CPU: CHOATE’S NEW DIGITAL OVERLORDS

By Charisma Ink Meme
Staff Reporter

For quarantined Choate Rosemary Hall students across the globe, the transition to online learning has been difficult. Despite the challenges of Zoom connectivity and timezone troubles, the Choate Programming Union (CPU) has worked tirelessly to alleviate as many struggles as possible. Because of CPU’s laudable efforts, it was no surprise to students when the agency staged a coup against the previous Choate administration, declaring an overhaul of the government and announcing themselves as digital overlords. Numerous conversations with CPU members, who have been difficult to reach at this time due to their refusal to speak in non-coding languages, have led Lorem Ipsum reporters to gain insight on what the new administration will look like.

To initiate the coup, which occurred this past Saturday, CPU programmers allegedly sent a belligerent email to Choate’s technology department. According to one witness, the email threatened to “turn all of Choate’s digital servers into beautiful.” Apparently those words meant something to the administration, who immediately ceded all control of school functionalities to the CPU. The newly renamed Community On Student Activities (COSA) has remained oddly silent on the change of power; however, Cont. p. 2

Dining Hall Aides Go Remote

By Martin Knee
Lego Batman

Due to the increasing severity of the COVID-19 pandemic, Choate will continue the spring term virtually. Sadly, this means that many on-campus activities such as sports, clubs, and productions will be suspended. It is tragic that such integral parts of campus life will not be able to continue, but many students are concerned about a far greater issue: dining hall duty. While the initial plan was to suspend it along with these other programs, due to the hard work of the school administration and the Dining Hall Advisory Committee, dining hall duty is thankfully set to continue virtually for the spring term. After all, dining hall aides are the pillars that hold up the Choate community. To lose them would be to lose the school’s identity. After much rallying, Zoom-bombing, and a Change.org petition, the honor of being a dining hall aide was bestowed upon a few lucky students for the spring term. Hopefully they will be able to continue the legacy of past aides, albeit away from campus.

Of course, the actual duties of a dining hall aide look a bit different virtually. For starters, aides do not actually work in the dining hall. Instead, they focus on cleaning up in their homes. First, they watch a few clips of SAGE cooking videos to build an atmosphere similar to that of the dining hall. Then, a dining hall aide will sign into a Zoom room secured by a fifty-character password and a host for maximum security. Students are encouraged to use a Choate-provided dining hall Zoom background during the meeting. Lastly, they proceed to grab whatever chemicals they need and wipe down any surfaces requiring cleaning. After thirty glorious minutes of serving the community, the Zoom room automatically closes before they have dining hall duty again. Despite the emptiness most students feel without the dining hall and more importantly Cont. p. 3

WOW! SPRING SPORTS LOOK DIFFERENT

By Greg Heffley
Certified Wimp

This year’s global pandemic has caused Choate to close down, temporarily quashing the hopes and dreams of many devoted student athletes. For obvious reasons, spring sports teams will not be able to participate in their normal seasons this year. Student athletes everywhere are still reeling from the loss, but the administration has found a solution. Choate athletics is going online, people. The athletics office is swiftly publishing updates on their new sports programs. Director Lester B. Nice ’66 announced recently, “Choate athletics will now be conducted on Wii Sports and Wii Sports Resort. Spring Coaches have each chosen a sport and will begin to hold tryouts over Zoom in the upcoming week.” In tryouts, prospective players will be tested on their hand-eye coordination and arm and wrist strength. Coaches will also hold time trials to test how fast students can put on the Wii remote strap. To distin-Cont. p. 3
Choate Pays for School-wide Subscription to Disney+

By Morgan Le Fry #Blessed

While Choate’s student body is trapped at home to aid in social distancing efforts, the school administration has found a new way to facilitate entertainment and engagement with the world: providing each student with a Disney+ subscription. This service gives students access to Disney’s extensive array of movie and television options, from Pixar and the Star Wars franchise to National Geographic offerings. It also offers accessibility to non-pirated versions of Disney originals, including funny family flicks like Random Marvel Superhero or High School Musical: the Movie, the Play, the Show, the Boardgame, and the Novel. The service has already proven extremely popular amongst students. To quote fifth former M. Mouse (mmouse21@choate.edu), “I would sell my soul to Disney if I go to Disneyland every summer, and have sunk enough money into my Disney+ subscription to pay for my trip. I really believe that TV like real men anymore.”

Despite the few critiques, the subscription has provided great joy throughout the Choate community as students remain at home. ITS reports that video piracy on Choate student devices (yes, they keep track!) has gone down by 50 percent since the purchase. This is a great improvement from an earlier scandal this year involving four students selling out Disney+ passwords, which eventually led to a 400-person Zoom screening of the Mandalorian’s finale that had to be shut down by the Technology Department. It appears the Golden Age of Piracy has ended, as students have found a new, more ethical way to procrastinate from writing essays.

according to CPU’s current leader, this issue is beyond COSA’s concern. The organization recently announced it will develop new criteria for evaluating clubs on the basis of technological proficiency.

Since the takeover, CPU has relieved all former Choate staff members of their duties and released a long report detailing the new course criteria for online learning. An evaluation of the course report, written entirely in Python by a former CSS50 student, revealed that all classes had been “re-sorted” to adjust to a digital learning setting. A rough translation of CPU’s report states: “Since we’re online now, we’re going to refocus our-schooling with the digital world in mind.”

