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Locker stuffing at Eastview Up 12%

by Britta Nicholson
Staff Columnist

Since the beginning of the 2005 school year, more students have heard muffled screams echoing from within the metal lockers that line the hallways. According to the administration, locker stuffing has risen a disturbing 12% over the past year. Studies show that about 80% of students will either be stuffed into a locker, or stuff someone into a locker throughout their four years at Eastview.

Many nervous students and concerned parents have been wondering, "Why are more innocent students being victimized by being shoved into lockers?" The experts blame the continually diminishing size of the average freshman. One anonymous senior commented, "Every year, they just seem to get smaller and smaller. They're just the perfect size for being shoved into a locker, I can't help it."

So, the irresistibly tiny size of incoming freshman is responsible for this recent trend. But how can it be remedied? The administration has considered a number of options, including decreasing the width of lockers, while increasing the height. An administrator remarked, "Good luck fitting anybody in a locker that's six inches wide!" But many students complained that their twenty pound textbooks wouldn't fit in the slimmer lockers either. This would inevitably lead to students carrying more weight in their already overstuffed backpacks. So Eastview would have less locker-stuffing, but more students wandering



Photo: Chris Sipe

STUCK: 12% more students are finding themselves stuck in lockers this school year. Junior Malorie Booth was terrified after being stuffed into a locker last Tuesday. "I didn't even see it coming," she says.

about like ornery pack mules with an increased risk of scoliosis. Fiscal stewards complain that retrofitting the lockers could cost tens of thousands of dollars.

Due to these conflicts, the students and administration have reached a compromise. They will force all incoming freshmen to drink more milk, thus con-

suming more calcium. Proponents of this plan believe that it will increase the height of the average freshmen so they won't be able to be squeezed into a locker. If students choose not to follow this plan, they will be at the mercy of the unsympathetic seniors that lurk in the halls of Eastview.

An alternate version of this plan was rejected, but there are still those who support the idea of feeding freshman solid sticks of butter to increase their width. This idea was deemed infeasible due to the increased risk of heart attack and premature death.

Nightmare Becomes Reality for Student Over Break

by Becca Habegger
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This was no average Friday for Scruffy McNugget* as he left his weekly Endangered Species of East Mongolia

Club meeting at 5:13pm. Within fifteen minutes he would be home and ready to start a week of relaxation and Spring Breaking, or so he thought.

Photo: Jack Thurnblad



*Name may or may not have been changed for student's protection, privacy, and salvation from endless ridicule

Heading down the B-stairwell with the week of freedom so near he could almost taste it, McNugget found the ground floor doors to be locked. Retreating and trying the second-level exits, they, like the previous attempt, did not budge. Fighting back the panic he felt rising in his throat, he resolved to do what any sane Eastview student would do in such a scenario: bang on the door and scream like a caged monkey on caffeine pills.

What Scruffy failed to realize, however, was that everybody had left the building for the long break, and he was left alone. After a twenty-minute commotion-making session, McNugget resolved himself to sit down and conserve the little energy he possessed for what — as far as he knew — could be the entire next week...and it was.

"Thank goodness for that fruit cake Mamma packed with me on Friday," McNugget confided to The Turnip. "Without it, I probably would have croaked by day five!"

Scruffy's mother, rightfully ashamed by the fact, had been oblivious to the lack of her son's presence.

"Well, he's always gone anyways doing some conservation research for East Mongolia. Not seeing him is just something that we've gotten used to," lamented Mrs. Nugget. "Perhaps we should have been clued in by the lack of his '86 Volvo in the garage."

His car alone should land McNugget enough sympathy to get out of any predicament he may find himself in.

"We are still debating whether to press charges against Scruffy McNugget for using up a week's worth of breathable EVHS air," confides an EVHS Administration official off-the-record. Officially, the district declines to comment as litigation may be pending.

Clearly, lessons have been learned here, a Spring Break has come and gone, and an out-of-season holiday dessert has been devoured. McNugget is currently undergoing therapy for his horrible experience; nobody should have to eat that much fruitcake.

Horoscope

Haugh Finds No Excellence at Eastview, Gives Up

by Jennifer Henderson
Staff Columnist

In an unexpected move last Thursday, Eastview math teacher Mr. Mike Haugh surprised students by returning graded quizzes and promptly walking out the door. An unidentified AP Calculus student stated, "He left us. He just threw his hands up

and yelled, 'I can't deal with this anymore, I quit!'"

Rumors have been circulating throughout the halls of Eastview over what triggered Haugh's departure. Rumors include a new job offer in another school district and retirement. The most prevalent rumor is that the A- class average just was not good enough.

