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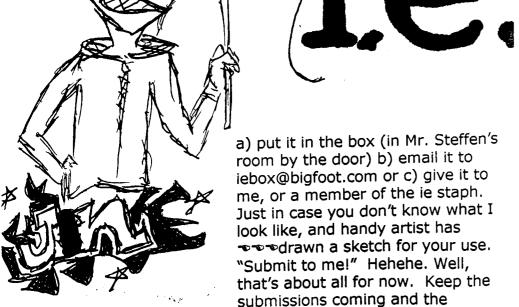
Welcome everyone to a grand and glorious new year of ie. This issue was to be called the "We're not dead" issue, but as you can see our satirical talents were needed elsewhere. Which brings me to my point: this issue of ie would not have been possible without the contributions of many wonderful people who submitted their work. We here at ie are big on secrecy, so I would like to take this time to thank Jess, Mast, Suinn, Saura S., Ellen (who is incidentally VERY good at coming up with rhymes), Jaura H., and Jonor for all the help they gave in putting this issue together. Ever wondered if you could be a member of ie? Well, If you a) despise bureaucracy b) believe in the power of free speech c) have friends who think you're weird or d) suffer from anhedonia, then you're all set! Now all we need to have happen is for you to submit your materials (short stories, poems, art work, cartoons, etc.) to us, and we'll take care of the rest. You're options concerning submissions are as follows:

IE PRESENTS: Things That Are Shiny

mirrors with lights shinning on them~~ my car before birds shit on it~~ the heads of the male members of the science department~~ the puget sound as I head south on my way to school



~~ the sun when I leave my house once a day ~~ my nose on a bad day ~~ my forehead on a good day (ed note: ???) ~~ people in old age homes ~~ recently licked spoons ~~ the halls on the first day of school (and no other day)



mischief brewing.

A Conspiracy of Grass; An Amok Harvest

The history of having large areas of unproductive weeds covering perfectly good acreage dates back to post-medieval Europe. Of course, England and those other tribe-nations had made use of rolling grassland hills for millennia before that as grazing pasture for cattle, horses, sheep and other animals, like peasants. But it was during the rise of the Manor-Estates and the Aristocracy that the English first began to waste large open spaces that they called 'gardens', 'shrubbery', and, yes, 'lawns'. It was a status symbol whose message was as easy to see as it was despicable: "I'm rich enough to waste perfectly good land".

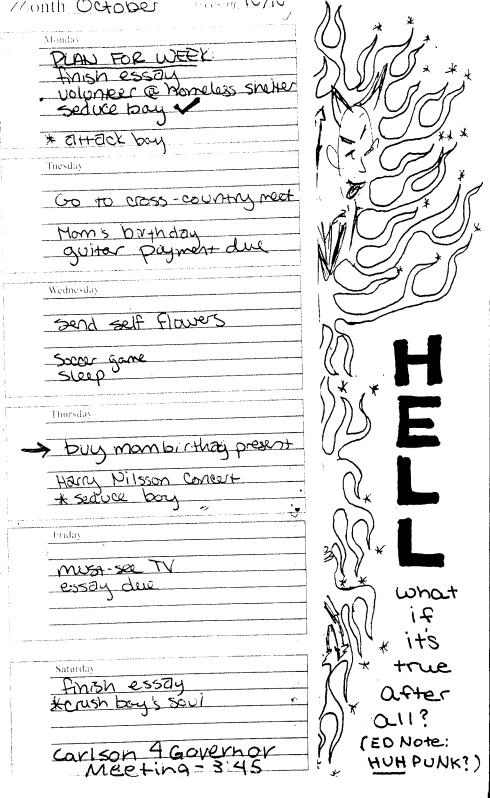
Americans today say the same thing with their lawns of turpitude.

