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Political FYI

As you may have noticed, the elections are over. So now what? Well, any normal person would go on living their life and hope for the best. Unfortunately, "normal" does not describe the Niwot student body. In other words, everyone who had a strong opinion of either candidate is just as adamant about it as ever before. You may think it would make a difference now that the polls are over, the candidate was picked, and nothing can be done anymore. You may also think that the moon is made of cheese. Sadly, neither of these are true.

You see, we as high school students, have a super-inflated sense of self. We believe that because we have opinions, without regard to the fact that less than 5% of us can vote,

we matter. Not only is this wrong, it's just annoying. You know the guy at parties who thinks he can hook up with every chick? Yeah, that's us. Because of this, you will find it difficult to not overhear, or be part of a political debate over the next few weeks. For some unknown reason, it doesn't make sense to us that it's over and nothing can be done about it. We just keep going around shoving our premature (albeit meaningless) opinions down everyone's throats. This is horrid, as it won't make a difference either way. You can believe in rain all you want during a blizzard, and it won't change a thing. So please, do the rest of us a favor and leave it be.

π Averonalus Tint π

Why Republicans Should Be Worried (About Apple)

Implanted deep into every facet of American culture, hidden in the pockets of liberals and conservatives alike, the Apple revolution is one on a scope never before seen in this world. Begun by communist magnate Steve Jobs as a front organization for his leftist revolution, Apple's socialist reforms and wealth-spreading ideals should have the Republican Party worried. Spreading the wealth was the ultimate goal behind iTunes, the company's innovative music-sharing application (which also inserts subliminal messages into each song purchased) which forced teens to begin subverting the law through cyber-pirating, and its controls are spreading throughout the world.

But now with a Democratic president-elect and a liberal-controlled Congress, Apple is seeing its hidden support for the Bush administration's monumental failures pay off. In conjunction with their deliberate manipulation of the subprime mortgage market, the company's distribution of mind-control devices ("iPods"), and their suppression of political opponents, including noted anti-Apple muckraker Marilyn Musgrave, Apple has finally managed to secure a new posting in the American embassy in Beijing. It's currently unclear

how Apple plans to utilize this source; but perhaps Jobs' contacts in the KGB and Chinese Intelligence are giving him advice on a communist revolution from there.

In light of this covert conspiracy, the question facing the Republican Party is obvious: "How do we get America back on track (and stay in Iraq)?" With the demise of Rovian politics and the rise of Barack Obama's New Great Deal Society Thing, this is quite a task; especially so if the American public begins to see false signs of hope from the communists. Communism has always been an attractive goal for those shrub-cuddling, rainbow-clad, Obama-praising liberals; but for the old-school Republicans (who, strangely enough, all seem to own stock in Apple), Steve Jobs and Barack Obama's socialist machinations are a direct threat.

So, in conclusion: The iPod Touch is shiny! Why don't you go buy one with your new tax break?

π Marcus Aurelius π

Here at FRICH, we don't support either party as we believe both are horribly wrong in every matter. We also have no opinion of Apple (as a company, or a fruit). If you have a rebuttal to this article, we'd be happy to hear it.

Why English Class is Pointless

(Soon to be pointlessly analyzed by English classes throughout the country)

English as a language is pretty great,
Although as a class, it is something I very much hate.
In older times, we were taught grammar, spelling and the like,
But now, it's all analyze this, and that, or take a hike.

Grammar and spelling are very useful things,
And will help you not look like stupid kings [or presidents (I'm talking to you Dubya)]
And if English class only taught this, I would be pleased
But this analyzing crap is like a disease

When would it help you later in life?
It won't get you a job or find you a wife.
No, sir, I do not know how to make fries,
But I can tell you the symbolic qualities of Hamlet's eyes.

Poems are great; they're fun to read,
Especially limericks and haikus, indeed.
They have strict rhyming schemes and meter too,
Talking about a dad and his daughter who died from the flu.

But take this poem for example,
I am now writing in free verse.
It doesn't follow rules and then it gets hard to read,
But it is still a poem.
And being a poem, it must be analyzed scrutinizingly, and this sudden change of rhyme and meter
Must mean
Something

But seriously, I am just talking about English class and its
Pointlessness.
But obviously, deep down, I truly meant that death is inevitable,
And love is cool.