In an exclusive interview, Haugh explained his real reasons for leaving, "I used to tell the class that they were the top 20% of people that did 80% of the work. I can honestly say now that I lied. I thought that line would encourage them to work harder. Turns out they took it to heart and started slacking off. When I came to Eastview, I was promised excellence. As for those puzzle pieces they wave in your face, those were just smoke and mirrors. In my five years here at Eastview, I have yet to find one example of exceptional work by these students." The administration could not be reached for comment regarding the replacement teacher for Haugh. A sign left by the other math teachers on the AI office door simply stated, "Math has been cancelled."



HAUGH GONE WILD: Math teacher Mike Haugh tries new 'tough-love' teaching method after failed "20% campaign"

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Aries: (March 21-April 19)

For the sake of curiosity, you will order an ant online, then place it in the microwave. The ant will then react and develop into the Huant (Hulk + Ant), who will retaliate and zap you with a magnifying glass.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Throughout the next month, you will see the words "Viscous Amorphous Sludge" plastered everywhere. When you go home one night, you will ask your friends in an online chat room what that means. They will know.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

You will realize that your friends placed a sign on your back saying "trip me if you think I'm ugly." Then, your parents will trip you.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

You will spend six months in jail after learning that police officers don't find "Your Momma" jokes funny. Apparently, his mother was fat.

Leo: (July 23-Aug 22)

Out of curiosity, you will use a ballpoint pen on your next standardized test. Once you get the results, you will be disappointed that the scores didn't even change.

Virgo: (Aug 23-Sept 22)

Stay clear of any lightning bolts in the near future. They will present a hazard to your health.

*These horoscopes have been calculated (by McKenna Ewen) using precise planetary position and are **guaranteed** to reflect future events*

Libra: (Sept 22-Oct 22)

This is the perfect time for a change. But if you are already perfect, try and change those who aren't. They will be very grateful.

Scorpio: (October 23-November 21)

Camp Snoopy will discontinue their unlimited ride wristband, and you will be left with nothing to do on Saturday nights.

Sagittarius: (Nov 22-Dec 21)

To solve the mystery behind Buffalo wings, you will begin a two-month voyage in attempt to find a winged-buffalo.

Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 20)

There will actually be a crocodile that sneaks into your basement. Even worse, there will be a baby crocodile that sneaks into your toilet.

Aquarius (Jan 21-Feb 18)

While playing a competitive game of "duck duck gray duck," you will accidentally knock a fourth grade boy unconscious. Shortly after, the fourth grader's posse will attack you and show no mercy.

Pisces (Feb 19-Mar 20)

The next time you pick out a book, make sure it receives good reviews by Reading Rainbow. If they do not recommend it, the book won't be worth your time.

Commentary: Furry freedom

Hamster slavery must end

by William Meiklejohn
Staff Cartoonist

America was built on the principle of freedom. But while many Americans are fighting for individual rights around the world, there is an important minority being overlooked within our borders. For years, hamsters have been denied their basic freedoms. Fortunately for hamsters, some 'activists' are finally taking up their protection.

The protection of animals has been a concern since the beginning of time. Whether or not hamsters are aware of the prison they live in is irrelevant to this debate. The animal rights community is nobly fighting to liberate hamsters from the oppressive shackles that currently domesticate them.

"Animals are living and breathing creatures. They are endowed with their own souls. They feel and hurt just as much as you and I. Hamsters have been overlooked for too long," says animal freedom fighter Paul Blane. "The deception that hamsters aren't in pain will soon be enforced."

While the government stands idle, our furry friends have endured horrible hardships. Many times the abuse of rodents goes beyond ignorance. Hamsters are commonly used as test subjects in laboratories. Owners often are simply inconsiderate when they care for hamsters.

Hamsters are enslaved as common pets for the amusement of our selfish needs. We tame living beings to establish our power of control. Their daily routine seems

amusing to us: food gathering, water drinking, mindless play time, and endless sleep. Caged in between four walls, hamsters need a strong community of interaction to live.

Neglect is often the cause of death. Normally, society would never consider allowing children to care for other living things. That's exactly what society does though when children 'care for' (a.k.a. neglect) hamsters.

Humans have more in common with hamsters than we would care to admit. As animals in greed, humans fear comparison to hamsters because it threatens individuality and moral worth. In many ways, a person's life resembles the hamster's. Daily routines are often pointless and tedious with consistent effort going unrecognized. Like the hamster in the wheel, humans focus their life on ambitious goal yet always end up in the same place they start. People too live in cages of the world, and like the hamsters, long for freedom.