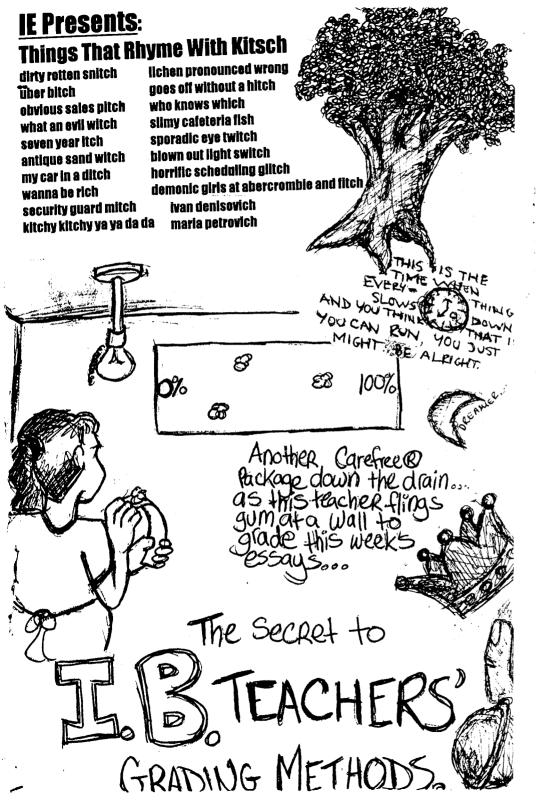
The tradition was taken up by the profitable slave-owners of the American southern aristocracy as they tried to emulate, as much as was possible considering their status as Grade A rednecks, the inherited self-righteousness of the English gentry. The message remained the same, however, as the only difference was that the intended audience shifted from poor white men to poor black men.

With the rise of prosperous suburban America in the 1950's, Americans decided to copy the traditions of prosperity, namely, lawns. And so, all you lawn-mowing Americans out there, all you grass-disposes, all you suburban-wannabes, think about the seeds you're sowing.

The seeds of social injustice, of class warfare, of inhuman cruelty. Not only are you, in effect, a Commi-Nazi, but you are also growing an allergenic crop, an amok harvest. No chemical warfare agent has ever caused as much suffering as grass. From personal experience, I can honestly say that I've never seen a man drop more pills than my dad when he is going out to mow the lawn during 'allergy season' (which is the time from may to September when the lawn grows). Direct contact (albeit sans clothing) with grass reveals its other, sinister, lurking properties. It contains toxins that make your skin itch.











The Rant of an IB Junior

English. There are two options, really: be amused, or scream. Screaming is the preferable choice, but I think I'll attempt amusement. We're outside. It's cold. And Mrs. Baldrye is talking. Am I paying attention? Of course not. Blah. Blah, blah, blah. How delightful this is. It looks like I'm taking notes, but instead I'm engaged in a dialogue with myself. Hello, Self. Enjoying English? Oh, certainly. There's nothing I like more than an hour of literary destruction and bullshit. It's cold. Blah. Blah, blah, blah. Let's find something symbolic about this situation, shall we? The coldness is representative of my frigid feelings towards English. It surrounds me and causes me to shiver, just as this class surrounds me and causes me to shake . . . with frustration and ire. The sun is shining in spite of the cold. This indicates that the more pleasant aspects of English are ineffective at combating the angst that makes up the very soul of the class. Blah. Blah, blah, blah. Ooohh . . . a delicious tidbit of symbolism. Mrs. Baldrye's outfit is black. Black is symbolic of evil and darkness. This indicates that she is the mistress of our torture. And her necklace-it appears to be made of small stones. These are the stones of our agony: random, irrelevant, nonsensical.

"Nothing is strictly as it seems," she says. Why not? Why can't things be? Just be. Must literature, words, poetry, the fabric of life itself be analyzed, picked apart, chewed up, digested, and vomited out?! Listen, Mrs. Baldrye, and listen well-it's just dandelions. Some things just are. Metaphor exists, certainly, but it's a minor part of existence. Take my socks, for example. One is olive green, the other is purple. One could analyze the meaning of these colors-the natural, everyday qualities of the green, and the royal undertones of the purple. One might question what they say about me and how I see myself. And the contrast-does that say that I have a split personality? And why am I wearing two differently colored socks? Does that indicate confusion? Uncertainty? Discord? Chaos?! What do my socks mean?! Because nothing is strictly as it seems . . . Let me enlighten you, you overly analytical fools. I woke up this morning, grabbed two socks out of my dresser, and put them on my feet. That's what they mean. They're just dandelions . . . just dandelions . . .

