

Word on the Hill

How many classes have you skipped?

By Anthony Cook

Random Thoughts from the editor



“None.”
Alexander Macassane
business management
freshman



“None.”
Chad Pickett
undecided
freshman



“Only one.”
Corinna Keeling
biology
sophomore



“Zero.”
Jordyn Cossman
physical education



“I haven’t missed any this semester.”
Farai Kwaramba
chemistry and chemical engineering
senior



“Just one.”
Gretchen Blattner
nursing
freshman



“Zero.”
Jimmy Bryant
business education
junior



“I’m a science major. I can’t miss classes.”
JoAnna Ellsworth
biochemistry
junior



“I’ve only missed one.”
Christy Glessner
business marketing
junior



“Just two.”
Mary Requena
elementary education
junior



“Zero. I don’t believe in missing classes.”
Matt Perkins
business management
junior



“Zero.”
Zak Tazkargy
biochemistry
freshman

• I wish that society would be more accepting of Bleu Cheese. B.C. (that’s what I like to call it) is so much better than just a salad dressing. People are missing out on some wonderful dipping opportunities while Ranch sits around being overused.

• Coffee tables are stupid. They always have to go in the center of the room. Coffee tables shouldn’t be the main attraction for any room, but when you set something in the middle it’s always going to stick out like a sore thumb. I think coffee tables are just bad for feng-shui.

• Sometimes I like to tell people about things in my life that never happened. I wouldn’t call it lying necessarily as it’s usually a touch on the insignificant side. Half the campus is convinced that I went to the same high school as Tom Hanks.

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Age does not always match maturity



Inger Furholt

high school I already felt like I was an adult, and I was very happy about it.

When you’re 18 or 21 you might consider yourself all grown up because you have more responsibilities than you used to have, and because you have more of a voice in the society.

Does someone’s age really mean that the person is all grown up, and that this person is ready for life and all the things it brings?

It is weird thinking about how we all want to grow up so fast. When we become an adult, we think back at our days as children, and

remember how little we actually had to worry about. It still surprises me when I hear people say, “I can’t wait till I’m 25, because then I’m an adult and all my dreams are going to come true.”

There are five things that many people think is the way to becoming an adult: leaving home, finishing school, getting a job, getting married, and then having children.

I’ve seen many bad examples of people doing all these things, and I wouldn’t say that they acted like adults at many times, so then I started thinking about what actually makes a person an adult.

When a person goes to college he or she moves away from home, starts their own life and enjoys the freedom of being on their own way too much. Many people think they can do everything on their own because they are by themselves now. They start doing the same old dumb things over and over again, and don’t think about the consequences, because they’re adults now.

I watched a sitcom the other day when this guy shut a young pizza guy into a conference room because he didn’t want to give him a discount. The pizza boy said, “You are an adult, you shouldn’t be doing this,”

then the guy who locked him in said, “I am an adult, I can do whatever I want to do, because there are no consequences.” It takes a while before the guy actually realizes that what he is doing is blackmailing and kidnapping, but he doesn’t think about it because he’s all grown up, and can do whatever he wants to do.

This may not have been the greatest example, but it still shows a point. People go to college and they think they’re all grown up because they don’t have any parents they actually have to stand responsible to if they do something “wrong.” People go “crazy bananas” because

they think the world is at their feet.

I don’t understand why people want to grow up so bad. When I was little I couldn’t wait until I grew up, but when I look back at it now I wish I was in fifth grade still. I miss not having to worry about many things.

I miss the fact that I can’t look at my parents with big blue puppy eyes and then get out of whatever trouble I would get myself in. Now as a student living away from home, I need to face the fact that whatever I do have consequences. If I break the law my puppy eye look will not work. I’m still liable for whatever I do.

Text messaging consumes younger generations

By Amelia Lutz
Staff reporter

“R u there?” “k wut ^?.” Does this lingo sound familiar? Since its birth around the 1980’s, and now with its new and improved ways to make it easier to send and receive quicker, text messaging has skyrocketed in popularity.