Shockingly, the conventional system of arranging students by their grade, or “form,” has been dissolved in favor of a meritocracy based on coding literacy. Those in advanced computer science classes quickly found their schedules adjusted to a multitude of directed studies related to an ominious “Project Epsilon.” For the vast majority of Choate students, however, English and language classes have been replaced with Digital Literacy, a class seemingly designed to train kids in technological proficiency. In addition, all humanities electives have been made inaccessible in favor of new electives, with History of Coding and Technology-Based Literature replacing World and U.S History.

Several non-CPU students have offered to serve as Python translators. However, this will likely prove unhelpful moving forward — the organization recently announced a new ambitious initiative in “pushing the boundaries of communication via code and neglecting to speak with low-lives who search desperately for us to ‘print’ our words.” Further conversations with a CPU co-president, speaking under the alias of “Lime,” revealed that those who are enlightened enough to engage in fluent conversation with them will continue work on “Project Epsilon.”

While reporters were unable to find any information regarding the project, an inside source stated that it may have something to do with [DATA EXPUNGED]. Lorem Ipsum* would like to state that executing [REDACTED] would likely have drastic impacts on the Choate community and school far beyond this term. Reporters have recently received a transmission from “Lime” stating that we are not to talk about [REDACTED] any further, lest we suffer from a severe implementation of [DATA EXPUNGED]. Lorem Ipsum* would like to conclude this article by fully endorsing the benevolence of the CPU regime: it is of utmost importance in this digital age for students to be connected across the Internet. All reporters, writers, and editors are very excited to see how they can collaborate with Choate’s new overlords across the English-Python language barrier.

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Being surveilled by the CPU administration is good both for Lorem Ipsum* members and for the rest of the school: students look forward to becoming better digital citizens, and finally understanding just how many ways they can re-examine their lives as growing minds in this new, bright future. Lorem Ipsum* thanks all of the CPU members for granting such wonderful freedom of the press, and wishes them the best of luck in their work on [REDACTED]!
For their term reports, distinguishing top athletes, candidates for teams will be tested on their hand-eye coordination, along with their arm, digit, and wrist strength. Mr. Nice added that students chosen to participate on sports teams will be given Wiis and copies of Wii Sports and Wii Sports Resort. Spring Wii sports include fencing, bowling, tennis, baseball, archery, table tennis, cycling, golf, and canoeing, and many more. Choate’s Wii Sports athletic programs will function similar to traditional programming. Depending on the popularity of a certain sport, there will be varsity, junior varsity, and even thirds teams. Varsity athletes will get their varsity letter, and their varsity sport will be counted on prize day. If a student is on a sports team, it will go on their Blue Card, and their coaches will write comments for their term reports. In fact, there is basically no difference between current athletics and sports of the past. Avid Nintendo fans may be wondering how there digital team uniforms will allow students to customize their Mii’s. Another feature will enable spectators to watch live and record messages of support for their Choate teammates. Finally, many of the Wii backgrounds, from Resort Island to the typical Wii tennis courts, have been given makeovers to resemble boarding school environments. Want to drop by a regatta or two? It’s just like you’re stuck in the mud as usual. Want to watch a tennis game and look at all the cute JV Mii’s? Find yourself in the virtual Hunt Tennis Center, just as you remember. An early tester of the new program testified: “The game made me feel like I was back at Choate — it was picturesque.”

A final story of hope and perseverance in a trying time comes from Veritably Cleen ’20. Cleen told reporters, “I was really worried I wouldn’t be able to be a dining hall aide during how the dining hall assists continue on during the COVID-19 crisis provides hope for the community. The dining hall aides put blood, sweat, and tears into their work, even from afar. These brave souls are what carries the entire school community during these difficult times. The use of virtual dining hall aides will revolutionize not only dining hall duty but how Choate functions as a whole moving forward. Dining hall aides are the glue that holds the Choate community together. Their dedication and sacrifices are what strengthens our virtual bonds. Lorem Ipsum* would like to thank dining hall aides for their service, because without them, the Hall part of Choate Rosemary Hall would likely be in need of a good Swiffer-ing.
2050 Vision: Hologram of Mary Atwater Choate
Appointed Head of School

By The Ghost of Paul Mellon
State Representative

In an unforeseen turn of events, the Choate Rosemary Hall Board of Trustees recently made an incredibly progressive and forward-thinking change, led by Mary Atwater Choate, who founded Rosemary Hall in 1890. Due to technology developed only a few years prior in 2045 which enables communication with the dead, Mrs. Choate was able to play a role in the School’s latest strategic plan. She issued orders from her grave, and rumor has it she held Board members hostage until they agreed to follow her direction. Her first order of business was requesting upwards of 95 percent of Choate’s current endowment to fund the development of her hologram so that she may be reinstated as headmistress. This hologram, while deceptively realistic, is simply a projection and incapable of most human activities. In the case of many freshmen, this is very fortunate: Mrs. Choate has no way of hitting them with her cane as she passes them on the pathways.

Choate’s Young Democrats and Republican clubs have begun the difficult process of debating the issue of hologram rights. As more and more students take sides, issues have risen left and right. One of our Lorem Ipsum* correspondents sat in on a recent Young Republicans and Young Democrats joint meeting. It was difficult to make out any words over the screams of passionate young activists, but the issue of hologram bathroom usage seemed to be the focus of the “discussion.” The solution, provided by an eager fifth former, was simple: the holographic headmistress would reserve all campus bathrooms, and porta-potties would be set up at convenient locations, such as the parking lot behind Colony Hall, for student use. The student’s contribution was met with resounding applause.

