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Forum for Research Into Communication History

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FRICH Members Shocked by Obviousness

As a result of a staff meeting held on Nov. 1st, FRICH has been deemed a carcinogen, which promotes the growth of dangerous litigatory actions. As a result, all copies of FRICH have been ordered to carry a warning to that effect. Also, FRICH has been found to contain an extremely addictive substance, HUMOR which, fortunately, has little effect on those who could be most damaged by the consumption or distribution of FRICH products.

The active ingredient in FRICH is POIGNANCY, which, while harmless, reacts to produce SARCASM in some individuals. The HUMOR in FRICH works by activating little used nerve cells, causing them to fire almost at random, producing such negative side effects as laughter, chuckling, creative thought, and, in some rare cases, uncontrollable rolling on the floor while tittering like a sixth-grader.

Work on the problem is continuing, but in the meantime please do not read FRICH - oops, too late.

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They Really Do Care

Disclaimer: I really do appreciate the school's desire to protect us from bad things. The following is to be taken in good humor.

Disclaimer: The following does not necessarily represent the opinions of those who hold other opinions.

It was yet another day of class when suddenly the intercom blared, "I am required by law to read you the following announcement. Webster's dictionary defines a tornado as a large vortex of wind capable of destroying schools and leveling farms. Fortunately, since there are no trailer parks nearby, we are in a low risk area. In case of a tornado, please do what your teacher says. Now we will proceed with a fire drill." Then we heard some mumbling, "Ha ha ha, the fools, now when there is a tornado they will all run outside to their impending doom. Besides, it is cold and snowy outside... ha ha ha... what? The intercom is still on? Oh <expletive deleted>." Then silence, followed by the wail of sirens as hundreds of kids ran outside into a blinding snowstorm.

I can almost feel the love our school has for us.

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Mental Masturbation

Easy there, calm down, and don't forget to breathe. This is not some article written by a total perve (65% perve is more realistic). Actually, it's a wakeup call.

When a person masturbates, they are stimulating their own body, but now it is time to stimulate your own minds. Yes, that is correct, it is time to jack off your brain.

You see, when I first started attending this school, I noticed that the majority of its populants are, shall we say, less than intelligent, not the brightest candles on the cake - not the sharpest spoons in the drawer. No, they are flat out stupid. Now, I know what you're thinking. You're asking yourself, "Is he talking about me?" Well, only you can answer that question. Are you the kind of person who asks to taste somebody else's hamburger after they have said, "This burger tastes like crap, man!" If somebody next to you said someone farted, would you sniff the air to see if it was true? Are you, in fact, a moron?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, continue reading. If you answered "no" to all these questions, you may now stop reading.

YOU FOOL, WAKE UP, YOU'RE ACTING LIKE A COMMON IDIOT! READ A BOOK, DO SOME HOME-WORK! JUST STOP BEING STUPID, EVEN IF YOU HAVE TO PRACTICE IT IN FRONT OF A MIRROR UNTIL YOU GET IT RIGHT! LOOK, IF YOU DON'T YOU WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE SUBJECT OF RIDICULE FROM PEOPLE LIKE ME. It's your choice.

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Family Planning

A warning to the gullible: heeding the following words would be on the same intellectual level as asking the Pope for advice on birth control.

I was disappointed yesterday when I discovered that Conoco had run out of Durex™ Colors and Scents condoms. It seems options are few when it comes to preventing that horror called pregnancy. However, just as I was getting frustrated with my diminished choices, I learned of other methods of preventing childbirth. By consuming massive amounts of caffeine, alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, lithium, Valium, heroin, and/or crack, I could actually induce a miscarriage. This could incite a great new step in teenage irresponsibility, in which promiscuity, drug use, and abortion could all be combined into one exciting, bed thumping, snow-sniffing, booze-slamming Friday night. Count me in!

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Misha's Top Ten

Look, kiddies! My own corner. Power to pessimism! The glass is half empty! And here's why...

10. As far back as Spirit Week - does anyone remember Pez Person? This girl must have had forty Pez dispensers hanging from her cape. She struck me as the kind of hero who comes to fight injustice and help you quit smoking. She wasn't even given the slightest mention in our idiotic homecoming assembly.
9. Three years. Three frichin' years 'til I can buy my own booze.
8. Blondes still have more fun.
7. It costs twenty bucks for one measly tank of gas. What is this? The Oil Embargo?
6. All my favorite candies are made with ground-up horse hooves. Does anyone know where I can get gelatin-free gummy worms?
5. Every other day, it seems, Niwot Rd's roadkill checklist goes up by one.
4. \$2.99 for a pack of cigarettes?!
3. Among my two dozen-or-so friends, only one is not sexually frustrated... and it's not me!
2. They screw me on the streets, in the halls, at work, and at home. Yeah, people still suck.
1. I'm a first generation, vegetarian, atheist, homosexual female... and Bush is going to claim a majority of seats in the Supreme Court.

Sucks, don't it?

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Entrance to Hell: a True Story

What you are about to read is true. The quotes stated below are verbatim. This is the tale of a teenager forced to take the SAT/ACT Test Prep. Class. The setting is in Front Range Community College in Longmont, after paying \$75 to get in, and getting lost on the way.

As I sit in a class I did not want to take, in a college I could not find, I ponder, "How shall my parents pay for making me sit through this idiotic class?" Now if I panicked when I took tests that would be one thing, but for 13 years of my life I have to take a standardized test once a year every year [in Texas, students must take the TAAS Test, the SAT for kindergartners]. I think I can hold myself together for the SAT. The mindless chatter of the teacher has awoken me. He is once again complaining about how hard the BAR Exam was. And to think my parents paid \$75 for this crap! They could have gotten me a year's worth of Day-of-the-Week toilet paper for that much and it would have been more educational. Now I must waste money and gas to get here every Monday night for three hours just to listen to the asinine jauntier of one ignoramus. He could not even pronounce ignoramus. Uh-oh, the moron realized I am not paying attention...

"So, isn't the right answer 'B,' because a squash is a fruit?"

"B' isn't the right answer because... well... I don't like it."

"Idiot," I reply under my breathe as I sit trapped in this room of despair.

So, when your guardians send you off to this hell-hole tell them to pay you \$75 per hour to make up for all the lost video-gaming time that would have helped you more on the SAT.

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Alternate Meanings and Variations of the Word "Frich"

1. Frich, Joachim C. – 19th Century Norwegian painter.
2. Friche – French word roughly translating to "wasteland."
3. Fritch, TX – Population 2300.
4. FRICH – Fellow of the Royal Institute of CHemistry.
5. FIRCH – Fellow of the International Register of Consultant Herbalists and Homeopaths.
6. Frich's Kafeteria – "Seats 300 people, efficient service at reasonable prices."
7. Frich, Alex Sand – "Holtser Hage: Musvåge 2, spurvehøg 1, dværgfalk 1." Anyone understand Norwegian?
8. Frich, Cindy L. – Republican candidate for West Virginia State House District 44.
9. Frisch, Karl – 1973 Nobel Prize winner for studying social patterns of bees.
10. FRICK!!!

Survey

So, you've read this issue of FRICH, might have seen #3, heard about the horrors of #2, but whatever happened to FRICH #1?

- C: There's a whole stack of them in locker #159!
- F: There is no FRICH #1, you're just trying to confuse me
- H: The number one was avoided because it is considered unlucky in many cultures such as...
- I: FRICH #1 is the name given to a research paper written last year.
- R: It is the code name of the British nuclear program, and thus, copyrighted.

So, answer the survey, get as many answers as possible from other people, and send them to: <paul@frich.zzn.com>

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