

MILLENNIALS

FACTS ABOUT FRESHMEN

For the past 11 years, Beloit College in Beloit, Wis., has released the Beloit College Mindset List, stating facts and experiences that have shaped the lives of incoming college freshmen.

According to an introduction on the Mindset List Web site, Ron Nief and Tom McBride define what they aim to do with the list each year. Most college freshmen this year were born in 1990.

"The Mindset List is not a chronological listing of things that happened in 1990, the year they were born. It is instead an effort to identify the worldview of 18-year-olds in the fall of 2008," it states on the Web site.

Since this year's freshmen were in diapers, excerpts from the list include:

1. Karaoke machines have been annoying people at parties.
2. Coke and Pepsi use recycled plastic bottles.
3. Gas stations have never fixed flats, but most serve cappuccinos.
4. Electronic filing of tax returns always has been an option.
5. All have had a relative — or known about a friend's relative — who died comfortably at home with hospice.
6. Universal Studios offers an alternative to Mickey (Mouse) in Orlando.
7. Haagen-Dazs ice cream has always come in quarts.
8. Films have never been X-rated, only NC-17.
9. Students have always been "Rocking the Vote."
10. Schools are concerned about multiculturalism.
11. McDonald's and Burger King use vegetable oil for cooking french fries.
12. There has always been Pearl Jam.
13. Pee-wee has never been in his playhouse during the day.
14. Personal privacy has always been threatened.
15. Caller ID has always been available on phones.
16. The Green Bay Packers (almost) always had the same starting quarterback.
17. Soft drink refills are free.
18. They have never known life without "Seinfeld" references from a show about "nothing."
19. Off-shore oil drilling in the United States is prohibited.
20. Students always had "Goosebumps."

To see what one freshman remembers about middle school, check out the Freshman fifteen Q's on page 4B.

SOURCE: [HTTP://WWW.BELOIT.EDU/MINDSET](http://www.beloit.edu/mindset)

FACES + PLACES

HELLO, MY NAME IS
Sarah Kiel

Sarah Kiel has wanted to fence since she saw "The Princess Bride" in fourth grade, but she didn't have the time and opportunity until she came to MSU. Here, she hit the ground running. She's been in the MSU Fencing Club since "day one of practice" her freshman year. The club practices from 9-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The human biology senior is the president of the club, as well as the women's foil squad captain. "It's like any other sport," Kiel said. "If you try, you show up and put in good effort, you'll be fine."

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Journalism sophomore Lauren LoGrasso, English sophomore Christopher Reed and marketing senior Emma Puroia take their positions in front of the camera while filming the Halloween episode of "The Show" on Bailey Street. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the program, which started in 1988. "The Show" is the longest running college sitcom.

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LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!

MSU Telecasters' "The Show" celebrates its 20th anniversary with original cast, remains consistent as TV program staple at MSU

By Kyle Feldscher
THE STATE NEWS

The romantic dream of growing up, being an actor and moving away to Hollywood when the first chance arrives is still alive and well among the cast of "The Show," a sitcom put on by the MSU Telecasters, MSU's telecommunications club. Created 20 years ago, it is credited as the longest running college sitcom in the nation. David Cooper, the current executive producer of "The Show," said being involved with the program involves a certain amount of pride.

"Having it going for 20 years, it's a really cool thing to be a part of," Cooper said.

"Being the producer is really cool and I take a lot of pride in taking part in the experience."

"The Show" follows a dorm room on the third floor of East Wilson Hall, and the people who cycle through the life of the room. Six cast members play the roles of the different students who come in and out of the room as the years go by.

The dorm is actually a three-walled set in the basement of the Communication Arts and Sciences Building. The only change the set has gone through in the past 20 years is the color of the walls and the posters hanging on them.

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"The Show" is the brainchild of Greg Harrison and Scott Grayson, who first pitched the idea for the program to the longtime adviser of the MSU Telecasters, Bob Albers. At the MSU Telecasters Big Alumni Bash on Saturday, some of the original cast members reminisced about the early days of "The Show" on the set of the program.

Tom Ingersoll, one of the original cast members, just had one question for the current cast and crew. "Is it funny yet?" Ingersoll said, laughing.

The first cast and crew had far more ambition than they had talent or means to accomplish what they envisioned "The Show" to become, Harrison said. He said the original idea for the program was for it to be taped live,



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MSU alumni Scott Grayson, left, Greg Harrison and Greg Fitts talk about their time on "The Show," the longest running college sitcom. Harrison created the program in 1988, and it is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year.

in front of a studio audience and to have a live band thrown in for spice.

To get the word out about "The Show" during its early days, Harrison said the cast and crew used to do something they called "The Tower of 10."

"We created a team to (figuratively) bomb classrooms," Harrison said. "We'd run into classes, make a human pyramid, scream, 'Coming soon, "The Show!"' scream and run out and film the whole thing."

Grayson said the name of "The Show" came about through a mixture of procrastination and lack of originality. During the planning stages for the program, Harrison and Grayson kept putting off thinking of an actual name and referred to their project as "The Show." When they pitched the program to the Telecasters and Albers, the name just kind of stuck.

The discussion session was used as catharsis for one original cast member who had to settle a longtime grudge with Harrison. Matt Koeplin reminded Harrison of his very first edit during the first episode of "The Show."

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Where and when to watch MSU Telecasters programs

On Residence Halls Association TV

"The Show" — 4 p.m. Sundays

"MSU & U" — 4 p.m. Wednesdays

"Sideshow" — 3 p.m. Tuesdays

All of the MSU Telecasters shows can be seen on Comcast Local, channel 30 off campus and channel 28 on campus — check their Web site for times at www.telecasters.msu.edu.

You can also catch MSU Telecasters shows online.

SOURCE: RYAN ALLDWAY, EXECUTIVE PRODUCER OF MSU TELECASTERS

To watch a video of the cast and crew of "The Show" chilling with the original cast go to statenews.com.