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January choir concert lip synched

Sam Kellar-Long
Staff Writer

Last Wednesday, Principal Dave Gundale confirmed to outraged parents that several songs in the Open Choir Concert on January 21 had been lip synced. "I am not Yours", "Friends till the End" and "All you need is Love" had been previously recorded by music teacher, Alex Ferderer.

According to witnesses, Alex told the AV crew to play the songs loudly through the speakers while the choir sang. "I thought we sounded better than usual, but I assumed we were just having a good night," said 8th grader and singer Jack Goodrich, "I guess this choir thing is more than just fun."

"I wish Alex would have been mindful of all of the



The OWL choir lip syncs the words to "I am not yours" at the January concert

proud parents in the crowd," said Dave.

According to witnesses, Alex started yelling at the sopranos for not learning their music a week before the concert, and promptly decided that singing that song at the concert would be an embarrassment.

The next class, they walked in to see Alex looking at a wikiHow titled "How to Lip Sync. As soon as they came in, he quickly closed the

window and started class. "They sounded so good, I was so proud of my little Jackie," said parent Anne Barrett, "But now that this came out, I don't know who I can trust."

MS banned from commons

Grace Bellamy
Staff Writer

After complaints from students and teachers escalated into a petition, middle school students have been banned from the commons effective the first week after spring break.

There had been complaints from teachers, as well as students, sources say. The middle school students have been "too loud for too long," said English teacher Nora Krings. Nora was discussing this problem with one of her high school English classes, when some students decided to take the problem into their own hands.

The senior seminar class started the petition as a joke, but as more people signed, it continued to get more serious. "I'm amazed it turned out the way it did," said Yaseen Hayward. "But I think that it will be nice." The

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Baby naming contest

Siena Leone-Getten and Sawyer Neske
Staff Writer

Saying that entries would be accepted from the public until the May 15th due date, the robotics team, Open Circuits, launched a contest this week to name the baby of expectant science teacher and robotics coach Rebecca Palmer.

Name submissions cost ten dollars, and can be given to a robotics captain. Run in a similar fashion as previous robotics fundraisers, students can cast their votes at lunch, where the robotics table will be with buckets with the proposed baby



The mother, Rebecca

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OPEN NEWS

Prom to be cat themed

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After Principal Dave Gundale's approval a themed prom will take place on April 15. The theme was a surprise favorite, gaining over half of the votes and maintaining a huge lead over the runner-up, Spy Prom.

According to the planning committee, decorations will include cat trees and scratching posts, with cat toys on the floor and hanging from the ceiling. OWL staff and students are encouraged to bring pet cats and toys.

"The risks for students with allergies is a setback but I'm sure they'll be fine," said Jim Patterson, school nurse.

The planners are taking the cat theme further with the concessions. Kibble, Fancy Feast, and catnip tea will be offered rather than the traditional food and beverages. The planning



Students will be encouraged to bring cats to this year's prom

committee also said that attendees are recommended to have cat hair on all clothing worn. A dress code has been revealed as well: all prom goers are asked to wear at least one cat themed item. Examples provided by the committee include cat patterned dresses and suits, cat socks, and cat ears.

"I don't even have a cat, but for some reason I am super excited for this
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Damon runs over squirrel

Tom Hobday
Staff Writer

Citing "Failing to do his job as our crew leader," Damon's crew is leaving en mass after math teacher Damon Liberatore ran over a squirrel on his way to work on Monday. He claims the squirrel just "ran out in front of the car," and he had "no control." This incident has triggered the switching of crew members to other crews, saying that they don't feel safe around their crew leader any more.

An eye witness however, states that he saw Damon repeatedly running over the squirrel and yelling "what a stupid



The unwitting victim

mascot." The incident occurred at 6:43 AM in the morning, and the witness says he might be mistaken, "it was really dark."

Crew representative 10th grader Brian Peden says that the crew will press charges. "This kind of behavior is unacceptable. This man is supposed to protect us, instead he runs over something that we hold dear. Our whole crew is very shaken about the incident. At least 10 members of the crew have requested a switch, and we would like to keep these valuable members. We
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Students trapped for 13 days in Greenroom

Nora Leifheit
Staff Writer

MARCH 31, GREEN ROOM- While fighting waves of nausea brought on by mothball poisoning, seventh graders Isabella Graziani, Helena Squires Mosher and Iris Carroll were rescued yesterday from a collapsed pile of Shakespearian collars in the theater's green room.

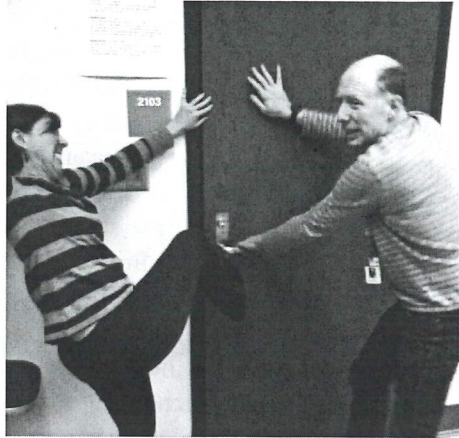
The collapse occurred during an after-party celebrating the play's success. After spending almost 13 days attempting to escape their silky doom and scavenging to survive underneath the period-specific costumes, they once again were able to walk the green grass of freedom. All three students are currently being treated for malnutrition and dehydration at St. Kate's Hospital.

After days of brainstorming safe ways to save the students, rescue teams freed the captives by letting 500 moths loose in the green room and closing the door. Helena, who has a crippling fear of moths said; "I felt like a butterfly taking flight for the first time, only to be snatched from the air by a hawk."

Just hours after the collapse, the theater department was making a communal effort to free the victims trapped inside, and quickly created a communication system involving hand written sonnets squeezed through air holes drilled into the mountain of fabric.

During the first hours of the incident the trapped students used one of their phones to send this message to local police; "Buried under cloth. No escape. Send Jimmy John's." Unfortunately for the captives, the Jimmy John's delivery was indeed freaky, but not fast enough. They would have to survive on leftover potluck food from the after-party for 12 more days.

When asked how he felt about the accident, principal Dave Gundale responded; "I'm just happy they got out before the end of the quarter. I'm sure they and other students can pass all their classes. I'm sure of it. I'M SURE OF IT." Growing increasingly hysterical, Dave continued on a grade-themed rant that soon began to concern student passers-by. Dave was later taken from the room screaming "TURN THOSE N'S INTO A'S!"



