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HS2 Door Expected to Close Someday, AP Calculus Class Says

By: Joseph Luther



Mr. Wyss carefully examines the mechanics of the HS2 door. // Photo by Joseph Luther

After hours of research, Mr. Wyss's AP Calculus students confirmed that the door to his classroom in the high school wing will close sometime in the future.

Students from all high school classes have firsthand experience of trying to close this door or watching Mr. Wyss's attempts to do so.

"One day he got fed up and shoved it with all his might," said freshman Brian Hsieh. "It just bounced back to its original position like a green metal trampoline. He threw up his hands and had to start the lesson." Katherine Ma, another freshman, added her own thoughts on the issue. "The lesson went rather smoothly, but we couldn't help but notice him glancing worriedly at the door every few minutes."

"It is a bit frustrating," the high school mathematics teacher told the Shark Post in a March 3 interview. "The kids come in, I go to the front of

the room, and I notice this green door standing open as if it wasn't under any obligation to close."

However, Mr. Wyss is no longer letting the immovable door get on his nerves. He recently had a paradigm shift after observing the door more closely. Using his MacGyver-esque knack for construction, he built a makeshift electron microscope out of a few used coffee pots, a green laser pointer, and the camera from former student Andrew Jeng's iPad.

He reported that under the microscope, the door oscillated back and forth, but the overall direction of the movement was toward the doorway. "It was actually moving--almost imperceptibly," he said. The oscillation supports de Broglie's theory that matter has wave properties, but Mr. Wyss dismissed this in favor of the more exciting hypothesis that the door may eventually close. "If we find the right function, we could track the door's

movement, and even better"--he said with a glint in his eye-- "we could predict when it will close."

He presented these findings to his AP Calculus students and invited them to join him in research. He suggested that MAK cancel the AP tests in May to make time for this new project. "Kids these days go through too much standardized testing anyway," he said when asked about this drastic decision. "When they have jobs, they won't be asked to score high on tests; they'll be asked to solve problems." He pounded his fist on a desk and continued in his sincere yet serene voice. "This is what they need: real-life applications of mathematics."

In response, Mr. Choi was reported to have muttered under his breath, "I'll be out of here soon anyway."

As of March 10, the AP Calculus class has confirmed that the HS2 door will close, although it is still unclear whether this will take place in the near or distant future.

"The research isn't particularly

enthraling, but at least I have my externship decided for me," said AP Calculus student Jeffrey Chen.

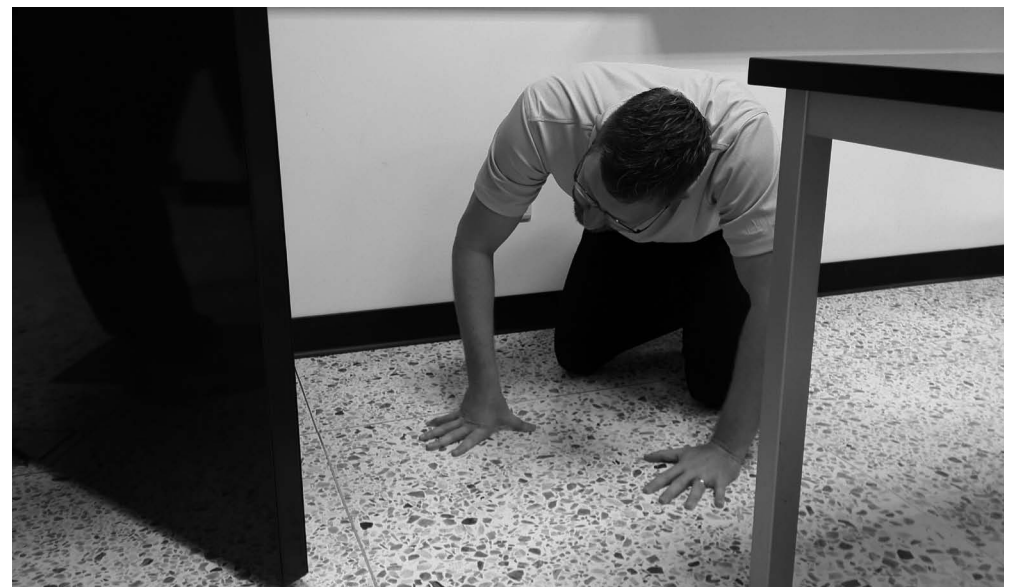
Meanwhile, Ms. Brabon, the high school Spanish teacher, expressed dissatisfaction regarding her own classroom door.

"The HS5 door closes just as slowly as, if not more than, Mr. Wyss's door," she said. "And yet I don't see any students helping me with this problem. Spanish deserves as much attention as Calculus."

Mr. Wyss dismissed Ms. Brabon's statement about her door's speed, saying that she had no hard evidence to back it up.

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The de Broglie equation that was used to prove the theory.



The mystery of the HS2 door has finally been solved. // Photo by Joseph Luther

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High School Boy Throws Away Trash Like a Normal Human

By: Jasmine Teng

Reports have confirmed that a high school boy has just opted to throw away his trash like a normal human being, instead of attempting to shoot it into the trash can like a basketball. At 9:07 a.m., junior Nathan Lee was seen standing up from his seat, a wad of tissue paper balled up in his hand. In anticipation of the throw, some held their breath, some turned their heads away to avoid seeing the certain failure that was about to happen, and some simply shook their heads. However, the junior then calmly strode towards the green trash can in HS1, according to inside sources, and carefully tossed it into the trash can. He then walked back to his seat like nothing had happened.