According to Wikipedia, “Texting is easily the most widely used phone application on Earth, with 2.4 billion users, or 74 percent of

all mobile phone owners having and using texting capabilities.”

A quick survey polled several students at Southwestern on how many texts they would send a day on average. Most students said that on a regular day, the number of texts sent would range from 40 to 50. Other students said on a busy day the texts would range anywhere from 80 to 100. Some students even said that they hadn’t had an actual phone call in more than a couple of weeks. Will it ever

be a regular occurrence to pick up the phone and call to say, “Hello,” instead of composing a quick text?

Texts have advantages. They are easy to send a quick question if the other party is not capable of answering their phone because of a meeting, class, etc. They’ve also been used with some schools for safety purposes that range from threats on campus to weather updates for class cancellations.

Even phone companies

know the turn-around from texting is not in the near future. Just the other day, there was a commercial ad for a

phone that the narrator hyped as being, “Especially made for texters.”

Relatives have a tendency to joke when they see the younger generation texting and believe that eventually generations to come will only have two thumbs. They also ask, “Isn’t it something you can ask by calling?”

It has become common that

people use text lingo in conversation and even school assignments by mistake. There was actually an article about a school in New Zealand that is letting their students use text lingo in exams. Typing on messengers has suddenly turned into a fun game of “translate the hidden text,” because of the overly broken and abbreviated words or phrases. Papers for classes are handed back, covered in red ink for corrections be-

cause kids are forgetting how to type properly.

Is there ever going to be a line for texting? If so, will there be anything to do to control texting if it gets out of control? One thing is for sure, the future for text messaging is nowhere near bleak.

“Gtg. Ttyl.”
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Feed your iPod some Bing Crosby

By Brian Nelson
Staff reporter

Anyone scanning through iTunes’ new releases will be blown away by the soon-to-be smash hits recently released. Not really. If you know what a muggle is, you might enjoy “The Essential Harry Potter Film Music Collection.”

There are also a few new albums for rap and gospel fans this week, but everyone else’s iPods may be going hungry.

Perhaps it’s time for iPods to taste something new, but something that has been around for a while. The world is full of music, and a large portion is fresh to the ears of American youth.

You may not recognize his name, but you’ll know his voice, from the most well-

known version of “White Christmas.”

Bing Crosby. Varèse Sarabande Records, Inc. recently released an album packed with 15 “Crosby Classics.”

Harry Lillis “Bing” Crosby was an Academy Award winning singer and actor, who started his career in 1926 and continued until his death in 1977.

Crosby was one of the first multimedia stars, similar to today’s Justin Timberlake, but with class and sophistication.

He lived in an era when stars were role models, beloved by everyone. Today we have stars like Britney Spears, and her little sister, Jamie. Need we say more?

The “Crosby Classics” is loaded with slow, easy going songs. His music reflects life

and love, rather than today’s common themes of sex, drugs and the occasional lip gloss tune.

He’s old fashioned, his songs are slow and he’s exactly what iPods are hungry for. Songs such as “Blue Skies,” “Far Away Places,” and of course “White Christmas,” are offered on this album.

Not sure what they sound like? Preview them on iTunes under the Sept. 16 new release list.

Irving Berlin’s “White Christmas” may seem a little out of place on a non-holiday album, yet the song was not released in the Christmas season to begin with. “White Christmas” hit and took first place on the charts in October 1942. The song was Crosby’s largest musical hit and has remained his best

selling, even today.

Rather than stuffing your iPod with the same stuff you’ve been listening to since junior high, treat your ears with something new, that’s actually old. Crosby’s music has been around for a long time and will completely fade away if not consumed by today’s young Americans.

Sample a piece of history and remember music for what it was, before “American Idol.” Musicians were once famous for having remarkable voices, without having to prove anything to a judge. Who knows, Crosby’s voice may become your new study partner. Your iPod is hungry. Feed it.

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