Welcome (back) to Cedar Crest
Please enjoy your copy of the Orientation Pre-Issue of The Crestiad. Our first full issue will be available on Sept. 3.

Summer news high-lights:
What we missed while on vacation

Last Titanic survivor dies
On May 31, 98 years after the Titanic launched, Millvina Dean died. At age 97, she was the last surviving Titanic survivor. At the time the Titanic sunk, Dean was eight weeks old and gained a spot on a lifeboat with her mother and 23-month-old brother. Dean was the youngest Titanic survivor and people stood in line to hold her when she was a child.

H1N1 becomes a pandemic
H1N1, more commonly referred to as the Swine Flu, was officially named a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization on June 11. The latest available data claims 205,785 infections and 1,569 deaths in 157 countries around the world. Of these, 39,104 cases are in the United States with 326 deaths.

Pennsylvania is the state with the seventh most cases – 1,960 – but only eight deaths.

Metro cars collide, nine die
On June 22, a Washington, DC, Metro car collided with a stationary car during a rush-hour collision that killed nine. The accident happened on the Red Line just before 5:00 p.m. in Washington DC, near the border to Takoma Park, Md. The impact on the stationary Metro car reportedly caused the car to be compressed by 75 percent. Nine deaths were reported with dozens of injuries.

Ed McMahon, remembered
On June 25, Michael Jackson, 50, was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame twice; he also held seven Guinness World Records including the youngest Titanic survivor and had strong ties to the American Family Publishers.

Robots make millions
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen was the top-grossing film of the summer, as of press time. Making $393,709,339 at latest count, it is also the top-grossing film of 2009 so far. Released on June 24, Transformers, starring Shia LaBeouf, was the second film in the live action Transformers series.

King of Pop dies at age 50
On June 25, Michael Jackson, died following a cardiac arrest. Though a controversial figure in his later years, Jackson, 50, was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame twice; he also held seven Guinness World Records including most Grammy Awards won in a year, highest annual earnings ever

Brea Barski  | Editor in Chief

Cedar Crest Challenge
Win prizes for going to events

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Federal work study gets a face lift
A redesign to the program saves money for school

Hauna Colista
NEWS EDITOR

In previous years, Cedar Crest College spent hundreds of thousands of dollars over the allotted budget for the work program alone. “We really can’t afford to do that anymore,” said President Carmichael.

The source of the over-spend is being cited as too many students being considered eligible for the program.

“We had a series of students who were on work study and then there was sometimes, even though students were eligible for work study, they weren’t qualified for the specific job that the office was looking for... So departments would request additional students and what we discovered was that, over time, we were employing not only the students that were on work study but a significant number of students beyond our allotment,” said Ambar.

To solve this problem, Ambar and the Senior Officers redesigned the program to allow the college to remain within its allotment and still employ students on campus.

Previously, any student with financial need, whether it was $200 or $20 thousand, was eligible for a federal work study job. With the redesign of the program only students with exceptional need are eligible for federal work study.

Lon Williams, Director of Student Financial Services said, “In order to be awarded a federal work study position, students must demonstrate the highest financial need. So Expected Family Contribution or EFC, according to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, FAFSA.”

Financial Services begins by separating students whom the federal government determines have a zero dollar EFC and if the number of students in that category fall within the number of allotted jobs, they all receive one. If it exceeds it, they use further criteria to narrow the pool, such as whether they are living on or off campus and scholarships they have received.

Various offices can still hire a work study student but it is no longer mandatory to do so.

“So what you have now is a little bit of a division. You have a smaller number of resources being spent on work study but still offices hiring students and not feeling like they’re obligated to have a particular work study student,” says Ambar.

What does this change mean for the students that have had a work study job in previous years?

Students that have had work study jobs in past years can still get a job, but the departments do not have to rehire them.

Williams recommends that students contact their supervisors from the previous years and ask to be rehired. If the department or office welcomes them back, the student will fill out a contract with the employer and begin working.

