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E-Mail Typo Causes Sketchy Situation

An e-mail recently distributed over the Engineering Undergraduate listserv has caused an uprising amongst the nerdiest fifth of our university's population. The e-mail was intended to inform students of the approaching deadline for course withdrawals but instead warned of the impending deadline for "course withdrawals". A huge number of engineers saw the potential advantage of final exams graded purely on students' creative illustrations and raced to 212 Hancock Hall to submit the necessary paperwork.

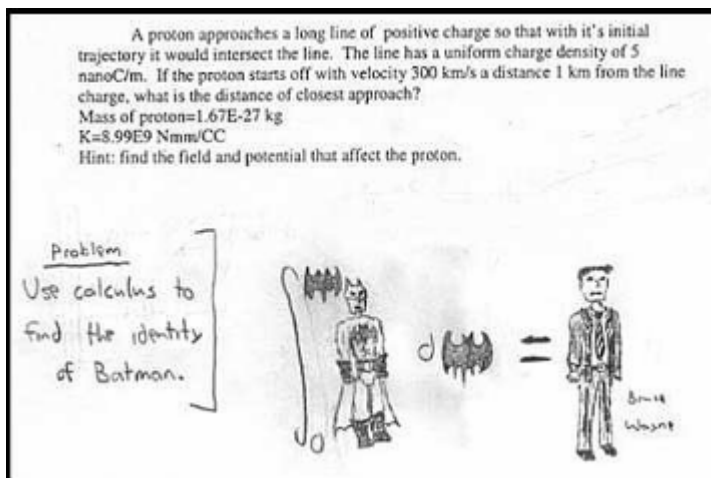
Upon the announcement of the mistake, the situation became quite uncivil. Within hours, Hancock Hall was

under attack. The joint effort by engineers of every kind was truly awe-inspiring. Freshmen hastily constructed siege towers made of drinking straws and then built pumpkin-

launching catapults while sophomores stood very still while considering the static determinacy of the building's structure. Juniors and seniors provided unified guidance by shouting obscenities and complaining of all the work yet to be done. Despite the impressive efforts of all involved, the siege lifted when everyone's calculator batteries died.

In a public statement yesterday, e-mail author Christi Boone apologized for her oversight and explained that course withdrawals would continue as usual. When asked whether "course withdrawals" she gave a Mona Lisa smile and walked off stage.

Mitch Daniels is not wearing pants, nor can he speak English.



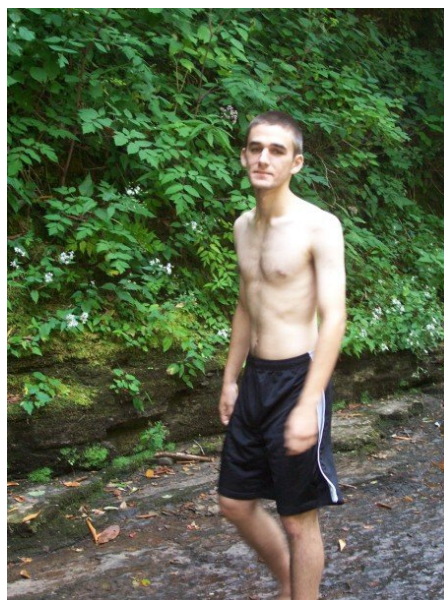
This is an example of a "course withdrawals" solution

PUTTING THE FUN IN FINELLI!

As every semester comes to a close, we inevitably find ourselves looking for every way possible to avoid studying. Luckily for all of you, there are endless options for procrastinators of all shapes and sizes, right here in our very own Hillcrest! For example, you could spend a pleasant afternoon playing Donkey Kong in the TV lounge, or better yet, papering Greg Swieter's door with images of half-naked men while *he* plays Donkey Kong.