Tim and Rebekah attempting to free the students

History day program to be phased out

AJ Lesure
Staff Writer

Claiming that OWL students have been "too fixated on the past," principal Dave Gundale announced that OWL students will not be participating in the History Day program for the 2016-2017 school year.

At around 5 p.m. Monday, all OWL staff gathered at a staff meeting for Dave to reveal the "saddening development in next year's agenda," according to math teacher Tom Totushek.

Several teachers said they felt confused as to what Dave meant by being "fixated on the past," until he later elaborated by explaining that he had had enough and was tired with "constant topics relating to past events," which to him are "unnecessary reminders of things that have already happened, and should be left alone."

Dave explained how he always feels reluctant to walk around the school during History Day while being shoved into the early, mid, and late 1900s and forgetting

that we are in the present. "We should embrace the future and move forward," he explained. "It's time to be more mindful about the future, rather than being concerned about the past." Dave also says that he might elaborate more on the situation during a community meeting next year.

"I remembered how he said it, like, how the words came out of his mouth," said English teacher Kevin Hansen. "He said, 'we will no longer be participating or involved in the History Day competition next year.' It was very surprising news, and I'm sure it took a pretty big toll on everyone."

Social studies teacher Dan Sullivan was seen holding back tears. New social studies teacher Katie Craven is outraged, and sources say she has already began looking for new job openings at other St. Paul schools. "If you take away History Day, you might as well be firing me," said Katie.

Dave had been thinking about this decision since

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names. The winner will be determined by which has the most money at the end.

"This is just what we need to meet our fundraising goal," said eleventh grader and Open Circuits captain, Joshua Cordes, "I'm personally hoping that Lucifer wins, because if I had a kid that's what I'd name them. Luci for short. It's cute."

Robotics team member Simon Dungan-Seaver, who is in charge of marketing, commented that "Some of our most recent submissions have included Frappuccino, Pepe the Frog and Hashtag."

At press time, the leading names were Kevin- due to an influx of sixth grade votes- and Kylo because of the new Star Wars movie. The winner of the contest will be awarded a prize basket with two tickets to the next robotics meetup and a picture with the baby. The name of the baby will be announced on May 20th on the Open website.

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are proposing that Damon is the one that gets move. We want a new leader, preferably Leo."

Damon has kept to his story that he did not mean any harm. In a video he sent apologizing to the crew, he broke down crying at 3 points. Much of the crew is unsure of whether Damon meant any harm. "He has been a great crew leader up until now, there is no reason to why he would run over a squirrel," says 10th grader Mayme Nelson. Others, on the other hand, are sure about Damon being guilty. When asked about Damon's innocence, 8th grader Malachi Raymond admits, "He's crazy. No doubt about it. I always knew it was a matter of time before he snapped, I just didn't think it would be so bad."

The squirrel's family is very distraught, and in a emotional press conference they expressed their feelings by saying, "We hope the monster that did this will get the maximum sentence. Our dear little Benny did not deserve to die, and his life was taken way too soon. He should not have died just because of one man's feelings for his mascot. It could have happened to any one of us."

The judge is reviewing the evidence, and a verdict is expected by Friday. Damon was convicted of running over a fluffy animal, illegal in 7 states and punishable by 5 years in prison. Damon's crew might appeal however, and the case would go to a higher court. This is Damon's first offense and it is likely he will not get too bad a penalty. The Jury is made up of teachers, and it is likely they will sympathize with Damon.

Italian dunkers dunked!

*Zhanna Dunagan
Staff Writer*

Paranoia swept over OWL Nutrition services after five students were sent to the nurse's office after lunch last month. Nurse Jim Patterson recommended a ban on Italian Dunkers at OWL during a March 30th emergency SPPS Board Meeting.

Jim examined records and stated that during the last two times the school served Italian Dunkers, he attended to more students on that day. "Something is definitely up," said Jim. "If something is wrong, it would be against school rules not to report it."

Eleventh grader Sovigne Gardner was the first to come into the nurse's office during third crew with mild headache symptoms. The second student, 8th grader Alex Smith, came in shortly afterwards feeling sort of confused by some of the equation formulas in math class. Seventh grader Sam Thorn reportedly felt tired during science. With five minutes left until the bell that same day, 8th grader AJ Leisure came to the office because he said he had caught himself daydreaming during class at least two times. The final student was not identified, but she said she felt extra annoyed during English class that day.

Jim studied the students' schedules and only found

one constant thing between the five students who came to his office that day: they all had eaten Italian Dunkers for lunch.

"We are going to have to be aware these next few times the school serves Italian Dunkers as a daily dish," said Principal Dave Gundale. "We want to make sure that everyone is staying healthy and not missing class."

"I definitely won't be eating Italian Dunkers anytime soon," said Senior Chua Moua. "I don't want to risk getting sick

for fraquetball."

An emergency SPPS Board Meeting was scheduled for later that afternoon to discuss the pressing matter. After an almost two hour debate it was decided to ban Italian Dunkers from OWL until the symptoms disappear.



Math teacher Damon Liberator shortly after the accident

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theme,” said 11th grader Sovigne Gardner.

A cutest cat contest will be held and the winner will win 50 tins of Fancy Feast. In addition, a raffle will be held for 150 pounds of kibble. All names will be entered, but extra raffle tickets can purchased for \$2 each.

“I am so excited to get that kibble! My cat is like always hungry! But he’s really fat!” commented 6th grader Amaya Boulanger.

Have fun at the prom, and let’s hope it isn’t a cat-astrophe!

OWL to enforce new elevator restrictions

*Sovigne Gardner
Staff Writer*

Responding to teachers’ complaints of missing students, OWL Administrators plan to draft rules on elevator use during the next staff meeting.

“Elevator usage is rampant,” principal Dave Gundale said. “The elevator is almost constantly in use. We need to be mindful of saving the elevator for people who actually need it.”

One way administration plans to restrict elevator usage is with the addition of a 12-digit key code and a mandatory fingerprint scan to receive elevator access.

On top of these measures, only teachers and students with

a pass from Dave will be able to enter the elevator. A security guard will be posted inside the elevator to receive the passes and make sure that there are no unauthorized attempts to use the elevator.



Unauthorized students using the elevator

The strict regulations on elevator usage come in response to the discovery of students hiding out in the elevator to skip classes. Last Thursday at 1:04 pm, 16 students were found crammed into the elevator avoiding their

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the beginning of the school year, according to secretary Cheryl Giles. She also says that on multiple occasions, she was prompted by Dave himself to announce it to the school, until Dave would change his mind at the last second, leaving us with only the ding of the announcement speakers.