“If the supervisor does not wish to rehire the student, the student can still find on-campus employment, but will need to go through further channels.”

If you are not returning to your previous job, you can look at the job description booklet online and go to financial services,” said Williams.

Williams stresses that students looking for new employment may have to wait a couple of weeks before they begin working due to the expected high activity.

Kevin Gallagher is Chair and Assistant Professor and Technical Director of the Performing Arts Department, one department that has received a cut in work study, but he says that the department’s outcomes will not be affected.

“I think that streamlining the program is good for the college. The reality is the rest of the world is looking at how they do things and we should too,” said Gallagher.

“Students will feel an impact but it won’t be anything devastating.”

Walls come down and floors come up for changes to the student center

Cedar Crest has been renovating and updating the Tompkins College Center since spring 2009. More changes came to campus over the summer. There is fresh paint on the third floor, a brand new information desk and furniture has been moved from room to room.

Of all of the fresh changes, the redesign of the Bistro is the biggest project since the changes began.

In a recent photo of the closed off Bistro, at right, electrical work is done near what was the made-to-order stations.

The expanded Bistro is expected to be completed in either late September or early October. There will be a grand reopening after completion.

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Questions or concerns?
If you have any questions about The Crestiad or concerns regarding content, please call the editorial staff and leave a message at 610-606-4666 ext. 3331 or e-mail crestiad@cedarcrest.edu. Cedar Crest College is located at 100 College Drive, Allentown, PA 18104.

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New executive position created for a seamless
Student Affairs

Hauna Colista
NEWS EDITOR

The summer has been a season of change in many different areas and the Allen House is not excluded.

The Allen House has seen some changes including the departures of Executive Director for Student Activities Coordinator Kiara Brown and a redesign of the Student Affairs department including a new position.

In an effort to streamline student activities Kimberly Owens, Senior Executive Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, along with senior officers, have begun to create a new position that will encompass Brown’s previous position along with additional responsibilities.

“We are in the process of developing the position that we hope will be finalized really soon,” said Owens.

Until the position description is finalized, the working title is the Executive Director for Women’s Leadership and Student Development.

“The idea is to have someone who can focus on student engagement on campus in many ways including student activities, which was part of [Brown’s] position,” said Owens.

The new position will go beyond just the social aspect of student activities but also give attention to other sides of student development. Owens describes having a lecture series, leadership retreats and workshops.

This isn’t something that is occurring just with Student Affairs but the college is also taking a closer look at its programs in general.

Owens asked, “Are different departments structured in a way that gives current resources, and given what we want to accomplish... that is optimal to reaching our goal?”

It was that question that brought Owens to begin the process of creating a new position.

“We sort of started that process of thinking about it. We are not done yet but this is through a series of conversations with everyone looking at what are the goals of each office,” said Owens.

With this redesign there will be a more centralized office for students to go to. The redesign will make it a point to lessen the confusion by having one office that can focus on all of the aspects of student affairs.

With the changes being made in Student Affairs, the departure of Brown has led to Student Activities Board (SAB) needing a new advisor. Owens will also be working with SAB to find them a new advisor. Owens will also be working with the search firm to find them a new advisor.

Finding the new advisor is still in discussion but when students arrive on campus Owens will meet with SAB to discuss their responsibilities and goals.

In the end Owens hopes that all of these changes will help students “play an even greater role” on campus.

Search begins for a new provost

Hauna Colista
NEWS EDITOR

It was only 16 months ago that Cedar Crest searched for a college president and now the college finds itself in another leadership search: for a new provost.

In the last academic year Provost Dr. Carol Pulham, who regularly teaches select English courses, announced that she would be leaving her position and joining the English Department with a full course load.

While Pulham will not step down until July, Cedar Crest has begun the first stages of the search.

President Carmen Ambar, a search Committee made of members of the campus community and Storbeck/Pimentel, a search firm specializing in providing executive recruitment to colleges and universities, will be conducting the search for a new Provost.

