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NEISWENDER INTERVENES IN RIGHT-TO-DYE CASE

Popularity Rating Drops

By ADAM GOLDSTEIN (V)

Today, Headmaster John Neiswender today ruled that a white t-shirt be kept in a bucket of indigo dye, claiming he was trying to "err on the side of $C_{16}H_{10}N_2O_2$." Mrs. Amy Greenleaf, the court-appointed guardian of the t-shirt, has been trying to have it removed since 1993.

The t-shirt has been at the center of the highest-profile right-to-dye case in years, raising emotions to the boiling point on both sides of the Chemistry department.

"The t-shirt would not want to have been kept submerged for this long. The administration is just kowtowing to high pressure," Mrs. Greenleaf said.

Mr. Drew Burns, another member of the chemistry faculty, disagreed. "There are just too many unknowns here. If we took the t-shirt out of the bucket, we'd be putting ourselves at the risk of all sorts of dangerous reactions."

To compound the issue, experts claim, is the coalescing of several catalyzing factors. For one, many on the far right see the struggle over the shirt as symbolic to their cause.

"I think the right really sees this as a test case—a 'control,' if you will—on how the administration will handle right-to-dye issues," said Giovanni Smorgasbord, a researcher at Harvard University's School of Christianity and Related Political Stuff.

Popular conservative commentator Ann Coulter was more direct. When asked for comment, she said, "This is nothing more than a conspiracy of shirt-hating liberals."

Those on the left, however, generally see the case as an instance of the administration interfering with a personal de-

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Rohdie, Macrae Kicking Selves After Hearing of Headmaster Opening

By MAX COOPER (V)

At the end of last school year, Upper School Director Adam Rohdie and Middle School Director Robert Macrae left Pingry with the senior class to take higher-prestige (and, presumably, higher-paying) jobs at other schools. Both had close ties to Pingry and their departure caused noticeable upset on campus.

Rohdie is now headmaster of Greenwich Country Day School in Connecticut, and Macrae headmaster of Cincinnati Country Day School. The two have been seen occasionally around Pingry since.

This summer, Pingry Headmaster John Neiswender announced that he would be leaving to move south to his permanent residence in North

Wreckord Poll Reveals Teachers' Sexual Habits

By MAX COOPER (V)

The Wreckord's poll on sexual activity revealed that 30 percent of teachers have had sex, far lower than the national average for high schools. Over half of the senior faculty members, however, said that they had had sex.

The survey was conducted secretly with masked representatives of the Broken Wreckord. After asking for teachers' experience at Pingry and academic department, the poll asked if teachers have ever had sexual intercourse. Those who responded "yes" were asked how often birth control was used. About 90 percent of the faculty responded to the poll.

Few science teachers — seven percent — said they had had sex, although all thirteen responded to the poll. The percentage of teachers in the remaining subjects who had had sex was 60 percent.

Compared to national averages, the percentages for Pingry teachers were low. According to ABCnews.com,

in 2001 45.6 percent of all high school teachers had had sex, compared to 54.1 percent in 1991.

The percentage of those who have had sex was different for male and female faculty members, with 45 percent of the males responding "yes" compared to only 15 percent of females.

Women were also more careful than men when it came to birth control. Seventy-five percent of women said they always used birth control, whereas 14 percent said they never did. Of the men, 35 percent said they always use birth control and 41 percent said they never have.

Overall, 53 percent of those who have had sex said they used protection all the time. Practicing safe sex "most of the time" and "sometimes" came in at eight percent and eleven percent respectively. The second most common answer, however, was "never" at 28 percent.

When asked for comment on these figures, Mr. Sluyter said, "Hey, man, times were different in the 60s. I don't even remember hearing about

'safe sex' until like ten years ago."

The Wreckord asked the student body to guess the results of the poll, and many students' estimates were inaccurate. When asked to guess the average response to the safe sex question, most students guessed "always" though the majority of teachers said they rarely use birth control.

