

## FRICH News

As many of you may have noticed, there was not a January issue of FRICH, and its joy and cynicism did not frolic through the halls like little forest animals. For those of you who are on our mailing list, you should have received a short letter explaining why that was. For the rest of you, I will lay it out: our staff (at least those of the staff who are no longer a part of FRICH) failed at meeting deadlines. When it was finally time to format the issue, there were all of three articles in our anorexic inbox—hardly enough to warrant printing an issue. This however, is not wholly the fault of the writers. Due to the open forum nature of FRICH, it is the responsibility of everyone who enjoys reading it to ensure its continuing success. As there are at least 26 of you, a few articles isn't much to ask. Due to the fact that none of you are staff writers, we cannot expect you to write and therefore any further discussion would be moot. Please rest assured that this will not happen again, as we have a

new writing staff and stricter deadlines.

The website, on the other hand, is about halfway completed. You can now submit your articles directly through the website, using the link on the front page. All issues will still be available online, but as we have no excess articles at the moment, we cannot upload articles that are not published in the issues. Also, note that emailing articles to us will *not* work anymore—just use the website to send submissions in.

We thank you for your readership and hope that you will enjoy this and the future issues of FRICH.

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## Three Tips For Writing a Funny Article

In the past few publications of FRICH, I've suffered through many bitter, skeptical articles that really didn't appeal to me. Yes, FRICH is a great way to express opinions—like those regarding the seniors' quest to land a couch in The Senior Pit or the quality of the food served to us in the lunch lines "to promote healthy eating"—but here's the truth about it: nobody cares unless you make it sound funny. Vomiting cynicism all over the FRICH audience is not funny. There is also a difference between having a calm sense of arrogance mixed with a subtle distaste for The South Paw writers and acting like a jerk. Here are a few tips for my fellow writers, so that the next publication of FRICH may be a bit more lighthearted and enjoyable to read.

1. *Adopt a Persona*. No, I don't mean for you to go down to the local homeless center and bring home a hobo. Adopting a persona is a simple way of making yourself recognizable to an audience. Yoda is a classic example of someone with a funny persona. This little guy has a talent for presenting important ideas in the least profound of ways. Really now, how can you take someone seriously when they talk like that? *A lesson in English Yoda desperately needs*. Yoda has a very unique persona, but there are dozens of others

to choose from like hippies, cowboys, people of different ethnic backgrounds, etc.

2. *Witty Allusions* to well-known stories, movies, songs, and jingles can be pretty funny if used in a clever manner. I'm sure many of us have seen that commercial on *The Price is Right* that shows a bunch of old folk zipping around in mobile chairs while The Beach Boys' song "I Get Around" is playing. Certainly those elderly people appreciate their newfound mobility, but we all know where they *really* started thinking they could drive in their new, pimped out chairs. I hear you can special order them with chrome plating too...

3. *The Type of Language* you use when writing is essential to the mood you are trying to convey. As ridiculous as it sounds, obscene language is really not that funny, especially in print. Also, do not ever, *ever* type the phrase "That's what she said!" This contagious joke has been trampled upon to the point of exhaustion. Trust me, if it happens to be the perfect punch line in one of your articles, your audience will think of it themselves. On the other hand, Italian pastas have provided us with some perfectly humorous words, like tortellini, capellini, fagottini, I'm a weenie (an Oscar Mayer one of course), and numerous others. Yeah, the Italians definitely had something going for them there. Thus, my pseudonym:

π Mr. Linguini π

# Why History Class is Pointless

Part 2 in my two-part series, "Why \_\_\_\_\_ Class is Pointless"

History class is just as bad as English class for many reasons. It is just a lot of memorizing what has already happened in the world. It seems pointless to learn what has already happened. I mean, we don't live in the past, so why bother learning every little thing that has happened? There is that one famous quote by that one guy that goes, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it," or something like that. So is it bad to repeat what FDR did during the Great Depression, or to abolish slavery like Lincoln, or to bring a country together during a pointless war, a failing economy, and an overly large fear of terrorism like Obama so recently has? I think those things should be repeated and, as the quote implies, knowing them makes it so that you are condemned to not repeat them.

Also, everything that affects us can most likely be learned from experiences in our own past. For instance, I now know that it is embarrassing to pee my pants in school because I made that mistake once and I will not repeat it. But it is also very unlikely that I will try to take over the world and destroy an entire race like Hitler, so why should I know more than "Don't do it, it doesn't work" which I learned way back in elementary school. If someone seriously wanted to destroy an entire race (and there are a surprising amount who do), I don't think knowing that Hitler failed at it will cause them to not do it. Clearly, that guy who said that quote was standing in <censored> up to his <censored> and was thinking that maybe if he had paid attention in high school to European History, he may not be in that position (which is most likely untrue).

History, like English, is also totally pointless in helping you with your future career. Unless you want to be a history teacher, there is pretty much no reason to take history at all. How will knowing the dates that that one country fought in that one battle and that a number of people died in it and that other country wasn't playing nicely and so that one country lost and the leader of that country was assassinated because of it and so that other guy became dictator and killed everyone and then committed suicide because he was lonely help you climb all the way up to manager of the Wal-Mart Supercenter in Topeka, Kansas (because that's where you will be if you study history)?

