

Harry Potter, back again

Penultimate sequel leaves viewers in suspense



PAIGE CARSWELL

Perhaps, it's not for everyone. The latest installment of the beloved series about the boy wizard, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1, may put off the less nerdy of us who were expecting more action, and hoping for a story line that is easily followed.

It is a pleasant surprise, though, for those of us who have been waiting around in our Gryffindor socks for the next movie to come.

The plot line (probably rightly) assumes that we know what's going on at this point in

the show, as the Saw series assumes everyone has watched the first and second one if they have watched the third.

We are dropped off in the middle of Harry (Daniel Radcliffe), Ron (Rupert Grint) and Hermione (Emma Watson) bidding farewell to each of their families, knowing they have to go on a quest in which they'll be lucky to return at all—much less by Christmas.

Staying away from their loved ones to keep them from certain danger, they travel through the land, looking for horcruxes to destroy and keeping from the snatchers. The goal in this is to diminish Voldemort's (Ralph Fiennes) power enough to eventually take him on head-to-head.

Hardly ever slow, the movie picks up and slows down with great pace, from Ron and Hermione's romantic subplot to the battle with the snake in Godric's Hollow.

The biggest surprise, though, is how much Radcliffe, Grint and Watson have grown as actors. What began as almost a painful beginning to the series, watching the three attempt to play the parts that I had loved so much, as transformed into an enjoyable experience—or at least one where the audience doesn't leave, crying, "Why? Why them?"

The dropoff at the end of the movie would leave anyone wanting more, if they didn't know what was to happen next, or that the series is about to come to an end.

For the fans, though, we can wait for the next with a sad anticipation, hoping that perhaps there will be a new way to relive the experience the books and movies have provided us that will make the end of an era less painful.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Holidays leave some empty

INGER FURHOLT

The feeling of your stomach shrinking into a little raisin. The point where you just feel nauseous because it has been too long since the last time you've consumed food, or liquid for that matter. This feeling is probably the closest most of us has come to feeling what we think is real hunger.

As college students attending a private college, we may not know much about what it really feels like to be hungry. We may often say that we're dying of hunger as our stomachs feel like they are empty at times. However, we do not know hunger like many others in America and all around the world.

At home, most of us have something to eat in the fridge, or in the cabinets, a parent who will make dinner on most days, if not every day. Many are used to having enough food, and having enough money to buy food, so we tend to forget about the fact that there are people around us who don't have the same opportunities.

According to the Hunger Report of 2010 posted by the Feeding America Foundation, hunger in the United States is increasing at an alarming rate. There are people in every continent of the world who do not have the opportunity to eat when they're hungry.

People often forget to think about starving people in a western country like America, while there are many households that at some point cannot afford to buy food. There are commercials on television that show starving children in other countries, which is heartbreaking to watch. However, it is also heartbreaking to know that there are children and adults in our own country who do not have the opportunity to eat, because families do not have the funds to feed themselves or their children.

The population of the world is increasing, and even though food is being mass produced to a maximum, the increase of food production is not helping those that do not have the ability to get food, especially when it comes to eating healthy. Fast food is so much cheaper than going to an

actual store and purchase fruit, vegetables or other healthier choices.

The focus of so many these days is on how to stay in shape, or how to become or stay skinny. Some even starve themselves on purpose without considering they have a choice of eating, while others don't have a choice, because they cannot afford food or it is just not available to them. Some do not understand the difference between being healthy and eating healthy, while others don't even have a choice.

Hunger is something we may not be familiar with, but there are so many people who deal with the feeling of hunger every day. As we stuff our faces, and eat more than our stomachs can often handle, just to complain about how we are going to gain weight during holidays or family gatherings, it should be important to remember how lucky we are. There are families, maybe even relatives, neighbors, and people in our community who know the real feeling of hunger.

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Facebook fads deliver frustration, annoyance

By Collegian staff

Lea Shores

You do not look like Brad Pitt. Okay, maybe if you squint your eyes really tight, turn your head 90 degrees to the right and use a lot of imagination there might be some resemblance. Oops, nope, not even then.

Doppelganger week is one of the most confusing weeks on Facebook. Megan Fox just updated her status to say that she is headed up to eat in the Java Jinx. I didn't even know she went to school here.

Whoever told you that you resembled (insert celebrity here) was just being nice, you don't. Except that girl whose Doppelganger was Barney, there was definitely a striking resemblance.

Korie Hawkins

Username, password, click, and finally I'm logged in to catch up on the newest statuses and updates on my favorite social networking site.

The statuses seem strange to-

day. Most are in question and answer format. How do you play this new Facebook Fad? Post on you status, "Inbox me any question and I'll post the answer on my status." Yeah, right.

It was amusing at first, asking people questions that everyone has always wanted to know, but never had the balls to ask. Now, it's basically getting on my last nerve. No one can ever really know if you were inboxed those 15 questions that you happened to answer in the last 22 minutes.