"It was amazing," said Jason Chou, a senior, who had been seated right next to the place where the monumental event had occurred. "I couldn't believe my eyes. It was simply breathtaking."

"This was so inspirational," Jenni Tung, another senior, said. "We need to commemorate this somewhere. I really believe that this will inspire other high school boys to throw away their trash normally. [Nathan] is a

true icon."

Some had a dissenting opinion of the incident.

"It was absolutely disgusting - such utter betrayal," tenth grader Scott Wang said, while his legion of sophomore boys nodded behind him. "True ballers never throw away their trash like normal people - they shoot them in like a three-pointer, or, if you're a bench player, a free throw, at least. You can't violate our baller rules like that. Not like this. Not like this. Ball is life. Deuces."

"Man, you gotta dunk the freaking trash," Samuel Stephenson, a senior, said. "Dunking is the true way of showing your ultimate baller skills."

However, the ultimate consensus was a sense of relief for the rest of the high schoolers, breathing a sigh of relief as they did not have to waste three seconds of their life witnessing the walk of shame after the inevitable miss.

"One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." Mr. Miller, the HS1 study hall supervisor, said. "The next step is for them to stop playing League during their online classes."

Teacher Paid \$360,000/ Year For Sitting At Desk

By: Vivian Lu and Jasmine Teng

This week, it has been revealed that a MAK teacher, thought to have left four years ago, has actually been paid for sitting at a desk all this time. This discovery was instigated by the third graders, who had been hearing some mumbling from the closet in the back of their classroom for quite some time now.

Upon further investigation, one intrepid third grader flung open the door to find an emaciated Mr. Multra hunched over his computer, face dimly lit by the sharp blue-ish screen. It seems that the purpose of the recent visit of Mrs. Multra and the Multra children was to check up on Mr. Multra's condition, and the mumbling began as a result of missing his wife and children.

When the school's financial records were checked, it seems that an extra \$360,000 NTD was forked out each year to pay Mr. Multra, who had long been forgotten by the MAK

board.

"I didn't know what those funds were for," Mrs. Nancy Hsieh, the cashier, said, when asked to comment. "I just did my job."

Questions erupted around campus: why did Mr. Multra stay in there? Why that particular closet in the back of the third grade classroom? What has he been doing in there all these years?

"Who is that strange man?" A third grader asked.

When questioned, Mr. Multra answered that he didn't actually have a choice. He had to relocate due to spacing concerns, and was gradually forgotten by the faculty. Mr. Multra found the third grade closet after another teacher moved into his old classroom, promptly forgetting about his existence. There is nothing to worry about, however, for he assures us that he is quite comfortable where he is.

"I cherish the passionate enthu-



Above: MAK's campus will be closing this year. // Taken from MAK's Flickr

MAK is Closing

By: Niki Huang

On March 4, 2016, Mr. Choi walked up to the stage during chapel. He cleared his throat and announced gravely: "MAK is closing." Suddenly, the curtains shifted and some puffs and tangles of white, and graying hair could be seen on the fringes of the curtains. Slowly but surely, some of the Morrison board members appeared from behind the curtains and shuffled out into the center of the stage. After what seemed like hours, a woman from the board, mopping her sweat away with a yellowed handkerchief, croaked, "Unfortunately, MAK isn't closing just for the summer. It has been decided that MAK is closing forever after May 27th, 2016." Some teachers and parents gasped at the prospect that they had nowhere else to send their lovely kids for seven hours a day and five days a week. Some students cheered wildly, pumping their fists in the air.

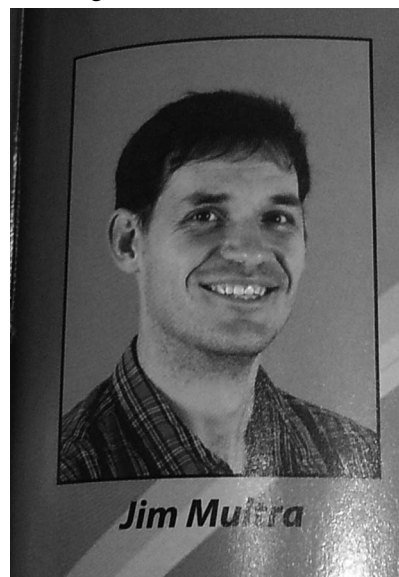
Though this might be surprising news for many parents and students, some seniors think otherwise. To them, it seemed a matter of fact that

MAK was closing. Senior student Jessica Kong said, "The seniors are gone. The school was going to end anyway. Might as well end it now. It's about time."

Over the next few days, many began to wonder the reason behind MAK's closure. Some people said Taiwan's air pollution was getting so bad that students weren't allowed outside of their homes. Others speculated that the school was running out of money. Some even accused MCA of being selfish and wanting to be the only campus with a high school.

Students and teachers asked Mr. Choi, but he gave no definite answer, suggesting that he, too, did not know the reason. Some students even hired spies to spy at the board meetings in Taichung. The spies informed them that only Mr. McGill, the superintendent, knew the reason. He will be coming to MAK's secret, exclusive farewell party on May 27th, 2016. Then, and only then, will the reason why MAK is closing be revealed.

siasm and energy of the third graders," Mr. Multra said, tears brimming in his eyes. "Their zeal for life inspires me to feel alive again."



Above: Mr. Multra's yearbook photo from a few years ago. Right: The little office occupied by Mr. Multra for the past few years. // Photo by Vivian Lu



Hiking Up to Prom

By: Nini Lee



This duo is ready to hike up to prom in their hiking-appropriate shoes!

