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## MACGYVER TIME CHANGE

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### MEET THE BOSS LADY

So, who exactly is the Head RA of Hillcrest? Residents tend to get to know their RAs, but the nature of the HRA position inherently involves less direct resident interaction. Our HRA this year is a pretty unique individual, so feel free to stop by and meet Jennessa Durney if you have not already done so.

Jennessa is a senior, majoring in Human Services and minoring in Spanish. She was originally born in Pittsburgh, but spent the first part of her childhood just outside of Los Angeles. However, Jennessa grew up in Warrenton, Virginia for her later years. She attrib-

News came today that MacGyver, regularly shown on Spike TV from 4:00-5:00 PM Monday - Friday, has fallen victim to a schedule change. Starting immediately, Spike TV has decided to move MacGyver to 11:00 AM Tuesday - Friday. Filling the former MacGyver timeslot is Star Trek: The Next Generation. Not surprisingly, Star Trek is shown for a total of five hours each day on Spike TV.

The response to this catastrophe has been notable. As most Hillcrest residents have noticed, a large group enjoys watching MacGyver in the lounge every day, and it has become a staple in the routine of many. Most of the residents watching MacGyver have class during the 11:00 hour,

utes her funky sense of style to L.A., and her love of country hills to Warrenton.

A firm believer in the concept that an education and a career should be composed of diverse experiences, Jennessa has studied abroad in Ecuador and volunteered in the Dominican Republic. She is currently considering the Teach for America program as a possible next step, but is also

and are unable to watch it at that time. Peter Kauffmann, resident of room 231 was devastated by the news. "Knowing I had MacGyver to come home to at 4:00 made it worthwhile for me to get up in the morning. Without it, I just don't know what I'll do. I mean, I look up to this guy," Peter said in an interview with the Hillcrest newsletter. Jeremy Henry in room 235 was also very distraught by the change in routine, "How are they going to go and put MacGyver in the morning? That poses all kinds of problems. For one, their biggest fan base [Hillcrest] watches every day at 4 and cannot afford to miss class. MacGyver would never advocate skipping class. Also, even if I could watch television at 11 am

in the morning, I would have to make a decision between MacGyver and the Price is Right. Anyone who pushes me to such a decision must be pure evil."

When an anonymous resident mentioned that life would go on, the MacGyver regulars gasped in horror. This outrage must be rectified somehow. I encourage all those who are able and willing to call Spike TV at 212-846-2560 and let them know about your displeasure. I have called myself. If enough of us persist, they will have no choice but to agree to our demands. It is what MacGyver would have wanted: a non-violent protest.

-Brad Shapiro

looking into graduate school for theology. Jennessa hopes to become involved in youth ministry work, and eventually plans to pursue international public speaking in Catholicism. In her free time, she is rather artistic and crafty, dabbling in ceramics and jewelry making. While the HRA does not always have the most obvious presence in a building, Jennessa is definitely invested in

getting to know the residents of Hillcrest. She is a great person to chat with, particularly because she has had some interesting life experiences. If you ever get sick of your RA, particularly Rick or Brad, their feelings will not be too hurt if you want to talk with her. Hillcrest is lucky to have her! Welcome to the community, Jennessa!

-Sanda Chelliah

# Diplomatic Ties Shaky as WAR LOOMS!

It appears that another war is breaking out in Europe. Similar to the war that took place only a year ago amongst the major powers, neutrality is probably not a good option. The iron fist of Mr. Calhoun in control of Southern Russia spells certain

doom for the meager people of Rumania and the small Christian nation of the Republic of Georgia. The great cruelty displayed by the evil despot of France bodes

poorly for the defenseless Belgiumites and the mountain dwellers in northern Iberia. But the people I feel most sorry for are the Polish. I mean really people, give these guys a break. Overall, it appears that the only minor country that stands any chance of putting up a fight is Switzerland. And even then, what are they going to do? Blow up their own roads? When will these minor nations wake up and realize that they are simply afternoon snacks for the major players in the European arena? As an example, it seems evident to me that at the very least Alex-

andria and the rest of Egypt would have very first-hand experience being part of the former Peoples Republic of Canaan. With the restructured Persian Empire looming right next door, The Egyptians should be quaking in their boots if they want to

dering is the reemergence of the Mongolian empire. It is thought that Genghis Khan's son left behind troops in the Caucasus region after retreating from Europe almost a thousand years ago. Having finally grown strong enough to reenter the world of

raping and pillaging, the Mongol Hordes are threatening Babylon with surprisingly high-tech weaponry and horribly stereotypical grunts. With no way to assess the intentions of these roaming bands of looters, the major powers may need to play this "game" of global domination a bit more cautiously than in previous eras.

Looking at the major powers however, we begin to wonder if any of these antagonistic nations have secret treaties with other nations. As I am sure we were all equally shocked last year to learn of some of the more intricate alliances formed, we have to wonder what will happen now. Will there be an intricate web of ties between the nations producing emergent behaviors unseen since World War I? Or will there be clear antagonists, and clear defenders of democracy this time around? Only time will tell. Until then, do not trust anyone, fear for your lives, and flee the Balkans.

-Rick Bis



stay a separate nation after their bloody revolution. But still, we see no attempts by the smaller nations to defend themselves.

A new, exciting and different element in this forthcoming war is the appearance of roaming barbarian tribes once thought long dead. However, it appears as though the Vikings have survived in the Arctic wilderness unseen for hundreds of years all the while developing more and more deadly battle ships and waiting for the perfect time to once again plunder the European shores. Equally bewil-

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