Erin Morris

The fad seems like an opportunity to air your dirty laundry or to boost your ego before the newest Facebook fad is established. I'd like to see it be changed to, "Post your question on my wall and I'll answer it." Maybe then my newsfeed won't be so annoying to read.

The "random facts" posts are also annoying. Chances are, the "random" facts you are sharing with friends are nothing more than the same nonsense you've

been posting all along.

I already know you still sleep with a stuffed animal and love the smell of permanent markers. This information is nothing new to me. Not only that, but your facts usually come in large groups ranging from 30 to 50. So here's your next random fact, nobody reads them.

Clinton Dick

If there is one Facebook fad that was done right, it was the month when everyone was encouraged to put their favorite Pokémon as their profile picture.

I have been, and still am today, a huge Pokémon fan. When I heard about this last year, I had to contain my excitement. I quickly look through the original 150 Pokémon to decide which one would be the best for the world to see me as.

Of course, I decided on a picture of a blatantly confused Raichu, which ended up fitting my personality quite well. I felt

as though everyone who knew what Pokémon are and had the same childhood obsession as I did had a fun time participating that month.

There are always going to be fads that do not pertain to everyone, but that is something that can't be changed with a social network as big as Facebook. Besides, those who don't know what Pokémon are flakes anyways.

Alejandra Rojas

What does poking on Facebook really mean? Many believe a simple poke is an innocent attempt to grab the attention of fellow friends or even a secret crush. Some may translate a poke as, "Hey, you! Wutsup?", while others may believe poking is just really annoying.

I can't seem to get into poking people. I've seen numerous photos of people who have up to 30 or so friends they have poked or have been poked by. Okay,

may 30 is an exaggeration, but trust me I've tried to keep up and have failed.

Let's admit poking back in forth is time consuming and, quite honestly, a bit pointless. There are better ways in my opinion to talk to someone, it's called post a comment on their page. But I suppose poking is enjoyable to some, so who am I to judge. For those who enjoying poking, here are some facts on the power of poking: if you poke someone who is not your friend, they will be able to view your profile for three days, if you poke someone not in your network and they poke back, you can view their profile even if you're not their friend.

Carly Budd

The "It's 'insert random heart-breaking, gut wrenching issue here' appreciation week" posts are also annoying.

I'm sorry, there is no way every week of the year is "appreciation week" for every cause out there. If you want to support those causes, go ahead. But maybe next time you go to copy and paste that message, consider taking off the "appreciation week" at the end, especially if it is not the correct time of year.

Paige Carswell

Have you noticed your friend who has super-white teeth in every photo of themselves? The one with the oversaturated colors in their photos? The ones with 72-point pink font at the

bottom that says "BFFs <3"?

Annoying Facebook fad: Picturing photos. Look, we know your photos are a lie. You end up looking more like a cartoon character than a real person, anyway.

So, please, please. Before you label that next photo something like, "My girlies!" just think about the number of people who are going to love your photo (Answer: You and your three friends in it) compared to the number of people who are going to throw up a little bit when they see it (Answer: Everyone else).

Inger Furholt

One incredibly annoying Facebook fad is quizzes. When my newsfeed is filled up with quizzes about what age my friends will die, or quizzes about when one will find their true love, or get married, I have a tendency to become so curious that I will participate in this ridiculous form of time consumption.

Taking a quiz definitely can make time go by, but five multiple-choice questions do not really give you a legitimate answer. Nobody else wants to know at what age you will die, when you'll get married, how pretty you are, how dirty minded you are, or what kind of song you are, but I still can't help but just check it out. It is said there are no stupid questions, but after seeing all these quiz questions I would have to disagree.

Word on the Hill

What is the most annoying Facebook fad?

By Kyle Killgore



"Facebook applications because if I get another one I'm going to set something on fire. They're annoying."

Ashley Lejuernne
undecided
freshman



"Farmville by far."

Chris Cole
physical education
junior



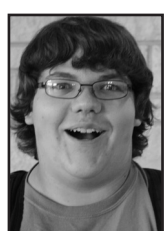
"When people take pictures of themselves on their cell phone."

Arden Moon
business
junior



"All the different apps."

Elyse Achenbach
psychology
senior



"The most annoying Facebook fad is questions and answers."

Jevyn Voss
athletic training
freshman



"Question inbox. You send the person an inbox and they answer and put it as their status."

DJ Wilson
graduate studies



"Man that question and answer thing."

Keith Zerger
business
sophomore



"Cryptic, emotional messages on your statuses."

Cody Davis
music theatre education
senior



"The Q&A fad."

Tyler Harrel
marine biology
freshman



"I think that Facebook itself is annoying."

Tendai Kwaramba
biochemistry
sophomore

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