

## Valedictorian Uncomfortable With Speaking to People Other Than Teachers, Textbooks

As graduation time approaches, Ben Smartypants is more nervous than ever before, including the time when he accidentally brushed up against a girl's (a girl!) butt, which caused the girl to turn around. Ben is a Senior carrying a perfect 4.0, a 5.8 unweighted, and about 6 textbooks. After years of locking himself in his room and only coming out for classes, Ben has to make a speech at graduation... in front of people.

Even worse, there is the likely possibility he will have to talk to some of these people. When asked about this possibility, Ben responded, "Who are you and why are you talking to me?"

After telling Ben we were just local college reps for Harvard, Ben stopped sweating and dry heaving. We asked Ben again what he would do if he had to talk to someone other than a

teacher or a textbook and he said, "Well, according to my calculations I would initiate a common pleasantry. Possibly something to the effect of 'hello' or a southern colloquium greeting like 'I haven't made an

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acquaintance like this since lil' Billy's biscuit was stolen by them dogs.' I assume that would work, but I haven't really talked with real people in a long time, although Second Life is pure pwnage. I also doubt they know binary code or Elvish, two languages of choice for me." Without an end to his rambling in sight, we had to inform Ben we were regular, non-school related people. He simply looked at us, dropped his jaw, and ran away.

## Students Take Sudden, Class Time Wasting Interest in Politics

After the sweet, sweet taste of missing around a half of hour of dreaded school for Obama's inauguration, students have voiced a dramatic increase in politics. Countless cries for more political coverage and less school crap are being heard from X-hall to the heaters. Just kidding, we aren't aloud to use the heaters, despite a growing interest in energy debates that occur during my 2nd period English class.

Even the immature freshmen are finding the pros and cons of politics interesting. One Connor Jo stated, "This stuff really gets me up. Watching North Dakota Senator Bryon L. Dorgan speak about habeas corpus is just plain intellectually arousing. He tends to be a little long, but his points are firm and his stance strong."

Second semester Senior Jessica Wolf explains the general appeal of politics. "This stuff is so, like, interesting. Can you believe Obama is considering

talking to the U.N. Special Assembly on Plant Watering Processes? Soaring food commodity prices could have a dramatic influence on consumer elasticity!"

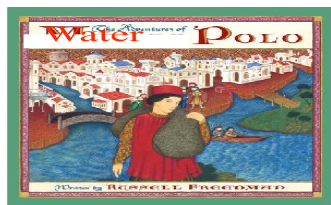
She added, "And his speech happens to be during fifth period physics."

Some are not so quick to fall for Wolf's typical ploy. Econ teacher Mr. Wheeze responds, "Clearly [Jessica] is in the wrong. Does she really think a slight decrease in gross product supply will have a net effect on large market retail distribution? This is basic stuff, man."

He was quick to note, "Though I am not a fan of my fifth period class. I wouldn't mind not dealing with those dimwitted slowtards. And it is nice to hear a president who could get an A in Freshman English Survey."

Change is in the air. Hopefully, it is me no longer having to change for gym.

## Water Polo Player Spotted Existing Awkwardly Outside the Pool



## Senior Discovers Better Things to Do Than Homework



## DHS Junior So Not Getting Into College

By George Minkowski

her she should just drop out... of school."

"Odds are, Rachael cannot even calculate the percentage she got anymore."

Ms. Levine is not alone in her shock and disappointment. Rachael's parents are quite upset as well. According to a source, Rachael's parents are "going to like kill her" when they see their child's report card.

"My life is over," Rachael says. "There is no way to bounce back from a C- on a final. So let's just face it now, I'm not going to college."

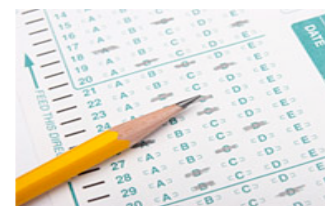
Even though Miller has a 3.6 unweighted GPA, her other teachers have also given up on her after hearing about the C-.