The search committee met over the summer and began working with the search firm.

“We’ve had a couple things happen over the summer,” said Ambar. “Not only did the search committee meet with the search firm but we also did a survey of faculty to talk about the qualities that they wanted to see in a provost and we also had two focus groups.”

The search committee sat down with faculty members and began asking important questions about what they want to see in a new provost.

The committee is using what they learned from the focus groups to finalize the job description.

The ad has been written and will soon be posted. Once applications are in they will be narrowed down and a thorough interviewing process will begin. After the candidates meet with the search committee it will be narrowed down once more to three or four candidates that will have one or two day interviews.

Ambar is particularly important to finding a new provost. “I really truly think of the provost as the partner with the president. I’m looking for that partner that can help me do all things that we all know need to be done for our college... I think there’s some chemistry issues too that have to happen.”

Ambar hopes that a new provost will be selected sometime in the spring, before Pulham steps down.

crestiad meets Tues. at 11:00 a.m. and Thursday at 12:00 a.m. at Blaney 8.

Did you notice the five errors in that sentence?

If so, you should consider joining The Crestiad.

We are currently looking for new writers, photographers and cartoonists. Anyone can join and no experience is needed! You can take The Crestiad as a class for 0, 1, 2 or 3 credits, or just join for fun.

Meetings are Tuesday from 11:00 a.m. until 12:15 and Thursday from 12:00 p.m. until 12:50 in Blaney 8.

For more information e-mail us at crestiad@cedarcrest.edu or stop by our table at the Activities Fair.
There were nights that the dining room was full. A guest would order a $17 steak and splurge on several appetizers. When all was said and done the bill would reach over $70 however when I returned to claim my tip I would see two dollars sitting there, mocking me.

According to Jeanne Sahadi, a CNN/Money Senior Staff Writer, a restaurant guest should tip "15 percent for adequate service, 20 percent for very good service and not less than ten percent for very bad service."

As Sahadi mentions, a guest should never tip below ten percent, even for bad service and you may wonder why. Sahadi brought up many good points. Think of all the bus boys, meal runners, bartenders and even the hosts.

In every restaurant, including the ones I have worked at, waiters are required to share portions of their tips with those employees. Secondly, as Sahadi pointed out, the poor service may not even be the waiter’s fault. If the restaurant was very busy, they may have been given too many tables to handle. I can relate.

For all restaurant-goers out there, please don’t forget, my income depends on what you leave me as a tip. In addition, what many people may not realize, tips are taxed by the state. Everything I earn is taxed and taken from my $2.83 an hour. So in the end, I am only making what is given to me by my tips. I have gotten paychecks that were, “the $167 even less. My blood boils when I see people go into a restaurant and leave a waiter a bad tip. For those of you out there, you should be ashamed of yourselves. You should feel guilty and disgusted with your behavior. When you enter a restaurant it is expected of you to tip your waiter.

"It’s part of your bill, except that you need to do the math," says Sahadi.

I feel that if you cannot afford to leave a waiter a reasonable tip, do not go out to dinner or at least consider it when you order your meal. Rather than order a glass of soda, get a glass of water or don’t get that extra side of fries. It will not only help your own wallet but you can pass it on and not leave your waiter wanting more.

How to do tip math
1. To give a 20 percent tip
   a. Take the amount of the bill and move the decimal one place to the left.
   b. Multiply this new number by two.
   c. This number is the total of a 20 percent tip.
2. To give a 10 percent tip
   a. The result of step 1a is a 10 percent tip.
3. To give a 15 percent tip
   a. Add the results from step 1a and the one from 1c.
   b. Divide the result by two.
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Hauna Colista
NEWS EDITOR

I along with many other college students, I’m sure, worked a summer job. Growing up I worked in a pharmacy, a photo lab and even worked at a lake once but nothing will ever compare to a restaurant job.

