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## District Officially Recognizes National Pot Smoking Day

Longmont, CO – In a ground-breaking decision, the St. Vrain Valley School District Board declared National Pot Smoking day an official district holiday. Students will be given April 20th off in order to acknowledge our nation's most vital consumer base for recreational drugs.

The day, chosen to be on 4/20 because the date resembles the police code for drug paraphernalia, has been celebrated for decades by devoted high school students everywhere. Until now, public organizations have been slow to accept the holiday. It is expected that the District's acknowledgement will help to encourage a more widespread acceptance of the day.

One School District official was reported saying, "Everyday, students work so hard to fit marijuana into their busy schedules, yet they still find time to share with friends. It's time that we give them some recognition for this sort of everyday heroism." Students also had good things to say about the holiday. Seventeen year-old Mary-Jane Ashmore applauded the decision, saying "I'd probably just go get stoned anyways, but it's nice to have a little appreciation in such a harsh world."

Critics say the decision fails to give proper acknowledgement to other groups such as teachers and administrators. Says one science teacher, "When it comes to education, teachers always seem to get overlooked. Somehow, people think that just because we're the next generation's role model, we shouldn't be able to spend our time in a smoky room, baked out of our minds."

Others fear that the holiday will become over-commercialized. Tracy Budd, an expert on religious and cultural holidays, and member of an organization aimed at emphasizing the original intentions of holidays such as Christmas and Valentine's Day said Friday, "We just have to make sure that people don't forget that this is really supposed to be about the unchecked consumption of intoxicating substances. This isn't supposed to be about corporations selling more bongos or greeting

cards."

Despite controversy, the board said it did not plan to extend the holiday to staff, explaining that since the District provides teachers their source of income, they have no choice but to work long hours with few vacations. Said one board member, "None of our employees would ever strike. We're just too powerful."

School District Superintendent Richard A. Weber declined interview. President of the Board of Education, Kathy Hall, was not available for comment, because she is reportedly on vacation in Amsterdam.

On a related note, National Pot Smoking Day will be celebrated during National Student Leadership Week and Reading is Fun Week. What an excellent combination.

π Paul Revere π

## FRICH to Publish Senior Wills

In a departure from tradition, the *Niwot South Paw* will not publish Senior Wills this year.

This is the result of district policy as well as a direct decision by Dr. Sible. As such, Frich has decided to publish them independently. The Wills will be compiled in a special 'Senior Edition' of Frich, and published just before graduation. The deadline for submission is April 23.

To submit a Senior Will, either give a copy to your friendly local Frich distributor or e-mail it to <submit@frich.zzn.com>.

Frich reserves the right to censor (in true Frich fashion) any Will which would be cause for a lawsuit or is too long to swallow.

Any person wishing to aid and abet Frich in this endeavor may contact their distributor or <submit@frich.zzn.com>.

## Brooks Brothers Unimpressed by A & F Claims of De-Branding

According to Boulder Police Issues and several JC Penny's, the Brooks Brothers, who's hood includes the district office building, will not act on Abercrombie & Fitch claims that one of their members was viciously de-branded.

The A & Fs suspect a Ralph Lauren, and say that one of their ex-members, who they refuse to identify, had his A & F tags, patches, and even his \$1200 coat brutally removed and defaced, removing all possible affiliation.

Said one A & F member, "When you de-brand someone, it's like taking away his manhood, the very core of his being. I mean, if you aren't an A & F, you're barely even a person."

When asked to comment, one Ralph Lauren said of the victim, "Look, I used to know him when we were in the Billabongs, and he wasn't such a bad guy, but then he started spending time with those A & F bastards and it was all downhill from there."

Several JC Penny's told FRICH they witnessed the event, but refused to speak with the Brooks Brothers, claiming that they were, "preparing for the ACTs." Sources claim that this friction between the Penny's and the Brothers results from an argument about how much of the "property tax racket" take will go to the Brothers and how much will go to the Penny's.

A & F reportedly suffered other losses in recent weeks, with their demographic being pressured between the Ralph Laurens to the academic side and the American Eagles on their athletic front. They are however, bolstering their ranks with the distribution of A & F tags. This is expected to allow them at least some breathing room, while the graduation of this year's Jostens will remove many of their most potent enemies.

