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When Makes Splash at Science Fair

Freak Exhibit Accident Embarrasses Young Promising Student

Kitty Lee Terbachs, Staff Writer

As a rite of passage, the annual Paine Memorial High School Science Fair celebrates inspiration and gives students a chance to build cool models, touch strange animals, and ask outrageous research questions. “Frosty Cold Fusion with Diet Coke” and “Anti-Gravity Electricity Generation Powered By Mentos” were just two of the many promising exhibits at the science fair this year, but a one-in-a-million freak incident guaranteed that these two exhibits will be indelibly etched into our school’s rich history.

An unexpected explosive reaction between the equipment of seniors Wesley When and Catherine Chronos created a large quantity of slimy liquid, which squirted all over When, the floor, and the walls. The damage is still being estimated by the school insurance investigators.

Those who were witnesses of this tragedy had quite a bit to say about what happened. Head cheerleader and Prom Queen hopeful Buffy Vanderbilt had this to say about the whole episode as she watched just a few feet away: “This huge stream of slime just hit that nerd. Like, gag me with a spoon! It was so outrageous how the geek looked just so stupid there covered in slime. Like, what a spaz!”



Senior Wesley When gets drenched in an exhibit mishap as onlooking students laugh in derision (Photo credit: Cameron Mann)

Chronos, who seemed shocked by the experience, had this to say as she stole furtive glances at When: “Apparently the emulsion of the carbonated liquid and, uh, the high concentration of nucleation sites in the confectionaries led to an self-replicating chain reaction.”

Principal Russell Williams chimed in, “I have no idea what these young ladies are saying, but you can bet that we won’t let our students do projects with rare and dangerous chemicals like this ever again.

As it is, Ty and his janitorial staff will have to work overtime just to get the gym back in shape for next week’s basketball game against our rivals, the [Schafferine High] Succotash.”

When, who had won third place in last year’s science fair for his sodium powered watch, appeared to be completely cowed by the experience.

School administrators are discussing forming a committee to talk about the

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PMHSSC Finally Chooses Theme for Senior Prom

“25 Years in the Future”

Margaret S. Bodell, Staff Writer

After months of indecision, the Paine Memorial High School Student Council has finally broken their gridlock and chosen a theme for this year’s senior promenade, and it’s really out there: “25 Years in the Future.” What will life be like in 2012?

There’s already been a run on tin foil at the local Lucky’s as students find creative ways to spice up their outfits.

We spoke to several students, asking for their predictions. Senior Polly Annaliese predicts, “Not only will we have flying cars, food that cooks itself, and of course rocket jet packs for those trips where even a flying car just won’t do. We will be living on the Moon, vacationing on Mars, and even visiting the planet Pluto.”

Senior Thomas Dought has a different viewpoint: “Sure, we’ll probably have AIDS and cancer cured in a few years, but it won’t matter in the nuclear wasteland populated with post-World War III mutants.”

The future might be now, but 2012 is a long time away. We’ll all be having our 25 year reunion, and talking about just how

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Sophomores Demonstrate Moronic Sophistry

Rest of Student Body Completely Unsurprised

Mark T. Cicero, Foreign Correspondent

PMHS’s sophomore class shocked absolutely no one today as the sophomore class president made a completely expected announcement lambasting the lack of usage of allegedly hallowed design principles in the various student club banners displayed around campus.

At approximately 11:30am on Saturday, when everybody important in school was paying attention to the science fair, sophomore class president Aldous Garamondi unfurled a manifesto at what the sophomore class considered a press conference.

“Too long has this school suffered at the pain of having inconsistent serifs and unequal use of paint in its school banners,” Garamondi declared. “Many a letter has been denied its proper width by

improper planning of message length. Well, with this new decree, as endorsed by important members of this class, I declare that we will soon be free of the Dark Ages of design ignorance and we will usher in a new renaissance of school banners, the like of which this school has never seen!”

Supposedly, sophomore members of the PMHS typography club, the only students actually present at the event, then proceeded to roam the hallways, press-ganging unwitting victims into recreating banners matching their expectations. Strangely, no victim has yet come forward to complain.

School officials were completely unfazed at the announcement. “They are

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Newspaper Article Texts Mysteriously Replaced by Fake Latinesque Words

Mark T. Cicero, Foreign Correspondent

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The Commentary Page



Shoulder Pads are Here to Stay Some Fashions Will Never Go Out of Style

Amber DeZurt, Staff Writer

Shoulder pads have become the staple of just about every "in" woman's wardrobe. Not only do they reflect power, and the new direction of the female in the work-force, but they show a keen fashion sense. Not everyone agrees.

Catherine Chronos, known for her strange mixture of arts and sciences, had this to say about the shoulder pad fad, "People should choose what they are comfortable with. Shoulder pads don't give me the movement I need for my art, and can be uncomfortable in the lab. I really don't see them sticking around. Sure, they make a statement about power, and what not, but there are

other ways to show how important females can be to the world other than what they wear."

Others like Sally Brock, president and founder of the Fashion Police Club (the sixth largest club on campus) have other things to say. "People like Cat just don't understand fashion. It isn't just about clothes, it's about understanding how others perceive you. With shoulder pads we are seen as powerful, and so that is what people expect. If she wants to forego the shoulder pads and be seen as the pathetic loser she is, then that's her choice. But, if she wants to be seen like us, as the new women of the future, then she needs to put on a little makeup and get those shoulder pads."



where we ask random students what's in and what's out

Sally: Jellies are **GNARLY**. I know they're not formal but I'm totally wearing my sparkly red pair to the prom.

Trent: Detention is **BOGUS**. We need to protest this cruel and unusual imprisonment.

Buffy: Nerds are **BOGUS**. They think they're so smart, but then they get slimed.

Anne: Billy Columbus is **GNARLY**. Those awesome plays he does on the basketball team, can't be beat.

Graham: Journey is **GNARLY**. I know they just broke up, but that's just a temporary setback.

Hector: Nintendo is **BOGUS**. Video games are so dead and finished. Grow up, people! Start acting your age!

SPOTLIGHT on...

Janitor Tiresias

Amber DeZurt, Staff Writer

He keeps our bathrooms and halls clean. Yet, what do we know about him? Few of us have ever had a conversation with the man, and the few who have have more questions than answers when we're done. He's been at Paine Memorial High School as long as anyone can remember, and we have some rather old teachers here.



(Photo credit: Cameron Mann)

When we tracked him down to ask him how he seems to stay so long. His only reply was, "Time is relative and you're only as old as the age that you live in."

When we asked Principal Russell Williams, he said "Janitor Tiresias shows a real commitment to hard work and time management. He always seems to know what to do and when. We are thankful for such a man as this." When pressed for actual, detailed information, the principal said "Somehow, I've never thought to ask Ty much about his private life. As long as continues doing his job, such as sweeping up after each ball game, why should I care?"

We even braved asking AP History teacher Mr. Raven about Ty, and you all know that Mr. Raven probably knows his subject matter so well because he's lived through all of it. All Mr. Raven had to say was, "Knowledge of the private lives of sanitation workers will be of no use to you either now or in the future."

Janitor Tiresias might be secretive, but he's happy to give a quick word of advice. We, here at the paper, believe he should be getting close to retirement age, and

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