In a small school, news of the first ever prom travels fast, especially when it will be hosted on top of He Huan Shan.

The prom, also known as JSB, will take place on April 16th to 17th, all the way from 4 pm to 11 am the following day. It will be an overnight event, where sleep will not be allowed, and partying and dancing will last all the way till dawn. For those who attempt to nap, they may find themselves at the bottom of the mountain in the morning, freezing and without supplies. But don't worry, the fun will surely keep the students awake the entire night.

With the first senior class graduating in May, the fun and formal banquet provides, hopefully, a smashing finish to the brutal, stressful years of high school. Thus, the prom committee has worked to find a perfect venue that will train the seniors to deal with difficult life situations after graduation. The event will be held in a beautiful green house on top of He Huan Mountain, and participants must climb for eight straight hours to get to the entrance. Having experienced the mountain trip in their sophomore year, the juniors and seniors are well equipped and prepared for the hike. This long climb will train the seniors' perseverance and commitment, for it is true that the sweetest fruits yield under the greatest effort.

In order to fit the natural surrounding of the greenhouse, the committee decided on "Jack and the Beanstalk" as the theme of the prom. In one sense, the venue represents the tallest standing place right before the seniors spread their wings and fly off into the unknown. It opens the eyes of these students to see the beauty and tranquility of nature, where they will find themselves looking over the trees and flowers that they have planted over the last four years.

Due to the lack of natural gas, electricity, and food sources, each participant will be expected to carry a hiking backpack with gas, pots, utensils, and various ingredients, as well as candles,

headlights, and flashlights (see packing list below). The two classes will be divided into groups, where they bring up the best cook to make the perfect banquet dinner along with candles to romanticize the atmosphere.

To prevent any violation of the Morrison policy, the prom dress code will adopt the school's latest update from last year, where male students must dress like priests and females like nuns (see below for full description of the dress code). Made in a thin and light fabric, the uniform will prevent any discomfort caused by the restricted banquet dresses or tuxedos and avoid students from heat-related suffering during the climb.

Regardless of the tough journey to the venue and the lack of modernization in the mountains, the prom will be full of surprises, fun activities, and delicious food (oatmeal and Ovaltine! How much better can it get?) under a romantic, star-lit night sky. The committee has hired a professional DJ to shift the atmosphere from slow-dancing to fast breaking to formal square dancing. Most importantly, prom is a perfect opportunity for the juniors and seniors to experience an official occasion where people in the adult world socialize, at the same time spending a wonderful night with those that have kept them alive through the tough high school journey. Anyone who wants to attend may contact the prom committee members.

Packing List:

- A date
- Gas
- Pots, bowls, utensils
- Candles

Dress Code: for students and staff:

- Habits and robes must cover the entire body; only the hands and face may remain visible
- Material must not be see-through
- Robes must hang loose so the shape of the body is not apparent
- Habits and robes cannot be decorated and must not attract attention in any way
- Clothing must be in plain black and without any design
- Footwear must be wholly black and have a safe and suitable design to ensure the safe movement of students around the site. No open-toed shoes, sling backs, sandals or flip-flops are permitted in any weather. Straps must extend half way up the leg.

For women:

- Headscarf must be plain black and cover all hair from sight
- White is only allowed at the front of the headscarf and on the clothing from neck to chest.

For men:

- White is only allowed on the clothing at the front of the neck.
- Facial hair is not permitted.

Students Celebrate Third Consecutive Minute of No Homework

By: Katherine Ma

Witnesses recently spotted an unusual event happening in the MAK high school hallway on March 31. Students were throwing pieces of paper and shouting joyfully. The strange event soon drew public attention. The world was shocked and at the same time confused about how joy has appeared at MAK.

One high school student explained, "We are celebrating the third consecutive minute of having no homework assigned." The anonymous student also revealed that the MAK secret record of minutes without homework was finally broken after 27 years. Before the day of the celebration, the record time for no homework assigned at MAK was 2.49 seconds. Finally, the record is now 3.02 seconds. This is a historical moment. Everyone will for-

ever remember March 31, the day of a significant breakthrough in human history. There were three consecutive minutes of no homework assignments at MAK. One student actually fainted when he heard the surprising news.

Morrison Academy Kaohsiung has long been a prominent school with its emphasis on academics and high expectations of students. The ideal of the school is to allow students to achieve their full academic potential and become the most intelligent individuals on Earth. The amount of homework students receive accurately reflects that ideal. Reports have shown that the homework amount in MAK is five times the average homework load of schools in Taiwan. Many students gave the same answers when asked about their daily schedule, "Every day, I do homework, and then do homework, and then finish the homework that I haven't done."

Now the public is predicting when the record will be broken again and the time when the next celebration will take place. Perhaps another 27 years later? Or 50 years? When exactly will MAK teachers not assign homework for four consecutive minutes? We all just have to wait and see.

Students are pictured here celebrating, an extremely rare sight in MAK. // Photo by Katherine Ma



Bladder Training

By: Evan Hsu and Jasmine Teng

The new high school wing has no bathrooms nearby, with only a remote one next to the gym. Many high schoolers have groaned that they were late for class because they have to walk about 150 meters across the hallway and down the stairs to the bathroom.

The annual budget, however, did not include funding for a new toilet, according to the Morrison board. The failure to budget for a toilet was not accidental, for the board has decided to implement the policy of bladder training this school year.