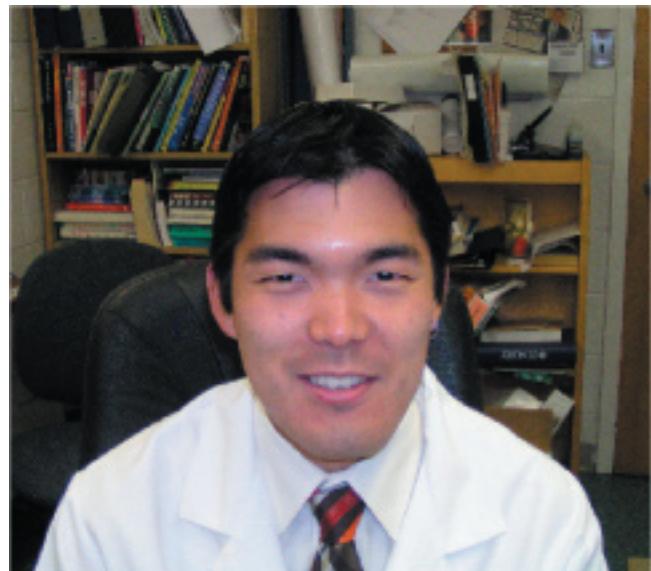
One student estimated that 60 percent of Pingry teachers had had sex, though another came closer to the mark with 20 percent. The average student's guess was that 33 percent of the faculty had had sex, which is ten percent greater than the actual statistic of 30 percent.

The most widely accurate guess among students, however, was on the sexual activity of the science and math departments. The highest student guess was that ten percent of each department had had sex; this figure is greater than the actual statistic for both departments.

Health teacher Ms. Liliana Torres said talking maturely about sex in school is "a good first step to raising awareness about the impact present decisions will have in students' futures."

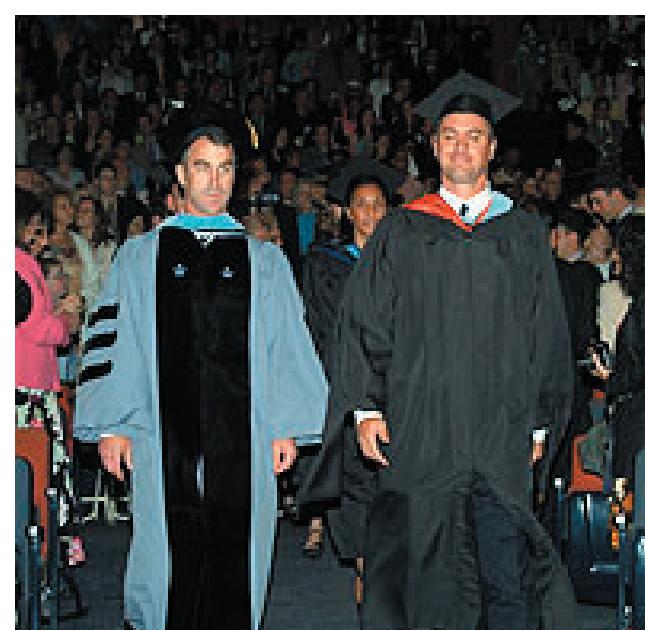
Mr. Lalley added, "I think most of the students here are informed about birth control and protection. We teach it, but the students have got to apply it. I hope they don't think it [pregnancy or a sexually transmitted infection] can't happen to them, because it can happen to anybody."

Finally, Mr. Jenkins told the Wreckord his favorite safe-sex phrase. "Heh, it's a golden oldie. 'If you're in the mood, it's not that cool dude!' Ha, I love that one." The science department, apparently, has taken this expression very much to heart.



C.Berman (V)

The science department teaches reproduction without experience, says Mr. Tommie Hata.



Courtesy of Pingry.org

Macrae and Rohdie, leaving Pingry blissfully unaware.

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Overused Courtyard Benches Need Replacement

By NIKHIL SRIVASTAVA (VI)

Construction at the Martinsville campus has been a familiar sight to the students, faculty, and administrators of Pingry. The school, according to headmaster John Neiswender, is in a constant state of growth as resources and facilities are upgraded or renovated, and as new developments break ground.

The most recent change to Pingry came in the form of a statue and student courtyard—a brand new “nose job” on the blue-green and brick face of the school, Neiswender said. Construction was completed just three years after Pingry accepted David Baldwin’s (‘47) proposal to fund the project.

But while it may seem like only yesterday that the statue and courtyard were completed, the dilapidated state of the plaza tells a different tale. Benches surrounding the stone-tiled area are worn and cracked; patches of grass are matted and shriveled; the bronze statue that once

gleamed in the autumn sun is now barely visible underneath the countless effacements and patches of graffiti.

“It’s simply a matter of wear and tear,” said Mike Versi, head of maintenance. “This area has seen too much traffic, too often.”

The maintenance staff, according to Versi, spends a disproportionate amount of their time maintaining and cleaning the plaza—everything from litter to chewing gum to the assortment of Frisbees, volleyballs, and lawn sports equipment that is scattered across the courtyard.

Though many agree that the area has become congested, and the Martinsville fire chief has expressed his concerns about fire-safety compliance, not all agree on the steps needed to remedy the situation.