I have worked as a waitress in three different restaurants. Each was different in its own way but there were some things that were always the same. There were always a few guests, no matter how good or bad a waiter you were, who thought a fifty cent tip was appropriate. This is a notice to both you and me everywhere, and you know who you are: fifty cents is not a good tip, even.

During the summer I worked in a Hoss’s Sea and Steak House as a server. While I was serving I was paid $2.83 an hour, the Pennsylvania minimum wage for tipped employees. Clearly, I was not earning my income from my hourly wage but rather the tips that were given to me by my tables. Despite the economic times business was not slow, in fact it was fairly busy but that does not mean I was making money.

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series Charlie’s angels, was also a model and considered to be an international sex symbol. OsiClean salesman dies
William Darrel “Billy” Mays Jr. was found dead in his home by his wife on June 28. Mays, famous for his loud and boisterous methods of promoting items, was perhaps most famous for selling OsiClean. The cause of his death had been ruled as heart disease, but cocaine in his system has also been listed as a contributing factor.

Cash for Clunkers goes broke
As part of President Obama’s economic stimulus plans, a car allowance rebate plan – commonly referred to as “Cash for Clunkers” – began on July 1. The program provided $3,500 or $4,500 vouchers to owners of cars. On July 24 claims began to be processed and by July 30 all $1 billion that had been put aside for the program was gone. Congress and presidential officials are trying to provide $3,500 or $4,500 vouchers to owners of cars. "Cash for Clunkers" was ruled as heart disease, but cocaine in his system has also been listed as a contributing factor.

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Opinions:
What is an opinion article and what goes into it?

Opinions articles do, in fact, focus on opinions. Since everyone has opinions, everyone is capable of writing an opinions article.

Topics can range from the writer’s stance on the renovations in the TCC to the writer’s political views. Anyone on campus can write an Opinions piece. The Crestiad always have to have a wide range of opinions featured in the section.

When one stance on a topic is run, members of the campus community are encouraged to respond and write their own articles.

Just because a topic is run one week does not mean it is unwelcome the next.

When writing an article, please keep in mind the following:

The Crestiad strives to present quality articles that are well researched, supported and clear.

Writers are asked to research their topics of interest so the information used to support the topic is accurate and substantial.

Articles should be supported by statistics and quotes from reliable sources if possible.

Another option is to write a letter to the editor. A letter to the editor tends to be a response to something run in prior issues of the paper.

We reserve the right to edit for grammar, space and to meet the standards we hold all of our writers to, however the intent of the submitted piece will remain the same.

If you would like to submit an article or a letter to the editor, please send it to the Crestiad e-mail at crestdiat@cedarcrest.edu.

When Mr. Right is MIA

Nicole Magloire
ADVERTISING MANAGER

Being a single college student can be a lot of fun, I get to play the field and hang out with whomever I want, but sometimes my mind starts to wander and reflect on the relationships of my past.

I consider all of the guys that were the objects of my affection, and where exactly I went wrong with them.

I revisit the conversations and text messages. I mull over every hug and kiss, thinking about what exactly was right about the relationship and what was totally wrong.

Unfortunately for me it was difficult to find a lot of good qualities about my past flames. I remember boys that couldn’t accept the fact that I don’t believe in premarital sex.

I’m a firm believer in saving certain parts of my relationships for marriage, I don’t go past kissing because I cause my family and friends to be shared with a husband and wife.

A lot of people think because I’m saving myself for marriage that I am a prude, but actually I’m just like you, I just choose to live that part of my life differently.

Pretty much where I’m going with this is that I haven’t had the best luck in relationships. Some would say that I have set my expectations too high, that I desire the knight in shining armor that doesn’t exist. In all reality that’s not true. What girl wants a guy that’s perfect when she’s made up completely of flaws?

I don’t want someone who always says the right thing or always makes me happy. I want to argue and fight and get mad over the stupid things he says. I want him to call him an idiot when he pretends to like the same things as my father even though he has no knowledge of the subject.

I want to be proud of him when he isn’t intimidated when my five brothers come marching his way inquiring about the way he treats his sister.