The primary motivation behind this new policy is that if people constantly go in and out the door to use the bathroom while a teacher is giving a lecture or a lesson, it causes abundant distraction and students lose focus. Not letting students use the bathroom during class helps everyone to have focused attention and minimal distractions.

Bladder training has never been

taught by MAK before. Even though God in the Bible created mankind brilliantly and wonderfully made, He commanded us to take care of our bodies, not worsen them. The con of bladder training, students say, is that holding in urine may cause severe swelling and possibly chronic muscle pain.

The high schoolers were shaken down by the one-day trial tested by the teachers of no bathroom usage during classes. But the teachers nagged at them, telling them it is just the beginning of the torture. One of them brightly said, "It is for your own good, trust me!"

After a heated discussion in the teacher workroom last week, they later announced that this policy will begin after Spring Break, on April 4th, which is coincidentally a perfect gift on Taiwan's Children's Day. Be ready high schoolers, and good luck! No pain, no gain.

Nathan Lee Was Not Late to Class

By: Ray Kung

On March 20th, news that junior Nathan Lee wasn't late to school broke out at MAK. Weeks after the unusual phenomenon, students are still left in shock, and researchers still are not able to pinpoint the exact scientific reasons behind this bizarre occurrence.

Lee's routine late arrival at school has been a sign of normalcy for the high schoolers at MAK. His empty seat after the 8:00 a.m. bell brought a sense of peace and equanimity to the entire student body. However, much to students' disbelief, Lee showed up to class before 8:00 a.m. on the twentieth of March. According to a reliable source, the initial reaction to this anomaly was shock, evident in the gaping mouths and bulging eyes of his classmates. Shock quickly turned to widespread panic as students began breaking out of classrooms and running wildly across the field. It was

said that high schoolers started jumping off walls and eating dirt from the ground. News about the apocalypse spread like wildfire. People began wondering, "Is 2016 the new 2012?" The situation got so out of hand that teachers had to call off all classes to hold a faculty meeting on emergency response measures. It was only after threatening a possible GPA reduction for quarter three did students seem to regain their sanity. Unfortunately, many students were wounded during the fiasco; several fingers were broken and many still suffer from diarrhea caused by the excessive consumption of dirt. Locker doors were yanked from the hinges, and the student lounge was left more disordered than usual. The school had to order for the delivery of dirt for the soccer field as half of the field was devoured by deranged students. The whereabouts of Nathan Lee during this catastrophe



Nathan Lee failed to arrive on time for his photo. // Photo by Jessica Kong

is still unknown even to this day, although some recall seeing him trying to pull an early April Fool's prank of switching the contents of student's lockers.

Students have come up with several conspiracy theories attempting to explain Nathan's punctual arrival at school. According to many, the unusual planetary alignment of the previous night might have contributed to Nathan's early awakening. Another popular theory is that his early arrival may have been caused by the shift in wind direction throughout the week. Some even suggest that Mr. Wyss's new haircut might have contributed to this aberration.

March 20th marks an important day in MAK history as it is the day that students officially went wild. Nathan's punctual arrival that day left MAK in pieces and students psychologically disturbed. Thankfully, Nathan returned to his usual tardy self helped MAK get back on its path to recovery from this tragic crisis. There is growing consensus that it would be best that Nathan stays tardy so that students do not have to suffer through another ordeal like that ever again. But again, the event may recur as students have already begun worrying about the possibility of another apocalypse following Jeffrey's punctual arrival at school.

The Rise of Senioritis Forgotten in Telunas

By: Jasmine Teng

Expressing immense shock and dismay, the high school teachers were reportedly left shaken after learning of the second-semester seniors' complete and utter apathy towards anything to do with school.

"It is appalling," Mr. Torgerson, the principal-to-be, said, expressing disbelief. "How could they not care about school? It's been the only thing that their pitiful lives have revolved around for the past four years!"

Sources have confirmed that seniors neglected to study at a 110% level, instead opting to only expend 70% of their energy towards academics.

"I heard that some seniors went to bed at 11 p.m., instead of 3 a.m., like they used to!" A wide-eyed freshman whispered, fearfully. "There was a physics test last week, and I heard a senior simply say, 'I give up!,' instead

of sobbing over their notes and desperately trying to cram every last bit of information into their brain as they would've previously. This senioritis disease is really serious!"

Another teacher noted that he spotted a wild senior smiling as he strutted happily into class at 8:01 a.m. It is reported that the senior no longer shuffled through the hallway like lead weights had been chained to his feet, but instead strode confidently like a normal human being. The senior was said to have eyes that "shined brightly" with the glimmer of consciousness that comes from sleeping more than three and a half hours a day, instead of the typical dull, glazed-over stare that cast only profound sorrow into passers-by's eyes. Last year, witnesses described their eyes as "beacons of despair and depression, stygian pools of misery, and the windows into their hopeless, wretched souls."

"What happened to them? The threat of a 93% doesn't even seem to bother them anymore." Mr. Newkirk said, rubbing his temples.

This apathy extends even beyond their academics. When asked about the responsibility of "finishing strong," as teachers have oft reminded the seniors to do, one senior simply said, "I don't care. An ocean of raging hellfire could come and consume me and the school right now, and I would embrace it with open arms. I'M FREE."

A history teacher, shaking his head, remarked, "It's like they're learning how to have fun."

By: Anna Huang

Mysterious faint cries were heard from beneath in an island off Telunas. Local authorities predicted that the sound is a warning from the god of the earth. In an attempt to pacify the resident's hysterical fear, Jakarta sent renowned geologists to investigate the case.