Students at Eastview are growing concerned about hamster slavery. "We tame hamsters because they fit nicely in boxes," says senior Courtney Bear, a hamster enthusiast. Criticizing hamster hegemony, she notes that "hamsters are gnawing away at the pedestal that humanity has hoisted upon them."

The rights of hamsters have long been overlooked. Hamsters long for their freedom, and they deserve the right to wander freely across the great lands of America. Rodent abuse is not victimless: it reinforces humanity's domination complex on the next generation. Hang in their hamsters: help is on the way.

EDITION?

ARMED WITH Z MINUS GIBSON TAKES DOWN 2ND PERIOD

by Erik Didrikson
Lightning Reporter

Eastview Hockey guru and Phy-Ed teacher extraordinaire Mike Gibbons recently prompted a wave of controversy when he awarded his entire second hour Winter Outdoor Rec. class “Z-minuses”. As the epic Gibbons-proclaimed “World Championship” between team Schmozz and team Grey-Blues came down to the last minute, Gibbons declared “Sudden death overtime, next goal wins”.

Witnessing senior Casey Kuester explained that “his [Gibson’s] analysis of the teams was both scathing and blunt, declaring boldly that ‘Team Grey-Blue is a dynasty, but they’re overrated’”. The game *tennis racquetball hockey* involves two teams vying for control over the north gym. Armed with tennis racquets and hockey helmets, teams smack a racquet ball back and forth, hoping to score in one of the two hockey nets situated at either end of the arena.

Following Senior Jon Friedman’s fan on a shot, Gibbons threatened the class

with a “Z minus” if this perceived lackluster effort continued. Many students shrugged off this warning, considering the threat to be empty at



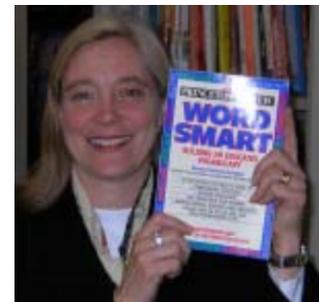
CAPTURED: The game *tennis racquetball hockey* is the Gibson domain.

best, as no teacher could award such a grade. However, three minutes later, sophomore Seth Jonker’s smash misfired, ricocheting into Gibson’s own facemask. Although Gibbons was not injured, a terrified silence fell over the

class. Gibbons then reportedly broke out into an incoherent tirade cursing the “overrated superstars” in the class and stormed out of the gym. Gibbons refused comment after the episode, hip-checking the offending reporter into the nearest locker.

As report cards were handed out weeks later, members of the class were shocked to discover they had received the previously unthought-of Z-. The students were alarmed to learn the impact of the Z- on their GPAs, granting negative grade points rather than the standard 0.0-4.0. Girl Genius Katina Peterson, previously a top ten candidate, plummeted to 12 in Eastview’s class of 552 students as a result of her score. The remaining members of the class now occupy places 531-552. No precedent has been found that interprets the legality of the Z-grade, and the validity of the Z- has yet to be established.

STRANDQUIST AT A LOSS FOR WORDS



by McKenna Ewen
Staff Writer

Mrs. Patricia Strandquist, the English department coordinator, found herself at a loss for words on January 15th, 2005. Literally. While discussing the parody in Hamlet to her fourth hour AP Language class, Strandquist officially ran out of words. When Strandquist was interviewed later in the day, she described the situation as an “embarrassing collaboration of events.” Out of sheer wrath, Strandquist left a Voice’s literary arts magazine editorial board meeting to go home and reread the first 150 pages of Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate dictionary. She then played a one-person game of scrabble.

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SPECIAL ISSUE

Students protest for PDAs

Administration signals interest in further study

by McKenna Ewen
Staff Writer

This past Friday, March 25th, a group of students protested outside Eastview High School in hopes of inspiring more public displays of affection. The protesters gathered around the north doors.

One of the passionate protesters, Katlin Cooper, said she believed that "public displays of affection are beautiful and the most heart warming display of true love I can imagine." Another protester agreed, saying, "The love between two individuals in the halls is absolutely amazing. It is so cute to see two people willing to sacrifice a tardy to be together."

The protesters' demanded that passing time be increased to ten minutes, since five minutes is not long enough to share a special moment in the hall.

An unidentified (very tall) administrator says that, "Unfortunately, we cannot change the length of passing time at the present time. We do believe that the matter warrants further study. Perhaps we could create an ad hoc action committee to study the issue and compile a report for next fall." The administration acknowledged recent studies showing that teenagers involved with public displays of affection perform better on standardized tests and are less likely to start fights.

