

Meninism: A Satire

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According to some guy, Beau – or whatever his name is – this would be the “official Merriam-Webster dictionary entry for a movement made to promote the ‘mistreatment’ of males by putting down women.”

Bologna.

Meninism is really a belief that men should have the same equal rights as girls. Starting off as a humble social media account, it is now nearly a household phrase!

Thank goodness, too. As a first world, middle class male, I can finally have a voice. Now, I know I’m not alone in my struggles and it will get better.

I hate how I am marginalized at work every day. What makes it worse is that I’m only paid 70% of a girl’s income.

I hate how as I walk through the high school halls, I see the sunken, pleading eyes of boy-friends who are too afraid to stand up or even get help for the physical and emotional abuse their dates dole out on them every night.

But most of all, I hate how I am treated as inferior just because of my gender. “What are you, a boy?” is often heard on both playgrounds and offices. It’s been like that since the dawn of women. We were never the leaders, always the slaves, the toys and the meek. Thank goodness meninism is changing that.

Mainly intolerance is now becoming taboo.

That same guy – whatshisname – also told me the Merriam-Webster dictionary definition for feminism (*puke*) is “the belief that men and women should have equal rights and opportunities.”

Bologna.

Feminism is exclusively about girls attacking men. They saw their femininity and long-time supremacy as being challenged by the rise of man. They got scared, offended – the sexists. So, they created a parody movement to convince themselves that they were still the queens and their reign would never cease.

It’s all about them. Every single one thinks that. Grow up.

I mean, just look at their crude, offensive profile picture and cover photo on Twitter depicting female dominance over men. Listen to all the sexist comments that have nothing to do with women’s rights but instead insult us and our movement. It just screams inequality to all.

But that’s what meninism is for. We are doing so much to balance the genders.

There are some bad apples in our group, though. Some fruitcakes rambling about beefed-up gender roles and male rape victims. Yeesh.

There are even some men that are turning against our movement because they feel women don’t have enough rights. They say we’re all crazy radicals. How foolish is that? It’s your own gender that needs a voice, not the

other!

But at least we’re not catching flak like the feminists. Like when they created #LikeAGirl on social media in direct retaliation to an empowering Superbowl commercial decreeing “like a boy” is not an insult, but a compliment. They even had the cowardice to put statuses like “Make me a sandwich #LikeABoy.”

It’s all that feminism seems to be about: making a joke of morality in the name of equal rights.

That guy Beau’s been saying a lot of crap lately. Just listen to this gem! “Boys need to grow up, stop ‘being a man’, stop believing ‘boys will be boys’ and accept girls as equals. It doesn’t mean bowing down; we all just need to be kind and considerate.”

That’s not bologna. That’s bologna with olives. Doesn’t he realize we are the ones being maltreated?!

He also told me to heed the words of vanguard0st, a Tumblr user who gained Internet stardom with the following post: “I wouldn’t exactly mind meninism if it was bonding together to fight hyper-masculinity and helping trans men, moc, male rape victims, etc. but it [’] literally a ‘movement’ against women having equal rights.”

I think Beau needs to take his twisted, sexist views, his Merriam-Webster dictionary and take a hike.

Or maybe eat the bologna that he’s spewing. With extra, extra, chunky olives.

Netflix: A New Source of Entertainment

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For decades, people of all ages have been able to enjoy a good television show or film. But, they weren’t always available to you 24 hours a day. Luckily, Netflix, an on demand Internet streaming company, was created in 1997.

I became a member of Netflix about one year ago. Ever since, I’ve been hooked. I usually watch more Netflix than I do cable television. Netflix has it all. They have hundreds of TV shows and movies—old and new. No matter what time of day, it is always available to you. In my opinion, that is pretty awesome.

Netflix has so much to offer. The variety they give their customers definitely makes it worth the \$7.99 a month. They have something for everyone. Whether you’re a horror or comedy or action movie fan, Netflix has hundreds of different movies for you to enjoy.

The main reason why I subscribed to Netflix is because it has so many amazing TV shows available. The great thing about Netflix is that they are constantly adding new material so you can never get bored. I have watched many television series on Netflix, but there are a few that I have truly grown to love.