“Leave it how it is!” argues Ameesha Sampat (V). “The school finally gave us a place to hang out, a place where kids have fun hanging out, and now they want to take it away? That seems pretty

ridiculous.”

“I think something should be done, just because there are always way too many kids there. I think sometimes kids don’t go to class just to hang out there,” said John Kolb (IV).

Sanders Bernstein (V) had a different attitude: “Why don’t they just get rid of the thing? I spend most of my time up in the C.B. Newton Library, alone, and it’s just a distraction to hear all those kids having fun with their—what do you call them—‘friends.’ Just get rid of it.”

While such an extreme view remains in the minority, Pingry may be forced to take action soon. An official spokesperson released this statement: “The dangerous and escalating congestion in the Baldwin plaza has become a serious issue for maintenance and the administration. This sort of rampant socializing is obviously not what David Baldwin had in mind when he conceptualized the project, and it must be dealt with all deliberate speed.”

Forbidding students, or at least restricting students, from using the courtyard would be a relief for many teachers who have voiced their complaints to the administration.

“It’s often frustrating to step outside, looking for some peace and relaxation, only to encounter a gaggle of giggling freshmen, or to get hit in the back with a tennis ball, or to trip over a carton of Gatorade, OK? Just stop being so goddamn annoying all the time, you stupid brats! I need a cigarette...” said Sra. Malla Godfrey.

and ethnic minority status all matched those of Marnie.”

Wilson has received a very warm welcome from Pingry's faculty and students. “She’s a really kind woman, and she has a great sense of humor,” says Mrs. Barbara Edwards of the Upper School office. “Also, it’s good to know that [Ms.] Nia [Kilgore, college counselor] will have a new ‘sister’ to ‘chill out’ with. Is that right? ‘Chill out?’ I don’t know Ebionics.”

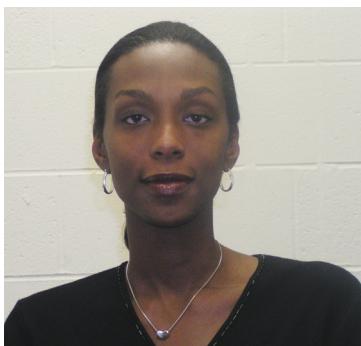
When asked for comment, Ms. Kilgore stated, “I don’t understand. I have friends of all races. I mean, sure, it’s great to have some more African-American representation in Pingry, but it’s not like I only have black friends. Oh well, whatever makes the administration feel like it’s making its self-proclaimed ‘progress in equality.’”

On a related note, since Mr. Joseph Wang left Pingry last year, the number of Asian-American faculty members has dropped to two. Mr. Hata refused to comment on the subject.



N. Lee (IV)

Ms. Marnie McKoy



Ms. Ayo Sanderson Wilson

In an effort to maintain a racial quota of 1.5 African-Americans for every 100 faculty/staff members, Ms. Ayo Sanderson Wilson was hired as the new Assistant Director of Admissions and Coordinator of Multicultural Outreach this year. Ms. Wilson has “fit in very well here at Pingry,” says Headmaster John Neiswender. “She is a hard worker and has a beautiful personality. It seems like we made a seamless replacement: Ayo’s passion for education, high intelligence,

The Presidential Speech You Wish You Heard

By JEREMY TEICHER (V)

Good afternoon, Pingry. For those of you who don’t know me, my name is Robotron, and I’m running for Student Body President. I like to think practically and tackle problems that we in the student government can actually solve.

Now, there is one thing that I feel is a major threat to the well-being of students everywhere and should be dealt with immediately. If I am elected president, I promise the students an Inter-Structural Zombie-Defense Missile Protection System. That’s right: little Johnny doesn’t need to be afraid anymore. If *Resident Evil* or *Dawn of the Dead* ever happens, Pingry will be the safe haven, this I promise.