Many students and History Day enthusiasts have reacted to the news released this morning. “This year’s theme was really bad, but doesn’t call for actions this serious,” said 8th grader Quinn Christenson.

Others who dislike the annual competition feel appreciative and support Dave’s decision. “Great, no more torture!” said 10th grader Zachary Osweiler. “At least for next year, though, since History Day is already torture right now.”

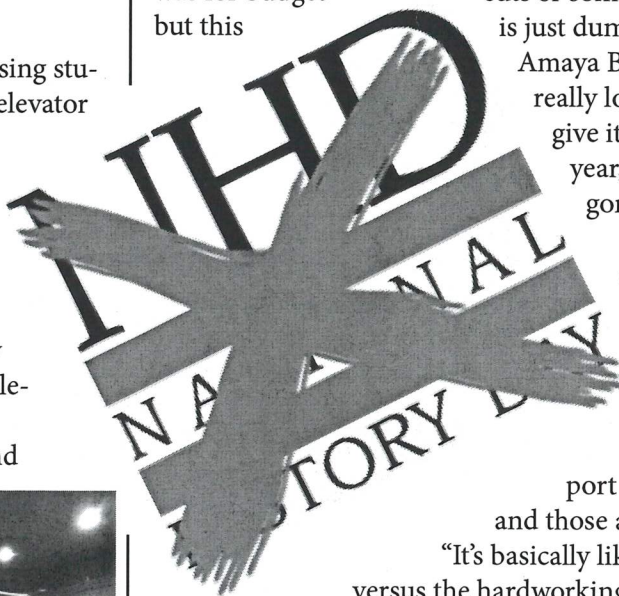
Other History Day-crazed students threaten to leave OWL altogether, most claiming that OWL wouldn’t be OWL without the program. “I can understand if it was for budget cuts or something like that, but this is just dumb,” said 6th grader Amaya Boulanger. “I was really looking forward to give it another shot next year, but that chance’s gone.”

Many believe that at this rate, the whole community will be divided into two groups; those who support Dave’s decision, and those against it.

“It’s basically like the lazy people versus the hardworking people,” commented 7th grader Sam Kellar-Long. “The ones who support Dave just don’t wanna do any work, while the ones who don’t support him want to do tons of work.”

Several teachers, including English teacher Nora Krings, science teacher Rebecca Palmer, and Spanish teacher Fiona Sheridan-McIver, have predicted that the beginning of the 2016-17 school year will be a slow, and depressing, start.

A wave of skepticism has swept through the school, leaving students, but most especially teachers are wary of the outcome of this decision. “The only thing left to do now is wait and see,” said Dan, “and hope that there aren’t any riots.”



New “sorting hat” to be used to assign crews

Haakon Neske

Staff Writer

Principal Dave Gundale announced at the last staff meeting that incoming OWL students would be assigned their crews through the use of a sorting hat. Dave purchased the sorting hat last month on Craigslist. He met the seller at the parking lot of a Burnsville Walmart.

On the first day of school, new students will gather in the auditorium. They will approach the stage in alphabetical order, and assistant principal Julie Ketterling will place the hat on the student’s head. The sorting hat, which is a knock off of a very popular movie series, will take recordings of all the teacher’s names beforehand.

“The sorting hat will make things a lot easier, and more fun,” said program coordinator Tim Leone-Getten. “Having a team of teachers decide just takes too much time.”

When a student sits down and Julie knows the student is ready, she will press a button on the back of the hat which makes the hat say a name of a teacher. It can be put on sensor mode, or “try me” mode, or even just on! The student will then walk to the seat row of the crew to which they were just selected. “This sorting hat can really help us out going forward,” said Dave. “Choosing which student goes to which crew is a real headache.”

“This is really going to be a change, but since I like Harry Potter, I guess I love the hat too,” says 7th grader Frankie Buettner. “I think most people don’t realize the benefits of having such a special hat, so people are going to realize

what a small thing can do to a smaller school.” In the past, people were sorted into crews based on space and amount of people already there. Tom developed a special algorithm that will help the hat make the crews even.

The hat will not be extremely loud, because it has a headphone jack, which Julie will use by borrowing a student’s pair of earbuds. She will then bellow the name of the assigned crew as soon as she hears it.

Students who want to switch crews will be allowed to attend the sorting hat ceremony. Sources say that Daniel Radcliffe might show up for the ceremony. He is expected to tweet his intentions to attend the ceremony later this month.



An incoming student models the new sorting hat

Anyone who wants to choose a new crew leader will have to wait until the hat breaks, because, “I don’t want to have wasted 85 dollars,” said Dave. Anyone can use the hat, but only once after your first year, because people could spam the ‘new crew’ button on the open website.

Fire Snakes published in the New Yorker

Siena Leone-Getten

Staff Writer



English teacher Kevin Hansen, 31, has finally had his big break. His critically acclaimed poem, *Fire Snakes*, has been published in the March 21st issue of the *New Yorker*.

The *New Yorker*, a highly acclaimed literary magazine, has published such notable authors as Roald Dahl, J.D. Salinger and Stephen King, not to mention launching the careers of many others.

Fire Snakes is a lyrical poem that utilizes unique

word choice and figurative language to convey the speaker’s inner turmoil. In lines such as “I spits out fire,” Kevin breaks down literary barriers, using unconventional syntax. “This poignant, groundbreaking piece of literature truly explores these themes in a way I have never seen before,” said Kevin’s fellow English teacher, Leo Bickelhaupt, “It captures the innocence of the millennial generation in a way that is both raw and truly inspired.”

“This didn’t just happen overnight,” said Kevin, looking rather disheveled, “I’ve been secretly pitching it for over ten years and I’ve gone through four agents until this one got it.” After learning of the struggle Kevin went through to get to this moment, principal Dave Gundale commented, “Kevin really exhibits great perseverance, I suggest that our students follow his lead.”

“I feel so blessed to have someone so prophetic and

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Deep Portage trip faces price increase

Lauren Mitchell
Staff Writer

This year the price on the iconic Deep Portage Interim trip has been raised to \$1000 to “cater to a different group of people,” said principal Dave Gundale at the most recent Site Council Meeting.