~Nary a Quince

Class(es)

Name

ED NOTE:

columns necessary (2 pts per week - Max 30 pts) Per three months on the job - Time newspaper Publically support terrorist nation (5 pts per Develop new strain of anthrax (20 pts) – Max 30 pts) month.

provide documentation (2 pts each – Max 10 pts) Attend an illegal arms expo, formal, or casual -

Buy weapons at arms expo (1 pts each - Max 50 pts)

Attack buildings/states/countries for yourself or Newspaper articles must be presented (3 pts per No convictions of war crimes (20 pts per year) others outside of contractual obligations. Host terrorist nation conference (10 pts) target - Max 15 pts)

Wear military attire on "dress up" day (2 pis each

day - Max 32 pts)

write an evaluation of this experience (7 pts)

Wear appropriate attire on "other" dress days i.e.

invasion Week (2 pts each day - Max 20 pts)

Write sequel to Communist Manifesto - teacher

- Max 1)

Design and put up a missile defense system (30

interests you, interview a dictator or general, and

Visit a country that has a career field that

Visit a U.N. nuclear weapon site (5 pts per secret

document - Max 25 pts)

program (5 pts each country infiltration-Max 25

Participate in communist infiltration tutoring

Arrange for a guest speaker in a military class (7

Don't worry, we have even less faith in you. Perfect attendance in office - except for excused espionage-related absences (10 pts per year) Sign up parents for rocket Booster Club (10 pts) Dust Western city with radioactive ash (30 pts) Dust missile command center computer tables and clean screens (3 pts - Max 15 pts) Design smaller nuclear bomb (20 pts)

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Today will suck slightly less than tomorrow, but a whole lot more than yesterday.

ED Note: Si jouans regules sourmissionen français, iraumais poublié les soumissions

weapon program - article must be turned in with

Write a one-page summary of a U.S. military

Visit a post-occupation country and submit a

approval (10 pts)

written report (7 pts)

Your odor has slightly improved.

Assist with other country's nuclear program (10

pts per country – Max 30 pts)

Assist a country with silencing of press (5 pts)

Attend war games – provide documentation (2 pts per week – Max 24 pts)

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Participate in war games - provide

Hold an office in any fascist, communist, or other

Attend underground nuclear secrets conference

a State Leadership Conference (7 pts)

Attend

Attend a Regional Conference (7pts) organization-show receipt (10 pts)

Participate in illegal arms fund raiser (points will

similar government (7 pts)

Participation in suppression of food drives (1 pt

per metric ton- Max 25 pts)

Saturate Western city with communist fliers (5 pts per city – Máx 25 pts)

Make a sign or poster promoting communist

party (2 pts)

Pay dues and join any terrorist nation leadership

You will choke on your next fortune cookie.

You will die sooner than you expect.

* You may manage an effort, but uttimately

Fortune Cookies for the Pessimistic Courtesy of Clever Pseudonym, and the ie staph

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Things That Really Suck ASS

(Formerly the bltch column)

When certain teachers waste my time in class. That's time I could be wasting!

conjugating the preterit tense

zero hour

people who use the word bourgeois excessively witnessing the mecca of sportness in Kansas

Montana

The Beach Boys

being thwarted by a metaphysic puzzle

being unoriginal pretensions

isms and schisms

when it gets to cold to wear sandals

the phrase "what does it mean" as a critical thinking tool

pottery kilns

existential angst

being epistemologically trapped unanswered phone calls

corruption taxes

the bitter last sip of coffee that comes when there are grinds in the bottom

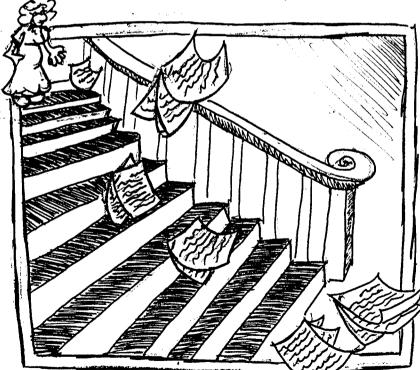
texas

people who ignore child labor laws

GWB

Tom Petty: Free Falling

spelling your own name wrong and not noticing for over six years the way countries are called different things in different languages



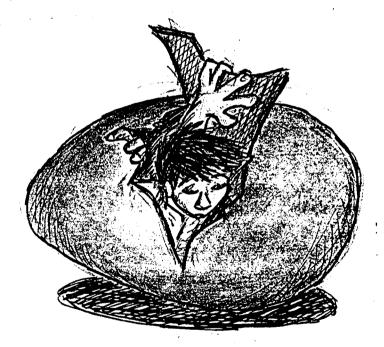
Tossing Papers down the stairs.
The ones at the bottom are the heaviest the most written right?
Those DESERVE the best grades!