"Now if I was going to

DEERFIELD, IL— Rachael Miller, a Deerfield junior, studied her butt off for Ms. Levine's Pre-calc final, but still got a C-. This brought her semester grade down to a B and her odds of getting into college to 0%.

Since she was young, Rachael was always college bound and very motivated. But perhaps she just didn't want it bad enough because she got a C- on one final junior year.

"[Rachael] is a very intelligent girl, or so I thought," Ms. Levine tells Flipside reporters. "She did so well in the class and I was sure that she was college material, but then she got 144/200 on the final. I'm really disappointed in her. I told



apply to college," Rachael continued holding back tears and a runny nose, "the schools would just be like 'C-? No way' or 'OMG! Rachael got a C- on her Pre-calc final. Rejected!' It's hopeless."

To make matters worse for Rachael, she has been banned from the CCRC, WERCS, Math Lab, Foreign Language Lab, and Library because the faculty doesn't want her "stupid" to spread to students who actually have a chance at life.

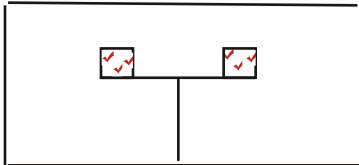
**It is never to late to submit me, Sam Block, an article.**

"Don't quote me or anything, but I'm pretty sure Bing Crosby was in Crosby, Stills, and Nash," anonymous

## PICTURE THIS

HOMEMADE REBUS PUZZLE:

Can you guess the common word or phrase portrayed below?



You  
Yo

Tude

Section  
Section

Last week's answers: Side-step, Power Cords, Admission, Bicycle

## NUMBERS: 6

The hours it takes a week to make *the Flipside* assuming standard conditions (one article submitted by others, my computer is in a good mood, and fresh cookies are available to nibble on). The things that take the least time, the Sudoku and cryptogram, are ironically the most popular.

## FACT:

The early bird gets the worm, but the hunter kills the bird and gets his worm. Try to be the hunter. Sleep late and take the hard work of those who are weaker than you. That is what my mother always says...

## LIE:

February is a short month. Give us more days off. Please.

## CRYPTOGRAM CHALLENGE

DIRECTIONS: This is a simple substitution code, each letter is replaced by a different letter. The first person to solve the cryptogram correctly will win a Flipside t-shirt! (first means first to see Sam Block to redeem shirt)

HINT: Y = M

**LAST WEEK'S WINNER: Jen Lepota** that means, that if there is any of the first letter, replace it with the second letter

"GKE'FD WTFO KX RJP AKFB, ORD ORJHQ ORTO BDDWP RJY QKJHQ. JX ORTO  
WSTHD SDTCDP ORD QFKEHU THU GKE'FD HKO AJOR RJY, GKE'SS FDQFDO JO.  
YTGVD HKO OKUTG. YTGVD HKO OKYKFFKA, VEO PKKH THU XKF ORD FDPO  
KX GKEF SJXD" REYWRFDG VKQTFO

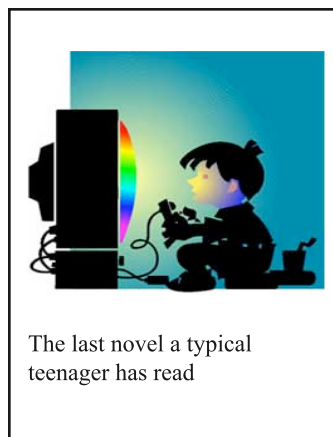
"And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country. My fellow citizens of the world: ask not what America will do for you, but what together we can do for the freedom of man." John F. Kennedy

## SUDOKU

Level: Special Summit on Water

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| 9 |   | 4 |   |   | 6 | 8 | 5 |   |
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DIRECTIONS: Unscramble these four ordinary jumbles, and use the letters in the circles to answer the final question.



The last novel a typical teenager has read

It has got to be



## JUMBLE

OKOYH

KMASC

EAFREC

BYWNAR

last week: VERVE BOUND TAVERN REHEAL What was happening at Jake Delhomme's business There was a lot of TURNOVER

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