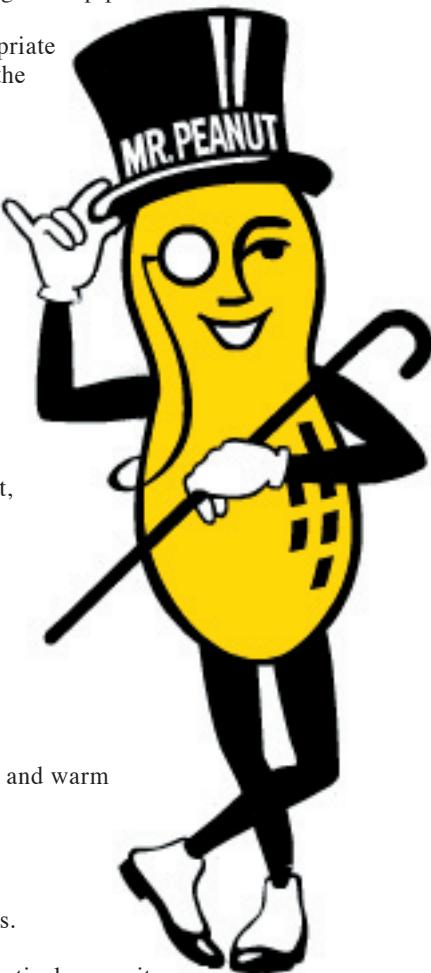
On a related note, if lycanthropy were to ever break out among students, I vow to have enough antidotes for both the upper and the lower campuses—there won’t be any place for werewolves at Pingry under my watch!

I also know that sometimes carrying books can be hard on your backs. Instead of expensive medical programs or ridiculous locker rules, I propose—get this—

The Pingry Gentleman's Manual of Style

By Sirs Adam, Jeremy, and Max

1. Always wear a top hat and belt.
2. Bring a cane when attending gala events.
3. When smoking tobacco, only use swooping cedar pipes.
4. Only listen to opera; classic rock is appropriate at times, but it should never be played in the presence of a lady.
5. Play croquet.
6. Always drive a manual-transmission car. Remember, it is better to walk than to be caught in an automatic.
7. If employing a chauffeur, always leave a generous tip. Never use a taxi.
8. Never consume diet or “lite” beverages.
9. Double-space, use Times New Roman font, and never make grammatical errors.
10. Only wear double-lapel tuxedo jackets.
11. Drink martinis mixed with dry gin—never with vodka.
12. Obtain a large collection of fine art.
13. Always shave with a straight-edged razor and warm shaving cream.
14. Donate to the Republican Party.
15. Keep timepieces in pockets, not on wrists.
16. Always wear a monocle—regardless of optical necessity.
17. Store liquid assets in a Swiss bank account.
18. Manually tie bowties.
19. Order steaks prepared rare.
20. Wipe bottoms with money.



robots. That’s right, robots. Imagine walking into school every day and being greeted by your own robot friend. Yeah, it’d be your friend and would listen to you all the time and wouldn’t ditch you on Friday nights forcing you to sit alone watching *Jeopardy* with your parents. Have a heavy physics book? No problem, ZT-668 will carry it for you!

Looking ahead, I basically want to make the little things better for the students as they

go through their school day. I know sometimes it can be a pain to walk from class to class, so I propose an Inter-Scholastic Teleportation System.

That’s not all, “Pirates, Ninjas, and Lumberjacks: Who’d Win in a Fight?” will become our school’s newest English course.

Hm, that seems to be pretty much all I can think of—it’s looking like I’m going to have my work cut out for me next year. I’ll need

someplace to relax. A senior smoking lounge, perhaps? Get out your notebooks, sophomores; this is golden stuff for your campaign next year. While I’m at it, how about those automatic-flushing toilets and double-ply paper? Seriously, this one just isn’t cutting it.

So next week, when you fill out those election forms, just think: would you want to be overrun by zombies and werewolves? I think not. Vote Robotron!

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Josh Freedman
Melissa Loewinger

Duchesses

Chantal Berman
Nadine Reitman

Mother Superior

Dr. Susan Dineen



NEWS IN BRIEF

Cum Laude/Breast Cancer Awareness Pin**Confusion Leads to Awkward Conversation**

The disbursement of pins to Cum Laude members comes at an inconvenient time for well-wishers looking to distinguish between the lapel pins of the academic society and the similarly shaped "pink ribbon" pins celebrating National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, according to several members of Cum Laude.

Misdirected compliments often serve to eliminate any possible further conversation between the two parties, according to members of Cum Laude. "The 'complimentee,' it seems, becomes obliged to explain the pin confusion, and is immediately subtly portrayed as either arrogantly unaware or academically challenged, depending on the nature of the compliment," according to Cum Laude member Caroline Savello (VI).

Mrs. Lydia Geacintov, when asked about the possibility of postponing the pin distribution date, said, "I don't care how many people are confused. We fought off those [expletive]s from Support Our Troops—there's no way we're letting some commie cancer foundation get the better of us!"

- Nikhil Srivastava (VI)

Students Upbeat about Global Warming, Look Forward to Wearing Shorts Year-round

A survey conducted by the Broken Wreckord found that over two-thirds of students approve of global warming, provided that the school also allows students to wear shorts earlier in the year.