One day you will wake up and realize that your

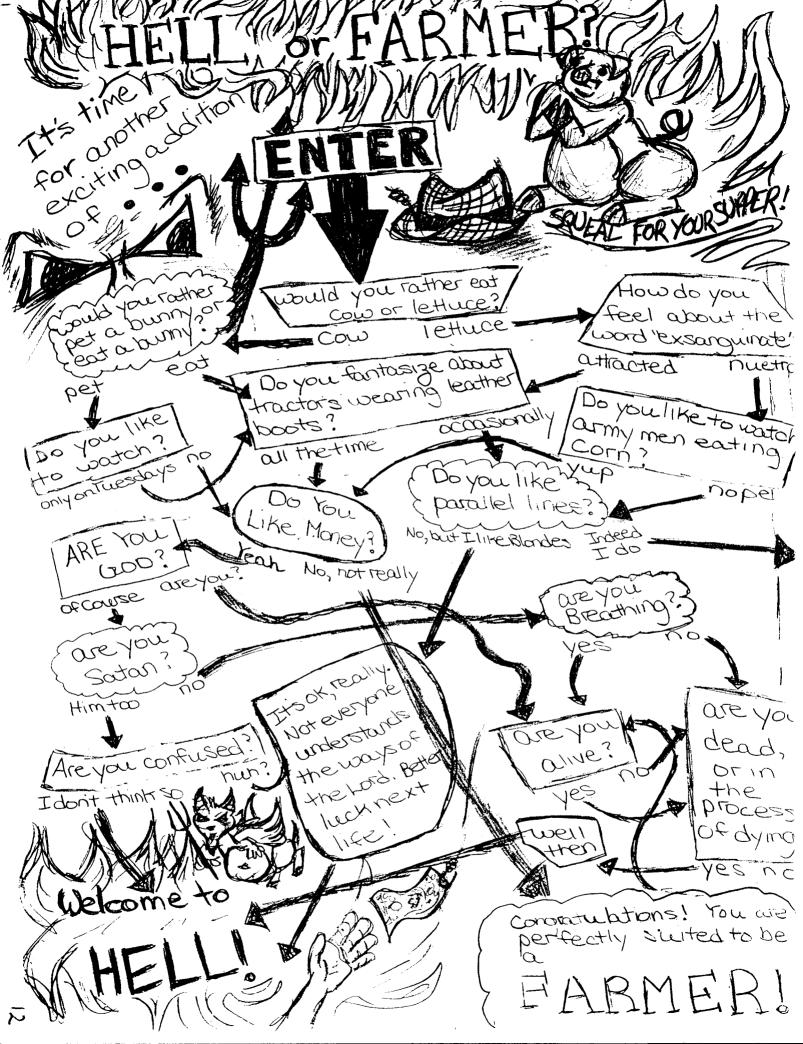
Apparently a small green tree frog that lives in parts of South American rain forests has no natural predators. However, they are in no danger of overpopulation, as after fertilizing the female frog, the males head for the nearest puddle or stream and drown themselves. Scientists haven't figured out why.

In some parts of central Asia, it is considered a sign of weakness in a man to sneeze. So many men will place small balls of wax or cloth in their nostrils so that they do not inhale anything that will make them sneeze. It seems that sneezing in women is considered dainty and feminine, as long as they do not snort or sneeze too loudly.

> If you are lucky enough to find a door, you would surely know that yours is not the only door.



The miracle is not to walk on water. The miracle is to walk on the green earth, dwelling deeply in the present moment and feeling truly alive.



Mime

Trapped. Fighting futilely, Crying, screaming for release From an invisible prison. Onlookers point, laugh.

Cruelly oblivious To the agonized struggle, Finding sport and fun Within the pain of others Crouching, smaller, smaller Losing hope of any escape No hand reaches out to help None try to break through The invisible barriers No. Just watch, grin, laugh The prison shrinks Shutting out air Shutting out light

Beyond, They still laugh.