Last year, Deep Portage cost \$160. An unnamed source reported that Dave has always thought that it was too inexpensive. Although he frequently regales students with tales of his canoe adventures, an unidentified staff member claimed that he “prefers air conditioning and breakfast bars to tick infested cabins.” And he believes that students deserve a better experience.

During the meeting he brought up the fact that in the past, many students had been signing up for the trip, which made the selection and planning of the trip “stressful.” Dave decided that raising the cost would simplify things. “If you can hand over the \$1000, then you can go,” he said.

When pressed about the price change by parents Dave said “I believe the added cost will be worth it.” He added that he is in negotiations with Deep Portage about supplying “more comfortable accommodations” and organic yogurt for campers this year.



The new Deep Portage camp counselors

Clara Olson

How long have you been at OWL?

Like 3 years I think maybe or whatever.

What is your favorite OWL memory?

I was camping this one time and this owl swooped down. It wasn't like a normal owl, it was like, huge. And yeah, then it like flew away.

What class have you enjoyed most?

Dan's class of course.

What song lyrics describe your life?

Weird Al's white and nerdy.

What are your plans going forward?

To always take Sev's hat, and to continue telling everyone to hurry to class on the third floor.

Do you have any advice for younger students?

If someone tries to tell you that side ponytails are a thing of the past, don't believe them.



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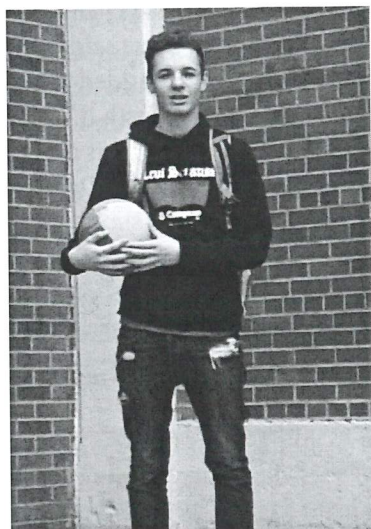
SPORTS!



Keenan goes pro

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Staff Writer

Eleventh grader Keenan Wright has opted to forgo his senior year of eligibility in order to play four square with the Kansas Cornhuskers. During a press conference, Keenan said that he had enjoyed his time at OWL, but that the “opportunity was simply too good to pass up.”



Departing junior Keenan Wright led OWL in most statistical categories this season

Keenan was the 4th pick of the 27th annual CFA draft. At press time it is unknown how much his contract was worth, but with the salary cap of \$17.69 over four years he is expected to get near to that. Keenan’s agent, Ed Heineman, said “we’re happy to now be with the Cornhuskers and we feel that both sides will be satisfied.”

During Keenan’s career at OWL he played over 285 games through his time, and finished second in the Minnesota High School league last year. Billy Mitchell, one of his chief competitors at Open, said that “despite our rivalry throughout the years I’m still happy for Keenan,” he went on to say “he’s a darn good player.”

Keenan has faced criticism over alleged use of performance enhancing drugs while playing for the Iowa Tractors, a minor league team over the summer. The Cornhuskers coach, Clarence “Kelly” Johnson dismissed this saying “y’all can’t prove nuthin.” Despite the lack of concern from those around Keenan, accusations of PEDs will most likely remain a key issue for the coming future as Keenan’s career begins to take off. Keenan’s agent said that “I have no doubts this was sour grapes. Like Hue Vang, and Jayden Gilkes. They’ve been mad about him winning the Golden Balls trophy for years now.”

During his time at the Iowa Tractors Keenan racked up 37 assists, putting him second in the northern division and third overall. He also accumulated 76 points and an accuracy rate of .893, putting him in the top ten players for all of the CFA.

Players removed from Ultimate team

Malachi Raymond
Staff Writer

The Boys Varsity Ultimate Frisbee team will be without Seniors Julius Williamson, Chua Moua, and 11th grader Patrick Verner after they were removed from the team for inappropriate Tweets, head coach Liam Shramko announced last week. Julius, Chua and Patrick were all suspended for the season after head coach Liam found tweets that

were insulting and inappropriate. “What kind of name is the frickin manatee?? I want a good name, like the Bears or something. #decentname” tweeted Chua after getting home from volleyball practice on Friday the 11th.



What kind of name is the frickin manatee?? I want a good name, like the Bears or something. #decentname

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Four square injuries

Miles Pretel
Staff Writer

After several OWL alumni reported suffering from long term hand injuries, which may be related to four-square, principal Dave Gundale is said to be rethinking the role the popular sport plays at OWL.

According to the report, filed by nurse Jim Patterson, the symptoms include stiff fingers, numbness of hand, or a constant stinging pain in the wrists. Jim has labeled the condition CWP, or Chronic Wrist Pain disorder.

OWL’s Ultimate frisbee coach Liam Shramko said his semi professional frisbee career could be at risk due to CWP. “It really hurts my hands to throw and catch. I may have to retire if this keeps up.” Liam played in Washington DC for the DC Breeze, and more recently for the Minnesota Windchill, but says his play has suffered in recent months due to CWP.

OWL alumni Mark Dyson, who works at 3M answering emails and sorting papers, said that it is painful

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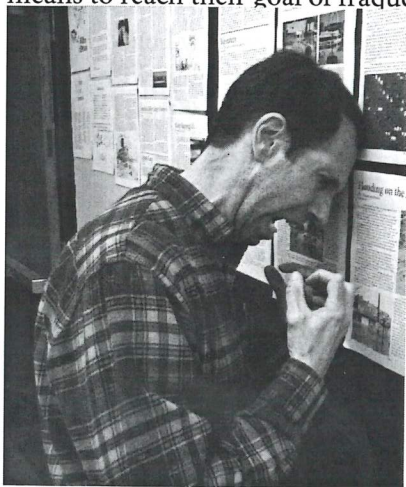
Los Geezers face fraquetball scandal

Quinn Christensen
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It has been revealed that Los Geezers, the popular fraquetball team, manipulated elements of their championship-winning game back in 2014.

Los Geezers (English teacher Leo Bickelhaupt and Spanish teacher Tim Leone-Getten) were up against the Alpha Numericals (math teacher Tom Totushek and Derrick Le-Tran) in the final playoff series. The two teams had been rivals for some time, and the stress of the finals only added to the tension. Ultimately, Los Geezers went on to beat the Alpha Numericals after a fantastic save kept them in the game - or so OWL's fraquetball community thought.

