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SICK IN THE HEAD, OR SICK IN THE MIND?

It seems that everyone in Hillcrest is sick, and if you aren't sick yet, just wait, because Brad probably rubbed his tonsils all over your copy of *Hillpress*. But fear not, ye ailing 'Crestacians, for Schiffert Health Center is a shining beacon of medical aide, freely distributing huge doses of codeine and asking everyone, even men, whether or not they are pregnant. Perhaps you have not yet had a reason to call upon Schiffert this year? Then I shall give you six reasons to call even if you are as well as a spring chicken. I present:



The Top 6 Prank Calls to Schiffert Health Center

1. "Ahoy there ye saucy nurse, I believe I got the scurvy and I need to see a doctarr"
2. "I don't exactly know if I have the right symptoms, but I think I may have Saturday Night Fever."
3. "I've got a broken heart, a charley horse, butterflies in the stomach, and water on the knee. I think I'm in need of an operation."
4. Can I speak to the immunization clinic? Yes? I was hoping to get a booster for my cootie shot. I haven't had one since third grade and I'm afraid the effect might be wearing off"
5. "I believe that I have senioritis. No really, it's a real medical condition. My senior is inflamed. It's genetic or something. It's a condition that affects thousands of students a year. I was wondering if you could prescribe a spring break, perhaps"
6. "Guess what? I've got a fever and the only prescription ... is more cowbell!"

David Choquette is currently under investigation for practicing medicine without a license.

Thank God for Standardized Tests

I'm sure that I've complained about standardized tests once or twice throughout my life. I hate how it takes the exam proctor about forty five minutes to explain how to properly open your exam booklet and forty five more to explain exactly when you can begin to fill in your name and social security number. But, without the methodical training of taking standardized tests every year since I had the fine motor skills to hold a pencil, I'm not sure I'd be sufficiently confident to bubble in a tiny circle and *know* that a computer could understand what I meant.

Every year, I vote via absentee ballot. And every year my vote goes uncounted because the election isn't close enough.

In fact, I was pretty sure that the state of Virginia just didn't like me and that's why they weren't counting my vote... until now.

On Wednesday morning, when the Virginia State Board of Elections began counting the thousands of absentee ballots cast, I knew that all those precious hours of thoroughly shading in seemingly endless ovals on the SAT, SOL, POS, and other

humorously named standardized tests had not been in vain. All those number two pencils had not been sharpened down to nubs for no reason.



In other states, while residents complain about pregnant, hanging and otherwise challenged chads, I can rest easy because I've had plenty of bubbling practice. I'm convinced that my vote has been counted; thank god for standardized tests.

Erin Rubin had 200 points deducted from her SAT for misspelling her name.

Majors Worth Switching To

I don't know about you, but sometimes as an Engineering major I wonder what else is out there. What would be more worth my time? Could I actually sleep at night and not worry about what is due the next day? Could I not question my choice of major on a daily basis? And so, here is a wonderful list of majors to consider on a rainy day:

1. B.A. in Spousery: This major teaches all the skills needed to be a modern housewife or househusband in the 21st century. Looking for Mr. or Mrs. Right? The academic advisors also serve as relationship consultants, finding dates and potential spouses for their students. (This majors for you, Brad).

2. B.S. in Facebook Counseling: What do you do when a guy breaks up with you on Facebook? Do you change your profile or hack into his profile? Do you stalk him and wait for every change he makes to his profile, hoping to see his new girl or some explanation for why you broke up?



Here is our own hall director perfecting his skills outside the classroom. With skills like those, he's every working woman's dream.

Well this is what a Facebook Counselor is here for. Sure the money sucks, but the drama is worth it.

3. B.S. in BS: A perfect complement to your Engineering degree. Stuck writing papers at ungodly hours of the night? A degree in BS will help you write that perfect paper with just enough facts so that it sounds good, and enough fluff to stuff a body-length pillow.

4. B.A. in Procrastination: Living in Hillcrest gives you the perfect time to practice outside of class for this Bachelor of Arts degree. Yes, Procrastination is an art, and you will have plenty of time to perfect this art because due to the nature of the degree you will never finish it during your tenure here in Blacksburg.

5. B.S in Nocturnal Meditation: A major with benefits. Your happiness will increase as you progress through this program, learning how to optimize your free time and take advantage of the positive effects from sleeping that most of us

in Hillcrest rarely see.

6. B.S. in Festivities Consulting: It doesn't take a liberal arts education to know that the only thing worse than not partying is being at a party that bites, especially when you reach that point where no one can see past six feet, and for that matter, even wants to. Fortunately, recipients of this degree will always be able to say, "Hey, I know this great bowling alley down the road, where the curly fries are out of this world."

7. B.A. in Two Minute Culinary Creations: If you think about it, you probably spend over an hour each day eating--that's over 4% of your life. Who the heck has time for that? Fortunately, after four rigorous years in this program, you'll never have to pour your years down the drain, and while some people will tell you that "living" on Easy Mac just might actually kill you, they'll never catch you dead or alive waiting in line at a dining hall. By junior year, you'll be able to make Ramen noodles almost edible, and he who saves a thousand dollars a semester on a meal plan at the expense of his liver has the last laugh.

Kari Adkins is a sophomore in the Nocturnal Meditations Program. Now if she could only find a company to hire her...

Races You May Not Have Heard About

Wyoming 1st District

A seat once held by Dick Cheney is competitive to the max this year. I'm pretty sure if you flipped a coin 185,424 times you wouldn't get a breakdown this nice. The Republican incumbent stands at 93,197 while her Democratic challenger waits to pounce with 92,227. Re-counts aplenty will ensue.

that equals an exactly 0.0% difference according to the calculator on my iPod. Even Fox News is waiting to call this one.

Connecticut 2nd District

With margins so thin they could slice an atom bringing about nuclear fission and killing us all, the Democratic challenger Joseph "Likes to be Called" Courtney has a 167 vote lead over incumbent Robert "Richard" Simmons. With 242,459 total votes cast,



Battlestar Galactica & Civilian Fleet

The discovery of New Caprica washed aside everything else on the minds survivors of the Cylon holocaust. What seemed like assured reelection for the kindergarten teacher-turned-President Laura Roslyn was thrown into doubt when her opponent Gaius Baltar hit the pulse of the people and recommended immediate settlement on the newly discovered planet. For full results, see the cliffhanger Season 2 finale!

Ryan Luck is having kind of a bad day

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