π Fermat LT π

A Short Note Regarding the Nature of Juniors

What constitutes being a junior? Generally, it is the fact that you are in eleventh grade. Now, correct me if I'm wrong, but eleventh grade is not the same as twelfth grade. This means that, by nature, juniors are not seniors. If we follow this path of logic, juniors, then, cannot claim *seniority* over underclassmen. I realize that juniors are considered upperclassmen, but you are still not the <censored>, as you apparently think you are. Glaring underclassmen down in the hallway because they are not moving at your preferred speed is a right reserved for seniors, as is saying things like "Who does he/she think he/she is? I'm an upperclassman, and they're just underclassmen!"

or "Stupid underclassmen! I'm so much better than them!" So, I present you with two options: either continue being whiney <censored> and steal the seniors' fun, in essence depriving yourself of looking forward to this very practice as seniors, or get over your pathetic little self-righteous entities (I know, it will be difficult) and realize that you hated the exact same thing from last year's juniors while you were, gasp, a measly little sophomore.

π Phoenix π

Note: The former article was written by a junior, not a senior complaining about juniors. It was an inside view of the juniors' actions, nothing more. FRICH does not endorse, nor condone the article. Feel free to write us your opinion on this matter, if you do so choose.

Elvis, Scourge of the Seven Seas and Free World

Elvis has recently resurfaced. However, this figure head of the international communist conspiracy, the scourge of capitalism, America, and her allies has never disappeared from the global scene. His followers call him *The Rockin' Leader*—the adored figure head of their regime. After his alleged death, Elvis continued his vital work for the party, hindering the efforts of the rich and the advancement of freedom from behind the scenes. Elvis is the proverbial puppet master controlling all major events, but never seen pulling the strings. His pattern can now be distinguished by carefully examining some of the greatest events throughout history.

The metric system: a measuring standard used today by all of society EXCEPT the United States of America. Is this mere coincidence or just the common laziness exhibited by Americans every day? The true answer is neither for the metric system is a communist plot spearheaded by Elvis from his earliest days of childhood. This highly successful scheme has united the masses in a way unlike any other. It has united the proletariat more powerfully than electricity, the cotton gin, and sliced bread combined. By combining the proletariats into a single entity, the red scare has managed to forge an army unlike any seen before it. With their strange measurements, extremely heavy weights, and standardized communication, the efficiency of this armed force is second to none. This common ground has been the foundation for many of the other advancements the Marxist forces.

Just as the metric system allows the party to communicate effortlessly with its agents around the world, LINT has acted as its eyes and ears. If you still believe that the gray fuzzy stuff found in pockets, dryer traps, and on occasion your belly button is harmless, think again my naïve friends. Invented by Elvis in the 1940s LINT has been the primary spying device of the commie menace since its contraception. LINT stands for Lightweight Invasive Neutrino Transmitter. If you were to ask anyone but Elvis himself what the word neutrino means, they would come up with a blank; so needless to say, it must be the integral word that creates the actual meaning in the acronym. LINT is composed of tiny nanobots that permeate everything giving the communists the ability to track the whole of creation 25 hours, eight days a week. There is no escape from these prying mechanical eyes. In 1948, George Orwell, once an avid communist himself, stumbled upon this vast secret. He could no longer support such an immoral action. He wrote his masterpiece, 1984, in an effort to warn the global populace before the point of no return was reached. Needless to say, his efforts resulted in a colossal failure and eventual death by the hands of *The Rockin' Leader* himself.

In the late '80s, LINT's success had begun to fade. The worldwide population boom had put a strain on the program; there was just too much to monitor. In response to this, Elvis proposed the construction of a new grand headquarters. This new base would be grander than any before it and would even make Dr. Evil shout with glee due to its ornate decoration and attention to detail. This base has become known to the American population as The Mall of America. What many believe to be a bastion of all that is capitalist and rich is in actuality the greatest pox on capitalism to ever be devised. If one were to dig underneath the foundations of this giant building for approximately 5 yards, that group would discover a huge network of tunnels and computers all designed to monitor the LINT feeds from around the world. Of course, such a discovery could never occur due to the high level of security constantly afforded to the complex.