Tom later accused Los Geezers of "using maniacal means to reach their goal of fraquetball domination" during the famous - or infamous, depending on whose crew you're in - 2014 game. Purple Press representatives immediately rushed to the scene, discovering that through countless viewings of footage of the game caught by school security cameras, Tom had uncovered a shocking bit of information. During the crucial save, the ping-pong ball fell unnaturally, which



Los Geezers player Leo Bickelhaupt during the "Janator closet meltdown"

Tom proved through meticulous calculations.

"The only conclusion I can come to is that the ball was weighted," said Tom. "There is no other way that that save could have succeeded." When inquired about his sources on the matter, Tom simply replied "physics."

On Tuesday, March 22nd, journalists were interviewing Los Geezers player Tim Leone-Getten about the alleged scandal when he broke, saying that he had done it for his teammate, Leo Bickelhaupt. "Leo was having a tough time. The Gophers had just lost to North Dakota, his favorite flan-

Room temps really controlled by portal

Grace Gardner
Staff Writer

Every OWL student knows that some classrooms are colder than others. English Teacher Leo Bickelhaupt's room never seems to get any radiator heat, leaving it freezing by the end of the day. On the other hand, biology teacher Sorchia Nix's room always seems to be t-shirt temperature. But what is the correlation?

Recent investigations into room temperature discrepancies have revealed that classroom temperature is based on how productive teachers are, measured by how much grading they perform each week.

Some in the OWL community assumed that the room climate was based on style ranking, but while Leo's classroom predictably ranked in the lowest temperature range, the extremely stylish English-teacher-by-day, hipster-by-always Kevin Hansen also ranked low in temperature, disproving this hypothesis. 8th grader Lauren Mitchell suggested that perhaps the climate discrepancies were caused by broken thermostats in English teachers' rooms, but this hypothesis was also discredited on the basis that "it would make too much sense," said Lauren.

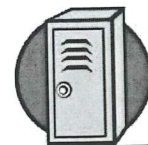
The secret, revealed in an intercepted email from Dave to secretary Cheryl Giles, is that classroom climate is controlled through Parent Portal. With a simple input, Dave can manually set the classroom temperature. Every ten entries into Portal results in a one degree increase in temperature, and each week that goes by where under ten assignments are entered, the temperature is decreased by two degrees, quickly making for an uncomfortable climate.

"Temperature is based off of how much the teacher is grading," said Dave. "When a teacher isn't doing any grading, I simply attempt to motivate them by turning down the temperature of their classroom. I reward them if they do a lot of work with a warm and comfortable classroom. It's similar to a technique that I learned at a boy scout camp as a young man, except that there they punished us with extremely hot temperatures in the summer."

Some of the warmest classrooms include the rooms of math teachers Tom Totushek and Damon Liberatore, and Spanish teacher Tim Leone-Getten, who loves assigning daily essays to his advanced Spanish classes. Leo's is report-

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Helicopter parent causes structural collapse

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Staff Writer

Earlier this year, a helicopter parent had a malfunction in their "my child is gifted and talented, I don't care what your tests say" rotor which caused them to crash into their child's school.

The crash happened at 7:31, when the helicopter parent crashed into the "touchy, overly sensitive teacher" wing of the school. The crash was caused by the helicopter parent hovering too close to the school in an attempt to insure that students were never more than 10 feet from a Red Cross trained babysitter, Dave himself, a fire escape and at least 3 gluten-free packed lunches.

The helicopter parent then clipped its rotor on the edge of the school and tumbled from the sky. It fell on top of a student who thankfully had eaten

a free-range egg this morning and was wearing his Mothers Against Child Happiness® Knee pads and helmet, and so was unharmed.

The damage caused by the helicopter led to a partial collapse of the building. Thankfully the kids were under direct adult supervision at the time, and were therefore impervious to harm, and so they didn't get killed, despite a wall collapsing on them. The school's press reports said that many of the victims of helicopter parent were sixth graders, and that many of them wouldn't make a full recovery until joining the real world.

The school has stated the damage caused by helicopter parents was irreparable, with test scores and fundraiser profits rising. The side of the school



The scene of the crash

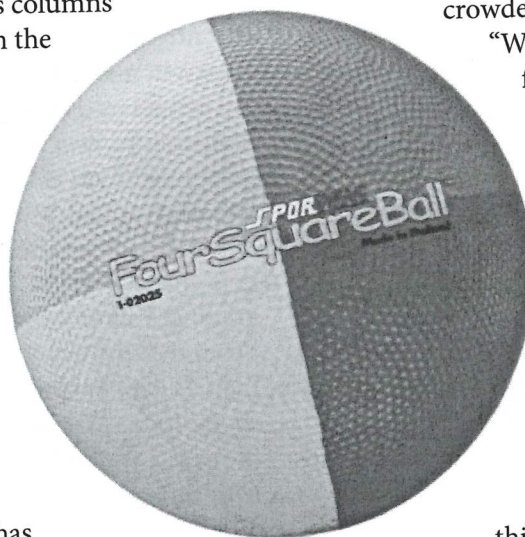
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Four Square from page 8

for him to type and work the copy machine at his new job. Dyson was famous for his Purple Press columns about his own four-square addiction in the late 90's.

Chuck Fletcher, artist and 4-square legend from 1976, has reportedly switched to more inventive ways of doing art. "I can barely move my hands, that's why I don't drive," He said. "I have switched from painting with my hands to using my feet. It has really changed how my art turns out. Not as many people buy it anymore."

Jim believe these injuries are a direct result of playing 4-square too vigorously during adolescence. Dave has appointed a committee to examine how seriously our school takes the game.



Fire Snakes continued on page 6

talented in my vicinity, and to have him teach me is a real bonus," said 6th grader Amelia Anderson, as they crowded around the front steps of his home, "We were all obsessed with him from the first day of school." Kevin has already hired a security company to protect him from the hoards of children trying to get his autograph. "I think this is really big step for our family," said Kevin's mom, Francine Hansen, 59, of Wisconsin, "I'm glad he has been able to take such an important step in his writing career. We're all so proud of him."

At press time it was unclear whether Kevin would keep teaching after this or begin writing full time for the magazine. "I already am having problems with fans trying to attack me," said Mr. Hansen. "I don't know if I can live this life - it's too mainstream!" It will be a hard decision for Kevin.

Cartonio Antvale strikes again (from the trees)



Cartonio Antvale
Staff Columnist

Well hello again my fine fellow friendos. Cartonio Antvale here again for another fun newspaper article for the newspaper discussing the wonder of nature: trees.