Slightly over half of those surveyed, however, expressed disapproval of Headmaster John Neiswender's handling of global warming.

"I think it'd be great if we could wear shorts more often," said Nadine Reitman (V). "I just don't think Mr. Neiswender is polluting our environment enough to make any meaningful difference in the temperature outside."

- Adam Goldstein (V)

Neiswender's Shining Visage**Inspires AIM Emoticon**

In an attempt to stem the decline in its market share, America Online announced on Tuesday that it will be incorporating an emoticon based loosely on Headmaster John Neiswender's face into the next version of its AOL Instant Messenger software.

Emoticons, the compact "smiley faces" that have become a mainstay of teenage instant-messaging conversations, are used to convey emotion in the absence of vocal inflection.

- Adam Goldstein (V)

Entire Pingry Honor Code Plagiarized from Ancient Chinese

The origins of the Honor Code have recently been traced to ancient China. New research dates the document back to the Canton province, circa 1000 B.C. Artists in the Ping Dynasty had to swear an oath to their overseers, which, roughly translated, would ensure that they had neither given nor received any unauthorized jade. However, in the first recorded poll in history, 33% of the ancient Chinese artists admitted they had given or received unauthorized jade during the past year, while 50% admitted to have witnessed jade infractions (the margin of error was estimated at +/- 3%).

- Melissa Loewinger (IV)

Freshman Girl Afraid to Walk by Senior Couches

Pingry, NJ—Sunshine, a 9th grade girl, was too afraid to walk by the senior couches on her way to biology class. "She actually turned around, went up the cafeteria stairs, and went down the stairs near the biology classrooms," a witness reported. Sources close to Sunshine describe her as "kind of shy," however they "don't blame her," because "some of those guys are kind of weird—especially that kid who's the president...he's always staring at her."

- Jeremy Teicher (V)

"Your Mom" Joke Suppressed

By JOSH FREEDMAN (IV)

In an extremely uncharacteristic move, Arif Rashid (VI) on Tuesday decided to think before he opened his mouth.

The incident occurred on April 28 during C Lunch. Tablemate Scott Menke (VI) was eating a cheesesteak, reportedly acquired from J.D.'s Grille. Menke's clumsiness resulted in a large clump of shredded steak and cheese to fall on, and subsequently leave a stain on, his white polo shirt.

Menke reportedly made a comment about how dirty his shirt was, and Rashid primed himself for a disparaging comment about Menke's mother.

However, in an act of maturity not seen anywhere else at that table, Rashid stayed mum about

Menke's mother and instead returned to eating his baked ziti.

Nikhil Srivastava (VI), seated directly opposite Rashid, was extraordinarily surprised at this behavior. "He never passes up an opportunity to make fun of Scott's mom," Srivastava said. "Even with all of my physics knowledge, I cannot comprehend why he would take this opportunity to say something."

Rashid tried to justify his decision, but couldn't even explain his own actions. "I thought about saying something—I mean, Menke just stepped into that one. But I decided that I would rather go home injury-free than make fun of Menke's mom."

Rashid also noted that the sharp piece of matzah held by Srivastava would have been fired in his direction had he said

Wealthy Prom-goers Forget to File Taxes

More than 50 attendees of the Pingry Prom forgot to file their taxes, according to private documents obtained by the Broken Wreckord from the IRS. The tax returns, estimated to be worth more than \$1,000,000, were discovered in a routine internal audit, according to an IRS statistician who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

The Prom, which occurred on April 15, drew more than 100 students from the Junior and Senior classes.

"I totally forgot to file my taxes, I was so busy partying," said Caroline Savello (VI). "I just hope they [the IRS] don't seize my car or something."

According to the IRS's website, failure to file income taxes on time can result in a 10% penalty for each month the taxes are late.

- Adam Goldstein(V)

New Honor Board Members**Implement "Iron Fist of Justice"**

Sophomore Joshua Freedman was found to be in violation of the school honor code last Thursday, and was subsequently hogtied and shot.

"Mr. Freedman was guilty of having either given or receiving unauthorized aid on this exam," said Daniel Davidson (IV), a new member of the Honor Board. "The infraction is currently under investigation, but it looks as if he gave himself illegal material, and is therefore guilty for both giving and receiving unauthorized aid. Since he has committed two offenses, he will have to be shot twice."

Daniel added, "Trust me, I'm on Honor Board."

- Melissa Loewinger (IV)

Neiswender to Pingry: "It's Not You, It's Me"

The Pingry community was heartbroken yet again, after its current fling with John Neiswender came to a sudden halt.