From the previous three arguments presented, one would believe that America has not fought back this blight caused by *The Rockin' Leader* and his followers. However, the crash of the Hindenburg was not, in fact, a horrid accident, but one of the greatest blows ever dealt to the reds. Seeking to taint the precious bodily fluids of America and her allies, Elvis ordered the development of an effective poison that would slowly seep into the blood streams of all who would dare oppose the future creation of the up and coming communist nation. The greatest scientific minds began development right away on the toxin. Near the end of this stage, the biggest problem confronted was how to deliver the venom to their enemies. It was eventually agreed upon to use wax fruits due to the special configuration of the wax molecule and the longevity and general harmlessness of their infrastructure. To continue this vital work, however, the plans and prototypes needed to be delivered to the Americas for the final adjustments to the formula. These were shipped by zeppelin: the fastest, safest, and most convenient type of transportation available at the time. A passenger vessel was chosen in order to hide the importance of the cargo, and eventually the Hindenburg was chosen to receive the honor of harboring these crucial materials. Thankfully, American spies caught wind of the plan and managed to destroy the craft before it could deliver its package.

As is plainly outlined, Elvis is in fact still alive and leading his rag tag group of rebels. Only by stopping this juggernaut can we eventually hope to see the end of communism worldwide, thus ensuring freedom and justice for all.

π Dr. Strangelove π

10 Acceptable Reasons for Ditching

10. Generally while ditching, you are not alone. Thus, you are developing social communication skills while ditching.
9. Occasionally, you ditch to avoid a due date or large test, in which case you are planning ahead for your academic future. You cannot honestly be criticized for a desire to improve your future.
8. If you ditch because of sleep deprivation, you will most likely use the time spent ditching to catch up on much needed rest. It is a well-known fact that teenagers need more sleep than adults to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Ergo, you are just looking out for your personal health.
7. Laziness is a perfectly normal part of being a teenager. This makes ditching simply because you are too lazy to go to class perfectly acceptable.
6. Ditching one class to study for a more important class is perfectly acceptable. Again, you are looking out for your academic future, for which you cannot be punished.
5. If you ditch to go on an extended lunch break, you are

again taking care of yourself. As students, we need sufficient nutrition and generally cannot attain this during the 38 minutes allotted to do so by the school. While you are doing this, you probably aren't alone, thus you are developing communication skills.

4. Ditching provides you with an excellent opportunity to refine your white lying skills. It is common knowledge that this is a vital skill in the professional workplace.

3. It is highly unlikely that The South Paw would advocate ditching.

2. Ditching to help a friend with any task, from finishing homework, to painting a mural on the ceiling of the commons, is simply displaying good loyalty, another virtuous trait.

1. If you don't ditch at least once in your high school career, you will most likely be labeled a complete nerd and be discounted for the rest of your life.

π Phoenix π

White Sunglasses

To any of you who missed the fact the Kanye West is not the epitome of fashion: white sunglasses look horrible. Allow me to let you in on a little secret: it doesn't matter how much (or little) you may spend on these monstrosities, you don't look good in them. In fact, you look exactly the opposite: bad, and that's just not good. No matter the brand, be it Oakley, Ray-Ban, Maui Jim, or any of the other fine manufacturers, they all look bad.

Granted, this is not to say that the aforementioned sunglasses look horrible on everyone. On certain people, those with a skin tone darker than 87% of the Niwot student body, white sunglasses look good. However, even with this skin tone the chances of these sunglasses looking good on these people are slim. Unfortunately, our school is very lacking in its diversity and thus, this has no affect on this argument.

Imagine a world where we were all equal and had exactly the same skin tone. Now imagine that this skin tone was the perfect skin tone to be able to pull off white sunglasses. This would be the only possible circumstance in which it would be remotely socially acceptable for you to buy these sunglasses. Unfortunately, this will never happen, so it looks like you're out of luck.

You may believe that you are "unique" or "original" for buying these mass-produced, over-emphasized pieces of plastic (never seen a white pair of metal sunglasses, have you?), but you aren't. They just make you look like a steam-

ing pile of cow dung (figuratively speaking, of course) (Jim Carrey, 1997).

So what should you take from this? If you need to have this question answered for you, then you obviously haven't been reading and need to do so again. But because I am a nice person, I have no problem laying it all out for you once again. White sunglasses on a person with a complexion lighter than that of Gandhi looks horrid. In other words, very bad. Like, Charles Manson bad. Well, not that bad, but imagine Hitler's illegitimate child with a Teletubby. This is what you look like: a royal <censored>. No matter how much you spend on them, no matter what brand they are, no matter how much you wish it to be so, you do not look good in white sunglasses, nor do they make you look cool or unique in any way.

Thank you for your time.

π Averonalus Tint π

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