Trees are big, and many different colors. Trees are pretty. Trees begin their beautiful life cycle when the mama tree slowly dies and all the baby trees fall off. This is where

the term "why don't you make like a tree and

leave," comes from, because "leave" almost sounds like the word "leaf" which is the scientific term for a baby tree. The comedic comedy in that statement comes from the words that almost sound the same, but they are not the same.

Paper is made from trees.

One of my favorite kinds of trees are called "conifers" or, as many people know them, "everygreens". They are called this because they are green for the whole summer until Christmas when many are chopped down for Christmas cheer. Christmas is my favorite holiday because that's when I got my very first snapback. Just a lovely time of year for all.

The gray birch tree can live up to 50 years before dying. That is equal to 5 centuries. 5 centuries is about the same amount of time as 50 years. The gray birch tree can live up to 50 years before dying. Trees are my favorite animal.

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One fun and wonderful fact - I created the term

"funderful" to save time and energy while stating fun and wonderful facts about nature. Anyway, my funderful fact today is that there are more than 100,000 kinds of trees on earth. Just like oranges and staplers, trees make very good friends. Trees produce oxygen and most states have a national tree. That is very interesting. Trees are wonderful and pretty.

There is a kind of tree called a "horse chestnut tree." Though it says horse in the name, the tree is not actually made of horses. I like horses. Horses can sometimes be

brown. Like trees. *Aesculus hippocastanum* is the horse chestnut tree's scientific name. Science isn't real. Trees produce sunlight.

The biggest trees are called 'giant sequoias.' The reason they are called giant is because they are very big. Fun fact: giant sequoias can be up to 379 feet tall. That is taller than most people. Most people are around 4 ½ feet tall. That is not very tall. The tallest person I know is 7 feet tall. That is very tall. The giant sequia tree can be up to 379 feet tall. That is very interesting.

Paper is made from trees. That is very interesting. Most wood is also made from trees.

Well, as the hip kids say nowadays, "stay cool, my homie slice," if all my calculations are correct I will be back here to tell you more about the beautiful beauty of nature by next April. Those gosh-darned jail cells can't hold me forever.

Alrighty then everybody, stay off of the "instant grams" there's bad influences on that website including @the_thunderbird_ who is extremely politically incorrect and deserves to burn in hell. One last funderful fact before I go is that paper is made from trees. Alrighty then folks, have a wonderful day.



Paper is made from trees

Fraquetball from page 9

nel had ripped, and he had crashed his bike, all in the same week. The poor guy really needed a win. What can I say? I guess I'm just loyal to a fault," Tim said sadly as his and Leo's 2014 fraquetball was removed from the trophy.

Sources say Leo had no knowledge of his teammate's dishonest actions, during their occurrence or since. "Did I ever tell Leo that I cheated to help us win? What kind of a question is that? That would be like Hermione telling Ron she confunded McLaggen during Quidditch tryouts," Tim said, baffled.

Leo was understandably shocked and upset when

informed of the scandal. Shortly after the story broke on Tuesday, he was seen locking himself in a janitor's closet while Tom was spotted performing an excellent victory dance nearby. When a student asked Leo if he was alright, he said he just needed a "few minutes," although he wasn't heard from again until principal Dave Gundale was forced to break down the closet door as a result of complaints of faint sobbing from students.

Los Geezers have since been suspended from the AFA (American Fraquetball Association) indefinitely.



New Netflix genre: "Chill" Eiffel Tower Stolen

Zoe Gale
Staff Writer

In an effort to appeal to their upbeat millennial viewers, Netflix announced in late March that they will be adding a new genre section for their viewers, entitled "Chill," on April 1. The purpose of this section is to include the "best movies and tv shows to chill with your special someone," according to their website.

Some movies and shows included are: Space Jam, This is Spinal Tap, Clerks, Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure, Bill and Ted's Bogus Journey, The Evil Dead, Evil Dead II, Army of Darkness, Ash vs Evil Dead, Evil Dead (2013), every single episode of Glee, Kenneth Branagh's Hamlet, Mel Gibson's Hamlet, and the short film by Professional Scumbag on YouTube entitled A True Masterpiece, also a Hamlet film.

"I approve of most fine cinema with liberal amounts of blood geysers and boomstick-waving, so therefore I solidly approve of the Evil Dead mythos," said 10th grader Ian Nixdorf, who self-described himself as being a huge fan of the selections.

"Bill and Ted show me that there is a number even funnier than 24, and that is 69, dudes."

The majority reaction to the new section has been positive, although there are some outliers.

"Not only are most of these stupid, they're also not related to each other in any way, in my opinion," said 11th grader Charon Mousseaux. "This is a silly section."

One parent of a student at Open expressed concerns about the appropriateness of the selections for their children. She reached out to the Purple Press to publish quotes from her parental blog, LifeLoveLisa. "With a section called 'Chill' you would think that it would be filled with relaxing, family-friendly movies. Instead it's filled with extreme gore and many inappropriate jokes! I do not approve of this section for my children, and I believe that Netflix should remove it," said parent Lisa Fredrickson.

Others accused Netflix of picking movies and shows at random, and Netflix's Chief Communications Officer Jonathan Friedland addressed this, as well as parental accusations, at a news conference last Saturday. "These selections



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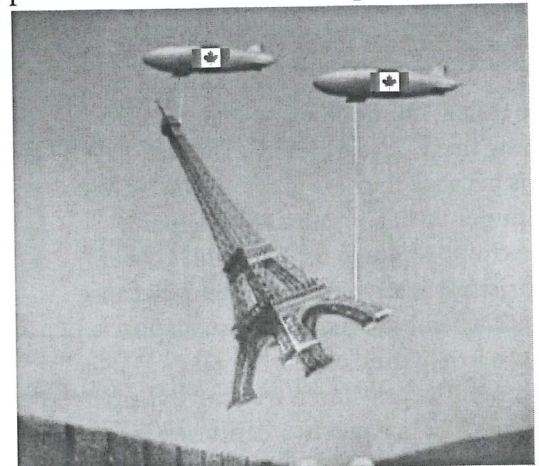
The Canadian Government intends to airlift the Eiffel Tower from France to its "rightful home" in Canada, according to Governor General David Johnston. Johnston claims that in 1967 the Eiffel Tower was supposed to temporarily relocated to Canada for the Universal Exhibition of 1967, although the project never happened because the company that managed the tower disapproved of the decision. Now Queen Elizabeth the second, prime minister Justin Trudeau, and Governor Johnston agree that Canada needs an iconic feature to attract more tourists. The act is said to take place on April 7th at sunset.

