

Healthy Foods Committee succeeds; institutes new cafeteria menu choices

The Healthy Foods Committee has taken another step towards improving the diets of Park students. Starting today, only ice cubes and Romaine lettuce will be sold in the cafeteria. Also, faculty will be making daily checks of students' packed lunches to ascertain whether their meals are in compliance with the Committee's standards.

Water is now off the menu because, according to the head of the Committee, "it causes bloating." Ice will be featured in cups, as well as on sticks. The healthier-than-thou parents hope ice on a stick will serve as an appetizing replacement to popsicles, which were removed last month.

While the Committee considered offering an assortment of lettuce as opposed to just Romaine, they cut back for financial reasons. "Changing the cafeteria has taken a toll on the budget," stated the Committee's spokesperson, "but keeping our children skinny, I mean healthy, overrides financial concerns."

With few cafeteria options, more students have been bringing in homemade, and often unhealthy, lunches. Head of School David Jackson issued a memo stating that faculty must perform a new Lunchbox Duty. This job requires teachers to carry out thorough checks of each student's lunchbox before

he or she may eat. The teacher will place a red sticker on the student after the lunch has been

profit, but also its appearance. With only two items offered, the cafeteria has been divided into

need," said one girl who asked not to be identified. "We've never had so much support



US English teacher Kirk Wulf confiscates a contraband fruit cup discovered in senior L. Gordon's lunch while performing his mandatory Lunchbox Duty.

deemed sufficiently healthy. Anyone caught eating without the red sticker will forfeit the packed lunch for the "usual" at the cafeteria: five pieces of lettuce and three ice cubes.

Changes in the cafeteria have affected not only the business's

the "ice line" and the "lettuce line." There will be plenty of room for students to wait in line, even during the lunch rush.

Park's growing population of bulimic and anorexic girls were overjoyed about the new menu options. "This is just what we

from the school for our nutritional requirements."

The Committee has high hopes for the final months of school, such as catering end-of-year events and offering special frozen Vitamin Water ice-cube treats to students.



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Board of Trustees eliminates Middle School

In a cost-cutting move that heartened many and disappointed few, Head of School David Jackson announced that Park will abolish its Middle School grades seven and eight. Lower School will include a new sixth grade, with a year long curriculum based on Feudal Japan. The Upper School, which has more applicants than it can handle, and charges the highest tuition, will expand to 90 students per grade.

With a projected deficit of at least \$400,000, the Board of Trustees concurred with the radical plan to balance the budget. "We'll have to boot a good number of Middle School teachers," said Board member Manny Rockefeller, "but that's life. It was the Board's view that the school would be safer and more financially stable without the 12-to-14-year-old hooligans, and on balance, we believe that sacrificing a few teachers would safeguard Park School for a generation, or at least five

years."

"Using a complicated formula taken from CMIC V++, fitting that into the Independent School standard cost-benefit analysis and in comparison with our closest competitors, all of

tion."

Faculty agreed that getting rid of the two grades would eliminate 140 of the most difficult kids. "No one really knows how to handle this age group," said MS Fashion Therapist



This Middle School classroom will be converted into a nail salon.

whom will now be saddled with the extra seventh and eighth graders," said Jackson, "we knew we had a win-win situa-

Laura Versace. "Heaven knows we've tried everything from complete permissiveness to total neglect, but nothing seems to

work."

"We'll not only save money, but also a great deal of anxiety," said Jackson. "Plus there will be a net gain in space for the Upper School. They've been begging for more room in which to spend their free time."

Upper School Principal Mike McGill announced the change just prior to the annual Resident Anthropologist Assembly. The entire student body stood and cheered for 10 minutes at the prospect of a school without "those pesky middle school twerps," shouted sophomore Vera Entemann. "I can't stand the sight of them," she said.

Upper School plans are in the works for taking over the first floor A and B Hallways. A number of classrooms will become part of the new Senior Lounge which will include clubrooms with pool tables, casino-style card setups, and video games. A nail, makeup and hair salon, as an offshoot of the School Store, should do a lively business and

bring in significant extra revenue. The Middle School Commons will become a coffee, juice, and snack bar with café tables set up inside and on the deck. Jobless Middle School teachers will have first crack at applying to be barristas and wait staff.

"Unless there are significant changes in the Upper School schedule, there should be plenty of time for the kids to take advantage of all the new services we'll be offering," noted newly-hired retail services manager Ivanhoe Trump. "And by the way, the new café will not be subject to the whims of the Healthy Food Committee."