"We're just...drifting apart," Neiswender stammered, as he nervously rearranged some papers on the desk. "It's not like the warning signs weren't there," he added, citing his frequent retreats to Short Hills. "No, no, don't cry, it doesn't have to be like this," he cooed, as he offered a tissue. "Believe me, I'm hurting inside, too. Beneath this smiling facade, my spirit is frowning... No, no, no you've been a great school; don't beat yourself up like that. I know you'll find an even better headmaster... I got a friend named Nat, actually, who I bet you'd like. I know it's a little soon to be looking for a new guy, but talk to him. He's a good listener..."

You know what, I'm sick of you, too. Tired of your old friends hanging around all the time, 'alumni are the backbone,' my ass. They eat all our food, get lost, and always forget my name... fine! Big Blue is a stupid mascot, anyway. Don't let the door hit you on the way out."

- Will Parham (V)

Mr. Summerhill Likes Cold, Wintry Plains

In an ironic twist, Middle School Latin teacher Jeff Summerhill favors winter days and flat plains over summer and sloped ground. Summerhill blames his last name on "Ellis Island customs staff" claiming that it was a cruel joke that was played on his "tundra-loving ancestors."

Summerhill, who is notorious for his Caecilius/Quintus/NAMBLA jokes, is moving to Colorado at the end of the year, where his name will be shortened to Mr. Hill because "summer" is not in the vocabulary there.

- Josh Freedman (IV)

Report: "Aviators Are the Coolest"

A Summit Basement, NJ—According to an anonymous high school student, aviators are "the new fashion thing," and "awesome." In a louder voice than was necessary, the youth asserted that "the aviators are like shields; you can say or do anything when you're behind them." Throwing his arm around this reporter, the student shouted: "but dude, never give your ave's away to girls, you'll never see them again. Man, we should hang out more."

- Jeremy Teicher (V)

something.

Srivastava, who then had no use for the unleavened bread, was forced to digest the food. Regarding its dry taste, he said, "I felt in each bite a sense of my history; I felt the struggle of my people in their valiant fight against the British imperialists."

Menke was perturbed by the stain on his shirt, but relieved that Rashid kept his mouth shut. "A comment from Arif would have just added insult to injury," said Menke. "I'm a very fragile person and I don't know if I could take such a beating."

The entire incident was soon forgotten as James Somers (VI) catapulted into a sit-down comedy routine at the table and was soon booted all the way back to the salad bar.

Right-to-Dye Case Splits Community

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cision, rather than an example of the administration acting to protect the interests of a helpless community member, according to recent polls

State Sen. Pablo Waveform, an outspoken Democratic critic of the administration, said, "This is a sad day for all Pingry students. If the administration can act to keep a t-shirt in dye, what's to keep it from implementing forced community service, or abridging your basic human rights?"

The administration's response to critics has been swift and strong. "Let me crystallize this: there is solid evidence that the shirt may still be absorbing dye. It would be a terrible mistake to remove the shirt before we had all the data we needed to make

HOROSCOPES

By MELISSA LOEWINGER (IV)

ARIES

March 21-April 19 - The heavenly bodies have aligned in such a way that you will have a fling in the near future. Either that, or you will fling something.

TAURUS

April 20-May 20 - You have many lucky stars. Thank them.

GEMINI

May 21-June 20 - There is nothing in your future. Zip. Zilch. Not a thing. YOU HAVE NO FUTURE.

CANCER

June 21-July 22 - On a Monday, you will be waiting. On a Tuesday, you will be fading. On a Wednesday, you will not be able to sleep.

LEO

July 23-Aug. 22 - Your love life is comparable to a nova, which is, according to AOL's diving dictionary services, "a star that suddenly increases its light output tremendously and then

VIRGO

Aug. 23-Sept. 22 - Orion's belt has deemed that you will join the Junior Executive Business Club...and like it.

Top Administration Officials Start Mud Wrestling Team for Fall '05

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will have no option but to dig pits in the football field, and we have a feeling Varsity Football Head Coach Mike Webster would be upset about that."

Upper School Head John Leef, anxious to show that he is just as open to new and interesting ideas as the next administrator said, "Mud wrestling? Absolutely! And

while we're at it, why not introduce NASCAR racing to the school? It's very cutting edge! I like it."

Provided the Board of Trustees grants approval, construction on the race track, which will go around the far soccer fields past the tennis courts, will start in early June along with the mud wrestling pits. Mr. Leef said getting approval is "as certain as students continuing to sleep during assembly."