I think I want a lot of the things that other females themselves secretly want, but maybe the problem is that I’m not settling for less so it makes me look good.

So what if Mr. Right hasn’t made his way into my life yet? That’s fine! I’ll just wait until he gets here and I won’t waste my time on Mr. Right Now.

Ladies we need to remember that a lot of college boys are only looking for one thing and we need to be smart and not allow ourselves to be used.

Have a little bit of respect for yourselves, look in the mirror and tell yourself that you are beautiful and intelligent and any guy would be lucky to have you, but you’re going to save the best parts of yourself for your husband.

You need to be outgoing and hilarious and don’t be afraid to have a good time; be cautious and smart, be a step ahead in the game of dating.

Keep it up and soon you’ll be the only one in your group not getting her heart broken or being hurt by boys. Then, when Mr. Right finally finds his way into your life he won’t have to live with only pieces of your heart, but instead the whole thing.

Welcome Back
Students and Parents!
to Great Food,Drinks, People and Fun!Cedar Crest and Hamilton, 610-435-7007 PistachioGrille.com illustration: Ann Elizabeth Schlegel
Shimmying off calories never looked so fun

Elizabeth Kern  LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Exercise is no one’s favorite thing to do, let’s face it. We do it because of health scares, feeling better about ourselves and quite frankly because everyone else is doing it.

Have no fear because workouts just got fun again. Cedar Crest has welcomed the newest craze in fitness that has been featured on the Today show and in Cosmopolitan magazine. It’s called Zumba and the website defines it as, “hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy to follow moves to create a dynamic fitness program that will blow you away.”

Zumba’s summer session just recently ended with great success and the fall session is going to be even better. Promises Zumba instructor Shawn Schmitt.

Schmitt has been teaching Zumba for about a year now. She said there were no classes offered around here at the time and the only way to experience it was to go to classes offered around here at the time and about a year now. She said there were no Zumba instructor Shawn Schmitt.

“Zumba is about all the no-judgment rule. You’re there to have a good time so if you mess up, just laugh it off.”

Schmitt stands at the front of the room and has Zumba helpers that stand on either side of her so that everyone has a view of how the moves go. The newest addition has been a microphone for her so everyone can hear her give direction and even hear her sing! “Yes, you unfortunately might catch me singing from time to time...okay...a lot,” admits Schmitt.

“Zumba is a great way to meet new people and get a great workout as well. Best of all, the fall schedule fits easily around your classes and it’s free for Cedar Crest students, faculty and staff when you bring your ID. You won’t find a better deal anywhere else around the Valley. It’s affordable for other students around the area too. If you have friends at other colleges bring them along and with your student ID it’s only $3 per session.”

Schmitt encourages any gender and age to get involved. “Zumba is low-impact but you can burn anywhere from 500-1,000 + calories per hour depending on your level of intensity. Anyone at any fitness level can take Zumba. It’s a great cardio workout and it helped me tone my body and drop two dress sizes.”

After all of the great facts about Zumba how can you say no? Free, easy location at Lees Hall Gym, fun judgment-free exercise and a great way to meet friends on campus. For more information on the fall session and schedule please visit www.zumbashawn.com.

Last words from Schmitt: “It’s been a great success for the first session and have had over 100 people in some of the classes! I am looking forward to the next session and having all the students back! Zumba is going to be crazy!”

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Extra-Volume Collagen Mascara by L’Oréal

Elizabeth Kern  LIFESTYLES EDITOR

The Claim: This mascara offers extra-voluminous volume compared to others on the shelf. 12 times more volume to be exact. It also boasts that you can wear it all day with no clumps, no flakes and certainly no smudges. Like all other mascaras this one says it’s easily removed with soap and water or eye makeup remover. Can’t wait to put it to the test.

How to Use: The directions are simple, direct and found on the back of the pack- aging. Start the wand at the base of the lashes and gently move towards the tip. Repeat if necessary.