Jackson did address the problem of the two grades of kids who will have no place at Park. "We're encouraging families to check out other independent and public middle schools. Then, they can re-apply to ninth grade, something a number of Upper School students have been recommending for years."

“Crave Wave” devastates California coastline

15 million dead; Destruction will continue, authorities report

With the Park School still reeling from the devastating tsunami that struck Southeast Asia in December, yet another catastrophe has walloped North America. According to *Postscript's* west coast correspondents, a massive natural disaster struck the California coast Thursday morning.

Known as the “Crave Wave,” the tsunami is said to have started in the pond at the Park School, which then led to the Chesapeake Bay on the east coast. The Wave began after seven junior girls clawed at the air and began to incessantly mispronounce the word “crave” as a display of approval for random inanimate objects and people. Crave Wave creator Julie Hoffman '06 is proud of having begun such a forceful movement, but takes no responsibility for its aftermath. “I didn’t intend to hurt anybody. I mean, I *crave* California,” said Hoffman.

Having traveled around the world, the Crave Wave built up force for several months before slamming into Orange County, California, instantly killing the entire population of over two million men-women, men, wom-

en, and small, innocent, helpless children and baby animals.

Having totally destroyed Orange County, the Crave Wave

Hiroshima and Nagasaki (also known as “Hirosaki” by historians), the firebombing of Dresden, the Chernobyl nuclear

oil spill, *Debby Does Dallas*, and the Amityville Horror combined. But the destruction is not over, tsunami experts say.

Chicago. The Wave’s momentum will allow it to continue its swathe of death and mayhem for another three weeks, taking it from California to Phoenix, Albuquerque, Dallas and Houston, New Orleans, the rest of the South, Atlanta, up the east coast and finally, New York City. Severe weather warnings have been issued for these areas.

Park alumni Ben Rosen '04 and Catherine Rosen '02 were in California on the heels of the Crave Wave and saw its destruction. They flew to Los Angeles and were in the air when the Wave hit. When Ben and his family arrived at Coronado, an island resort hit by catastrophic losses, the villa where they were to stay was no longer standing. “The hut was right on the beach. It crumbled in on itself. It was just a pile of stuff,” explained Rosen. “We were like, *damn*.”

Despite the many school closings occurring across the country, Jim Howard reports that Park School will be opening a mere one hour late to allow salt to soak into the secondary and tertiary roads.



photo courtesy Ben Rosen '04

The so-called “Crave Wave” swept over California’s coast, leaving a swathe of destruction in its wake.

moved on to Los Angeles, Hollywood, San Francisco, and San Diego. Officials estimate the death count to exceed 15 million, more than those who perished in the Bhopal chemical spill, the nuclear holocausts of

meltdown, the Witchita Falls Bridge collapse, the San Francisco earthquake of 1989, the battle of Gettysburg, the Texas Chainsaw Massacre, that time that bonfire collapsed and everybody died, the Exxon Valdez

“The Crave Wave has left California in ruins, but it has not yet finished its course of destruction,” says James Wilkshire, senior research seismologist and 500-pound quadriplegic at the University of

Brownie loses faculty guidance; relies on ‘positive expectations’

The school’s soaring deficit, complemented by *Postscript's* splurges on color ink, pool tables, a private jet, and a new state-of-the-art office building, have forced *Brownie* to cut back on expenses.

Brownie editors Sam Mehlman '05 and Alex Goldberg '05 have taken the lead in cutting costs. To start, Mehlman laid off adviser David Golaner '96 and has slashed the printing budget. As a result, the 2005 *Brownie* will be in paperback

with pages printed on *Postscript's* recycled newsprint.

“We’re also looking for new corporate sponsorship to bring quality back up,” said Goldberg. The editors lamented the fact that just prior to closing lucrative contracts with Coke, Ben & Jerry’s, and KFC, the Healthy Foods Committee intervened and broke the deals. “It’s back to square one,” said Mehlman.

Without Golaner or a faculty adviser for the 2006 edition, *Brownie* will convert to a more

progressive mode of operations based on positive expectations.

“It will be a collective, communal effort in which students who wish to have a yearbook will agree to do whatever they’re asked to get their yearbook to come out by the last week of school,” said Golaner.

Golaner explained that next year’s staff will simply post deadlines and, given the positive expectations that Park thrives on, everyone will turn in their pages on time.

Activities and teams will be available for pictures according to schedule without any need for the angry announcements and confrontations that generally characterize this endeavor. “Without a faculty authority figure, the entire student body will be free to take real ownership of *Brownie*,” he said.

