

## Viewpoint

Spring is here. And with the arrival of the sun and the warmth comes a strange disease — Spring Fever!

The symptoms are easy to detect — a mind that's a million miles away, the sight of pale legs sticking out of shorts that haven't been worn in six months and a slacker mentality.

This bug has definitely struck *The Pendulum* staff. In fact, the Elon College campus almost didn't get a paper this week, the Fever was so bad. None of us wanted to spend a beautiful day locked up in Moseley Center.

Some of us were fortunate enough to find "excuses" to leave — going to the Elon baseball game, taking softball pictures or needing to do interviews for "Speaking Of."

The rest of us spent the afternoon trying to find extension cords long enough to reach Lake Mary Nell so we could work on the paper and our tans. (Note to school: *The Pendulum* needs some laptops.)

And while the arrival of spring does mean that graduation is approaching and classes are almost over, the year isn't over yet. In fact, we still have almost six full weeks of classes yet.

And for a lot of students these six weeks are crunch time — time to do that project you've been putting off, time to start cranking out those research papers and catching up on old projects.

However, on a brighter note, it is possible to take notes, read and study while frolicking in the gorgeous weather.

And if you still need ideas for all those projects, papers and presentations here's a few outdoor ideas that *The Pendulum* staff highly recommends:

1. The Lake Mary Nell ducks: Are they just here for the food?
2. Tanning: Is it easier in the morning or the afternoon?
3. A Day in the Life of a Slacker: A personal memoir
4. Convertibles vs. Sunroofs: A comparative analysis

Enjoy the rest of the semester and we will continue to fight our Fever in order to cover yours.

• *The Pendulum* editorial staff

## Chuck's mental yard sale

I have run the gauntlet. I have covered every topic that there is: Sex, Conformity, Prostitution, Sex, Friendship, Current Events, Sex, Religion, Death, Sex, Cigars, Monkeys and Sex... See I got 'em all.

Since my stint as the senior columnist for *The Pendulum* is coming to a close, I have been forced to clean out my desk and subsequently my mind.

I have to return all the ideas that I had during my last two years as they are property of *Pendulum Inc.* You know the stuff, half-baked column ideas, anecdotes, one-liners, general commentaries on life, that kind of crap.

So in order to finish this column and to protect myself from a massive lawsuit I have decided to dump the creative portions of my mind onto the paper you now hold in your hot little hands. Sorry about the mess.

If you see a turtle on a picket fence, you know he had help.

Beer.

If anyone remembers last year, one of the air foils that runs around the outside of the Moseley Center game room was broken, well, that was my fault. I was standing on it for a reason I don't really want to discuss here and it sort of, well, let's just say that it wasn't designed for that sort of thing.

Bad touch! Bad touch!

Women are wonderful. I think that is not only my opinion, but the opinion of every guy that ever was. I don't know if the female perspective on women is the same. I can't take the female point of view because I am, as the French say, "sans vagina"

Why yes, I am a pervert. Thank you for noticing.

If any of what I say disturbs your more deli-

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cate sensibilities I will understand if you skip to another part of the paper or even throw the whole thing

away, but remember, I know where you sleep...so keep reading.

I wish that the sexual metaphor for the world was a Lego block. Constant linking and un-linking with all kinds of blocks of different sizes, shapes and colors.

You know Chuck isn't my real name. My real name is Adam. Yeah, I know it doesn't rhyme with Buckley but we can't have our pie and sit in it too.

Look behind you quick! No really! Look out! Turn around!! AHHH! You missed it.

Why is it that the women of all species control the mating? Seriously, when a female thinks about sex the first question that pops into their head is not "Can I get it?" as it is for a guys, its, "Do I want it?"

From my oh-so-very-limited experience, women are more concerned with the ramifications of their actions before they chose someone

to join them. Guys on the other hand first are concerned with who it's going to be, then whether or not they should be doing it.

I'm not trying to say that women have it easy when it comes to the sexual battlefield, or that

you have men in glass case on the wall, ready to be broken out in an emergency situation, but y'all have got to admit there if you were to start asking random men on the street if they wanted to do the horizontal mambo, you'd have a taker with in the hour.

Now if a guy did that, and didn't get arrested, it would be a cold day in hell when that offer was accepted. But that's only my opinion.

It's always fun to purge the mind. I hope you found this a therapeutic as I did.

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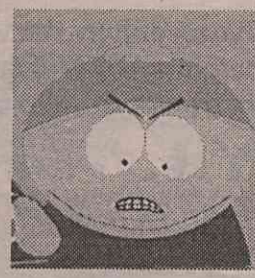


Speaking of ... South Park

What are your theories on who Cartman's father is?



**Jamie Doucette, junior:** I want to say it's one of the football players just because otherwise it would be too controversial if it was one of the main characters. It's got to be someone whose in the background who would sort of sneak up.



**Eric Cartman:** I #&%\*@ dunno if it's a Naive American or a homie from the Westsiiddde, but he better be \*%\$#@ cool! It would be pretty \*&%\$#@ sweet if he had some Cheesy Poofs and some pie. Screw you guys, I'm going home! BEEFCAKE!



**Andy Villwock, freshman:** I would think probably either Mr. Garrison or Officer Barbrady just because that would make it the stupidest thing. Knowing South Park they would want to make it as ridiculous as possible.

**Joe Bethany, freshman:** The Chef. Just because he's the most likely candidate.

**Stacy Billman, senior:** I think it's Mr. Garrison. They're both so weird. And I think it's him because he's always attacking Cartman in class.

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