Another issue currently on the table for Choate’s administration is the provision of holographic meals. Mrs. Choate’s forlorn stares at students enjoying their lunches from across the dining hall are beginning to make people uncomfortable, so SAGE has implemented a new, entirely fake station full of holographic chicken for Mrs. Choate to feel represented among her fellow diners. An anonymous student who tried the holographic chicken sent us their review: Dry.

The Choate student community has been very accepting of the new holographic Head of School. Reporters observe students attempting to shake her hand, before looking mortified when their arm passes directly through her body. The Head of School kiosk only served to frustrate her.

A nervous Choate student, who wishes to remain anonymous, recently reached out to Lorem Ipsum* reporters with several holographic concerns. He is currently enrolled in Algebra II, and we interviewed him about a suspicious new exchange student:

Correspondent: “Well, let’s not get ahead of ourselves. What’s making you suspicious?”

Student: “Well, this one time, he put his whole arm through his desk to grab a pencil off of the floor. I just thought it was a cool magic trick. And this other time, he just disappeared for a couple minutes and reappeared. It’s just, like, the little things.”

Correspondent: “Well, that’s certainly not a whole lot of evidence that he’s not human. Maybe you should come back with some more evidence.”

Lorem Ipsum* promises to keep the community updated on the progressing hologram situation. After a press conference, editors were informed that the holographic Head of School was most recently seen trying to find an outlet so she could recharge.
2075 VISION: CHOATE IS A DIGITAL HIVE MIND

By Myst R. Rabahto
Teen Pop Idol

Fellow teachers, students, nanobots, and synthetic android overseers,

The Lorem Ipsum* Masthead of the 2074-75 school year wants to end the term by personally wishing you all a happy summer and a smooth transition next year to the Choate Digital Hive Schooling Experience. Choate’s community

2100 Vision: We Still Can’t Wear Ripped Jeans

By Morgan Le Fry
Elevator Operator

It is the year 2100, and the future is bright for Choate Rosemary Hall. We have made many strides in school policy over the last few decades, including making all the dorms temporary housing units that are rearranged at will, establishing closed door visitation all day, and, though it was hard fought, dissolving burger day. However, one open battlefield remains: jeans with holes in them.

Back in 2015, the entire Choate community rejoiced when faculty and students were finally permitted to wear jeans. This age-defying shift in values, however, came with a condition: the jeans could not be ripped. The punishment for breaking this rule is gruesome; students are sentenced to dig holes for whatever new development projects are in the works, now that Choate’s campus stretches past Wallingford town lines into Meriden. Nearly 100 years after the original shift in dress policy, students are protesting on the Head of School’s lawn and around campus to finally end the rule. One common chant is “free the knee,” a simple and powerful line that gets to the core of the protesters’ struggle. Some, more militant protesters cut right to the chase and snip holes in all the jeans they can see. To quote one student, “I bought these jeans for the holes. In fact, I could have bought two pairs of unripped jeans, but instead I bought one without an entire pant leg. It is how I want to dress and that needs to be respected.” One Lorem Ipsum* staff member who has chosen to remain anonymous reports that one such student cut holes in Dean of Students Maverick Curtains’ jeans after a school meeting. One particular student fell on Mem field after skidding to catch a football and ripped their jeans in the process.
As a result, Community Safety was forced to shut down the whole field to detain this dangerous rule flouter. The student in question was exiled to the basement of the Library, where he mended all the ripped jeans that could be found.

In addition to the claim that the ban on ripped jeans is a limitation on “freedom of expression,” students also criticize that the rule is not enforced by all teachers equally. One protester was indignant, saying, “So I can wear ripped jeans in English class, but not in math? Do you expect me to go back to my dorm and change for every block?” To address this, the Head of School recently announced that teachers will begin to cycle throughout departments to make sure that students are punished regularly and fairly. One teacher we interviewed mentioned, “I might have a degree in math, but I’m willing to teach freshman English for the greater good. Justice must be served! Now, who’s this Homer guy everyone keeps talking about?”

Students all over school are confused and angry about the ripped jeans ban. When asked why they thought ripped jeans were not allowed, Jeanie Holeson ’01 responded, “I don’t know, supposedly skin can be distracting, but it’s 2100, people, and honestly at Choate this shouldn’t be much of a...” Holeson’s focus trailed off as she stared at the exposed leg of a student wearing ripped jeans, entranced by the bare knee.

One student, Blue Jeane ’01, has decided to run for Student Council President on the very platform: Freedom to Wear Jeans With Holes on or Below the Knee. She told Lorem Ipsum* that she could be reached for questions or interviews at loremipsum@choate.edu.
2150 VISION: void

By e_1eE ~ Ratatouille Extra

End of fall term, 2150.

Disembodied eyes watch from the stretch of dark woods at the base of the hill. The pupils slither and creep in the ruins of the X, carrying with them shapeless forms that sniff at old pieces of wall and brick. At the noise of a solitary car driving past, the figure recoils and disappears into the woods. But nighttime is falling fast. They will return, perhaps daring to venture beyond their home, just out of reach of the main campus buildings...but alas, none have done it yet. Just across the road lies Colony Hall, its red exit signs menacing the darkness. The entire building is dimmed but for one practice room. Inside, Student ‘5[expunged] plays the piano. The same two notes echo through the hallways: C, D, C, D, CD, CD. It is a cacophony of discordantly minimalistic noise and he shows no sign of stopping. Upon closer inspection, there lies dust in the folds of his shirt.