“The *Brownie* staff will come in and do the work they’ve always done like the good little progressive soldiers they are,” said Golaner. “With the complete support of their friends and colleagues, they’ll happily work nights, weekends, and Winter and Spring Breaks by themselves without any unnecessary faculty guidance. I can’t wait to see the result.”

Philosophy out, Jesus in

In the face of mounting budget and diversity deficits, Park is embarking on a series of new programs, or gimmicks, to attract different groups.

“Basically, we’re looking for anyone with money, and we’re going to do whatever it takes to get them,” said an unnamed source in the Admissions office, “even if it means ditching the philosophy.”

Since most Baltimore area private schools were founded with some sort of religious affiliation, Park has decided to embark on an ambitious project to revise its official history. “We’ve hired that guy from the University of Michigan who denied the Holocaust to come in and coach us,” said Principal Mike McGill. “He’ll be meeting with faculty on Professional Day April 15.”

Starting next year, Park will be closed on all holidays for as many religions as it can find on Google. In celebration of Park’s diversity, separate graduation ceremonies will be held for people of different religious affiliations.

To support the new types of students and give the school a more reverent atmosphere, the Department of Religious Outreach plans to create a Holy Room well-stocked with wafers, wine, holy water, votive candles, a mini-Torah, several



Bibles and prayer books, six editions of the Koran, and a Powerpoint display with pictures of Jesus, Moses, Mohammed, Buddha, and every other religious figure the Department can turn up. Red and purple velvet seating, bamboo mats and expensive Persian rugs will round out the decorations. In addition, the Department has also ordered a new line of religious apparel for the school store including Burkhas in the traditional school colors of brown and white.

K-12 religious curriculum coordinator Peter X. O’Schampsky provided a list of books for the library to purchase. “Christian and other religious literature is important and our library should not be ignoring it,” he said. “It makes a good impression to have these books on display when Admissions brings Jesuit, Greek Orthodox, Shinto, and Jainist parents in.”

Postscript's request for comment from the library went unanswered; every staff member had been fired.



Brownie editor A. Goldberg shows off the paperback Brownie.



"You should see the other guy," McGill said at a press conference.

McGill details injuries

In response to recent concerns about his health, Upper School Principal Mike McGill issued a report explaining his altered appearance. Upper School students were surprised upon returning from spring break, when McGill limped into school with a broken right arm, three cracked ribs, two torn ligaments in his right leg, a black eye, a busted lip, bandages on his head, bruises all over his legs and arms, and second-degree burns on his neck and shoulders.

Jovial as usual, McGill explained the injuries, saying that

he first "walked into a support beam in my house, then tripped over a chair in the hallway, fell into a table, and slipped down the stairs onto the rug, which slid into a closed door."

Later, while on vacation in Las Vegas, McGill was struck in the head with a slot machine lever, causing him to fall into a spinning roulette wheel, which sent him sprawling onto a craps table. At that moment, a patron's flaming cocktail toppled onto McGill's neck, burning him severely.

"But at least I came out of there \$500 up," McGill said.

'I, Robot' says Gottlieb

While engaging in a recent Senate debate with a distinct lack of concern for humanity, Eric Gottlieb '06 let it slip that he is not actually human. He's a robot. Classmates suspected this aberration when Adam Huganir '05 ran his car over Eric's foot

last year. "I didn't understand it," said Huganir. "He just didn't react." The report was confirmed when Gottlieb's artificial intelligence failed on an Air France flight to Paris over Spring Break. Upon landing at Charles DeGaulle Airport, he was escorted off the plane by several French Intelligence Agencies attempting to infiltrate the robotic technology developed in a joint venture between the White House, the CIA, Microsoft, and the Republican Party. Gottlieb has not been seen since.



Gottlieb by day... Gottlieb by night.

Seniors vote 41-39 to skip semester

In a surprising show of class solidarity, the class of 2005 has finalized plans for "Senior Skip-Semester." Seniors stayed in the theater after the biggest assembly of the year to plan the event, ensuring that the majority of Upper School teachers were within earshot. Unable to agree on anything, as is often the case, the class made its decision according to a 41-39 vote.

Aware that teachers are often offended or frustrated by Senior Skip Day, the seniors have already begun to notify faculty. Skipping a full semester will help ease the tension between faculty and students, giving students the chance to avoid any backlash. "I mean, they're not going to see us until graduation and we're thinking about skipping that anyway," explained Peter Schamp.