Extinguishing Life

Smoke Smoke in the the sun

can be oh so fun vou run

the smoke driffing from weed and not smoke from a tree It wanders seamlessly edding and glancing off of

currents of warm air are still the smoke light grey; ill Slow to move and easy to follow it seeps within the deepest lung

he world is here yet not and the smoke wanders on hrough the sun light in the morning, ate afternoon and on till dawn

THE IE POETRY

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(a few selections from a copious amount of submitted poetry)

The Thin Line Between Fear and Pain

Tip toes falling Lonely calling Lingering light Still is stalling Tread the wire Of desire Pain and passion Fuel the fire Rhythmic beating Still repeating Feel it pulsing And entreating

From open lips Caustic words slip And to your chin Beads of sweat drip Seeing the fault Words quickly halt. Now the silence To wound adds salt None made amends Now you pretend That you don't see Tears of this friend

-ALKAT

LLIKE A GIRL

LIKE A GIRL WHO LIKES IT WHEN HOLD DOORS **OPEN FOR HER**

WHO THANKS ME WHEN I PULL OUT HER CHAIR WHO DOESN'T MIND WHEN I PAY FOR DINNER LIKE A GIRL WHO DOESN'T DO THE DISHES

WHO DOESN'T WANT TO HAVE KIDS RIGHT AWAY

WHO CAN'T COOK WORTH SHIT

LIKE A GIRL WHO KNOWS WHO SHE IS

WHO CAN DO STUFF BY HERSELF WHEN I'M NOT

FREE TO GO OUT

WHO DOESN'T EXPECT ME TO SHAVE ALL THE TIME

LIKE A GIRL WHO ISN'T AFRAID TO BE ALONE

WHO LIKES TO CURL UP IN MY ARMS WHO DOESN'T MIND MY ROMANTIC SIDE

LIKE A GIRL WHO LIKES ME.

licknixon 69@ hotmail.com -- Iron Jockey

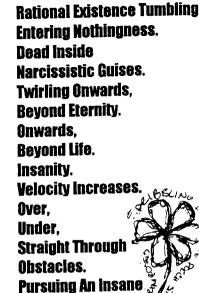


Oh. Crocodile of the Nile How pretty are your scissors That snip and prune to lively tunes As into Night, Day withers

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See flamingos teach their lingoes Don't ignore their yearning Your sullen eyes cannot disguise The fire in you burning

Then dance all night bathed in moonlight Don't wait until tomorrow To sing your song or say you're wrong Or let go of your sorrow -ALKAT



Nightmare.

WASTED

GRAPHING CALCULATOR HAIKUS BY CLEVER PSEUDONYM (AND HER SEXY MALE MUSE)

I THINK MY TIME IS

I WANT TO SLEEP NO



I am a girl who likes to have doors held open for her I'd thank you when you'd pull out my chair MATH IN THE MORNING

I wouldn't mind if you paid for dinner I am a girl who doesn't do dishes I don't want kids right away I can't cook worth shit I am a girl who knows who I am

I can do stuff by myself when you're not free to go out

I wouldn't expect you to shave all the time

I am a girl who isn't afraid to be alone I'd like to curl up in your arms I wouldn't mind your romantic side I am a girl who likes you.

IN CHEMISTRY LAB HOT HANDS ARE A SAFETY TOOL I LIKE CHEMISTRY

-- Future Mrs. Iron Jockey (7)

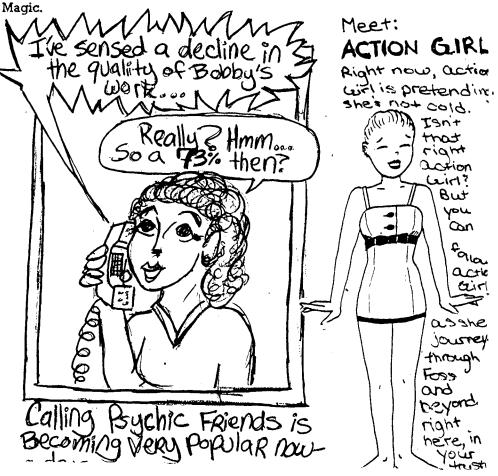
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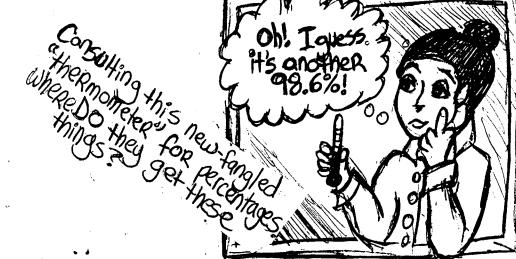
I admit I didn't do anything spectacular (except to sleep, and how spectacular is that, huh?) this New Year's, but I know this much: New Year's Day 1900, er, 2000, is going to remain with me forever.

