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## David, David, David, David, and David versus Goliath

Citing a projected increase in the number of Davids throughout Hillcrest, University Honors has announced a program of nicknames to save valuable time and keystrokes in its communications. Under the new program, so-named residents will begin going by "Dave" effective next semester—when two additional Davids return from studying abroad—Honors Director Jack Dudley said during a press conference on Tuesday.

"We've been contemplating this move for a while now, and when the report that we'd been waiting for from Dr. David Petraeus of the Statistics Department came back, we decided to implement the plan." Petraeus' report, which essentially gave Honors staffers an excuse to put off this politically charged decision until mid-September, indicated a savings of over 40,000 hours of productivity per year due to the switch to monosyllabic names.



If all goes well, other overrepresented names can expect to be adjusted over the coming months. Already, talks are in progress with the Erin Bloc to shorten their name to the more simple 'Rin, although Erin Rooney has been heavily lobbying via satellite uplink for the lighter sounding "Er", insisting that it sounds less like a Depression-era dog.

Additionally, if present trends continue the Peters will have their name shortened as well when the fourth one arrives next year, a highly placed Honors staffer (who wished to remain anonymous) informed Hillpress. "We're also thinking about implementing this on a temporary basis whenever Pete Grossman comes back into town. Now if you'll excuse me, I've got to get back to studying classics and discovering more ways that Main Campbell is better than you all," the unnamed source said.

None of the Davids could be reached for comment on this issue, given that I don't feel like standing up and David Choquette is out of shouting distance.

*Peter Kauffmann is the newly elected vice president of PATTOB, People Against the Tazing of Bros.*

## Spotlight of the Week: Technically Also a David... But not Really

Good afternoon, fair Hillcrest, and welcome to our Spotlight of the Week. This week I am talking with a most interesting Hillcrestacean, one Cas Craven of 226. Some of you might know him as the Castel, but this is only his secret identity for fighting crime against Main Campbell with his fuzzy pastel blanket.

Spotting Cas across campus, Cas looks like a completely harmless and friendly individual. But what you don't know is that Cas has a lighter and knows about ten million things to do with it. If you ever need something destroyed, or even mention destroying something, Cas will be the first person to knock on your door to help you. Do you want to make a Jacob's Ladder? Well Cas does, and for a year now I have had to tell him no for every coffeehouse. Cas is also the main proprietor of the plan to mount a



laser on the turret and aim it at Main Campbell just to keep the cold war going. Another of his grand schemes is to build a zip line from Hillcrest to Burruss. If the steering committee wants to hear his proposal, I'm sure he would oblige. He is a mad scientist at heart, and as any mad scientist, is a master of procrastination. But hey, he's an engineer, and engineers are incapable of reading and writing so it doesn't matter in the end. With his crazy pastel blanket, a lighter, and his laptop by his side, Cas is able to conquer any problem, even if it means throwing it down the stairs or setting it on fire.

*Kari Adkins would actually love to see a Jacob's Ladder at the coffee house. Too bad she invited the fire marshal.*

# Out With The Old, In With The Less Old

## Hillcrest's Reaction to the New Faculty Preceptor

As some of you may be aware, Dr. Papillon's tyrannical reign as Faculty Preceptor for Hillcrest is over. One year after his unilateral invasion of the People's Republic of Hillcrest, he has declared the situation to be a quagmire and is pulling out entirely. In the ensuing power vacuum, a new leader took over, one who will embrace our way of life instead of foisting his own ideals upon our community, one who can fully devote his time to us, one who won't constantly tell us how awesome those punks from Main Campbell pretend to be (note: Hillcrest leads 2-1 in Nerd Fest, so thbbbbb).



Dr. Papillon's reaction to the sexiness that is Dr. Thorp: "I'm speechless."

The only thing that stands in the way of our peoples' complete idolization of Dan Thorp is, well, no one really knows who he is. This reporter recently had the pleasure of having a conversation with said Faculty Preceptor. Unfortunately, due to space restrictions my editor wouldn't let me print the entire transcript of the interview, so here is an abbreviated version that still retains the gist of the conversation.

HP: "Dr. Thorp, what is your position at VT?"

Dan Thorp: "Chairman of the History Department."

HP: "Which do you prefer, Hillcrest or Main Campbell?"

DT: "It's [not] tough to decide ... how great ... Hillcrest Hall is. I don't really like [Main Campbell]."

HP: "If you could describe yourself in

three words, what would they be?"

Dan Thorp: "Well, ... I'm ... awesome."

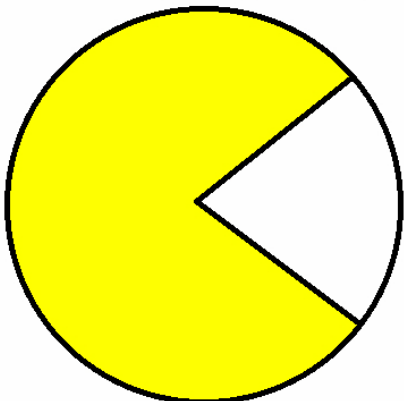
A man of few words, but he gets the point across. To gauge how much people would prefer Dr. Thorp to Dr. Papillon (seriously, you can get a PhD in Philology?) Hillpress also interviewed several Hillcrest residents. Upon being questioned about Dr. Thorp, Resident Expert and Reigning Student of the Year Peter Kauffmann said "which Dr. Thorp are you asking me about - the man, the myth, or the legend?" I then left, as I can't stand when people answer a question with a question. Freshmen Doug Hogan, after being asked what his opinion of Terry Papillon was, replied "I don't know much about her, but I'm sure she's good at whatever it is that a Faculty Preceptor does." Dr. Dudley was the next to be questioned about which Preceptor he preferred, although the only answer we

received was a lengthy tirade about the problems facing our nation today, much of which is not fit to be printed in a reputable publication such as this.

Clearly, this new Preceptor will be a boon to the community, as he has come out to a majority of the Nerd Fest events, is more than willing to come talk to Colloquia (hint hint), and is even trying out for the Hillcrest Intramural football team. Now if we could only get him to stop wearing his Converse All-Stars to football practice...

*Jeremy Henry is really glad that Dr. Papillon has such a great sense of humor and won't take any offense at this article. Seriously, GREAT sense of humor.*

### ERIN RUBIN'S FAVORITE PIE CHART



Resembles Pac-man  
 Does not resemble Pac-man

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