In conclusion, if you want to go anywhere in life, do not waste your time studying History or English. Those classes will get you nowhere unless you want to be a teacher or something like that.

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*Disclaimer: Just because I say it is pointless does not mean it isn't beneficial to know what happened. It is just unnecessary to know everything in excruciating detail because when will you need to know when Hitler came to power down to the exact millisecond? You won't; at most you'd need to know maybe what years he was in power or what he did (which is pretty obvious).*

## Naturally Selected

It is honestly a mystery to me how some people can be so stupid and yet still remember to breathe. We all know someone like that, whether it happens to be the guy who sits down in a non-existent chair and spills his lunch tray all over himself, or the kid who bites it while walking down the stairs and talking to someone behind them. The latest one I ran into happened to be driving a white van around a Shell gas station asking people whether or not they wanted to buy a fully-equipped home theater system for next to nothing. When the person across the pump from me turned them down, they apparently decided that my turned back was the perfect sucker; someone that would want to buy into their little scheme. Honestly? There's a reason that I'm not paying attention to you. I don't want to have anything to do with two high school dropouts who just robbed a house and are stupid enough to try and sell it at a gas station. You should really learn how to use Craigslist.

This level of complete stupidity isn't rare among the masses; it seems like more and more people are trying to make their lives YouTube-worthy. There's a reason it's called a Darwin Award! It removes you from the gene pool, so your idiotic underclassman

"will-maim-self-and-others-for-attention" seed won't pollute it like the last time you went to the Rec Center. The surest way that we have available to us to weed out the non-performers in our communities is to remove every single warning label from every single product, pull all the lifeguards from pools, stop requiring seatbelts, suspend those little "Don't try this at home" warnings from all your favorite TV shows, and put a hold on lawsuits for one year so we can see what happens. I guarantee that the rate at which extremely stupid people would remove themselves from this world would ensure that by the next generation, the collective intelligence of humanity would stop its uncontrollable spiral into oblivion.

So the moral of the story is, the next time that you decide to ride your bike off a roof, mix common household cleaners and smell it to make sure nothing's wrong, try to goad the neighbor's dog with a piece of steak (he's got one of those invisible-fence collars! What's the worst that could happen?), or my personal favorite, drop a lit Zippo into the gaping void atop a gasoline tanker truck, just be proud of the great service you are doing to society by ensuring your timely doom. We thank you for your sacrifice.

$\pi$  Marcus Aurelius  $\pi$

## Winter...and Shorts

Since the beginning of winter on December 21, a strange phenomenon has been sweeping through the halls of Niwot. If you were to simply stare at the legs of the female population as they walked through the door, you would certainly notice an unwarranted lack of clothing on roughly half of them. Yes, I am talking about you, Miss I-wear-short-shorts-in-the-middle-of-winter. There is something you should know about winter: it's *cold*. When you see snow on the ground, the correct response is not, "Hey, I think I should wear shorts today!" It is, "Maybe some pants would be a good idea." There is no possible way that you aren't freezing, so why not do yourself a favor and ditch the shorts?

Now, there are those of you who have come up with a brilliant way to be able to wear your shorts and not get frostbite. You have chosen to wear tights underneath your shorts. This is just moronic. Shorts were designed to keep you cool in the summer, so the very notion that you are trying to undo their only purpose in this world is, in itself, idiotic. As aforementioned, winter is cold. This is why most sane people choose to put away the shorts until at least late spring rolls around.

Another strange concept that some girls have come up with is wearing Uggs with said short-shorts. This, too, is completely and utterly pointless. Boots were created to keep your feet nice and warm when there is snow or some other form of wetness on the ground. It's a generally accepted fact that when there is snow on the ground, it is cold outside. So then, why on Earth would you decide to pair these not-so-dainty boots with shorts? If it's cold, then it's not warm, so shorts are, without a doubt, useless. Your boots aren't going to keep your whole leg warm; they only go up a little past your ankle.

I suppose I must now mention the truly intelligent young ladies out there who have found a way to make people laugh uncontrollably once they're out of earshot. The girls I'm talking about are the ones who have decided to combine both of the above attempts at legitimizing the wearing of short-shorts in winter. Honestly, do you think that wearing shorts, tights, and boots together looks good? If you answered "yes" to that question, you're wrong. It looks ridiculous. If you are that concerned about your legs and feet getting cold, then you shouldn't have chosen to wear shorts. You should have put on some freaking pants like the rest of us. Besides, you know that little four-inch gap where your tights don't quite meet your boots? That's not what your boyfriend meant when he said he liked it when you showed some skin.

In sum, there is no way to make wearing short-shorts in winter acceptable. There is also no way to make wearing them look good. My advice to you now is to invest in a thermometer. If you look at it in the morning and it says anything under fifty-five degrees, go straight past the shorts drawer and put on some pants. Do not pass go, do not collect two hundred dollars. Please, take this to heart and spare the rest of us the uncontrollable laughing fits we suffer through after we see you in your shorts.