Upper School History teacher Peter Warren expressed the general sentiment of the faculty. "As long as you guys [the students] just let us know in advance so we don't go through all the trouble of planning a semester, take off as long as you want. Also, call it a 'Senior Holiday.' That way it's easier for us to deal with."

Although historically an entire semester break is unprecedented, many faculty were surprised by the announcement. "Haven't they been doing this for years?" asked Brooks Lakin. "I haven't received a paper from a senior for a second semester class since 1887."

Some seniors are upset by their class' decision. Appalled by the timing of the semester skip, several have created a petition. 500-pound quadriplegic Andrew

Schaffer, who was recently elected president as a write-in candidate, led the charge against the skip-semester. He explained that "we've already come to school for the first quarter of the semester." Schaffer argues that the seniors should opt to skip the first two weeks of college as compensation.

Faculty expands senior privileges

Seniors have regained a whole range of privileges dating back to the late 1960s. In addition to current privileges which include coming in late, leaving in the middle of the day, eating lunch anywhere else but here, and leaving school early, seniors may now sleep in class if they choose to attend at all, smoke in the woods, drink soda, play Beirut, and date faculty.

School tackles alarming increase in number of Republican students

Facing increased criticism for the disturbing, outlandish behavior of some of its students, Park School has formed a new division of NAG to confront individuals reportedly engaging in Republican activities. The decision to create the new intervention committee was prompted by College Guidance Counselor Paul Ganzen-

muller's concern about the number of seniors choosing to apply to business and military undergraduate schools.

Students who suspect other students of exhibiting Republican tendencies may submit a note to RAG, the Republican Anxiety Group.

After faculty verify that the student has acted in inappropriately conservative ways, they will confront him with the evidence, promising not to call parents or notify rabid liberals within the school.

Avowed reactionary liberal Librarian and History teacher John Roemer was both "outraged

and pleased" at the growing number of Republicans infesting his classroom.

"This is the only truly liberal institution on the entire Eastern seaboard," he shouted, "and we shouldn't be a breeding ground for the right-wing, conservative crowd. On the other hand, it's a good idea to have a few Republicans around so that we



Anxious faculty confront student about reported Republican activity.

can engage in the kind of robust conversation that demonstrates how good I am at my Socratic method of teaching the little twerps."

Letter to the Editors:

Sports section lacks anything of real interest

To the Editors:

I have been a fan of your publication for years. Your unbiased updates on current events in the school and insightful reviews of popular culture are unmatched. However, and I say this as a long time fan, I don't think that your sports section is very interesting. Perhaps

it is time for a makeover. Please consider the following: currently, the world of sports is in turmoil, and it's time for *Postscript* to cash in on it. Steroids, rape, and college hazing should headline every article, no matter how relevant to the content of the article it may be. Secondly, field hockey is boring, and for

that matter, so is everything else that's not basketball. The season only ended a few weeks ago; milk it. Finally, the articles are all a little too wordy. Take a little length off, and dumb down the vocabulary; it's the *Postscript* sports section, not *Scientific America*, you arrogant bastards. Keep up the good work!

Quiz: Which Upper School Department is for you?

As you grow older, you'll discover that putting people in boxes is the key to happiness. This test will tell you which shiny, pretty box you belong in.

1. Walking in the woods, you see a cute little animal. Your first impulse is to:

- a) journal it.
- b) blow it up.
- c) contemplate it silently—ah, the subtle play of light upon its mottled fur...
- d) try and communicate with it—Squeak squeak! Squeak!
- e) model the population growth of its species over y years, where the population grows by a factor of 12 every 4 years, given that every fourth female in the population is syphilitic.
- f) tag it with a radiotransmitter collar.



John Roemer: John Roemer

2. Your significant other proposes to you. Your first thought is:

- a) At last my weary soul has found a resting place, and it is within your breast! Oh sweet songbird of desire, bring me the glorious suet of your love!
- b) Great. Now I'm gonna have to talk about my *feelings*.
- c) How I wish to immortalize this moment! Be still, my dear, so I can memorize your features, for tomorrow I will sculpt them of used toilet paper!
- d) Oh joy! Joie! Gioia! Freude!
- e) Statistically, our marriage has only a 50% chance of succeeding.
- f) Any children we might have as a result of our biological imperative to mate will have a 25% chance of having blonde hair and a 100% chance of having a unibrow.

3. Your favorite movie is:

- a) *Lolita*
- b) *Full Metal Jacket*
- c) *Basquiat*
- d) *Amélie*
- e) *Pi*

f) *Star Trek*—the one with the whales.