"The plan is to have a fleet of helicopters led by

the Queen cross the ocean and arrive in Paris at sunset," said Johnston. The three creators of the operation say the idea came to them when a mob of

angry Canadian civilians approached the Rideau Hall with pitchforks and torches in hand, grumbling about the constant drop of people traveling and living in Canada due to the lack of quality entertainment options. "Our country is continuously being overshadowed by the U.S and other large countries with all their rich history, museums, and monuments. No one EVER comes to Canada and it's all because of our own leaders," said Canadian citizen Joseph Billinger.

French prime minister Manuel Valls plans to send part of the French Armed Forces to New York to take back the Statue of Liberty, which was originally given as a gift back in 1886, if the plan to retake the Eiffel Tower is successful.



The Canadian blimps in action

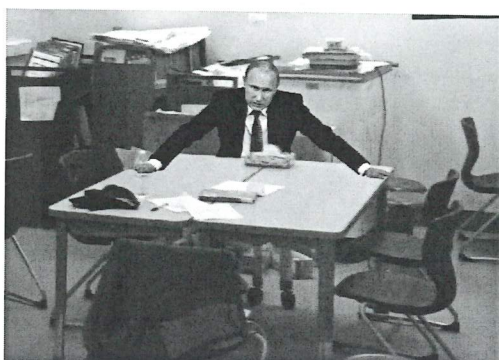
Putin moves to annex the dannex

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Last Sunday Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin was seen in the Dannex, placing Russian flags on the walls.

After his resounding success in the annexation of Crimea, Putin has set his sights on a much juicier target, OWL's Dannex. The Dannex is a hotspot of flippant gossiping and note passing sessions, as well as a place held in high esteem for its availability for History Day refugees.

But now Putin demands that it be handed over to the United Russian Party. "The future of the Dannex was decided by the people who live in it," Putin said while shirtlessly punch-



Russian prime minister Vladimir Putin cut a menacing figure in the dannex last week.

ing a bear. "They voted to be united with Russia. That's it. Full stop."

Upon further investigation Purple Press reporters found that the voters were two men who had been hiding under a table wearing t-shirts that read: "not part of Russia, vote for Putin."

Daniel Sullivan, former owner of the Dannex, commented. "I'm so happy." He said as Prime Minister Putin stared at him through the open window. "Putin will be a great ruler." And all this reporter can say on the matter is, Glory to Mother Russia. KGB is best.

Commons Ban from page 1

conditions of the petition stated that middle schoolers will be allowed to walk past the commons during passing time, but not sit in them. OWL security guard, Charlotte will be patrolling the commons during passing time.

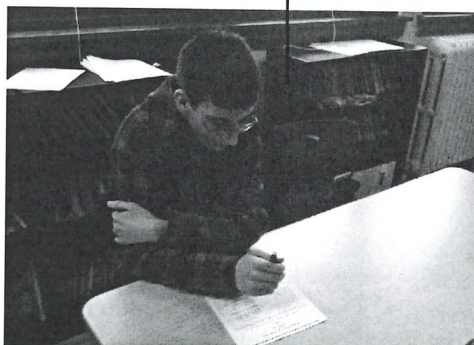
Some teachers are upset with Dave's decision. Some classes are so big, that teachers need to have their middle schoolers to work out in the commons. "They can be pretty loud, especially during work time. I like to send the loud ones out, so that everyone else can get work done," said social studies teacher to 6th and 7th graders, Dan Sullivan.

The middle schoolers are very upset with the decision. "It's not fair! We should be able to use the commons too," said 7th grader Miles Pretel. This reaction has been a common trend among middle schooler, with the overall reactions being negative. "I've gotten some complaints from parents of middle school students, but I think it's the right thing to do," said Dave. "They're definitely loud."

Room Temp from page 9

edly amongst the coldest classrooms in the school.

Teacher opinion is divided about this newly revealed policy. "I'm always on top of my grading, so it makes sense that Dave should reward my reliability. Unlike some teachers, like an English teacher who I won't mention by name, I love being as efficient as I can be," said Sorcha. Leo was later heard to say, "Biology is only for wimps who can't handle grammar. And everyone knows that heavy sweaters are the new hip."



Junior Eli Mangan huddles in his jacket during Leo's English class last month.

Ultimate from page 8

This was not only insulting to Liam, but the rest of his teammates. Surprisingly, this was not the worst thing said by members of the team. Julius and Patrick sent additional insulting tweets including "Who does Liam think he is? He thinks he can tell me what to do, when everyone knows I'm way better than anyone on the team. I'm even better than him now that I think about it," and "Liam couldn't sky me if his life depended on it."

After going over the 2016 Ultimate Frisbee Official Rulebook, Liam banned all three students from playing in the 2016 Ultimate Frisbee season. "I wish I could go back in time and punch myself in the face, I will never say anything like that again," said Julius. Chua said that, "I wasn't myself when I posted those tweets, I was very tired from volleyball practice." Patrick on the other hand remained unremorseful, saying that, "I meant and knew exactly what I said and will never take it down."

Senior Daniel Le-Tran said that he warned several former teammates against using Twitter and that it was a slippery slope. "I told them that Twitter is evil and that they should just stay with Snapchat." Daniel went on to say, "I just wish I was there for them and I hope Patrick can come to his senses." Overall this was a very big surprise to the whole team, as eighth grader Jedi Casas says, "I looked up to all of them and they were some of the best ultimate players I have seen. Hopefully nobody else will go down the same path that these three students did."

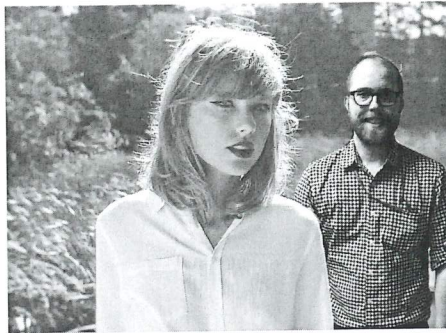
Kevin contemplates dancing career

Amaya Boulanger
Staff Writer

According to sources, English teacher Kevin Hansen has been weighing his options, and could potentially leave Open World Learning Community to audition to be a backup dancer for Taylor Swift.