Dinner was at Angel's Thai Cuisine, a relaxed, pastel-y joint on Capitol Hill that had probably seen too much Feng Shui (think: mirrors). We leave by a side entrance and wait in the chill of the new century for the rest of our party of eight. Couples pass us (parents, one family friend, and myself)arm in arm, skirting disgustedly around a pair of seedy-looking guys. I see them coming at a slow stumble up the hill and feel the slightest twinge of fear.

My father assumes his alpha-male stance, sending out signals that say we should all avert our eyes from this spectacle. I don't trust his judgment, I am interested. The closer the two men come, I can begin to make out dark matted hair under old hats. They mumble to each other and belligerently declare, "Happy New Year!" to everyone who chances to pass them. They each have skin the shade of cinnamon and deep, dark eyes, so I guess they are Native Americans. I also guess at least one of them is drunk.

Dad doesn't approve. I can tell by the way he stands with authority, on guard; not letting himself become involved with their lives, open up to them. He is thinking, "They are dangerous. Ignore them and they will disappear."





I do not believe in this. I will not be prey to ignorance. I make a choice and open up. One of the less drunk of the two says to me, "Happy New Year," and extends a gloved hand. I shake it and return his greeting. Small acts of defiance. This man has just pulled the plug and fear flows from my body like water drains from a tub.

The two men proceed to shake hands with the three reluctant adults surrounding me protectively. Their hands emerge from their pockets, but they are less than enthusiastic. I see my father as the grand and disapproving Great White Chief in Washington D.C. The other man, the one who hasn't shaken hands with me is striking up a conversation with our friend. Through half-closed eyes and bad teeth, he relates, "I'm from Montana...I'm Blackfeet." Hmmm... Native American, I was right.

Says our friend, "Oh, Eastern Montana?"

The Blackfeet man replies, "Naw, man...Northwest. Y'know where Glacier National Park is? My friend says yes, he does. "Well, I lived on the Blackfeet rez near Glacier."

Then this friend says, "Oh yeah, Montana's a beautiful state." State? State!! Sure that area where the Blackfeet live, shrunk to government sanctioned reservation size, is in a beautiful place; now a state called Montana, but really did he have to insist on adding insult to injury upon injury by calling it a state? A harsh reminder of the power mad white man and his thirst for all-enveloping Manifest Destiny.

If he had spoken to me instead, I would have listened attentively. This is somewhat how I imagine our conversation would have gone:

Blackfeet: Happy New Year.

Me: Thanks, Happy New Year to you, too.

B: Hey, I'm from Montana...I'm Blackfeet.

M: That's really cool. Northwest Montana, right?

B: Yeah, by Glacier National Park.

M: I know, I went there last summer. It's a beautiful place...

and so on. Of course, unless I see him again and he remembers, this conversation will probably never take place. My mind drifts back to the present. The Blackfeet and is saving "Maybe someday I go back to the rea."



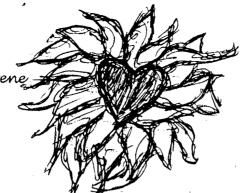
Morning Announcements Bingo!