4. You see college as:

- a) A terrible imposition of society upon the young! Who is to say what knowledge truly is? Instead of going to college, you spent four years in a commune, and then two more riding box-cars around California.
- b) just another place to break all the rules.
- c) unnecessary.
- d) the only way to get into a study abroad program.
- e) Mecca.
- f) Mecca.

5. Your favorite item of clothing is:

- a) something long and flowing, that shows the flexibility and earthiness of your soul.
- b) a pair of old tennis shoes.
- c) something long and flowing, that shows the flexibility and earthiness of your soul.
- d) a skirt hand-woven by peasants in Bolivia/ Cambodia/ Peru/ Senegal/ Brazil.
- e) a pocket protector.
- f) a pith helmet.

6. Children are:

- a) the light and joy and future and hope and lifeblood and sun and moon and stars and pulse of the world.
- b) annoying.
- c) not that innocent.
- d) insufferably ignorant of grammar.
- e) easily bored.
- f) illogical.

7. Your drug of choice is:

- a) coffee.
- b) Red Rose tea.
- c) coffee.



Howie B: English Department



Dorrie: Science "Department"

- d) coffee.
- e) coffee.
- f) coffee.

8. Something bad happens. You:

- a) cry.
- b) shoot it.
- c) sculpt its likeness.
- d) start speaking in tongues.
- e) Quick! What's the square root of 25? Phew! Some things never change.
- f) drop something. At least gravity still works.

9. Your favorite meal is:

- a) a salad—no meat, please, it puts my chakras out of alignment.
- b) steak!
- c) Ramen noodles.
- d) the tender meat of a llama.
- e) pie, of course.
- f) anything you want—you're at the top of the food chain!

10. The text you love and all your students hate:

- a) anything by a Russian.
- b) Unger. Oh, god, Unger!
- c) anything with the word "theory" in it.
- d) *Macario*.
- e) every single one.
- f) *Biology for Dummies*.

If you answered mostly:

- (a)s, you are in the **English** department.
- (b)s, you are **John Roemer**.
- (c)s, you are in the **arts** department.
- (d)s, you are in the **language** department.
- (e)s, you are in the **mathematics** department.
- (f)s, you are in the **science** department.

New SATs create false hope for OC Section

On March 12, more than 300,000 students gathered in schools across the country to take the new SAT, which for the first time included a writing section, more reading comprehension, and higher math. Few students were sad to see the analogies go, but a demographic of loyal fans were dismayed by the distinct lack of *OC* trivia. In the aftermath of the traumatic test, the country has been overtaken by a movement to replace the math section with what is being called "*The OC* Aptitude Section."

At Park, the Student Senate is currently debating the possibility of basing several of next year's courses around *The OC*. Suggestions exist for all depart-

ments, including analysis of *OC* scripts (English); economics involved in the Billy Cooper scandal (math); *OC* acting techniques, with an emphasis on brooding and fake crying (arts/drama); and the history of relationships and near-incest on *The OC* (history and science). A petition asking that teachers not assign homework for Thursday nights is also being discussed.

Despite the rampant traditionalism which leads some in the Park School community to oppose this movement, many others in the student body feel strongly that an emphasis on *The OC* in classes and on the SATs is necessary to adequately judge and prepare the future leaders of America.



Sample Questions from New SATs: OC Section

Trivia:

1. What prevented Ryan from maintaining a relationship with Lindsay?

- a) His undying love for Summer.
- b) Lindsay was his foster mother's father's secret love child.
- c) He impregnated another girl from Chino.
- d) All of the above.

2. What is the average number of tears produced on the show per episode?

- a) 3
- b) 2,000
- c) Just the right amount to make viewers sob as well.
- d) Scholars hold that the number is indeterminable.

Grammar (correct the underlined portion):

3. When Marissa left me I was all like I dunno but this has gotta be something that fate had determined, making her leave, y'know, just for me?

- a) I watched her leave like an apple gracefully falling off of a tree.
- b) I said to myself, "fate must have determined her departure with me in mind, don't you think?"
- c) I cried like a baby, evoking tears of teenagers all over the country, and spent 10 minutes discussing abstract concepts like fate with the other heart throb on the show while girls at home swooned.
- d) It didn't matter because the episode was already over, for they always end dramatically.

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Personals

Congratulations to Erin McMahon and Andy Zack on their recent marriage and honeymoon excursion to Paris!! We want to wish the newlywed McZacks the best of luck in the years to come. Much love, David Al-Ibrahim and Howard Berkowitz