Orange is the New Black, which is a Netflix original, is one of my favorite television shows of all time. The show’s main plot is about a

woman named Piper Chapman, portrayed by Taylor Schilling, who gets sent to prison for about a year. While there, she befriends other inmates and meets again with an old enemy. One reason why I enjoy this show so much is because it is different from anything I have ever watched. Each episode shows an interesting backstory about an inmate and how they ended up in prison. Also, the writing for the show is genius. It’s one of those shows that can make you laugh, smile, and cry all in one episode. Orange is the New Black comes on for its third season on June 12, 2015.

Another television show that I have grown to love because of Netflix is Parks and Recreation. Parks & Rec has a cast full of stars, such as Amy Poehler as Leslie Knope, Nick Offerman as Ron Swanson, and Chris Pratt as Andy Dwyer. In Parks & Rec, Leslie and the other workers in the Parks Department work together to complete projects all throughout their city of Pawnee, Indiana. This show is one of those that you can never get bored of watching. Every episode is something new. I can honestly say that it is probably the only show that has made me laugh every single episode. Unfortunately, the show had its series finale on February 24th, 2015. Even though the show may have ended, it is still definitely worth the watch.

Personally, I am not much of a movie person. I would much rather watch a television series

than a movie. But, with there being so many different options available on Netflix, I thought I would give some a chance. One of the movies that has grown to be one of my favorites because of Netflix is Silver Linings Playbook.

Silver Linings Playbook showcases two characters that both come from a broken past and later realize that they were just what they needed for each other. Pat Solitano, played by Bradley Cooper, and Tiffany, played by Jennifer Lawrence are the main protagonists. The reason why I love this movie so much is because of the character development. At first, the two start off as strangers that don’t like each other very much. They both have extreme tempers, and often lash out at one another. But, as time goes on, the two form a bond, realizing that they are what they needed all along. Silver Linings Playbook is a great example of beautiful cinematography and I highly recommend it.

Personally, I believe that Netflix is 100% worth the money. It has countless options—there is always something new. From classic to modern day films and television, Netflix has it all.

Beth Beindit: The Return

Senior Steps Back Onto the Court After Ankle Injury

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Beth Beindit has always been a hard working student. She always strives for the best grades and gives her all on class assignments.

For Beindit, this does not stop on the court. She is the starting point guard with an aggressive playing style on RHS's girls varsity team.

She wears her number 3 proudly and always brings out her best when she races up and down the court.

This year, however, had a different kind of season in store for her.

One day during a practice, she was running drills with the rest of her teammates. Pressure lay-up drills to be exact. This is when the incident occurred.

Beth said, "I finished a lay-up and came down on someone's foot. It hurt, but I didn't think it was anything serious." The result was a game-affecting sprain.

When the doctor told Beindit that her ankle was fractured, she was extremely upset.

The team also felt very affected without their starting point guard.

"Every senior veteran gives experience to the team. When I was not able to, Carley Barjaktarovich and Elizabeth Renner were able to do a good job filling in for me while I was out. They did a good job," said Beindit.

Her coach Chris Schroudt also said the same about Liz and Carley. Losing a month-and-a-half of her senior year season was not what she

had in mind. She missed seven out of 19 games.

Although she still feels a little pain on her ankle, she has been recovering well. She notices the most impact in her playing style as her speed is affected.

She spent her time out exercising to strengthen her injury. She slowly worked at it and pushed herself to a state where she could return to the sport she loves.

Beth noticed a positive outcome of her injury. She said, "My injury helped me realize how much that I love the sport, and how much you have to value your time playing."

Her advice to any upcoming players would be, "Play every game you can and give it your all."

Beindit wasn't the only one who was worried about the team; some other players were, too. Renner said, "Beth is always positive and works hard when shes on the court, but it was tough without her because I had to jeopardize my spot for hers."

Hailey Holdwick, a senior forward, was affected by Beth's absence, too. "I played with her for four years. She's a good leader that knows how to get the team together. Having all the pressure gets her down sometimes, but she has a team to pick her back up," Holdwick said.

