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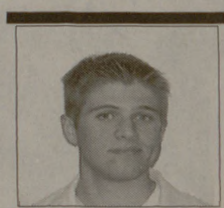
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History of barbecue spans from colonial ancestors to present

It is that time of year again. Time for strange and unusual rituals, time for the fat to fry, time to char hind regions of animals in hopes of satiating the merciless beasts' hunger for more, more, MORE! It is time, of course, to file income taxes; but in a more appropriate (and less incriminating) way, it is time for the "Sacred American Outdoor Barbecue".

The inception of the "Sacred American Outdoor Barbecue" occurred during colonial times. Because the concept of the United States was not yet forced upon the tribes of North America, the occasion was originally named "The Powdered Wigs, Candied Figs and Squirrel Bits Annual Sissyfest" (PWCFSBAS). Soon after the forefathers figured out abbreviating the event for community calendars — PWCFSBAS — was pointless, they shortened the title.

So how does one conduct a successful "Sacred American Outdoor Barbecue"? First, ditch the powdered wigs and candied figs in exchange for grade A cuts and roasted nuts. Fortunately for modern barbecue connoisseurs, cooking technology since colonial times has progressed further than democracy. In the olden days, PWCFSBAS-ers relied on primitive and inefficient instruments of cookery. Modern Americans enjoy a liberal variety of methods of cooking, from charcoal grills to propane tanks, microwaves to



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guano-fueled incinerators.

Just as it was in colonial times, the central figure at a modern barbecue is the chef. The barbecue chef must respect a "Sacred American Outdoor Barbecue" policy stating that he must look like an idiot, hence the large hat and apron.

But chefs, the crafty creatures they are, have transformed this would-be inconvenience into a trademark of the traditional American humor culture with various quotes on the hat and/or apron. Snappy quips such as "Kiss the Cook!", "Hail to the Chef!" and "Let's Swap Wives!" have frequented the backyards of America for decades. These contemporary gags are evidence that the tastes of Americans' sense of humor have changed since colonial times. Colonial aprons featured quips like "There's plenty of bison for all!" and "Party like its 1799!"

Behavior of both hosts and guests at barbecues has not changed much over the years. While the "Sacred American Outdoor Barbecue" has its recorded instances of drunken boasts and the ensuing sluggish tussles, PWCFSBASs have also been known to host a number of domestic disputes. One such incident was a food fight during which Edmund Randolph allegedly said "Hey, Wilson, ratify this!"

Keep in mind, however, that there are those who choose not to partake in the "Sacred American Outdoor Barbecue" — the vegetarians.

There is nothing wrong with vegetarianism; indeed, those who distance themselves from the bloated, salty eat-hole of carnivore

Americana should be esteemed and revered for having the courage to carry on a conversation despite their constant fear of having something green between their teeth.

This brings to mind another blessing that so many modern Americans take for granted — the toothpick. Little did the forefathers know that the earliest prototype for the bayonet would in time give rise to the nation's most popular dental hygiene product.

In some ways, however, the lack of toothpicks aided revolutionaries more than it harmed them. In the midst of a freezing

winter, for example, during Valley Forge, General Mifflin's troops, having moved it weeks before, were not given enough turkey and bison to sustain themselves for the duration of the winter. They were forced to use their teeth to gnaw on the bayonets, thereby bringing the federalism one step closer to its demise. Thanks, toothpick!

Yes, it's that time again. So call up some friends that grill, and get out those tax filing forms. You need plenty of kind-

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