Angry students performed a small counter-protest to the pro-PDA lobby. "PDA is just gross," said a sophomore who did not want to be identified. A few minutes later, she was seen 'making out' with another protestor in the C3 locker bay.

Math Team Tests

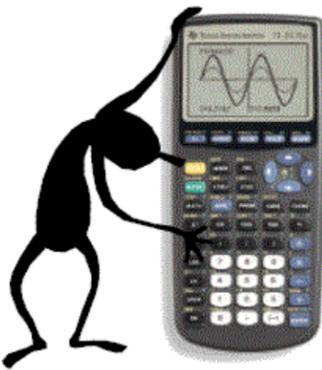
Positive for Steroid Use Tests And Smashed Calculators Used as Evidence

by Jon Friedman
Staff Columnist

The Eastview High Math Team's unusually strong performance this season may well be attributed to enhancement drugs. Three out of the eight students who participated as scorers for Eastview at the state tournament on Monday, March 14th, tested positive for the anabolic steroid, Calcodrol.

Judges at the state competition found calculators in the Eastview section whose numbers were pressed in beyond repair. With permission from the coach, Ms. Pendergast, the administrators issued steroid usage tests for the entire team and found traces of Calcodrol as well as high blood sugar from immense candy intake. Though less than half of the students tested positive, scorers are considering nullifying the entire team's scores. "We think it unfair for teammates to just let this hap-

pen," one judge said, "It's clear that this team should not be beating Apple Valley anyway."



With their eight point win over rivals Apple Valley High School in the state tournament, Captain Jon Friedman and Co-captain Nate Henry found the drug use appalling. "It's news to me," Henry said, eating his third cookie, "And the first person I would have suspected would have been Friedman, but I guess not."

The team, who scored particularly well this season, is up on review for the state judges whether or not their scores will count. Although they did not take home a trophy, administrators are considering taking away all bragging rights and good feelings from Eastview's team due to the drug abuse. The decision will be announced at a press conference in the PAC after school.

Campus Question

With all the recent hype of privacy issues, what do you think is a reasonable conclusion for internet privacy?

by Jon Friedman
Staff Columnist

"Don't do anything you wouldn't want your grandmother to see."

-Rachel Gallagher

"My conclusion: privacy shmivacy. I didn't take my Adderol today so I'm going crazy." -Terry Sheridan

"Pull up your pants."
- Brock Melander

"Internet privacy? You mean the fact that I don't have any? I mean, my brother is constantly going through my files without even double-clicking or asking if it's ok with me first. And the guy on my LAN? I have to shut off my monitor before changing! It's gotten ridiculous!" - Elana Brubaker

"Pedophiles are people too." - Whit Maull

"The legal copywriting of alphabet letters. I suggest e." -Whitney Flohr

A Shocking Occurrence

by Becca Habegger
Staff Columnist

At the third annual Eastview Intramural Water Polo tournament last Wednesday, Zapp got knocked into the 4th-floor pool by a crazed fan. Fortunately, half time had just commenced, so nobody was in the water to be electrocuted by the mascot's high-energy emissions. The ball, however, left in the pool to leisurely bob about until the game restarted, was fried like the chicken that crossed Colonel Sander's road.

After several unsuccessful attempts to fish the electrically active and unconscious Zapp out of the deep end with the life ring, referee Bob Boberson contacted the science department.

"I got the call at about 4pm," says EVHS Earth science and electricity guru Mr. Hill. "Neither plastic nor rubber is a conductor for electricity, so I told them to use objects of those materials to save that poor mascot".

And they did just that. Using a conglomeration of gymnastic mats, Speedo

swim caps, and brute strength, water polo participants and parents managed to slide Zapp out of the water and onto the deck of the pool.

"We had to wait until he dried off before giving CPR," explained Eastview champion water polo-ian Dan Leeman. "Water, as we all know, conducts electricity, so mixing a wet-lightning bolt with human lips and hands would recreate a Benjamin Franklin scenario that we just didn't want to deal with".

Zapp, ten minutes after initial aqua-submersion, was revived and up on his feet once again, cheering and supporting the Intramural Water Polo teams. This time, however,



ZAPPED: Zapp shortly before the incident.

his school spirit radiated from the safety of Eastview's 5th-floor observation deck.

"Why we chose to risk stationing Zapp poolside at our games is beyond me," muses water polo coach Greg Douma. "I guess the temptation of having a dancing blue lightning bolt right there in the action was too strong."

Zapp's mishap shouldn't spark any surprise, however. When you mix electricity and water, shocking things occur.

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