

# I JUST NEED MY SPACE!

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## Spaced Out



Male  
25 years old  
GALLATIN, Tennessee  
United States

Last Login: 10/17/2005

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#### General

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Spaced Out has **3** friends.

Tom



Drizzle



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### Spaced Out's Friends Comments

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A MySpace whore is someone who tries to get as many people on their friends list as they can.

Drizzle



Check the public PCs on campus. Every single one has MySpace on it somewhere.

Monday, October 17, 2005

I Just Need My Space  
Current mood:  curious

People across the nation are gathering in one space, MySpace. This is an online forum people use for networking, making new friends, dating and business. Whether one likes it or not, most agree that MySpace is addictive and spreading.

MySpace users start by creating a profile. Users who know html format can personalize their profiles, or, for those lacking techno-savvy, many websites have been created to share pre-made profiles.

"My profile is pretty freakin' sweet!" said Hester Ralph, whose profile is adorned with pictures of herself, friends and paintings by Salvador Dali.

Andrew Scott chose a basic profile with no extreme personalization.

"The only problem I have with MySpace is pages loading slowly, which is probably because people load their pages with crap," said Scott.

After setting up their profile, users can communicate with friends through messages, comments and bulletins. If new friends are found using "search" or "browse," they can be added to a "friends list."

Kirin Buczkowske browsed MySpace for "like-minded people" using the search criteria "tattoos."

"I by no means was looking for a relationship," Kirin said. However, a relationship is what she found. She stumbled upon the page of Eric Buczkowske. She e-mailed Eric telling him of their shared interests. In Oct. 2004, Eric moved from Cocoa Beach, Fla. to Memphis, Tenn., about a three-hour drive from Kirin's home in Nashville.

"On July 5, 2005, my best friend Carrie Denton and I took the journey to meet him for the first time," said Kirin. "One month and 13 days later we were married in a small courthouse in Germantown (Memphis), Tenn."

Perhaps a useful tool in meeting future spouses, users can upload pictures. If they choose, others can comment about or rank a user's picture.

Dustin Hames claims to post pictures because "it makes me feel pretty!" For Hames, MySpace has taken the place of an age old memory staple.

"Instead of saying, this is one for the photo album, I say this is one for

MySpace," said Hames. "I take new pictures every few days- sometimes each day if I have time, but usually once a week for sure."

For users who wish to get something off their chests, MySpace includes an online journal, or "blog."

"In my close group of friends, when one of the guys is dating someone, that person will sign up or be added to everyone's friends list," Hames said. "When there is drama, we all know because of the blogs."

Another function of MySpace is chat groups. Users can join an existing group or create their own. There are many different categories of groups ranging from the "Gothic Underworld" to "Hello Kitty Sanrio Fan Club." Volunteer State has its own group on MySpace. Here you can find fellow students, rank professors and talk about happenings on campus or off.

If users want to promote special events (or just find out about the best party to crash), MySpace has a place for that, too. Some events are public, such as a band show or a special club night. Users also have the option of creating private invitations for parties, weddings and other personal events.

There is also a portion of MySpace devoted to musicians. Unsigned or famous, a user can look for any musician that has a MySpace page simply by clicking "music" on the menu bar. In the music section, users can watch videos, find out about shows, search for musicians, see top and featured artists, talk in the music forum, and see the music classifieds.

With all the options available to a MySpace user, of course there are a few rules. MySpace users are required to be at least 16 years of age. This does not stop younger children from lying about their age and using the forum, but underage users who are caught will have their account erased.

"[Children who are caught] just create a new account anyway," said Hanley.

MySpace has other rules as well, such as asking permission before posting a picture of a person, no nude pic-

tures, no phone numbers, and no last names.

So why is MySpace so popular? When asked why he used my space, Scott said, "definitely for friends and meeting people on campus that I don't get to see everyday."

"It was the easiest way to keep in touch with Kelly [Osbourne] while running her fan site," said Hames, who is the only person besides Kelly Osbourne and her record label who has access to her webpage.

Hanley created her account a year ago, because, "everyone else had one." She has 11 friends on MySpace and chooses not to venture outside her current circle of friends.

"It's your life," proclaimed Hanley. "You print things, get phone calls about messages, it's not just on the internet."


MySpace is not the only forum of its kind, just the most popular. The Facebook is similar to MySpace but is made for students. Xanga is an online journal but one can still have friends just like MySpace. MSN has also created its own version of MySpace. It is basic, but a user does not need to know html format to personalize his or her profile. These are only a few of the many online

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rum require a fee. However, MySpace is free and has been completely supported by advertisers. There has been a rumor of MySpace being sold and some users are worried about paying for an account or losing MySpace completely. Said Hames, "If I didn't have MySpace, I would cry."

The creator of MySpace, who wishes to be known only as Tom, confirmed the rumor.

"It's true News Corp. is buying MySpace," said Tom. "I'm still running things, so things are not going to change." According to Tom, MySpace will remain free and there will not be an increase in advertisement. MySpace will also remain uncensored and no user's information will be sold.

"I'm just going to keep trying to make MySpace better, which will be easier with the financial backing of News Corp," Tom said. 

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