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The
JEFF ZONE

a humor column by Jeff Davis

The story of Billy, the freedom-seeking goat- a.k.a. "Free Billy"

It happened in the blink of an eye. An un-suspecting passer-by was stopped at THE red light in a truck. An en-slaved goat, tied in the back of the truck, made a break for freedom. The goat chewed through the rope that bound him and leapt from the stopped vehicle. The great escape occurred on Sat., March 20th, and our suspect has been on the run ever since. The stories you have heard are true. There is a goat on the loose in our community.

Apparently the goat is a freedom-seeking, youthful male goat that may answer to the name of "Billy." He is about 3'4" tall with green eyes and a mix of white and black hair. He is believed to be unarmed and not a threat to safety unless perhaps you are a garden plant. The reward for Billy's arrest is currently \$50 but may increase soon. This is an opportunity to make some money to go towards that new tuition increase.

GWU Police Chief Bah-ah-ah-rry Johnson attempted to catch the suspect using a cast net but failed. He and many others have tracked and chased the fugitive all over our campus. Chief Johnson said the suspect seems to like bananas, oddly enough. I assume yellow bananas. Unfortunately the GWU caf only carries brown and green bananas so you will need to make a grocery run if you intend to catch Billy this way.

Johnson suggested a possible bait tactic of a female goat. I would caution against this method of catching Billy for several reasons. First, how do we pick out an attractive female goat? I have no idea what classifies attractive in the goat world. I have never even read a fashion

column for goats. Second, this could be risky because if this female gets loose we've doubled the number of fugitives on our campus and next thing you know there is a family of goats and then someday goats outnumber geese and take their place on our annoyance list. Finally, the female goat bait tactic may not work because this is 2004 and no one is sure of Billy's preference.

Local business owner Don Francis was the first to make me aware of the escapee after he spotted the goat in the drive-thru of First Charter and later BB&T. I think the fugitive planned some withdrawals and a cash dash for Canada. I imagine our friend got word that the Mexican word for goat is *entrée*.

Somewhere along the way Billy got caught in "The Webb" and has made our campus his new home. Some see his story as an inspiration for them to eat through their life's metaphorical ropes, get off of the stopped truck, and seek freedom from their metaphorical enslavement. I talked to some students who have seen and tracked Billy. Sabrina Hulett found what might be his hideout near the athletic fields. It's nice to know Billy supports our athletics. Grace Stewart suggested the goat could become our mascot. Replacing the bulldog with the goat might not be a bad idea. According to Scott Holstein this goat is quick on his feet, so I'm sure Billy is worthy of athletic mascot status. I'm working to track down Billy and get his story straight from the goat's mouth, then my 50 bucks.

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"latest fashion" by jordana hart

Freedom to choose...style

Okay, guys, you've waited long enough. I've written several articles focused on women, so here's one for you. I realize that fashion is not a top priority for most of you, or for most men in general, but the time has come when you need to care. Do you guys realize that most women, the wonderful girls of GWU included, form their first impression of you based on how you dress? Now you're listening, right?

Here's the good news. Unlike women, whose style is often determined by magazines and movies, men have more flexibility and freedom to choose their style based on their personality and attitudes. Most likely, women form impressions of men based on the way they look for this very reason. Therefore, if your daily-wear consists of baggy jeans and worn t-shirts with yellow armpit stains, what kind of impression do you think you're really leaving on women?

Expressing your personality in your clothes is truly not as difficult as you might think and not all that expensive. More often than not, men's clothes are cheaper than women's, so you're in luck. Based on the look you want, visit American Eagle, Hollister, Abercrombie & Fitch, Express for Men, Banana Republic, Gap, Old Navy and J. Crew.

But what is popular for men this season? Rainbow flops are huge. In my opinion, when guys pair any flops with jeans, shorts or most anything, its a great look. If you're not into the whole flop idea, don't worry. Bowling shoes, which have been popular for at least two years are still big, so it's not too late to invest in a good pair. They'll pair well with jeans, khakis and some dressier looks.

Denim shorts are making a surprising comeback this year. APRIL FOOL'S! Guys, with so many other options out there, you have no reason to ever, ever sport the denim shorts; I don't care how great you think you look in them. If you own them, burn them. On the other hand, khaki shorts and pants are classic and trendy, especially cargos. Always opt for flat fronts, as pleats are evil (i.e. unflattering on all people). And while you're at it, look for straight leg pants as well, which look great on guys and are popular this spring. Zip pocket pants are also trendy, so check those out.

Upset about losing the denim shorts? I have good news. Denim jackets, especially those with a dark wash, are quite popular this season and look fabulous paired with a colorful polo or a tight-fitting tee. Striped button-down shirts, in fresh colors look great layered with a tee and paired with jeans or khakis; don't forget to roll up your sleeves!

As with the springy trends for women, stripes and lots of color are all the rage among men. However, although the 20s and 50s have inspired most women's spring clothing, men's clothing has been inspired by the 70s, so get your groove on, boys!

In comparison with all of the exciting things available to women this season, men's fashion seems a little dull. Spice up your look with a large belt buckle, a colorful wristband or a large, bold-faced, thick-banded watch. Also check out Kenneth Cole Reaction's aviator glasses, or a knockoff version.

So, guys, throw out the denim shorts and stained, hole-infested tees of old, don't get left behind and spring into this season expressing who you really are!