Unfortunately, there could be some barriers. "I really want to be a dancer. All of my students know that I love to sing and dance randomly in the middle of class, especially to music by Kanye West and Taylor Swift. My problem is that my poem *Fire Snakes* was recently published in the *New Yorker*, and I am not sure which career I want to pursue, dancing or writing!" said Kevin. "And maybe I will just stay at OWL altogether!"

He expressed his dancing and rapping abilities in his crew's latest lip sync battle against Leo's crew, and he wants to "get out there and change the world," amazing people with every step and twirl.



The english teacher and his idol.

Kevin would train as a dancer at the Royal Academy of Dance USA for five years, and then dance for Swift for the next ten. He would return in the 2030-31 school year, but if he chooses a writing career, he may never return.

OWL would hire a long term substitute for the 15 years – or forever – that our beloved English teacher would be missing. Recently in a school board meeting, Site Council members of OWL joined District Superintendent Valeria Silva, OWL Principal Dave Gundale, and Kevin, trying to decide who Kevin's successor will be if Kevin really decides

to leave us.

Research has shown that many teachers leave their teaching career after their fifth year teaching, for many different reasons. Whether it be lack of respect from students, or pursuing a dream, it seems as if Kevin's reason is dancing for Miss Taylor Swift.

Helicopter from page 10

hit was written off as a total loss. However, based on teaching staff, it sort of was before the accident. The damage caused by helicopter parent may only be repairable by removing everything that made the school special.

Open School Representatives say the only fix may be banning of helicopter parents.

Helicopter Parenting is a dangerous new form of aviation. They run on yoga lessons, protecting their kids from learning life lessons, and Whole Foods. They were designed by Liberal Arts College engineering and Parental Resentment Systems, and have been a dangerous trend since. The FAA released data on these aircraft earlier in the year, saying the victims were mostly young children, ages 3-15.

Increasing amounts of helicopter parents have whitened the school through their pollution. Teachers have reported a rising number of low grades being protested by parents, and students crying at insignificant things.

The District proposed a no-fly zone over all schools, banning helicopter parents in schools. The zone would keep all forms of aircraft at least a mile away. The move is predicted to be quite controversial. However, if more helicopter parents arrive, the school may be ruined forever.

Chill from page 12

reflect what our viewers want to see. We feel that this new section will please our viewers," said Friedland. "We selected media to include by polling random visitors to our website, prompting them with the question: "what do you watch to chill on Netflix," and a blank box for them to enter selections. If you have concerns about your children being exposed to media you do not approve of, you can implement parental controls on your account. Films and shows of the same genre as "chill" were on Netflix before this, and it is up to the parent to prevent their children from viewing what they deem inappropriate."



Kenneth Branagh, star of most "Chill" movies

Elevator from page 5

English classes.

"Hopefully these rules will boost the sinking attendance in my class," English teacher Kevin Hansen said.

When asked what she thought of the new elevator rules, 6th grader Amaya Boulanger said, "I think the rules are unfair. Most sixth graders didn't even know OWL had an elevator. Now we'll never have a chance to use it."

"We are entering the last quarter of the year," Dave said. "Students should really dig into their work in these last few weeks, and restriction of elevator use will improve student focus and learning."

TWO TRUTHS AND A LIE

Kyle Chase - new OWL science teacher!

1. I have owned leather pants, they were my pride and joy. I got rid of them the other day because of this new job here at OWL, which I am excited to be starting after spring break.
2. I rock climb competitively on the weekends in Red Wing, and I have been to Nationals multiple times. My father was a big rock climbing enthusiast, he loved the sport and I love it as well!
3. My true passion, other than teaching of course, is singing karaoke at local restaurants with my friends. My favorite song to sing is "Ice Ice Baby" by Vanilla Ice, it really shows the best of music.

Ask Grace! . . . or something like her

Dear Graces,

I fell down the stairs yesterday. Pros and Cons of getting up? Please help.

-- Person on Floor

If you get up, you feel the satisfaction of caring for yourself and being a competent human being. However, if that is too much work for you, I would suggest staying on the ground, crying and wailing like a baby until someone comes by and helps you. (prepare to be mocked.) Is not moving your legs for an extra minute-worth that much emotional pain later? Only you can decide.

-- Sovigne "Looks Like Grace" Gardner

Upon getting up from the floor, many opportunities await you such as taking a shower. And depending on how long you've been on the floor, you probably need a shower. However, staying on the floor can get you out of many a painful activity, such as emptying the dishwasher, cleaning up cat puke or your first hour creative writing class. I wish you the best of luck!

-- Sam "Close Enough to Grace" Kellar-Long

Unfortunately, hanging around on the floor will cause you to miss your classes but as long as you're not on the floor for very long it'll be a great relaxing few minutes

of people stepping on your hair and backpack.

-- Maggie "Hangs Around With Grace" Windingstad

What is the best prank you've ever pulled off?

-- Looking For Ideas

If you were an identical twin, what do you think you would do? Sorry, that's all I can say. I'm sworn to secrecy.

-- Sovigne "Looks Like Grace" Gardner

Let's just say that my sister may or may not have had hot sauce on her toothbrush at one point. Let's just stick with that.

-- Sam "Close Enough to Grace" Kellar-Long

I hid my sister's piggy bank in my room and convinced her it was our other sister who hid it, she thought it was my other sister for like three weeks.

-- Maggie "Hangs Around With Grace" Windingstad



Are you wondering about anything? Email askgrace.owl@gmail.com with your questions, and they will answer!

Answer: I don't have any leather pants but I do know that we're all going to like each other when I start!

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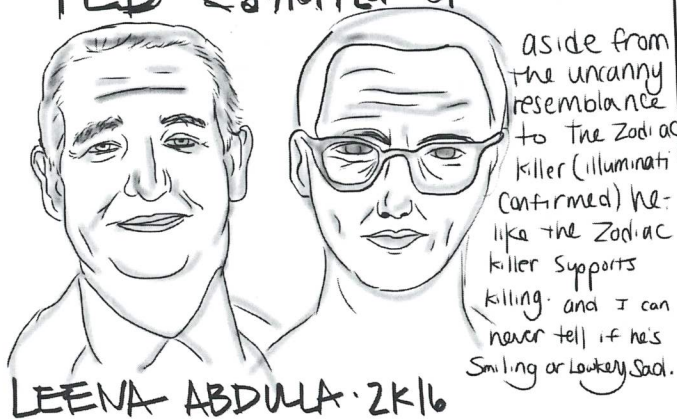
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