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Prairie State Exam Reveals Majority of DHS Juniors Unprepared to Run Farm

By George Minkowski

DEERFIELD, IL— The Prairie State Achievement Test was designed to test students' knowledge of science trivia, sign reading, and Illinois-related math skills. The test was implemented in 2005 to assess whether or not high school students were ready to graduate and face their future of working on a farm. Last week, DHS Juniors had their farm-operating aptitude tested during a late start and reports are already coming in indicating how woefully unprepared they would be if they were to start their predetermined agricultural careers tomorrow.

According to the Illinois State Board of Education, Deerfield High School "totally rocked" the science trivia section and scored "better than Highland Park, at least" on the sign reading test. However, Deerfield's performance on the "applied" mat section was an "epic fail."

State Superintendent Dr. Christopher Koch lamented Deerfield's performance on this section. "A simple question: students are given a diagram of their house on a map labeled in miles and given the amount of corn they grew. We tell them how many pounds of corn go into a bushel, but ask them how many bushels per acre they grew. How could they not figure that one out?!" Students thought this question was exceed-



ingly difficult only because they didn't have the "Farm Facts" application on their calculators that all other Illinois students have.

The application contains useful features like a calculator that determines how many hours you must work to harvest a certain amount of soy beans if your cousin, Jebediah, contracts Mad Cow Disease and urinates on 1/8 of the beans you harvest every 37 minutes. It also adds numbers together. Deerfield students needed to crunch numbers logically and in dozens of intelligent steps, a strategy that simply doesn't work on the Illinois standardized tests where "anything goes."

Until Deerfield can get its numbers up on this life-determining test, it's Blue Ribbon will temporarily be taken away. "This is an absolute shame," said some administrator. "It is simply inexcusable that Deerfield stu-

dents wouldn't know how to deliver a calf when they are inevitably confronted with the situation as Illinois citizens." In fact, Deerfield scored in the bottom 1% of the state in farm-proficiency, the only thing the test is really supposed to determine. As a result, Deerfield plans to make several changes to its course offerings and requirements.

First and foremost, the Freshman Advisory program will be cut because "there are no friends on an Illinois farm—only hard work and sadness." Courses that teach evolution will be replaced with courses that teach the "why does it matter?" doctrine. Each homeroom will be responsible for a gaggle of geese, a warren of rabbits, and an agitated armadillo. Additionally, manure will be added as a medium for all AP Art classes.

These changes are undoubtedly going to cause a great deal of controversy, however, Deerfield's sub-sub-par achievement on the obviously necessary Prairie State test cannot be continually ignored. Changes need to be made before every Deerfield graduate ends up on a farm not knowing how many scarecrows to install if he or she only has \$75 dollars to spend, 28 pounds of hay and unlimited access to Cousin Steve's dresser if each scarecrow has a scare radius of 1.5 acres.

When Bob Knight Asks For No Pickles, You Darn Well Better Give Him No Pickles!



School Trainer Taken To School Trainer After Being Trampled By Mad Rush of Students Getting Taped Up After School.



Weather Forecast Predicts Heat And Sun In Month Of May, Cold And Rain On Evening Of Graduation



Administration Changes 'Lunch' To 'Dining Education'

By Herman Dougal

In their weekly Twitter address, the Deerfield High School administration announced Wednesday that it will be changing the name of lunch periods from 'Lunch' to 'Dining Education.' "We feel like this will make sure students know that Dining Education periods, or D.E.s, are not a time for slacking off," said Mr. Randolph about the name change. "This will encourage students to make responsible and productive use of their design-

ated eating periods."

Many students are enthusiastic about the change, such as Sophomore Samuel Pirancci. "I always felt like my time was being wasted during lunch periods with eating lunch," said Pirancci. "Now I can do homework and study for tests during D.E. without people thinking that I'm weird for not eating lunch." Some, however, feel that the change isn't going far enough. "I still feel like D.E. could be improved," said one stu-

dent who wished to remain anonymous. "The periods are always so loud, with everyone talking to their friends. I think that there should be a mandatory 'no-talking' rule in the cafeteria. Also, it's obnoxious when people are eating and spilling their drinks everywhere during D.E. It's distracting and rude. Food and drink shouldn't be allowed into the cafeteria."

Flipside Words of Wisdom

Learn to play the guitar, it just might make you totally cool

If you're too open minded, your brains will fall out.

For every action, there is an equal and opposite government program.

A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand.

Accept that some days you're the pidgeon, and some days you're the statue

If you can't beat your computer

at chess, try Kickboxing.

Always borrow money from a pessimist, he won't expect it back.

Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if u just sit there.

Don't Worry About The World Ending Today... It's Already Tomorrow In New Zealand

THE FLIPSIDE CRYPTOGRAM CHALLENGE: Solve the Cryptogram, write down your name, then put your copy of *The Flipside* in locker I192. We will have a drawing to see who wins the sweet *Flipside* t-shirt!!!

QUOTE "Wow, I never realized that the PERC had red painted walls!"

-Student Athlete, after all the new, energy-saving, and extremely blinding lights were installed this past week

REBUS PUZZLES

Can you guess the common word or phrase portrayed below?



last weeks answers: FORGOTTEN HERO, LAST BUT NOT LEAST, LAKE ONTARIO, ODDS ARE OVERWHELMING

Numbers

8

Total Number of school days left for the senior class ever at Deerfield High School, including today. Going to feel more like eight months, though.

CRYPTOGRAM CHALLENGE

This is a simple substitution code. Each letter is replaced by a different letter. Try to decode the message or quote below. Congratulations to last issue's winner, Jack Mercola.

HINT: Z=N

"ABW EZUQI JO NZUW NTQQWTRQW ABTY XZD ABJYV TYI JA'O ETJAJYP SZU
XZD AZ BTNNWU JA JYAZ OBTMW." - RZYZ

"A COMMON MISTAKE THAT PEOPLE MAKE WHEN TRYING TO DESIGN SOMETHING COMPLETELY FOOLPROOF IS TO UNDERESTIMATE THE INGENUITY OF COMPLETE FOOLS." — DOUGLAS ADAMS

SUDOKU

Level: Senioritis

Fill in the grid so each column, row, and 3x3 box has the numbers 1 through 9.

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	4	2	5				9	3
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			1		9	4	8	
		3		2		6		
	1	5	7		4			
	3			1	7			4
9	7				8	2	3	
6		1					7	8

Note: All names and stories are fictional, unless public figures are being satirized. Remember, these are all jokes.

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four ordinary jumbles, and use the letters in circles to answer the final question.



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KNILB
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LAST ISSUE'S ANSWERS: ZESTY, VERBS, GENOME, RIVALS.
How the backwards poet wrote: IN VERSE.