The Reason: I didn’t really need new mascara just curious about mascara with collagen. I know that L’Oréal isn’t the first one to come out with it but it’s the first brand that has actually caught my attention. I mean have you seen Eva Longoria’s lashes in the commercial? Yes, I had to call it a flake but no sign of smudging had occurred either. I wanted to be bold and really put this product to the test and went for the second coat.

I applied the second coat way after the first had dried. Clumping happened this time but very minimal. I would recommend if you’ll be using a second coat to apply it while the first is still wet. After having the second coat on, my lashes appeared to look fuller like Eva’s do in the commercial but still I knew hers are fake.

After the second coat I do feel that my lashes felt a bit heavier but not any- thing that makes me feel uncomfortable. The second coat had only one “flake” coming out when I ran my finger over my eyelashes. It was so tiny I would hardly even call it a flake but no sign of smudging.

As for clean up I used my regular face wash which I would consider soap and had no problem removing the mas- cara. In fact, I had no black streaks on pale pink towel after. That’s pretty impres- sive for having two coats to remove.

The Results: I have to say that the mas- cara goes on smooth and the first coat was clump-free and dried fast. The vol- ume is definitely noticeable because the look lifted as well as when I blink I can feel them brush my skin, I’m not kidding when I say I have really long eyelashes. The mascara held up when I brushed my hands across the lashes. No flakes here, that’s for sure. When I did that test no smudging had occurred either. I wanted to be bold and really put this product to the test and went for the second coat.

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Falling for Literature:
Allie Scott

"This is not a love story. This is a boy-meets-girl story," so the narrator tells us as the film begins. *50 Days of Summer* is anything but a plain old boy-meets-girl story. It is true, though, the part about it not being a love story; they are not trying to fool you, it is more than just a story; it is a story about life and love.

Oh, there’s always that one that got away, but there is a reason for everything isn’t there? Tom Hansen, is going to show you his 500 days with Summer Finn and how it all began, how it all ended and how he pulled himself all together and realized that there is such a thing as love, but it has to be how it all began, how it all ended than just a story; it is a story about life and love.

Tom, played by Joseph Gordon-Levitt, works as a writer for a greeting card company, and that is where he met her - Summer played by Zooey Deschanel. For Tom it was "love at first sight." She was hired as a secretary in the office and became the attention of Tom, for 500 days exactly. Oh, yes there is such a thing as "love at first sight," but "it's more of a "love at first sight with the right person." Tom pursued Summer, and as one thing fell into another, Summer told Tom "I like you, let's be friends," but Tom heard, "I love you." Tom, Summer, I want to be your girlfriend. And that is where it all went wrong.

As an outsider looking in, you would see Tom and Summer in a couple in love. But to Summer, that is what she thought friendship was, holding hands, making love, and spending every minute together without being "somebody's one.

So as you can see for Tom this must have been confusing thinking he was falling in love with someone one, according to Summer what they were experiencing was called "casual friendship.

Despite the rather melancholy plot, the film is light, quirky, surprisingly hilarious and likable. The cinematography is unusually enticing, using bright colors, animation and striking close-ups at all the right moments.

The filming was spot-on for the story line, it was offbeat and delightful all at the same time which could be considered a key asset that made this film so enjoyable.

Also, the soundtrack was so amazing and emotional, you are curious to know exactly you were listening to. Songs by, The Smiths, Tempor Trap, Regina Spektor and Hall and Oats were the peculiar songs that were filling your ears. The song choices that were made for the film were another asset that made the film incredibly fun.

How will Tom ever realize that she wasn't "the one"? The season isn't over yet, don't let your summer get away without seeing 500 Days of Summer.

**Genre:** Drama, Romantic-Comedy
**Ratings:** Rated PG for Sexual Material and Language
**Duration:** 95 Minutes

Falling for Literature:
Arts Editor Picks for September

As summer comes to an end, do you love your summer reading and as the leaves are starting to turn you’re going to need some new pages to turn.

