

Waxing, scrubbing, brushing worthy of prom

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Believe it or not, guys spend just as much time and effort preparing for the prom as the ladies do...or at least I did. I washed, scrubbed, brushed, filled, and waxed for over three hours! After all the hard work, I stood back and thought to myself, "Man that car looks good."

Journey with me into the often unseen world of male prom preparation. Watch your step, it may get a little messy.

My most difficult aspect of prom preparation was something most guys find trivial and pointless, color coordination. This problem was not caused by a lack

of fashionability, but by procrastination. It's usually helpful to see your date's dress BEFORE you pick out a tuxedo...especially if you're wearing anything other than solid black.

I, on the other hand, ordered my tuxedo only a week before the prom, basing my selection only on a vague description by my date. Luckily, I was able to order the tux I wanted. Even luckier, it matched rather well.

My next difficulty in preparing for the prom was finding suitable transportation. This endeavor may have been more male oriented and less date oriented, but it was essential nonetheless.

After weeks of thought ("who has a nice car"... have I made them mad lately"...and so on and so forth), I was able to track down a black BMW 325i that belonged to one of my father's former co-workers. It would be difficult for anyone to argue that it was indeed a sweet ride.

Finding the car was only half the battle. Making the car prom worthy was the next. A car being clean in one thing, being prom worthy is completely different. The car had to be spotless, inside and out. It had to glimmer in the sun. It had to inspire awe. It had to turn heads.

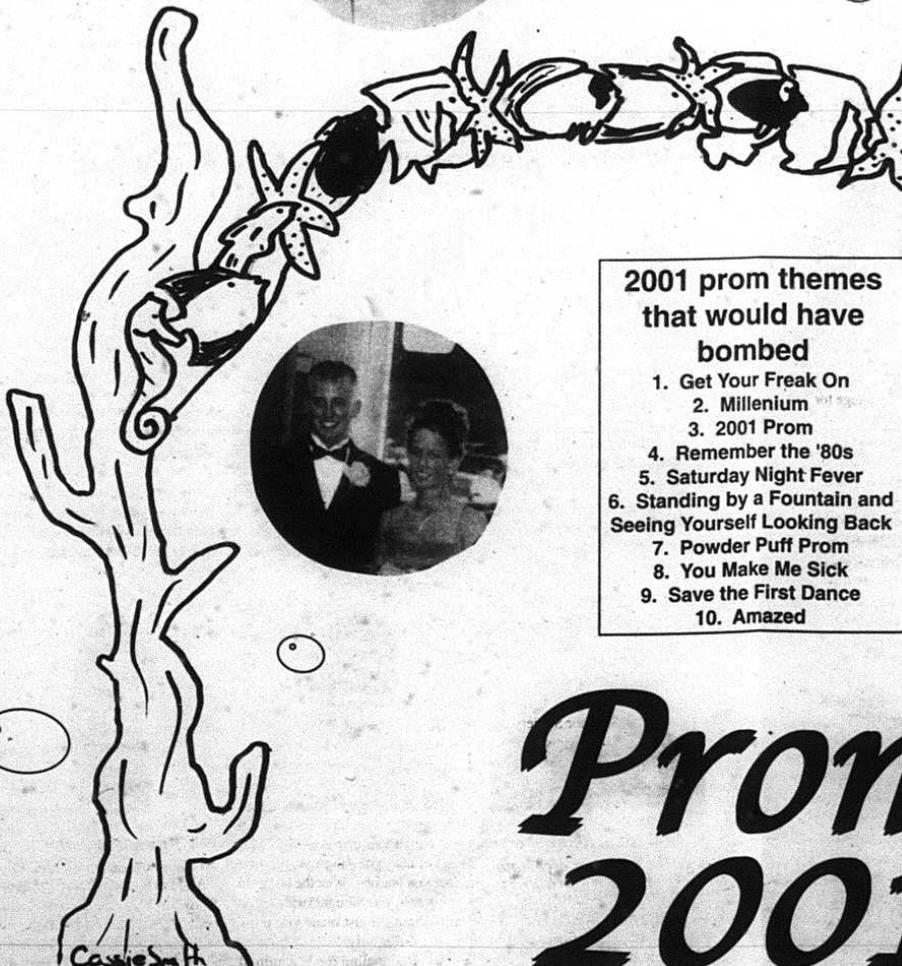
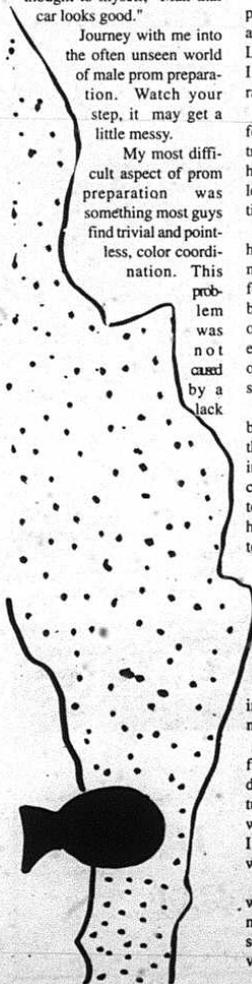
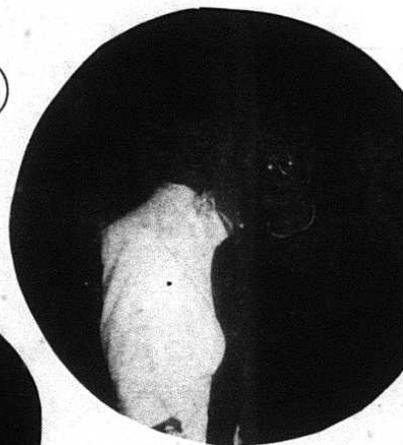
At noon on Saturday, the cleaning began. First things first, the car had to be washed.

A proper car wash can take one person up to two hours.

While I washed the car, my father helped with interior detailing (vacuuming, carpet stain removal, armor-all, etc).

Then came...the rain. Just as we finished, the enemy of any clean car descended upon Mt. Vernon, Kentucky. It goes without saying that I was a bit perturbed. Nonetheless, I guess it's better to have a clean, wet car than a dirty, dry one.

After spending three hours washing and detailing a car, 15 minutes in the shower doesn't seem so bad. Another 15 minutes for various brushing (teeth, hair, teeth



2001 prom themes that would have bombed

1. Get Your Freak On
2. Millenium
3. 2001 Prom
4. Remember the '80s
5. Saturday Night Fever
6. Standing by a Fountain and Seeing Yourself Looking Back
7. Powder Puff Prom
8. You Make Me Sick
9. Save the First Dance
10. Amazed

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