Coincidentally, the Ivy League has adopted mud wrestling as their show case sport and plans on offering full scholarships in each of the various divisions, which include mud, swamp, sand and Jell-O.

Pingry's former resident goose-chaser, Jed the border collie, who will be a sophomore at Harvard University next fall, has been granted permission to join the school's mud wrestling team. After feeling sexually and specially discriminated against and told he was not allowed to join the team on account of being a male dog, Jed sued Harvard and won.

Jed now feels as if he has finally found his calling in mud wrestling, commenting after one practice, "Arf Arr Woof! Glub," which translates to, "Wow! This sport is pretty hardcore, but it sure is worth it! Glub."

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GAME-PLAYING
IN TECH LAB AT
ALL-TIME LOW

MATH OFFICE HIGH

By MAX COOPER (V)

The Tech Team reported in March that game-playing in the lower commons tech lab was at an all-time low. Tech Team leader Quoc Vo has attributed the decline to an enforcement of the Honor Code by his colleagues, who patrol the tech lab in three-hour shifts throughout the school day and into the night. Revoking computer privileges has left many students without internet access or word processing, a stunning punishment for some. However, some reprimanded students have found a loophole in the system, which the Tech Team believes to be developed by an underground computer hacker somewhere in the United States. "Actually, I just use my friends' logins," says freshman Timmy Stockholm.

Meanwhile, in the 400's wing of the school, game-playing has remained at a stable average of 4 hours a day. Much of the game play takes place in the Math Department Head's office, although this may be due to "head-to-head Mini-putt action," in which two individuals use the same computer when competing against each other. Besides Mini-putt, "classics like Solitaire and Minesweeper are definitely among my faves," says teacher Tim Jacqua. "Me and Trem do battle every once in a while, but he usually wants to just sit there and play iSketch alone. But it's cool because then I just join the table he's at, [laughing]."

When asked why Windows games were accessible on teachers' logins but not on students', the Tech Team gave no comment, and just went back to playing "Curveball" on www.addictinggames.com.

Still Kicking

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from way back casually hinting at us to leave. Yeah, he was one of the main supporters for my transfer to Cincinnati. Man, if I only knew, I could have been on top. The head honcho. The big man. Walking tall, unlike that backstabbing sideshow freak."

Picking blades of grass at the trunk of the tree, Rohdie commented on Neiswender's replacement. "To think that some hippie from Vermont is taking what should rightfully be mine—some guy named 'Nat,' for God's sake. I mean, come on, he doesn't even have



Amidst a crowd of spectators, Captain Juan Desperado (blue hat) gleefully cheers on his winning rooster in the '05 Cockfighting Championships. Google Images

Varsity Cockfighting Team Ends a Winning Season

By JEREMY TEICHER (V)

The Varsity Cockfighting team finished its first year with a winning record, according to captain Juan Desperado (VI). After a stellar performance in the semifinals against arch-rival Delbarton, the Cockfighting team was invited to the world high school championships in South America, which the team then won.

Started this past September, the Cockfighting team has been "lucky to be received so openly at Pingry," the team's captain said. "Pingry gave us an excellent budget, it's great. We are only a few hundred dollars away from being able to afford bionic implants for the rooster, like fire-breathing or the ability to levitate." For now, Desperado says, "a good, reliable cock" is all the team needs.

From a payphone "somewhere in Brazil," Desperado gleefully recounted the team's dramatic championship win. "We were a little shaken up at first from the trip down to the tournament," Desperado recounted. "I suppose none of us real-

ized that the cargo hold of a steam ship could be so cramped.

"When we finally arrived, the hospitality was a little less than we were expecting—but hey, sleeping in a Brazilian jail cell isn't as bad as one would think, except for the food. Foraging is hard!"

On the day of the tournament, the team was feeling pressure from their local fans to take the win. "One man even told me all of his money was riding on our win," team member Gideon Oppenheimer (VI) recalled. "He told us if we didn't win, he'd have to sell his children into slavery. Our fans sure are dedicated!"

The team's dream of victory was made a reality during the final match against

the local team. "It was a great performance from both sides, but our rooster is just *that* good," Desperado explained. "We would have beaten them in the earlier rounds, but they told us that we'd never see home again if we won. The Pingry Cockfighting team was not scared away by random threats!"

Although the tournament has been over for almost a week now, the team is still held up in Brazil. "They're being really nice here, but I think it's time to go home," Desperado said. I can't tell them that, though, because the last person who said he wanted to go home got carted away.

"I do wish that they'd let us out of the back of the 'champion's van' for a few hours, though," Desperado said.