If you are going to want to spend your downtime reading text-books that cost you $150 and talk about artfully nothing, creative, thrilling or exciting. If you are looking for something hilarious to start your school year off these are some good fall reads to get your heart and your mind off to a warm start this autumn.

Need a little secret romance to devour in your off-time from chemistry? Here is the book for you! Emily Giffin’s, *Something Borrowed*, is a bestseller that is definitely an easy read and is guaranteed to not leave you disappointed.

*Something Borrowed*, is full of friendship, secrets, drama and of course, a whole lot of love.

In this novel, Rachel and Darcy are best friends, the kind of friends that you have since you start pre-school. After many years of sleepovers, HBF necklaces, college, blogger, painting and high class parties in NYC, Darcy is engaged and Rachel is a 30-year-old, single, workaholic, who is impressively lonely and about to make an accidental risky move that could ruin her friendship with Darcy forever, deepening with her fiancé.

What is Rachel to do, especially since the wedding is only months away and she is, of course, the maid of honor! Will Darcy find out? Will their friendship stand this huge test? You’ll have to find out.

And the best part is it doesn’t stop here. Giffin’s writing is so realizable that you feel like you are listening to a story told by your best friend. Not only is the main plotline intriguing, you never leave reading not knowing anything about the characters. You will know them all inside and out. By the time you are done reading you know each character’s life story and personalities you may even be able to relate them to people you know in life. 

Cleverly, Giffin has written a second novel to follow *Something Borrowed*, it is called, appropriately, *Something Blue*. *Something Blue* is written completely in Darcy’s point of view of everything that happens in *Something Borrowed* plus a little more which makes it extra exciting! But the in- timate details of that novel cannot be revealed until you read *Something Borrowed*! Also, if you enjoy those two little gems by Giffin you may also want to look into reading and loving these that you are going to want to be your cup of tea, remember there are many books out there that are good reads that are worth a shot.

So don’t get yourself all twisted up if you can’t find something that floats your boat, go to Barnes and Noble and speak with a sales representative. They are trained to help readers, so finding the perfect book is only one question away.

So grab a latte, put on some songs and start reading!

Hey we’re Allie & Beth and we are the new faces of the gos- sips column filling in for Betzold but have no fear because we learned from the best. Just call us the Gossip Queens.

Reading gossip magazines and websites is second nature to us and we are totally up to date on all the latest, so you can sit back and relax knowing our gossip collective is always on the pulse of reporting on celebrities very accurately and in a timely manner.

Wanna get to know us? Ah, thought you’d never ask!

**B:** So Allie, what was your favorite piece of Hollywood gos- sip over the summer?

**A:** Hmm. Well B, I was recently bombarded with news that Kourtney Kardashian is pregnant, I was definitely taken aback by that little gem, but I am defi- nitely going to go with the whole Jon and Kate Gosselin-smushin’ stories; when is it all going to stop? Enough already! Let them be!

**A:** Question for you B. I have got to know what you’ve been watching all summer!

**B:** I’ve probably been watching the cheesiest ones, go figure. I have been hooked on *Gilmore Girls* and *Beverly Hills*. Their love is just so real that it makes you want good things for them! Not to mention that Guiana has my dream job. Also, I am a big Real Housewives fan so I’ve been watching Atlanta but they are by no means my favorite of the bunch!

**B:** I need to know, was what your favorite new tv reality show you became addicted to?

**A:** We totally got wrapped up in The Bachelorette and all the drama that goes along with that. Poor Jillian, men are little snakes, thank God she picked Ed, I picked him from the get go, he’s a sexy little man who has a killer sense of style.

**B:** Oh girlie, any celebrity drama you foresee happening anytime soon? J Aniston finding a man? Gerard Butler pregnantating one of his flock of women he has been seen around? Another Diorama baby anytime soon? Star! ?

