competitor, but has limped-witted mouth and brain of a middle schooler. He has never played well with teammates, or fans off the ice. Avery also symbolizes the phrase, “the bad guys always get the girl,” as he used to date actress Elisha Cuthbert. After breaking up, Cuthbert started dat ing another NHL player, Dion Phaneuf.

Avery took it upon himself to let the world know what he thought of Cusht bert and Phaneuf. “I just want to com ment on how it’s become like a common thing in the NHL for guys to fall in love with my sloppy seconds.” The NHL responded with a six-game suspension and anger management classes.

Who can be the one to outdo the (al leged) two-time rapist as the ultimate bad-guy of the NHL? Look no further than Adam “Pac Man” Jones and his laundry list of legal troubles. Assault, felony vandalism, probation, disorderly conduct, public intoxication, and mari juana possession, among other charges, are what Jones is most remembered for, rather than his football career. All of these troubles added up to a wasted NFL career, spent partially behind bars, on house arrest, with a bit of probation sprinkled in as well.

Historically, though, there are even worse figures. Lawrence Phillips was a former top draft pick, wasted his talent in a short-lived NFL career, and went to jail several times for beating women. O.J. Simpson murdered his wife, and Rae Carruth murdered his girlfriend.

While Roethlisberger’s second rape case looms in the Pittsburgh air, dumbass troublemakers exist in every sport. Since “Big Ben” won Pittsburgh two Super Bowls and is a global super star, the media’s lens is focused solely on Roethlisberger as we approach NFL opening day. Roethlisberger is serving a 4-to-6 game suspension for his actions.

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Downtown Drinks

With the semester winding down and finals quickly approaching, I bet you students and faculty who are of age could probably use a stiff drink.

As most of you are aware, over the past few years Wilkes-Barre has been boasting about its new hip and modern college friendly atmosphere. It’s safe to say that the renovations have pulled in the college crowd. The biggest attraction for most college students is the variety of bars and nightclubs to choose from.

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Rodanos
(53 Public Square)

Safety: 3.5/5 Next to yet not in the midst of Public Square’s shady biz.
Atmosphere: 4.5/5 Graffitirific, street chic.
Prices: 3/5 Not so happy after happy hour
Promotions: 2/5 Big stage, but not big names.
+1 for the most awesomely quick and efficient hand dryers ever
-1 for horrible wait staff

HARDWARE
(12 South Main Street)

Safety: 1.5/5 Bring your mace just in case.
Atmosphere: 2/5 Sloppiness surrounds you.
Prices: 3.5/5 Good specials all the time.
Promotions: 4/5 Flavor Flav, Vanilla Ice, and Midget Bowling. What else do you need?
+1 for skanky, shady, and other unenviable clientele
+1 bartenders in bikinis (if you’re into that)
11.5/20

Brush your teeth with a bottle of Jack

Gencina Ricca rattles off do’s and don’ts of bar behavior

I’m sure we can all swap stories about times when we’ve gone out with friends and have been embarrassed by their behavior, or frankly just pissed off from something they’ve done. Here are some helpful hints you can follow when going out for a night on the town to keep things running smoothly:

1. Never leave a man behind. If you came together, leave together. It’s as simple as that. Don’t be the jerk that hooks up with someone and leaves your friends without their knowledge. If you really like that person get their number and arrange to see them again on your own time. If you’re out just looking to get laid, tell your crew up front, this way they’re not frantically looking for you during last call.

2. Take care of your bartender. Remember that they are the ones making sure you enjoy yourself for the evening. If you’re cheap with the tip they’ll be cheap with your drinks. So if you’re that dude that’s buying a round for the house, give a little extra to the person behind the bar.

3. Keep in mind that it is your bartender’s job to be nice and flirt with you. They are being paid to act like that so you feel good about yourself. This does not mean they want you. So be nice and have a good time, but don’t become a stalker, it’s not cool, and it’s really creepy.

4. If during the night you’ve had one too many drinks and you know this last shot will make you sick. Don’t do it! Wait a bit; give your body sometime to adjust to the ridiculous amounts of alcohol you’ve just consumed. No one wants to clean up your mess so be considerate of your sober friends and bussers.

5. Make sure there is a designated sober person in the group. For obvious reasons this is the most important. If there is no one to volunteer maybe offer some gas money and maybe a little extra just in case you become the jackass of the evening.

I’m an expert who has had one too many bad experiences with stupid people. So remember don’t be jerks, take care of your DD and bartenders, and most of all have fun!

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THE REVOLT staff details where to buy shots without getting shot
FIST PUMP!

The Jersey Shore Heads To Miami

Fans of MTV’s smash reality show no longer need to worry about going through withdrawal. A “Situation” has been brewing and it’s finally been confirmed that the beloved cast has been booked for a second season, this time taking place at Miami’s South Beach. The Miami season was decided upon after the first season received record breaking ratings. The original “Jersey Shore” propelled the cast to fame and fortune, as they appeared on just about every morning and late night talk show and commanded numbers into the tens of thousands of dollars for club appearances. Now it’s time to test America’s fascination with the tanned guidos and guidettes as they take their show on the road, posing the question: You can take them out of Jersey, but can you take the Jersey out of them?