π Phoenix π

### 10 Reasons Apple Sucks

10. It was founded by people who found PCs too complicating.
9. If I hear "i-anything else" then I will iKill little kittens.
8. When was the last time that you were happy with Safari? Not content, but a time when Safari actually did something for you that you really appreciated.
7. They name their operating systems after jungle cats, which just so happen to murder people in cold blood.
6. FRICH endorses Linux.
5. No sequel to Bugdom was ever made.
4. The iPhone has only one button.
3. The text from Word: Mac Edition turns yellow when it's transferred to a PC.
2. I've been able to make 7 legitimate arguments against them without making anything up, which is surprising for a list.
1. All of the iPhones in the world can simultaneously beam energy to a satellite which uses this energy to shoot a ray that gives babies leukemia.

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## Why Seniors Are the Most Hated Class

As most students who aren't seniors would agree, seniors are, in general, the most hated class in the school. For those of us who are seniors and actually care about our image, we would probably say we hate every other class in the school, but the majority of our hate is directed toward the juniors. It has been so for as long as any of us have been in high school and will continue to be so. But why is this? What have we (and past seniors) done to deserve this amount of animosity?

We deserve to be hated; in fact, it is something that I believe we all subconsciously strive for. From the moment we entered the doors for our freshman orientation, we have been told that seniors are the best. We were instructed to awe them and to look forward to the day that The Pit was finally ours. Unfortunately, The Pit is not all it is made out to be. It is a lowered part of the school with lockers in it. It's really not that great. But this doesn't matter. We were fooled into believing it was an awesome perk that came with being a senior. Regrettably, due to our extreme pride, we cannot admit it and therefore pretend like The Pit is the greatest. This is why we are so protective of it and why some of us pounce on anyone who dares step foot in our domain.

This leads us to the other part of the senior breeding grounds: The Wall. I don't know one person who enjoys being jostled in the hall in an attempt to make it to his or her locker. This is exactly what the wall-sitters do. Once again, this is something that has been spoon-fed to us since we were mere freshmen; the popular seniors must sit on the wall in order to save face—it is their duty to do so. How does this relate to seniors being hated? I hate the people who sit on The Wall due to the fact that they make it impossible to get anywhere. I can only imagine what every other class might think of them.

The third and final reason is the amount we complain. Good God, you would think high school was like Auschwitz by how much we gripe. Granted, the first semester of senior year is the hardest of high school, but even this does not warrant our constant whining. We believe we can complain because we have been in the school the longest and therefore we deserve everyone else's sympathy. Not only is this wrong, it's just annoying. Yes, we have worked the longest in high school, but everyone else will have their turn, so there really is no reason we should be doing this.

So what is the point of this article? To show that at least one senior understands the pain of the other classes. What advice can this senior give? Though none of you will follow these, I do have a few points to offer. One, do not place as much precedence on The Pit or The Wall as we have. They are worthless monuments that means nothing. The other, when you get to be a senior and senioritis sets in, don't expect the other classes to feel sorry for you like we expect them to. But of course, why would you follow this advice? I'm just the guy who complains:

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## Obama's New Fiscal Plan to Harvest Power of the Mind

With the inauguration of the forty-fourth President has come an almost immediate response to the current economic crisis. The candidate who enthralled the masses with his promise for hope and change has made an early attempt to fulfill this commitment. While many economic and political analysts have been quick to point out the obvious pros and cons of the proposed fiscal stimulus, it is extraordinary that the large issue of education has been so heavily emphasized, as the plan calls for over 900 gazillion in education spending.

In what is being hailed as a landmark for education, President Obama has personally unveiled the audacious reform that would change the educational system in this country in order to take a more direct approach. Rather than the traditional method of using teachers to teach students, children grades K-12 will now be hooked up to bio-pods for five hours of the day. These pods will harvest the energy emitted by the brain and other bodily functions. "This way, we can simply take the brain power that students would use and transfer it to machines so they can do more productive tasks," stated a top Obama advisor. "Teachers are becoming outdated and, in some cases, decrease the vital output of brain waves from children."

Critics of the plan have been quick to speak up as well. "There is simply not enough power in children's brainwaves to call it a reliable source of renewable energy," said a spokesperson for the Federation Advocating Teachers' Rights (FATR). "Especially during the late teen years, a child's brain can sometimes consume more energy than it produces." Other opposition has pointed to China and Britain's similar failed attempts to use the human brain as a renewable resource.

Despite the naysayers, the outlook for the plan remains bright. Obama officials claim that with no homework to do, children could go home from school and turn grind wheels or blow furnaces in factories. Optimists believe that by the year 2013, the technology will be available to combine this mental and physical labor into something truly agonizing and painful. However, scientists say that if there is no political drive behind this movement, then it will join the ranks of the solar powered flashlight and afros on white people and wither into the dark abyss of history.

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### Disclaimer:

We hope you enjoyed this latest incarnation of satire. If you were offended...well, what would have offended you? Even so, we apologize if we hurt you. Finally,

***PLEASE DON'T SUE!***