**A:** I am no Miss Cleo but I’m thinking that he is going to be trying to single away for awhile. It seems to be working for her. Hollywood is so unpredictable that it’s hard to say what will happen but I am ready for anything. Anything but Heidi and Spencer that is.

**B:** Time flies when you’re spilling gossip!

See you on twitter until next time, 

*The Gossip Queens* (Allie Scott and Elizabeth Kern)
Astrological Meditations

LEO: (July 23 - Aug. 22) Slow down your life a little. Time flies when you’re having fun - but always take a second to revel in the moment. Remember it because otherwise as the years pass, these good times will be forgotten.

VIRGO: (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Classes will be hectic. You’re excited but stressed out after all that packing and moving. Take a deep breath and relax. Save the stress for midterms and finals.

LIBRA: (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) You were counting down the days until you’d be free of the dorms. Finally, you moved into the dorms. Finally, you’re going to miss home. Remember it because otherwise as the years pass, these good times will be forgotten.

SCORPIO: Away, you’re going to miss home. How much you wanted to get some freedom! But beware - no matter how much you are counting down the days until you leave, you won’t have time to do that in the coming months. Just make sure you already have your necessities.

SAGITTARIUS: (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Feeling slightly like Santa Claus with all your packing, you’ve checked your checklist once, and you’ve checked it twice. However, you still feel like you are missing something. Now that you are on campus, take time to check that list a third time.

CAPRICORN: (Dec. 22 - Jan 19) Your current significant other has you worried - you are both going off to different colleges and you won’t be able to keep an eye on him - you know how he is. But take a breath: if he really is into you, he wouldn’t look twice at another girl.

AQUARIUS: (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Everything going the way you want it in every aspect of your life? Between love and war, family and socialization, life is pretty good. However, keep an eye on the thirtieth - if you don’t watch out, your perfect life might turn upside down.

PISCES: (Feb. 19 - March 20) Take time to learn something new to impress your friends. Don’t ever be afraid to try something new - you never know what good might come out of it.

TAROT: (March 21 - April 19) Everyone around you on campus is excited for college to start - but you’re feeling worried. You don’t need to be. There is a windfall coming your way - be it in love or money - be it in love or money.

TAURUS: (April 20 - May 20) Be careful on the 24th. That important event that you couldn’t wait for might be jeopardized if you make the wrong choice. Don’t rush headlong into anything.

GEMINI: (May 21 - June 21) You’ve had a bad day. Don’t worry about it - it happens to the best of us. But do not mope around in sweatpants and a hoodie. Get a little dressed up and put on your best face. Go ahead and treat yourself - you deserve it - be it a ice cream cone or a mini-shopping spree. After all, with the busy semester looming, you may not have time to do that in the coming months. Just make sure you already have your necessities.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 22) If you keep making the right choices, a stroke of luck will come your way. This involves choosing your battles. Being nitpicky will get you nowhere. Concentrate on the bigger problems - ignoring the small stuff will make you happier.

Exercise Your Brain

Vowel Fill-Ins

Each puzzle is a phrase with its vowels taken out - since Y’s are only sometimes vowels, they were left in. The number in the parentheses is the number of words in the phrase. See below for the answers.

1. NPLDVKPSTHDCRWW (8)
2. NVRYCLDTHRSSSLVRLLNG (8)
3. VRYTHNGBTTHKTHCHNSSK (5)
4. TFSGHTTFMND (6)

Thinking of Cedar Crest

What’s the longest word that you can think of using the letters from CEDAR CREST. (Only use each letter once!)

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR CAMPUS WORDS: Allen House, Alumnae Hall, Blaney Hall, Butz, Cressman Library, Curtis, Hall or just Curtis.

VOWEL FILL IN ANSWERS: 1. An apple a day keeps the doctor away. 2. Every cloud has a silver lining. 3. Everything but the kitchen sink. 4. Out of sight, out of mind.

THINKING OF CEDAR CREST SUGGESTIONS: terraces, retraced, arrested, starred, rereads, readers, created, careers, catered, teased, traces

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