The group quickly identified the sound source and were at first convinced that the mysterious sound was in fact produced by a *siau scop* owl, an endangered bird endemic to Indonesia. Much to their dismay, the international committee of wildlife believed that the sound was produced by a human being. Their predictions were confirmed yesterday when a dove carried out a letter from the source. Here we obtained a segment of the letter:

"We came to this island with a mission to dig wells. My proud heart was broken by the sight of this poor yet radiant community. Shovel by shovel I drill into the earth, hoping to see water and hope for the community... little did I know I was digging my own grave. Every shovel of soil I lift is a step away from the world above; every breathe I take is a closer step to death. I am trapped in a hole so deep, yet I am satisfied. For in death, poor or privileged, we are all finally equal."

All were amazed by how a single mission trip has transformed the junior class from a chattering bunch into a humble, quiet group of young adults. One teacher reported that the juniors "were so inspired by the poverty and

injustice they saw in the Indonesian islands that they now daily ponder on the meaning of life." Silence and sober talks about philosophy now replace the obnoxious laughter in HS3.

One conspiracy theory claims that the newfound maturity in the junior class is due to the intentional loss of student A in a well. Despite being heavily censored by the school, the theory does have some strong evidence in hand. Student A is notorious for bringing down the average maturity level of junior students. One anonymous "insider" reported that Student A's grade in the annual nation-wide maturity test is lower than that of a monkey, nearing that of a squeaky bird (interestingly, the student's high-pitched gossiping voice was also similar to that of a bird). Thus, many executives on the board decided that it is better to lose a student who amounts for 0.5% of school income to attract more students with a higher maturity level test grade. The policy yields huge success, 100 applicants sought to be admitted into the class of 2017, giving the school a potential to raise their income by 5%.

Whether the trip to Telunas was a strategic move in disguise is one of the many classified secrets at MAK. The result, however, outweigh the "deteriorating morals," "ironic ideals," and "ignorance to sentiments" the left-wing activists accused the trip of. The class of 2017 is a much more unified class that "is now showered with newfound peace" after ridding itself of Student A.



A senior gives up on studying for a physics test. // Photo by Jasmine Teng

The Newgerson

By: Jasmine Teng

Reporters were informed that Mr. Newkirk has revealed his insidious plan to usurp Mr. Torgerson as the principal during the upcoming school year this Monday. Several have reported hearing the occasional villainous giggle coming from his tiny cubicle of an office. Part of his plan includes his astonishing transformation into “Mr. Newgerson,” according to a student who had been punched in the gut for calling him Mr. Newkirk, in order to become the ultimate imitation of the current English teacher he plans to overthrow.

“It’s terrifying,” Ray Kung, the senior class representative, said. “He’s gone completely bonkers in trying to imitate Mr. Torgerson, I mean, Mr. Newkirk’s been pushing us [the class reps] to buy a giant rock as part of our senior tradition, which is what Mr. Torgerson has been encouraging us to do for the past couple of years. I can’t believe another teacher is telling us to buy a giant rock - one is enough.”

Students have also witnessed Mr. Newkirk’s attempted physical transformation into Mr. Newgerson, as he began donning glasses and a camel-colored messenger bag to work every day. Mr. Newkirk’s beloved Steelers shirts were also cast aside for plaid shirts, which Mr. Torgerson has often been spotted wearing.

Even Mr. Newkirk’s teaching style has been altered in favor of a more in-

tense, Torgerson-style teaching method.

“Senior topics used to be so chill,” said Kaylee Clark, a senior. “We would just watch some movies, but now he’s making us do 90-minute seminars on the major conflicts, motivations, themes, and values of Inside Out, as well as analyzing how the elements of the animation style add to or detract from the appeal of the movie. Also, I have to do a 16-stanza metaphysical poem about the movie Castaway, and it’s due tomorrow!”

His imitation of Mr. Torgerson is not limited to merely physical and academic aspects; it has shown in sports as well. The men’s varsity volleyball players have reported seeing Mr. Newkirk around during volleyball practice, trying to set a basketball. During their spiking practice, Dennis Huang, a sophomore, was brutally hit in the face with a basketball after Mr. Newkirk’s attempt to spike a basketball with the same force as Mr. Torgerson’s lethal spike. According to doctors, he was in critical condition until 3 hours ago.

When asked about the motivation behind this insidious plan, Mr. Newkirk cackled and said, “Mr. Chan has taken up too much of my space. The office space is my lawful right as a teacher of this school, and Mr. Chan has invaded my privacy. When I become principal, I’m going to make

him work in the closet in LA3, build a wall around him, whatever it takes to keep that immigrant from taking away my job and my space.”

His campaign income comes from his illegal black market stand, which sells American candy, but it seems that a significant contributor is Mr. Laytham, who has been seen buying out all the Milky Way bars as soon as they become available.

Mr. Torgerson declined to comment when asked about this plan. He did, however, pull out two knives from his drawer and began sharpening them against each other.