Some of the unbranded are arguing for change. Said one, "*Perhaps*, one day, we can move *beyond* looking at the brand of someone's clothes and go to something *more* relevant, like the color of their skin or even who their friends are. It is also possible that people could separate themselves based on some kind of ideology, but that's so *wildly* optimistic I hardly even dare *think* of it."

π Ben Franklin π

## "Interesting" Thoughts

The school year was barely 2/3 over when the staff decided to have their usual meeting. The thoughts probably ranged from "How is Cody doing?" to "I hope the Naked Rugby team wins another championship." Somewhere between these two extreme ideas, it was decided that new rules would be implemented into our day to day routine:

1. No food or drink in the classroom, this includes passing periods. Also, the vending machines will be turned off except for after school.
2. Do not be late to class. If you are, you will be forced to do anything the teacher decrees.

These rules seem nice and harmless on the surface, but as the semester goes on, they begin to be seen in a new light. Let's dissect rule numero uno: There has always been a rule that vaguely resembles the rule listed above. However, now we are forced to stand in the halls just outside the classroom and eat our snacks during passing period. The difference between crumbs falling on the floor versus in the classroom is such an insignificant point that it is ridiculous. The school sells us the food, and then asks us to cram it into our mouths in the few remaining minutes of the passing period. Some teachers have also decided that this rule means water is not allowed in the classroom. Wonderful, instead of taking a drink from a water bottle to wash down your hallway snack, you can ask to go to the drinking fountain; a request most teachers will deny. Other teachers will make you use one of your precious few slips of paper (passes) that lets you out of class for five minutes each semester. How did this come about? Two freshmen decided that they would be extra cool and drink beer instead of water, juice, or coffee in their water bottles. Good job guys; the rest of the school must suffer because of your stupid choice.

Now, on to rule number two. Yes, having too many people in the hall is a problem, but this is the way it is at passing periods. You can hardly buy a snack, cram it down, get a drink, and fight the packed hallways to get to your next class in time. Somehow, I don't even think cattle prods would move the student body along any quicker because the school is so overcrowded. If you are tardy to class, it is wonderful to have the teacher tell you to come for after-

school detention because of an overcrowded school. Let's not even talk about teachers who use tardiness as a factor when determining your final grade. Don't forget the teachers who do not even make it back to class before the bell rings. Talk about the very essence of hypocrisy.

So, what is the solution? Well, it is not what was decided on at the last staff meeting. Allow students to eat inside the classroom during passing period, but make them clean up the room if the teacher sees any trash (this is already common practice). Forget the rule against water in the classroom, because the likelihood of any more 'cool' students drinking alcohol in class is slim to none. The opening of the new school will help alleviate traffic in the halls, but until then be a little lenient. If a student is habitually tardy, it is all right to warn them or give them detention, but not for a first offense.

Schools are not exactly democratic, but a totalitarian regime sure is not going to keep students in line for the last 1/3 of the year.

*Editor's Note: At the beginning of the school year, the staff put together a list of about 10 rules Frich would be in violation of. We published anyway. Aren't you glad?*

π John Q. Adams π

## What I Really Learned in High School

As my final days at Niwot come to a close, I find myself reflecting back on what I learned. Surprisingly, none of the large amount of academic preparation for college stands out in my mind. Instead, I reflect back on my friends who were my real educators in high school. My friends covered all the basics in Language, Botany, and more importantly, Sex Ed. In my years here, I have become a master educator in such subjects, and find it's time to share my knowledge with naive underclassmen.

### Lesson #1: Language

This subject covers all that is said in hallways and bathrooms. Language in it's essence is expanding your vocabulary to include words and phrases that would make your parents blush at the dinner table or make a room of elementary schoolers giggle after their first dose of Sex Ed. The phrases I'm talking about are things like "It's colder than a witch's titty!" or

the greatest word ever, "Penis." Language also teaches us other ways to see innocent words such as "closet," and "hump." These two words go from being a place to hang your clothes and something a camel has, to being a pace many people supposedly are going in and out of and something to do in the back of a car.