Tune in this summer on July 29th to catch Jersey Shore Season 2, and remember to get your tail to the theatre.

-Jennifer Shubilla

SEX ...

...and the City 2 to open May 29th

Get Carried away during this summer’s Big movie event! The girls are back together for another movie filled with fashion and fun. Follow Carrie, Samantha, Charlotte and Miranda around (and outside) the city as they navigate through life and love. Stay tuned for lots of surprises including 80s flashbacks, rumored bankruptcy, and unexpected encounters with former flames. Sometimes it’s hard to believe we’re all still amped up to strap on our Manolo Blahnik’s in support of our favorite foursome twelve years after the series first debuted, but I guess there’s something to be said about the staying power of sex and shenanigans. Get pumped to wear your pumps on May 29th and check out what’s happened to the girls since we last left them!

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Death by Laughter

It’s the most outrageous funeral ever. Imagine naked people on roofs, hallucinogenic drugs, and little people. Death at a Funeral has all this and more. This comedy takes place at the funeral of Aaron (Chris Rock) and Ryan’s (Martin Lawrence) father. The entire family comes together to mourn the loss, but complications arise and hilarity ensues. James Marsden is extremely funny as the boyfriend of Elaine (Zoe Saldana), who accidentally mistakes Valium for a hallucinogenic, as is Tracy Morgan in the role of the family’s close friend Norman. One of the biggest complaints from critics is that this film is almost an exact remake of the British movie with the same title which only just came out in 2007. It’s true that there are a lot of similarities. It’s the same storyline, many of the same lines, and even one actor playing the same character. But hey, why not make a funny movie twice? The actors did great jobs with their roles, and despite the unremarkable ending, the movie delivers plenty of opportunities to laugh.

-Abby Bachman

Whacked Off

If you haven’t seen this movie yet, have two legs, and eyeballs, you need to get your tail to the theatre. Tina Fey and Steve Carell are the best pairing to happen on screen since Lucy and Desi. These two can make the Holocaust look funny. What’s the story? The pair star as Phil and Claire Foster, a married couple boggled down by the monotony of marriage and looking for a way liven things up. They find it after a case of mistaken identity, which throws them into a world of political cover ups, low speed boat chases, and underground sex clubs. The story line is solid, the chemistry is adorable, and the action in Manhattan is hilarious. Add a shirtless Mark Wahlberg and the funniest strip tease in film history, and you easily have the best thing since sliced bread. Just go see it.

-Aaron Bomba

Release the Kraken!

Who will win the war between man and the gods? King Cepheus of Argos (Vincent Regan), along with Queen Cassiopeia (Polly Walker), decides that they are more powerful than the gods and foolishly declares to wage war on them. Hades (Ralph Fiennes) in a quest to take over Olympus, tricks his brother Zeus (Liam Neeson) to allow him to release the Kraken on mankind in order to teach them a lesson in respecting the gods. In the middle of all this chaos Perseus’ (Sam Worthington), demi-god son of Zeus, earthly family gets killed by Hades. With nothing left to lose Perseus sets out on an adventure-filled journey to take Hades down, and fulfill his destiny to save Princess Andromeda (Alexa Davalos) and the city of Argos.

This box office hit is a remake of Ray Harryhausen’s 1981 film of the same title. This movie isn’t necessarily a must see, but it also isn’t a waste of your time!

-Gencina Ricca

CAMPUS PLAYLIST

Kevin Hoban - Hero by Skillet
John Ulchney - Diary of Jane by Breaking Benjamin
Brandon Yachna - Stranglehold by Ted Nugent
Parker Neveglosky - Shadows by Red
Bob Danko - Amen by Kid Rock
Robert Naro - Buried Flame by Akiko Shikata
Aaron Blockkus - Rock the Cashbah by The Temptations

Marvee Shah - Papa was a Rolling Stone by The Temptations
Melissa Guinnannon - Everything is Fine by Josh Turner
Amy Perry - Cecilia by Simon and Garfunkle
Diana Rosczenko - Chemicals between Us by Bush
Larry Ofsharski - Ants Marching by Dave Mathews Band
Breanna Mitchell - Nothin on You by B.O.B. ft Bruno Mars
Marika Merritt - I run to you by Lady Antebellum
Abby Bachman - Your love is my drug by Ke$ha
Lester Jones - The Times They Are A-Changin’ by Phil Collins
Anastacia Beaverson - Walking on Broken Glass by Annie Lennox
Johnny Scotch - Liquid Dreams by O-Town

Abby Bachman - Chasin’ by O-Town

Robert Naro - Buried Flame by Breaking Benjamin

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