Mr. Raby Reports:
Elvin Army ApproachesBy JEREMY TEICHER (V) and
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From his command center in the woods surrounding Pingry's cross-country trail, Mr. Raby has issued a warning: "whet your swords, prepare your crossbows, and memorize your spell-scrolls in preparation for an imminent attack from the Elves."

"The Elves used to be a peaceful people," Mr. Raby heavily sighed, "it is a shame our two nations have taken to the sword." A single tear rolled down his cheek.

"This will be the most great and terrible war since the Griffin Revolution against the Dwarves in the late Brimstone Period," said Mr. Raby. There is evidence that the Elves have formed an alliance with the Ogres, creating a "God-like" force. "Between the Elvin spell-swords and the Ogrin Brutes, the Pingry community will face a challenge unlike

anything it has ever seen."

According to Mr. Raby, Pingry's chances of victory are slim. He elaborated:

"There is little hope. However, I have been devising a strategy that could spare some lives. If my calculations are correct, the Elves will attack precisely when Halley's Comet eclipses the star located 20 clicks south of Jupiter's largest moon. As we all know, this star holds the necessary energy and power that runs the Heartstone of the Elvin base [located deep in Warren Township]."

Mr. Raby commented on "Halflings," individuals bred from one human and one elf. "Therein lies the Great Question. Will a Halfling ally with the humans or with the elves? We can only pray to Merlin that they will join our side."

Mr. Raby returned hastily to his command center, shouting over his shoulder, "May Odin's eyes watch over us in these dark times!"



Pingry to Start Mud Wrestling Team

By MELISSA LOEWINGER (IV)

As their last salute to the school, departing Headmaster John Neiswender and Athletic Director JoAnn Demartini have decided that Fall 2005 will debut the school's first Women's Varsity Mud Wrestling team. When questioned about the emergence of this new sport, Ms. DeMartini said, "We are just trying to satisfy the students, who are always demanding more athletic opportunities. I think it is long past time for a mud wrestling team; students have been pleading for it for years."

The conference in which Mr. Neiswender got the Mud Wrestling Proposal passed took place on May 13. Neiswender admitted that he was "A bit apprehensive as to how the proposition would be received, especially since Girls and Boys soccer will both have to be disbanded to allow room for the new team. I was overjoyed, although slightly surprised, at how quickly and enthusiastically the idea was accepted."

Pits will be dug into the World Cup Field in early June, and the field will undergo hosing throughout the summer in preparation for the pre-season. DeMartini

said, "We would rather have Jell-O wrestling, but the mud is just so much easier to produce in large quantities."

Coach New, who gave a riveting speech earlier this year concerning passion and healthy eating habits in sports, has been hired as Head Coach for the mud wrestling team. Although new to the sport, Coach New is optimistic about the upcoming season. He said, "With its similarities to wrestling, I know I can teach the girls how to strive toward victory while maintaining healthy diets. Mud wrestling is a sport I will very quickly become passionate about. It covers you with glory, pride and mud."

Unfortunately, cuts will have to be made from the team, as all the girls soccer players will either have to join or quit fall sports completely. All veteran and potential members of the boys soccer team will have to join the water polo team. De Martini said, "We hope the soccer boys are as open to the concept of playing water polo as we are. If they insist on being allowed to mud wrestle as well, we

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Next year's mud-wrestling demonstrate the high-crotched ball and chain move. Google Images

President Bush Commends Boosh

By LOGAN BARTLETT (V)

Today President George W. Bush presented a Medal of Commendation to headmaster John Neiswender for the plan to avoid what appeared to be a potential gas crisis. The Pingry School followed an idea set forth by Michael Kreisbusch (V) and with his "Two Mile" Plan the Martinsville School was able to prevent any gas shortages from occurring.

Bush was quoted as saying, "Well, two miles of gas is about .1 gallons. And with two hundred some odd students and faculty members doing this, they were able to save a lot of gas."

When asked if he would attempt to follow this plan back in Washington, Bush replied, "If something works, I'm going

to try it."

The idea behind the plan is, as Bush states, "difficult for laymen to grasp," but the guidelines are as follows: (1) people walk to school if they live within two miles, and (2) people walk home from school if they live within two miles.

This plan is revolutionary to say the least. Michael Kreisbusch recently made it known to the Pingry Community that he had in fact walked home fifty days this year. Rumor around the school was that "Boosh" actually walked home because his license was suspended due to a DUI charge, a fact he vehemently denies. "Still, his attack on the potential gas crisis was very courageous and something that the school should acknowledge," Bush said.