Mr. Newkirk is attempting to morph into Mr. Torgerson. // Photos morphed using MorphThing.com

Rejected Senior Quotes

- “She’s abue.” - Niki Huang
- “I’m not abue.” - Alice Lin
- “Abue is love, abue is life.”
- “When is this due?”
- “YAAAAAAASSSSSSS.”
- “Eat my toe.” - Jessica Kong
- “If idiots could fly, this place would be an airport.”
- “Adios escuela.”
- “Never hold your farts in, they travel up your spine into your brain and that’s where the crappy ideas come from.”
- “We learned more from a three-minute record, baby, than we ever learned in school.”
- “What a plague have I to do with a buff jerkin?”
- “There’s no way to avoid becoming a statistic. Just try to become a good statistic.”
- “It’s not enough that I should succeed - others should fail.”
- “Just because you’re trash doesn’t mean you can’t do great things. It’s called garbage can, not garbage cannot.”
- “I’m the worst of both worlds.”
- “Idaho.”
- “Yes, I am a triple threat. I’m bitter, petty, and an all-around mess.”
- “You can always retake a class, you can’t relive a party.”
- “Exit, pursued by a bear.”
- “A pair of powerful spectacles has sometimes sufficed to cure a person in love.”
- “Life is not like a fairytale. If you lose a shoe at midnight, you’re drunk.”
- “If you can’t blow them away with your brilliance, baffle them with your BS.”
- “Laughter is like farting out of your mouth.”

Horoscopes for the Month

By: Jennie Tung

Aries (Mar. 21- Apr. 19)

Overview: The independent Aries will find themselves at the top of their work game this month. People already know what you are capable of, so an upgrade in your planning routine can create incredible results. This means: destroy everyone who lies in your path to success - you are right and everyone else is wrong.

Taurus (Apr. 20- May 20)

Overview: Your patience will get you far this month. The upcoming weeks will feel easy with all the things you are bound to accomplish. However, do keep any self-indulgent behavior in check, and replace them with selflessness and kindness. This means: get off your phone and actually pay attention to your friends.

Gemini (May 21- Jun. 20)

Overview: The usually thoughtful Geminis may find themselves in heated arguments this month. Not everyone is able to tolerate the changes that have been occurring in your life. Your failure to follow your GPS will bring a new direction into your life, even though your carpooling friends will

leave you because you are late 24/7.

Cancer (Jun. 21 - Jul. 22)

Overview: You will find that people seem to be in opposition of you quite often this month. Or is your demanding and grumpy attitude to blame? Tip: shut up and stop talking.

Leo (Jul. 23- Aug. 22)

Overview: Expect to meet some incredible, life changing people this month. Remember to dress to impress. This does not mean showing up at school in underwear and angel wings.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

Overview: This spring will bring you so much motivational boost! Get out and explore the city with some friends and family. People are flocking to you this month like moths to flame. Wear some flame-resistant clothing if you don’t like people.

Libra (Sept. 23- Oct. 22)

Overview: Going into this month you may be discouraged that certain things have not been working out as planned. Wishes may be unfulfilled, but a sudden spark of interest in another project or person will become

a good distraction. Stop scrolling through her Instagram and just hit her up, you wimp. Rejection is healthy for you.

Scorpio (Oct. 23- Nov. 21)

Overview: Things aren’t feeling quite right this month, but nothing is wrong either. Try not to drag others down during this unsatisfying stage. Try your best to be positive. If this fails, drag as many people as you can down with you.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22- Dec. 21)

Overview: Sentiment, boredom, and decisions are the three words to summarize this month for Sagittarius’s. The decisions you are faced with may have to do with sentimental feelings of the past, or is it your current boring life that is the problem? Spice up your life with some arson and first-degree felonies.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

Overview: Get ready to feel on top of the world this month! All your abilities are put to their full potential, so expect great results in all that you have put work into. From here on out, feel free to produce subpar work. It’s

time to let go of perfection and let loose for a while.

Aquarius (January 20 - Feb. 18)

Overview: People skills and individuality are what the Aquarius stands for. This month, expect to put these skills on their full-blown potential when unpredictable opportunities present themselves. Losing your limbs in a grotesque freak accident will present a life-changing experience and life lesson, so embrace it! Oh wait, you can’t.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)

Overview: April will be slow-paced and detail focused- much like the Pisces. Use this to your advantage by adjusting details and being extra careful. This means: take that Eclipse mint when you get offered it, you need it. Make sure to floss.

Carrying on the Tea Legend

By: Ann King and Jasmine Teng

Undeniably, the tea culture is something unique to MAK; however, the question of who will be the next tea lady has been plaguing the minds of the high school students, as the tea dependency has grown to be an integral part of the school. Some even claim that tea, instead of blood, courses through their veins! This dependency dates all the way back to 2013, ever since MAK's first graduating class (sophomores at the time) ordered tea regularly for Mr. Newkirk's Bible class. Originally, the burden was given to the class repre-

sentatives, but Ann King soon took on the tremendous responsibility of the tea lady; her numerous responsibilities include: collecting tea orders via a Google Form sent every Tuesday and Thursday, making the tea order to the specific tea stand, whether it be Macu, Georg Peck, Cha Tang Hui, or more, updating high schoolers on the latest tea stands and tea trends, keeping track of the details of specific teas, collecting money and even keeping tabs, and delivering the teas to each person who ordered. As the end of the school year approaches and



the current tea lady leaves MAK for even greater purposes, the title of the "tea lady" will soon become vacant. Seeing as how tremendous the duty is, this legendary status should be conferred with extreme care and caution, as both students and teachers alike will be affected by this momentous decision.