### Lesson #2: Botany

This subject covers all the red eyed funny-smelling people in the back of the class. Not many students become true experts in this subject, but by graduation we all know what a 3 foot "tobacco-water pipe" is really used for. Botany is the subject that fries the brain worse than Advanced Math on a freshman. The real proof of this is in one sophomore's locker room conversation with an ex-stoner senior, "Smoking pot is bad, but it's OK if it's just on the weekends and stuff." The next most important thing we learn in Botany is "Never smoke a Menthol," and "there is a naked man on the front of a pack of Camel Cigarettes." Finally, the greatest science experiment: feeding magic brownies to an innocent, unsuspecting freshman.

### Lesson #3: Sexual Education

Now, this subject first enters our lives in elementary school, but it's in high school that old wives' tales are really tested (and spread). First thing we learn, with that wonderful first high school boy/girl toy, is that there are many wonderful places to make out in the school (mostly public places). Second, we learn that when in such a situation, a carefully placed coat can conceal wandering hands.

So, when you reflect back on high school as an adult (hopefully), remember the four most important lessons you learned:

- 1 - Always share the good stuff.
- 2 - Cuss at least 5 times a day.
- 3 - We are all naked under our clothes.
- 4 - The shorter the guy, the taller his friend.

π Sunflower Doe π

# Frich Survey Results Finally In

Earlier this year, Frich published a series of surveys in an effort to involve the student population. After much interrogation, the Frich staff has been able to obtain the desired responses. We present here a few select responses, along with statistics on multiple choice questions.

**FRICH #1:** If you could not follow any one rule, which would it be?

1. No sex in the Champagne Room.
2. Do not hex the teacher.
3. No grades for gladiatorial combat in gym.

**FRICH #2:** Do you attend assemblies?

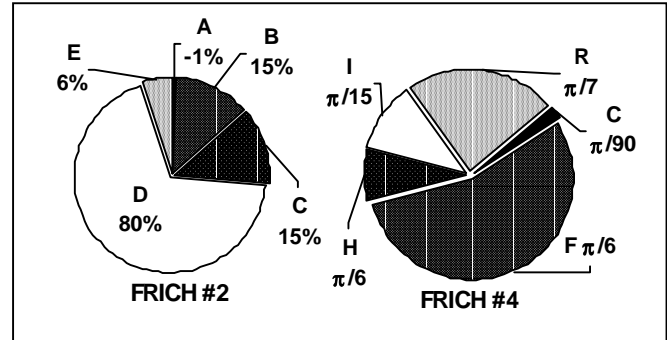
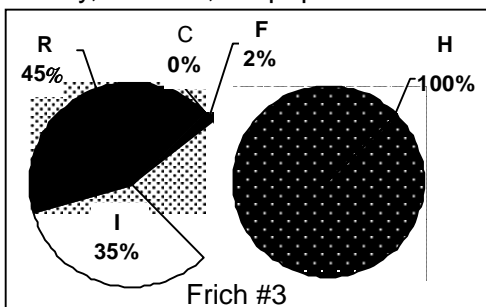
- A. Yes, I enjoy assemblies.
- B. Yes, but only because I have to.
- C. Yes, but I don't want to.
- D. No, I ditch 'em.
- E. No, because I have to work, go to CDC, etc.

1. Would rather be hung by my toenails and beaten with bamboo sticks than miss an assembly. – Dr.  $\pi^2$
2. I find the merciless rounding up and numbering of the students frighteningly reminiscent of the horrific detainment of Japanese Americans during World War II.
3. I enjoy assemblies as much as the next guy... – Mr. L. S.

**FRICH #3:** Are you, in fact, popular?

- C. Hell yeah, everybody loves me.
- F. Yes. Quit laughing!
- H. Do you think I'd be reading this if I were popular?
- I. Being popular is nothing but a stupid popularity contest.
- R. (embarrassed silence)

1. Of course I have pupils, it's not like you publish a Braille version.
2. As your teacher, I have a plethora of pupils.
3. Yes I am. I am so popular, in fact, that I am sexy. – Thomas Paine
4. I'm sexy, I'm cute, I'm popular to boot.



**FRICH #4:** 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.

1. Dear Sir,  
Your use of the name "FRICH #1" is a violation of international copyright law. I demand you cease and desist, or be branded data pirates. – A. Hamilton et. al.
2. Oh my God! There's a whole stack of them in my locker! – Occupant of #159.
3. I can't imagine the idea of FRICH #1 being anything but a hoax.

Due to inconsistencies in exit polls, results may not add up to  $2\pi$ . Also, Dewey may have won by a margin of  $3\pi/8$ .

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