Choate Rosemary Hall is shrouded in a blanket of silence. Nobody walks on its once-populated paths, and all classrooms are empty. Yet the empty McCook common room buzzes with conversation and laughter; voices of “residents” ring out the windows and disappear, with no nearby ears left to detect them. About once every 5-12 hours the voices become clearer and more speechlike: discernable phrases are Squire, and Nichols in one, and the rest of the dorms and buildings in the other. The two pieces of land are split quite cleanly, making the chasm’s inner walls smooth and unclimbable; it is unclear if anyone has fallen, since its bottom — and therefore the presence of any bodies or bones — is not within sight. The chasm continues up-“upon the hillside.”

Although the Dining Hall appears unaffected by the chasm’s unexplained appearance, there are other malicious forces present. There remains one sole SAGE employee who, upon inquiry, merely gave the words “It is hopeless. It is all gone. Now, only bagel.” Reflecting these declarations, the Dining Hall is exclusively stocked with bagels: bagels in the salad bar, bagels overflowing the containers next to the jam station, bagels covering the hotplates, bagels in the soup bins, even bagels replacing the much-revered fruit baskets.

Nearby, the SAC lies in shadow. Shadows move in the Project Room, getting onto the tables and dancing to an inaudible tune. Groups of shadows sit in the Tuck seats, some staying still and some pacing, as if waiting for someone to call their receipt number. Chairs shift in study rooms, couches have depressions as if occupied, and the day student lockers open and shut on their own accord. All is empty, yet the phantom remnants seem to take up space on their own. It is unknown if they possess sentience, or if their continued presence is determined by choice.

Archbold remains the only building largely untouched by Void. Tucked away in its internal recesses is an office, once standing as a beacon in the surrounding darkness but now representing nothing more than a lost memory. From its ajar door shines a strip of light, the only shred to touch campus since the sun stopped rising. It opens to reveal a frame with an old headmaster’s portrait lying on the floor; through the cracked glass, a small, brown-haired man’s face is seen. Old Choate has fallen.

It is upon us,” “I am going to fail Chem,” and — curiously — “Watch me destroy Athena L.”

Access to part of the upper campus has been disabled due to the gaping two-meter-wide chasm splitting Memorial Circle right across the field. The break delineates distinct halves; Mem House, wards across Christian Street, directly cutting through Hill House and the Library, reducing both to mounds of rubble and brick, and marking a loss of Choate Rosemary Hall’s rich history. Neither buildings will be seeing their 250th anniversary: this tragically marks the end of the School...
Michael Bloomberg Announces Bid for Student Body President

By Morgan Le Fry
Moonlighting Belieber

As the world is in a state of lockdown, the previously inescapable 2020 election seems to have taken a back seat in the public’s consciousness. However, it’s always important to check on those you care about — even if you forgot they existed momentarily — especially during times like these. You can learn new things, like the fact that John Hickenlooper is alive, John Mulaney is not John Mulaney, and Joe Biden is... somewhere, probably.

One previous 2020 hopeful has recently leaped to the forefront of the Choate community’s attention. Former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg is running for president of the Choate student body. Students have already taken note of the prominent advertisements pasted in The Choate News, as well as the new ads that seemingly bombard every school meeting. Bloomberg’s most notable policies include a Shoe in Every Door — his controversial policy on visitation — and a zero strike Marijuana rule. He declared his campaign for Student Body President with a quotable phrase: “If I could not win the presidential election for today, I will try to win the election of tomorrow.”

Michael Bloomberg

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During these tough times, the bored citizens of the world are scrambling to find ways to spend their days. The list of possible activities goes on and on — reading, knitting, taking nature walks, or even doing crossword puzzles are all viable options. However, those not privy to social media may be unaware of the number of exciting trends and challenges swirling through the internet, likely as result of Generation Z’s boredom.

Day 17 of quarantine officially marked the discovery of TikTok as an entertainment platform. Popular user John Stamos told reporters, “Now that the TikTok app features many firsthand accounts of accessible activities to participate in during quarantine. These videos, which used to be seen as a joke throughout the internet community, are now exponentially increasing in popularity.

The TikTok app features many firsthand accounts of accessible activities to participate in during quarantine. A typical user starts the day off with a Chloe Ting workout found off of Youtube. Next, after completing the workout, whipped Dalgon coffee is made with twenty minutes of continuous stirring — consume promptly. Coffee is followed by hair-dyeing, the central unifier of all users going through personal turmoil. Common color choices include pink, neon green, purple, orange, and virtually every other shade on the visible light spectrum (no x-ray... yet).

Following a well-needed shower, users film a moisturizing skincare routine and put on an instant tan. While waiting for said tan to set, they begin various miscellaneous activities such as baking bread, applying makeup, or even painting their walls. To finish off the day, the TikTok users post a mini-vlog with clips they have taken throughout all aforementioned activities.

Studies show that people who participate in these internet trends are happier than their non-TikTok-affiliated peers. The lonely times of quarantine will go by even faster with the presence of an overwhelming, relentless, digital hive mind machine that cranks out content faster than you can say “digital detox.” As a whole, the digital demographic is looking to come out of this pandemic with wild hair, artistic interests, and a curious penchant for baking.
Visitation in 2020: Private Zoom Rooms?