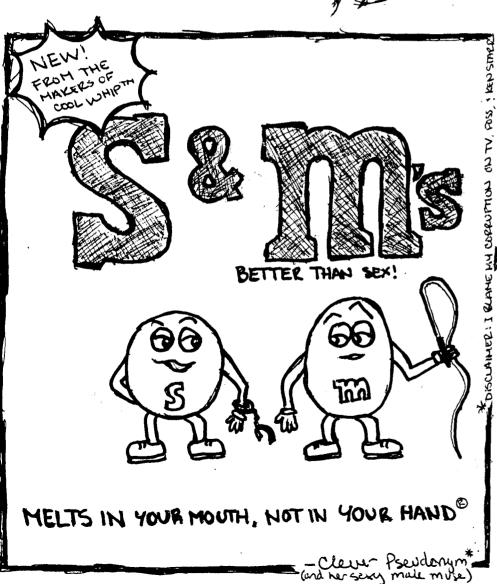
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any mention of the time 2:15	use of the word "bad" in an incorrect manner (ex. we did bad at the game)	use of words "hey hey	use of words "shout out"	something mentioning Spanish Club
one of the vice principals talking about tardies	teacher in classroom complaining about length of announcements	ASB member using announcements for personal business (ex. "In anyone finds my shoes)	reminder that smoking is bad *ahem*	any reference to an outfit you were supposed to wear today for an event you don't care about (ex. It's crazy hat day!)
anything in a foreign language that's not French, German or Russian	any popular culture reference you missed	a period of silence that lasts longer than 15 secs as papers are being shuffled or the mike is being passed	mispronunciation of the name of one of your friends	an announcement "for seniors"
teachers please excuse	second set of morning announcements that come on a full 39 secs after the first set	a mistake in the pledge of allegiance	an announcement that is read with the cheering and clapping of the office in the background	a reminder that Foss is a closed campus *wink*
a plea for support of a non-varsity sport	dangling modifier	an announcement for an event that has already passed	a statement repeated twice by the same speaker within the course of one day's announcements	every day is a great day at henry foss

HUMANS
Anarchy Boy,

The Saddest Limerick Ever (Dedicated to Mr. Cairns)

There once was a girl with gangrene Who could not be a happy teen. She went to the doctor But he simply mocked her and lowered her self-esteem.











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TOUCH MY SOUL: I'M YOURS GENERIC. MILDLY REPULSIVE BOY WITH RAD HAIR SEEKS REASONABLY

FEMININE GIRL WITH PULSE.



BUILDING MODEST EMPIRE DIPPY, BOISTEROUS FEMINISTA SEEKS INDECISIVE, VAGUELY PRETENTIOUS BOY OF INAPPROPRIATE AGE AND STATURE. YYYY

EPIPHANY

HANDSOME, BRILLIANT PHILANTHROPIST SEEKS MIRROR.

PULL MY FINGER ... SELF-IMPORTANT, SNOTTY LITTLE GIRL SEEKS JEWISH SINGING COWBOY W/ CAR. OFFER EXPIRES AUGUST 24, 2006.

HUMMINGBIRD SEEKS MATE

OVERLY SENSITIVE. THOROUGHLY CONFUSED OPTIMIST SEEKS OBEDIENT, ABLE TO COMMUNICATE BOY WITH CLEAN TEETH.

RECLUSE BY CHOICE MEDUSA-LIKE FEMALE WITH BAD TASTE IN SOCKS SEEKS EQUALLY HOMELY MALE TO BE SYSTEMATICALLY IGNORED IN THE PRESENCE

OF ANY BOOK.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN GROUCHY, DISSATISFIED INDIVIDUALIST SEEKS BLIND MUTE. INTELLIGENCE OF A GNAT REQUIRED.

EMPTY-BED BLUES CLINGY NARCISSISTIC WAIF-TYPE SEEKS DOPEY YOUNGER GUY, MUST BE ABLE TO HANDLE REJECTION AND ATTEND ALL IE MEETINGS FOR US BOTH. ▶ ▶ ▶

It's funny, even when someone is blind-drunk and wobbling, they can always remember their way back home, regardless of where they make it.

I have this overwhelming desire to talk with him, but his attention is elsewhere. I would like to talk with him and not run away, unlike my friend who looks as if his one wish right now would be to have fully functional, jetpowered shoes on. I do not. I cannot. I am not like that. Here I stand with my white arms wide open, all accepting. I cannot say no.

Doubtless, I will dream of these two. In my dreams we will talk on street corners of beautiful lands unnamed and unbound by state lines. I will be guided and my fear will disappear. Magic.

As well as permeating my dreams, these men have given me an important lesson. They have shown me to listen intently to anyone and everyone who needs to be heard. Open up and never deny anybody your audience, no matter if their problems are real or imagined. Some people have so much burning inside of them. Never be stingy with your love.

Listen, and you will hear pain and anger,

Listen, and you will hear joy,

Listen, and you will hear tears and laughter,

Listen, and you will hear the wind singing to you the way back home. ~dark scarlet heart

Finally 1:15 AH