According to thorough scientific analysis, a tea lady must be: tolerant, gentle but forceful, beautiful, soft-spoken, and slow to anger. Tolerance is necessary so as to accommodate the last-minute tea orders that come from indecisive people. The gentle forcefulness comes in when people fail to pay money. In this case, Leo Hsieh from

the junior class and Niki Huang from the senior class come to mind as the undeniable leaders of the group that pays their long-overdue tea money a long, long time after their teas are ordered. The quality of beauty is necessary in order to seduce people to order tea, so as to fulfill the minimum number of teas needed for delivery. Exceptional beauty and soft-spokenness will leave many, stunned, with empty wallets, wondering where their money went. Those who wish to become the tea lady must also be slow to anger, for there are many troubles in the process of tea ordering and one must be patient enough to withstand the frequent dilemmas.

As of now, candidates include Christine Wu and Leo Hsieh. Christine has been nominated, for her outstanding beauty and exquisite personality more than qualifies all of the characteristics of a successful tea lady. Leo Hsieh, however, is the prime candidate, for he only has himself (and Niki) to track down for late payments.

The final tea lady election will be held on May 27th, so be sure to register at your local tea office in order to vote! No matter who you support, it is indisputably important that you vote, to support the democracy that MAK is.

Mr. Griffin Saves MAK WiFi From Masked Man

By: Samuel Tsai

As the day barely broke and the alarm clocks of various students across Kaohsiung still silently armed with their dream shattering noise, a dramatic and unusual scene unfolded within the corridors of Morrison Academy Kaohsiung.

Unbeknownst to the majority of the school population, a masked man had infiltrated the school complex on the morning of March 31st and had held hostage several Macbooks and Wifi routers. According to the local pineapple farmers, the man threatened to change the passwords of several popular Wifi addresses, such as the infamous MakGuest41 that has been illegally used by a number of students in order to access blocked sites.

With the clock racing down, the head of school security, Chang Tai Tai, was forced to employ drastic measures, deciding to send a team to undergo a sting operation on the MAK computer lab. The plan seemed perfect, except for one tiny flaw - there was no one willing to attempt the seemingly Wifi-endangering clandestine operation.

After several minutes of panicked searching and excuses due to some urgent "Clan War" business, a suitable candidate was found; a nerdy tech guy who lives on the third floor of staff housing was willing to volunteer as tribute.

"I have developed an unwavering bond with the computer lab," he explained when interviewed, "and besides, it'll look great on my Youtube channel called the Shark Show."

Armed with only a GoPro on his head and a few packs of his favorite card game in his pocket, the still nightgown-clad tech dude cautiously crawled through the darkness of the early morning, crossing the soccer field with the agility of a wild griffin. Gathering together his mana sources, he stroked his moustache guardedly, alarmingly sensing the plight of the hostages.

"My moustache was tingling," he later commented, "I knew that it would be a tough one to deal with - and I was PUMPED!"

The fight between the intruder and the almighty fury of a tech guy was not recorded, as the GoPro was later found smashed in pieces. However, when asked about the fight, the hero simply gave a few tips upon melee combat, saying, "Honestly, when one has to cover some ground, always keep in mind that everything is triangular. Having an establishing shot at your opponent also gives you an advantage."

When the authorities arrived at 3:00 AM, the scene was described as "chaotic, with several photos of swamps strewn all over the computers, along with a fake plastic moustache found in the corner, where an unconscious masked man lay."

The tech guy survived the fight with only a few superficial wounds, and two infect counters.

MAK College Selections Form A Smiley Face

By: Jasmine Teng



Above: The college selections of the graduating seniors arrange out to form a mysterious smiley face on a map of the United States. // Photo taken from mapsofworld.com

As MAK's first graduating seniors begin to make their college selections, it has been noticed that the selections of colleges in the United States forms the shape of a smiley face. One student has yet to make his selection, and he faces a difficult situation. The only college left to complete the smiley face, which is lacking a nose, is a university in Nebraska, ranked at #15 in the prestigious US News & World Report "National Universities" ranking.

"I've worked so hard. I can't just end up at some school that's only ranked at #15," The student said, tears streaming down his face. "I need to go to Stanford. It's the only way I can redeem my crippling sense of insecurity and doubt about my future."

His mother is likewise concerned about the prestige of the university. "My son deserves to go to an Ivy League school, or Stanford at the very least," she said, with rage in her eyes. That's the only way he can bring honor and glory to his family, relatives, and ancestors! I gave birth to him just to see him get into a top university, not for this #15 ranked college. College is the only indicator of success, and I will not have my son fail. I had his whole life planned out for him: he will graduate as the valedictorian of high school, then attend a top university, and graduate as a valedictorian from there, too. After that, he will go to Harvard's medical school and study at Columbia's law school, so that he can become a doctor and a lawyer combined."

However, the counselor and the rest of the senior class have been adamant in pressuring the student to complete the smiley face.

"Obviously, it's his own choice where he wants to go, but it's an important tradition that the first graduating class of 2016 wants to establish," Mr. Newkirk, the high school counselor said. "Ultimately, I do hope that he [the student] will choose what is not only best for him, but also for the class."

"What a traitor." One senior said. "We all agreed on this tradition, and now he's backing out? Who cares about college, it's only going to shape the rest of your life. It's more important to leave a lasting legacy, a tradition that no one can ever forget, at MAK. Priorities, people."

As May 1st, the deadline for sending in a enrollment deposit, approaches, the student will be forced to make a decision, and there will be more updates to come regarding this earthshattering dilemma about whether or not the smiley face will be completed.

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Why Trump? Make MAK Great Again

By: Sabrina Tsai

To celebrate the completely harmless April Fools Day, it was only a given that a page was dedicated to the most promising president candidate of them all: Donald Trump. Behold, reasons why you should vote for him this coming fall.

