

There are two types of people in this world: there are women and there are men. Claire Puntill was a woman. **Height: average. Weight: average. Shoe size: slightly above average. Hair: blonde. Eyes: blue.** For all intents and purposes, Claire was just another girl - except she wasn't.

To wit: in 2013, Claire quoted a song by the British boy band, **One Direction**, to each of her friends daily: "never felt like this before, are we friends or are we more?" This spike in One Directioners in **Indiana, PA** continues to puzzle industry analysts. Her obsession with British boy bands would literally bring her to tears at concerts and would make you reminiscent of The Beatles groupies. Claire's ability to influence people's feelings towards any subject, no matter the original disapproval, continues to astound everyone around her.

Claire's joining of Zeta Tau Alpha during her sophomore year coincided with a 200% increase in laughter between sisters, due to her **inexplicable ability to always find humor in situations**. After becoming a sister, Claire was found at every event due to her helpful nature and incessant need to be involved in everything she humanly could. Every **Disney movie** that came out during Claire's life was extremely successful, but once Claire became infatuated with the film, there was an immediate spike in sales involving anything related to the movie. The love Claire felt for Disney princesses would eventually force her to cry at the ABC Christmas Parade every year. Her daily walk around campus averaged in 19.4 pit stops to talk to people because she knew everyone and they always wanted to catch her up on the latest gossip.

When people wanted someone to go to for help with any problem, Claire was the person to go to. If you were in a bad mood and just needed someone to sit there and watch a musical with you, Claire was the person to go to. If you just wanted someone to complain to and for that person to always agree with you just to make you feel better, Claire was the person to go to. Claire was the person you always wanted on your side, and always wanted on speed-dial.

It was a rare quality, the "Claire Effect." The "Claire Effect" was being in her presence and always laughing, it was knowing you always have someone watching your back and being there when necessary, it is the feeling of never being alone because she was always there, whether physically or spiritually. The "Claire Effect" was rare and yet something every person would inevitably encounter at least once in their lives. For me to meet Claire in such a small college town in Western Pennsylvania, in a country with almost 6,000 universities and 21 million college students, well that could only be explained by one thing: fate.