By Ed Sheeran
America’s Smol Boi

With the growing severity of the Coronavirus pandemic, the importance of staying indoors and avoiding physical contact is clear. These harsh times of social distancing have led Choate students to miss the days when they could interact with others through visitation. How will we ever cope without this simple pleasure? Most students have fallen into a depressing cycle of over-snacking, Netflix binging, and attending the occasional Zoom class. Choate student Billy Bob ’22 said via Zoom, “I’ve been wearing these same pajamas for six days straight and I binged Tiger King in one day.” He is not alone: most students threw personal hygiene out of the window a long time ago. Despite the persistent boredom, we at Lorem Ipsum* have some good news: there may be a way to get visitation back.

Using Zoom rooms, those of different genders can once again hang out alone in makeshift dorm rooms. So what if it’s over the internet? Best friends can meet face to face. Relationships can blossom between people oceans apart. This groundbreaking visitation technology presents a multitude of new opportunities...

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ZOOM TIPS AND TRICKS FOR EVERY TYPE OF STUDENT

By B. A. Dwyfi
CEO Karen

The first step in any student’s remote learning journey is determining their Zoom persona. This may take some intense reflection and soul-searching. Critical questions students must address in doing so include: Are you planning to wear pants? Which virtual background are you gravitating towards? Do you plan to do all your classes from the comfort of your bed? How strong is your WiFi connection? Regardless of your answers, these tips and tricks are perfect for any Zooming student.

1. Did you cut your own bangs at midnight alone in your room while in quarantine? More broadly, have you made a poor DITY (Did It To Yourself) life decision? If the answer is yes to either of those questions, you should be turning your video off for every meeting. Hide your shame behind a black screen. All you can do now is pray it will grow back by September.

2. Ever heard of a walkout? Now you can stage one in your own home! Simply stand up and leave the frame of the Zoom call — no context needed.

3. Feeling less connected to the classroom? Push your WiFi network to its maximum potential! Spring for multiple Zoom devices so your classmates can see you studiously taking notes from all 15 angles.

4. Feeling creative? Write a fake news article on new research showing COVID-19 is transmissible through Zoom calls. Share it with your class and then cough aggressively.

5. Feeling bored by the humdrum of a bare bottom half every day? Switch it up with a costume! Whether it is award show-worthy formal wear or an inflatable dino costume, dress to impress.

6. Are you tired of Zooming from the same location? Do the room tour nobody asked for! Change your Zoom station while simultaneously showing off your highly organized closet.

7. Feeling distanced from your friends? Spend quality time together while receiving a first-class education. Inviting them to join the party (aka. your English class) is as simple as copying and pasting a Zoom link.

8. Are your legs falling asleep from sitting all day? Perform an interpretive dance for your class while listening to your favorite tunes on your AirPods! Your classmates will be so impressed that they will feel compelled to join in.

9. Are you bored of seeing your same old ceiling fan and dresser in every one of your Zoom calls? Zoom backgrounds are an excellent form of self expression. Choose from an endless range of options, from your favorite cartoon show to a room full of toilet paper.

10. What are recorded Zoom calls if not movies with you as the star of the show? Transitions are a key aspect of award-winning film, so you will need some high quality dives in and out of frame. Switch it up with some props. Your pet, a bowl of cereal, or a costume change can all add to the confusion of your audience members. Bonus points if your teacher asks what you are doing.

These tips and tricks are sure to improve the quality of your Zoom sessions! Share this list with a friend and try your favorites in your next Zoom call.
Meet the Class of 2024

By Ana Yofefo
Certified Dude

With everything going on right now in the world, Lorem Ipsum* wishes to start looking forward to a better future. This year, we are introducing some new students before the start of the 2021 school year. Meet them here!

Alfredo Linguini

Alfredo is an incoming freshman who loves baseball, soccer, and the French horn. He hopes to join the orchestra while at Choate. Contrary to popular belief, he actually hates pasta, so don’t bring up his last name.

Peter Weber

After a disappointing ending to season 24 of The Bachelor, Peter Weber has decided to make it up to fans by re-enrolling in high school. When interviewed by Lorem Ipsum* reporters, Peter said: “I know my wife is on this island so much right now. I can’t wait to start this journey with you all in the fall.” We can’t wait either, journey with you all in the heart so much right now.

Rebecca Aceber

Rebecca or “Beck,” is passionate about the arts and hopes to join ArtsCon as a fashion designer. As part of her application, Beck submitted a collection of clothing sketches around the theme “wonder.” She thinks Choate is an incredible home for her passions, although she thinks the dress code “restricts my artistic ability and is frankly too constrictive to my creative mind.”

Carole Baskin

Carole is looking for a fresh start at Choate. With her dead eyes and shockingly eerie grin, she’s planning to take the school by storm. She hopes for a single in Squire Stanley, and is set on including unique decorations such as a septic tank, a meat grinder, 64 cans of sardine oil, and of course her bike.

Jess Skillet

Jess is super interested in creative writing. He wants to be a journalist when he is older and eventually write a novel. He will be joining the Choate News during his freshman fall with the goal of becoming editor-in-chief by the spring, and may even submit a play to the Fringe Festival!

Jojo Siwa

Jojo’s energy and spunk are well-known, and while her childish nature might lead one to believe she lacks the maturity and intelligence necessary to attend Choate, she managed to get in on her own accord. Here she is! Yes.

Cory Anthony Booker

Cory, born in 1969, is a Senator from New Jersey. After he ended his presidential bid, Cory figured, “Screw this. I’m going back to school.” Lorem Ipsum* cannot tell whether Cory is over- or under-qualified for a coveted spot at Choate.