But if you're of a more adventurous sort and desire a new and exciting way of avoiding work, then perhaps Finelli Baiting is for you! You say you've never heard of Finelli Baiting before? Let me explain—No, there's too much. Let me sum up:

Finelli Baiting is the ancient Tibetan art of trying to elicit sounds of above 80 decibels from the naturally quiet species, Finelli. Finellis can commonly be found in areas of high



This young specimen is clearly underfed

academic concentration (such as Hillcrest) and are known to be drawn to Monster Manuals and electric guitars. Once you've located a Finelli, the games begin! Some of the most direct ways to have a successful bait is by poking, punching or licking the Finelli. However, you can get as creative as you like! If the subject is particularly wily, you may have to resort to more creative methods, such as dressing up as a clown and hiding in his closet.

Whichever methods you choose, remember what Finelli Baiting is really all about: enjoying yourself when you should be studying. So have a great time, and happy hunting!

Kathleen Cooperstein should have been writing a term paper.

Virginia Tech adds new Major

In a constantly changing academic world, Virginia Tech is always striving to stay on the cutting edge of higher education in the twenty-first century. In keeping with this goal, the university has taken steps recently to continue to broaden the curricula.

With the arrival of Sue Ott Rowlands, the new Liberal Arts & Human Sciences dean, sweeping reforms are taking place in the college. In a recent interview, Rowlands cited her desire to rectify a major imbalance as one of the reasons for taking the job at Tech.

For years, students have been able to choose majors such as Women's Studies and African American Studies. These two demographics really fail to take into account a large portion of the student body. According to Rowlands, a new department stands to remedy the situation. "Students majoring in Mediocre White Male Studies will graduate in four years with an enhanced appreciation of the plight of the average American man."



Sue Ott Rowlands, the new dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Human Sciences

The option of adding an MWM major will be opening in the fall of 2008. Precedence will be given to students with no minority status and strictly average qualifications. Once admitted to the department, students will be required to maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 and a maximum GPA of 2.5. The first few courses from the MWM course of study will be available this spring. A couple of the new offerings include:

- MWM 1004: Introduction to Microwave Dinners
- MWM 1024: Survey of Late-Night Television
- MWM 1156: Basic Sandwich Mechanics (Lab)

Rowlands' actions have already gotten the attention of several other universities, which are taking similar steps towards diversifying their curricula.

Tory Smith plans on auditing a few of the new MWM courses – you can never know too much about late-night television.

The Good Ole Days

When I moved into Hillcrest my freshman year, I was delighted to be moving into a building with its own computer lab. Sure, it was not a major deciding factor in my coming to Virginia Tech, but it was a nice bonus. For those of you who are asking "Computer lab? What the hell is he talking about?" have no fear. Hillcrest had a computer lab...until RHF took over our basement. That is right; we used to house a glorious array of Macintosh computers complete with printers and scanners. We used to go downstairs to do some homework or some of the side projects we had. We shared good laughs. We watched as one of the more high-tech Macs tried to kill Heath every weekend. There were even plans for a group to make a movie with one of the Macs as a character (the one who tried to kill Heath no less).

**Your
Petulant
EX-RA**

But this was all taken away from us. Without any warning or input from the students it most directly affected. Taken away from us so that RHF might have offices. Now, I like RHF as much as the next guy. And I love hall council. I mean, it's not like they could just give that extra funding to the RA's to do stuff

with...that would never work. And who doesn't appreciate the over-priced care packages that they get through RHF? I mean, you like the stuff in there right? You certainly wouldn't want your family to actually care enough about you to make up their own care package. You certainly wouldn't want freshly baked home-made chocolate chip cookies when you could instead have a bucketful of semi-edible sweet and salty goods.

To be fair, RHF is definitely trying to provide a service to us. I simply think that providing this service allows our family members the ability to take the easy way out and just send

us the pre-packaged goods. Me? I'd rather take the cold-hard cash. But, I am still a petulant child and want to play in my basement. So give me back my playroom. I want computers and scanners. I want weight machines and all-purpose rooms. I want a place that adds to the community. And remember, there is no "RHF" in "team". But there is a "Hillcrest" in "Hillcrest residents are better than everyone else."

Rick Bis is even older than Brad Shapiro

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