1. He cares greatly about appearances.

When rating how his rival, Carly Fiorina, would do as the next president of the United States, Trump bluntly asked, "Would anyone vote for that? Can you imagine that, the face of our next president?" Of course, as outward appearances correlate greatly with how well one does as president, this is an extremely important factor voters must always keep in mind. Perhaps you'd like to stay away from old, balding business tycoons whose eyes could be photoshopped and replaced with mouths to no obvious difference. And don't forget his stunning mop of hair! As he himself said, "I actually don't have a bad hairline. When you think about it, it's not bad. I mean, I get a lot of credit for comb-overs. But it's not really a comb-over."

2. He knows how to "think big."

"I like thinking big," Trump claims, "if you're going to be thinking anything, you might as well think big." Have you heard his ideas? They're absolutely wonderful and will definitely "make America great again!" Build a great wall to keep Mexican immigrants out, and then get the Mexican government to pay for it! Deny entry to all Muslims because we all know all Muslims are terrorists. Duh. He is a genius for coming up with all these brilliant ideas that are completely rational.

3. He's rich. Absolutely filthy rich.

"I don't need anybody's money. I'm using my own money," Trump has stated publicly, "I don't care. I'm really rich." Because he doesn't care about his wealth, if he is elected president, citizens will most likely never ever

worry about their financial problems anymore! Mr. Trump told us that he was closer to the middle and lower class than he was to the upper - like many other middle class citizens, he has lived a hard life, as he was only given a small loan of a million dollars.

4. He's got connections.

After desperately trying to find out where current president, Barack Obama, was really born, he finally found his answer through "an extremely credible source." It's official, President Obama's birth certificate is a fraud, and you must believe in this statement because Donald Trump, being the best human being that could ever have existed, said so.

5. He's a charming guy.

Not only does he have great relationships with people from outside his normal societal class, he's also very attractive. One of the troubles he faces everyday is that "all the women on The Apprentice [flirt] with [him] - consciously or unconsciously. That's to be expected." Of course, to Trump, any action, including working, breathing, and living, is considered flirting to him.

How could anyone resist Donald Trump? He's an absolute feminist, constantly defaming women, calling them ugly and even calling a lawyer who asked for a medical pause during court "disgusting" for having to pump breast milk for her child.

He's all for racial equality, saying "laziness is a trait in blacks," and that Mexico wasn't sending their best to America. "They're sending people that have lots of problems," he asserted, "they are bringing those problems to [America]. They are bring drugs and they are bring crime and their rapists."

The American Dream is dead, but he has a solution. His answer is so enlightening and self-explanatory that I do not believe I am worthy enough to

By: Nathan Lee



A portrait of Donald Trump gesturing angrily. // Art by Alice Lin

paraphrase or to implement my own opinions.

"Look. We can bring the American Dream back. That I will tell you. We're bringing it back. Okay? And I understand what you're saying. And I get that from so many people. 'Is the American Dream dead?' They are asking me the question, 'Is the American Dream dead?' And the American Dream is in trouble. That I can tell you. Okay? It's in trouble. But we're going to get it back and do some real jobs. How about the man with that beautiful red hat? Stand up! Stand up! What a hat!"

Global warming? He's on it, and has a theory on why it has happened. It was "created by and for the Chinese in order to make U.S. manufacturing non-competitive," he tweeted. Our dear, hopefully future president has finally uncovered the great hidden secret! Global warming has nothing to do with contamination, UV radiation, and the Ozone, but instead is all about business and strategy. This man is skilled - a politician, a detective, and a businessman - everything that is needed to be a president. What diplomacy skills? What basic respect for other cultures and nations? Forget about those, you don't need it when you've got Trump. And remember, as he said, "I know words, I have the best words." He's got the best words, guys.

In a recent staff meeting, Mr. Torgerson, next year's principal, announced his endorsement of 2016 presidential candidate Donald Trump. "Trump has always had a big influence on me. The way he runs his business and political campaign is truly brilliant, and I think it's a great thing to try to emulate at MAK."

At the meeting Mr. Torgerson proposed his plans to build a big wall across the southern border of the MAK campus to curb the widespread proliferation of pineapple smuggling that has become so prevalent. "This has been a problem since Day 1, and my wall will put an end to this diabolical practice," Mr. Torgerson claimed.

He also plans to reduce the homework evasions prevalent at MAK. "It has become a big issue here," Torgerson explains. "This is something that we cannot allow anymore at MAK. Students don't get enough homework as it is. The fact that they're evading what little homework they have is revolting and needs to stop now!"

Torgerson's new found viewpoint is a controversial subject at MAK. Mr. Muir, among some teachers, firmly supports Mr. Torgerson's stance on homework evasions. Other teachers denounce his latest actions. "He's making a buffoon out of himself," Mr. Laytham, the school librarian, said.

Students reacted with confusion and dismay. What caused this dramatic shift in attitude? Some have suggested that Torgerson's envy of Trump's stylish orange hair played a role. Others have also suggested that Mr. Torgerson has become allied with Trump with the clandestine mission of taking over the entire known universe and, furthermore, forcing everyone to get a Trump-styled haircut.

Others were not so surprised. "I saw this coming years ago," Daniel Chiang of 12th grade said.

Reportedly, Mr. Torgerson will adopt Trump's slogan for next year's theme - Make MAK Great Again. MAK is divided over the Trump-Torgerson duo, but one thing is for sure: next year will come with big changes, for better or for worse.

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