Everyone is looking forward to meeting all the fresh faces on campus in the fall. It seems that a global pandemic is only motivating more and more talented students to chooseChoate. Campus is as beautiful as ever, as the school’s Instagram never fails to remind us, and it’s clear that new students are taking note of Choate’s superiority to other prep schools. If the aforementioned incoming freshmen are any indicator, the school upon the hillside is truly benefiting from COVID-19.

Visitation

Well, except for physical contact. Regardless, for most people, it will be the only interaction they’ve had outside of Zoom classes in weeks. It is necessary for all Choate students to have this escape from the depths of their bedrooms filled with dirty laundry and moldy cereal.

This new idea begs the question: What will happen to the “trashcan-in-the-door” rule? Surely teachers will not stand to leave their students in a Zoom room alone. Well, that is where the “Breakout Room” feature comes into play. When students decide to ask for visitation, the new protocol dictates that they must first meet with their advisor in a Zoom room. Then they are sent to a Breakout Room so that the advisor can join whenever and without any warning. Lorem Ipsum* reporters learned of students’ growing discomfort with this rule. Fifth former Samantha Smith said, “At this point, we might as well just Face-Time!” However, such an unreasonable idea was quickly discarded.

Although this idea is seemingly fool-proof, some strict house advisors, who will remain unnamed, still disapprove. No matter what visitation guidelines exist, they say, there will always be those who love to bend the rules. Choate knitting teacher, Dr. Jane Doe, said angrily, “What’s to stop those troublemakers from opening their own Zoom meeting?” Sneaking around as Dr. Doe referenced has become more and more popular as the pandemic has progressed. Teachers have been forced to work in their free time to catch the delinquents at fault. Another teacher, Mr. Geraldine Mugwort, promised, “We will put in all the time it takes to round up these students, via email of course, and punish them adequately.” How exactly would they be punished, though? Zoom detention? The hard truth for the teachers is that visitation breakers are now completely untouchable.

As students become more and more separated from society, they can still take a little time to appreciate the simple pleasures. Along with getting up late, eating breakfast, and online shopping, visitation can significantly help with what is now being called “distancing depression.” All Choate students are encouraged to take advantage of this new visitation protocol as soon as possible.
I’m fed up. The Liberals have pushed their agenda each day (every single one!) since George W. Bush left the White House. From Obamacare to marriage equality, they have managed to upturn the morals on which this Nation was founded... but most insidious of all, the Liberals want to force every American to be polyamorous. They want you — an average, pious, God-fearing, tax-avoiding patriot — to leave your stay-at-home wife and join a polycule, allowing said wife to pursue a career of her own and your children to die of malnourishment. I, for one, as a patriot, cannot stand for this.

What exactly is the Liberal plan? Well, I’ll tell you myself. The Liberals want you to designate multiple partners and have open conversations with them about mental health and safe sex, relying on tax money leeched out of the pockets of the American people. They want you to meet Nathaniel. Nathaniel brews his own matcha and bakes sourdough bread. They want you to welcome him into your marriage. Then they’ll trick you into spending your hard-earned paycheck on healthcare, welfare, and moving your entire plus-sized family into an expensive brownstone in Brooklyn. Next thing you know, abortions are happening willy-nilly. You can be arrested for using the wrong pronouns. A Liberal wedge has separated you from your God-given values as well as your wife. Oh, God, I miss my wife.

Now, at this point, you may be thinking to yourself: “What’s the real point? Why would Liberals want to push such an agenda? What’s the end goal here?” I’ll give you a hint. It starts with “sock” and rhymes with “communism.” Those darn liberals bent on? Destroying our beautiful capitalist economy. Monogamy runs on holy free market dating, wherein the most successful and attractive men get to possess the most attractive women while the lower classes compare the sizes of their... bootstraps. Polyamorous relationships completely undermine this whole system. Now, I am a patriot. Church-sanctioned ways of life are, to me, as American as apple pie or imperializing foreign countries. You know who had 5 girlfriends and 3 husbands? Stalin. Is that what you want? For the United States to become the Soviet Union? If you give a single damn about this nation and its values you’ll join me in saying no to socialism, no to morally bankrupt Democrats, no to my wife, and no to polyamory. It’s either that or worshipping at the altar of Comrade AOC with your 10 genderless partners while drinking the blood of Christian babies. No in between. The choice is yours.
How Bernie Can Still Win This

By Charle$ Flower Child Consultant

With the 2020 election right around the corner, it is obvious that some voters are beginning to pick favorites. Whether your political alignment is auth-left, lib-right, or off the compass (assimilate), you at least know some of the big-name American presidential candidates. This cycle, we saw a shonen showdown between two Democratic candidates: Bernard Sanders and Joseph Biden. While Bernie has unfortunately dropped out of the presidential race and endorsed Biden, he can still clinch the Democratic nomination and, ultimately, the presidency.

Political analysts all over the country have speculated how Sanders could still achieve a win. While vote tallies show a clear bias towards Biden, SurveyMonkey polls conducted on well-respected, unbiased political websites such as Reddit and Tumblr detail the true power of Sanders’ voter base. With this base to rally around him, Sanders could ask his fans to become volunteer callers — the true lobbyists of America — and have them bombard the DNC’s customer service line. Though the answering machine lacks sentience, the phone activism will definitely cause some change.