The rest of the team's reaction was worrying about her and how losing the starting point guard would affect the team.

Reaction from the coach is extremely important. Coach Schroudt knew he had to handle the situation

Jake Schmidt, a senior, had his first and last game back from his injury against Yale. Schmidt hyperextended his knee which caused a fractured tibia and two bone bruises.

"I liked how loud it was in the gym. It was fun to play there. Except it was kind of hard to hear some of the play calls. It also made me nervous being my first game back from my injury," Schmidt said.

Sophomore Anthony Tavano had been brought up to Varsity from JV right before the Yale game. "It was a different atmosphere playing on Varsity. We're just practicing harder to get the starters ready for the game," Tavano said about the upcoming Yale game.

The team worked on a lot of defense at practices. Senior Dan Fistler said, "Practices have been tough and have had high energy throughout the past couple of weeks."

Their only goal for the rest of the season was to beat Yale and come out stronger than before.



Beth Beindit goes up for a lay-up in one of her first games back.
Photo courtesy of RHS Yearbook

as best as he could. He knew her injury would be unfortunate for the team, but he also felt for her knowing all of the work she put in to become the player she is today.

Being the starting point guard on the team, she obviously has an enormous impact on the team. Schroudt said, "Surely on the court, she has an incredible impact. Having a point guard that can handle pressure and run our offense is important. A lot of the time goes underappreciated because there is no stat for leadership, but a veteran point guard can be the differ-

ence of a great or poor season."

Beindit is also seen as inspiration. Schroudt also said, "Beth is a great role model for younger players. Her passion is evident every practice. She's not happy with average, which is probably why she is attending the University of Michigan in the Fall."

Beth obviously wants to take her love of basketball with her later in life. Her teammates and her coach both see it. She is cared about deeply in the eyes of the entire team and the sport.

If Beindit took anything from her injury, it would be this: "Never take things for granted."

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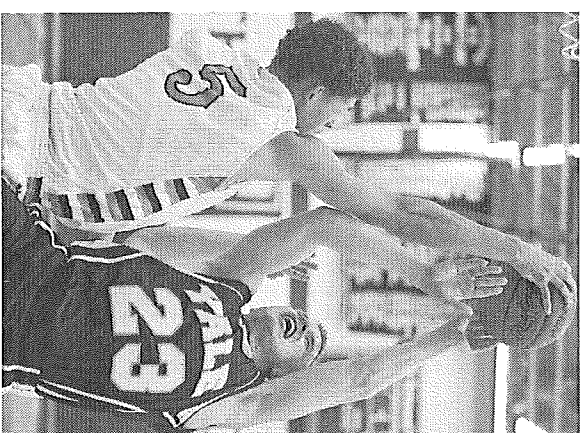
Blue Devils Seek Revenge After Losing to Yale in Both Matchups

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From hard practices and being the second-place team in the BWAC, the Richmond Blue Devils were preparing their way to become #1 after their game against Yale on February 28th.

Senior, Dillon McInemey, who scored many 3's and other baskets in the first game they played at Yale, said the team worked hard in practice and beat the other teams to prepare for their last league game against Yale.

The Blue Devils' first game against Yale was on January 30th, and it did not go as planned for the team. They beat everyone else in the BWAC and came into the game thinking it was already theirs, which hurt them tremendously.



Sophomore D'Sean Hamilton elevates to block. Yale guard, Josh McClelland's shot.
(Photo Courtesy of Jeffrey Smith, of the Port Huron Times Herald)

"I expect to come out this Friday and shock Yale. Playing at home this time with a bigger crowd, will make everything easier," Senior Bret Zihlavsky said before the game. Unfortunately, the team lost in a tough, tight game against the Bulldogs 69-63.

Zihlavsky, Fistler, and senior Evan Kratt all agree that they would have played the 3rd quarter differently in order to defeat Yale.

Kratt said, "We need to make more shots. We're working on our shooting and our defense."

The team is working extra hard in practice before districts in order to come out number one.

"We're just preparing to stop their offense in order to prepare for districts," said Zihlavsky. The two squads will meet again in the Districts Playoff Round, and the Blue Devils are hoping to change the outcome of the game between the two.