About 50 percent of the United States approves of the current president, Donald Trump. While his supporters may have a completely different political alignment, Bernie could potentially capture their hearts by simply adorning a Trump costume. Clearly, it is not Donald Trump’s actions that cause his followers to like him, so it just might be his strikingly good looks.

Our readers agree that Sanders is a solid 5/10, but Trump easily surpasses him at a strong 11, aided by his oversized suits and captivating orange hue. Maybe a new face and fit could finesse the W for Bernard?

Following in the footsteps of our current president, Sanders could also take to Twitter to build his base. Trump’s Twitter trips are incredibly popular, so couldn’t Bernie just tweet “I win” and call it a day? It would be revolutionary! He could go even bigger, publicly calling for his hive of volunteers to hack into Biden’s Twitter and tweet “I give up.”

What a power play! Such impressive political calculus.

With the release of “Animal Crossing: New Horizons” on the Nintendo Switch, a new controversy has blanketed the nation: time travel. Heated conflicts have sprouted up over the ethics of time travel in the game; while all good people do not time skip, Bernie could utilize the game’s mechanic to travel back to any integral point of history and use the influence of his presence to secure the nomination and Oval Office. Speaking outside of all this political mumbo-jumbo, does anyone know when you are supposed to sell turnips?

I thought the price would go up throughout the week, but I had to sell out at 26 bells/turnip. This Nintendo stock market is beginning to reflect the actual economy.

An Uno reverse card is possibly the most powerful tool Sanders could finesse. While some may argue that a +4 card carries more utility, a reverse card can get you out of any sticky situation. About to be arrested? Uno reverse. Your mom tells you you are a disappointment? Uno reverse. You are about to lose the Democratic nomination in your last viable year of candidacy? Uno reverse! What could Biden do if he was on stage accepting the nomination and Bernie walked up to silently hand him the card? He could not refute Bernie’s play. This is an easy way for Bernie to win the spot. To go even bigger, he could do the same thing at Trump’s or Biden’s inauguration and simply go into office immediately.

Bernie Sanders still has a shot, guys. All we need to do is, like, call our senators and, like, tell them we want him.

SPRING STYLE GUIDE!

By Rusty Francine Towel Mogul

Hey there, you sassy students! Quarantine so far has been extremely gross, but why not make it glam with these remote learning fashion tips? Even though no one but family members will see these fits, you still need to be serving the best looks, no excuses!

No pants at all!
Show your pretty face to the school and keep those family jewels in the family: we could all use more comfort in these stressful times. Take advantage of the fact that classes are online and free them leggies.

Wear some mascara!
No matter in quarantine or not, you should make those eyes pop through that grainy self image on Zoom. Leave it on for weeks if desired and no one will notice! Conjunctivitis? Who is she?

Don your masks and gloves.
Even while social distancing, it is important to protect yourself and others. Cannot afford to get protective supplies due to hoarding and mass hysteria? Plastic bags will do the trick. Yes, they even work as masks: just cut a breathing hole for your mouth and nose!

Blue-light-filtering glasses.
While quarantine keeps us from spreading coronavirus, it certainly does not stop us from getting headaches and failing to fall asleep from too much blue light exposure. Snag some blue-light-filtering glasses from a favorite Instagram retailer! These can work in a pinch and have the added bonus of covering up those eye bags from the three consecutive all-nighters you pulled for no reason.
Decorate Your Room to Remind You of Campus

By Gail Pail
Beep Boop

If you find yourself missing your home away from home, try some of these redecorating ideas that will bring back memories of old Choate’s campus life. It’ll be like you never left!

Brighten the space with some houseplants
Don’t worry about the plants you left behind. An easy cure for plant separation anxiety is to simply replace them! Line up your houseplants on a windowsill. After that, feel free to relax and forget to water them. That way, once they start dying, you will have a live visual of what your plants on campus must look like.

Install a display case full of bagels
Putting a glass case filled with bagels is not only a convenient choice, but also an aesthetically pleasing one. For an extra shot of nostalgia, light the bagels on fire to simulate the tragic ordeal of trying to toast them in the dining hall.

Schedule your WiFi hours
Experience a throwback to your freshman days by smashing your WiFi modem every night at 10:30 PM. How productive this is to remote learning is up to you.

DIY: Twin-XL Beds!
To recreate the boarding experience, take a saw and Frankenstein your bed as you see fit. Your final result should be somewhere between uncomfortable and death trap. For a mattress, fill a burlap sack with rocks and call it a night.

Give your rug a makeover
Sprinkle your floor with dust balls and crumbs, add a dash of ramen powder for fragrance, and crumble up some forgotten homework to add some texture to the carpeting. For a meditative side benefit, throw your body on the floor. Do not bother getting up. A good rule of thumb to follow: anything you can do standing up is more enjoyable laying down.

Get the waterworks going
In this case, waterworks do not refer to any late-night sobfests. Dig a pit into the ground and turn it into your own pond! Bonus points if you round up some ducks and garnish with a thick layer of algae.

Carve the names of strangers into your furniture
If remote learning is eating away your motivation, engrave the names of those who came before you into your bed frame, desk, and wardrobe. Looking at successful Choate alumni will either spur you into finishing that essay or help you spiral into a deep existential crisis.

Quick! How to Rebrand Yourself in Five Months

By Sue DeNimm
Sorely Missed

With this new, shorter online class day, Choate students have loads of extra time on their hands, obviously. Right? For those of us living in countries or states with drastically different time zones from Wallingford’s, there is even more time in the day to adopt borderline nocturnal tendencies. Rather than drowning in boredom, let’s take this opportunity to do something everyone has wanted to do, but never had the chance to until now — a full makeover!

Ah yes, the oft-seen movie makeover; if there is one thing money-hungry producers can count on, it is teenage insecurity. Ever since Adam Eve’s 18th birthdays, creating a new self has become a dream of high school students across the globe. Dear readers, now is the chance to have your very own movie montage moment... if you choose to put in the work. The easy part has already been done — no need to work around a busy class schedule for at least the next half year!

Let us get started.
Conveniently, we are not in the middle of a massive natural disaster (knock on wood!), so the internet should be up and working. This means that online shopping is at your fingertips! The chance to order all those clothes you were not sure really fit your look has arrived! Make sure you post a #quarantinedoit to Instagram so that followers can get accustomed to the new vibe-. Of course, no rebrand is complete without a change of hair style - if you are feeling particularly experimental, shave off your eyebrows. If not trendy yet, it will be soon. And your lack of eyebrows is sure to be a conversation starter!

You should also pick up a new habit to build a persona around. Nothing screams “rebrand” more than a hobby that is your only defining characteristic! Decorate your entire room using only Urban Outfitters dorm décor to show how quirky you are. Become the person to talk to if someone ever needs information on rare Australian bugs! Goliath stick insect, anyone?

With these tips, your new lewk will certainly be noticed by all. Never fear — even if quarantine is not lifted for the rest of your high school career. Just make sure to tilt your computer camera down so everyone can catch your fun new clothing. Good luck!
5 Cool Backgrounds for Your Next Zoom Sesh

Online classes leave a lot to be desired, but with the help of some nifty technology, you can bring some joy into the pixels of Zoom! These five virtual backgrounds are in no particular order and customizable to your needs.

If you have watched Tiger King, then you know that Joe Exotic is one of the most admirable people alive. Unfortunately, the Tiger King is in a dire situation and needs the help of all you cool cats and kittens to get the justice he deserves. Spread awareness for the campaign to #FreeJoeExotic of his wrongful charges and prosecute the lady who fed her husband to the cats by advertising images from the show.

Many performers across the world have continued to share their work over the internet. There is no reason why you cannot do the same for your captive audience! With the support of a Zoom background that looks suspiciously like the Xfinity Theater stage, belt out your favorite shower song from quarantine or crack a couple of jokes you have not had a chance to use yet because of social distancing. The world is your oyster.

Getting through class can take a lot of mental strength and willpower at times, whether it be at a Harkness table in the humanities building or from under a fuzzy blanket on your bed. Distract your class and yourself from the increasingly bleak news headlines by showing them an image of a hero. Choose someone who inspires hope in the masses through their sheer persistence to reach goals that seem impossible. A few strong options to consider include Senator Bernie Sanders, Dr. Anthony Fauci, and of course Governor Andrew Cuomo.

Are you still mourning the loss of your spring break trip to Atlantis that your mom prohibited you from going on? Instantly get the same Bahamian vibes during that calculus lecture by choosing a snazzy stock image of a room overlooking the beach of your dreams. No one ever has to know that it is not your house! Your classmates will all be secretly jealous because your Zoom self is having the best quarantine ever. Top the look off with your coolest pair of shades and a Hawaiian print shirt. Swim trunks are required.
Aries
Keep being the funny person in your life, but do not wear a hat. Your Apple Pencil despises you for spinning it around constantly. Stop doing so immediately, or it will seek revenge.

Taurus
For the entire week, you will only feel happiness every time you wear a shirt that says “I love TX!” You will gain joy from the laughter of your peers as they acknowledge that it’s actually a joke.

Gemini
Try actually doing your homework this week. It will not harm you. Also, make sure that the ice cubes you have been eyeing stay in the fridge. Tik Tok trends will do you no good.

Cancer
Friends will contact you again soon. Do not worry. Stop watching true crime documentaries for ideas.

Leo
No quarantine cooking venture of yours will go right this week. The trees have been warning you for a long time. Listen.

Virgo
People will not vibe with you this week. Try to wear a Santa hat during every class. Also, give the monster under your bed a cookie. He is lonely.

Libra
Online classes will do you no good this week. Your teacher will ask you to share your screen and you may forget to close a few personal tabs. The mute audio button won’t work. Refrain from whispering TikTok songs. We can hear.

Scorpio
Seize the day! No, actually, seize the day. No one wants online classes. There can’t be classes during the day if there is no day to have them in.

Sagittarius
Something unexpected will happen to you this week. Whether that one friend you stopped talking to in fifth grade ago messages you or the spider in your underwear drawer has children, it will certainly be a fun surprise!

Capricorn
Your sign sounds like candy corn, so avoid all sweet things this week. You have been warned.

Aquarius
Avoid using Zoom backgrounds. They will end your Choate career before you can even peak.

Pisces
It is too late for you. You must hide. Carole Baskin is waiting.

and our top choice...

There will always be that one teacher who gets angry at people who turn off their webcam. For a quick solution, take a picture of yourself in your typical Zoom setup taking diligent notes with your Apple Pencil, and upload it as your virtual background! With your newfound freedom, do something better for your mental health during these challenging times, such as taking a nap or binging Netflix. If the teacher notices, easy! Leave the classroom immediately and rejoin several minutes later. Once you are back in, pass it off as a bad internet connection!
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