

College emails get obsessive

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We've all been there. You're taking the PSAT and you get to the part of the scantron page that reads "check this box to receive emails from colleges." Whether you check it because you're not paying attention, you don't know what it means, or you actually want more information about colleges, the ramifications of checking that small, two dimensional box will last well into your senior year. At first the massive number of emails flooding into your inbox is exciting, but, as the months go by, the emails get increasingly aggressive. Below are a few examples of the average college email.

Subject: Get excited, we've been watching you!

University of Carmel welcomes you with open arms and a warm embrace.

We've noticed your academic excellence... and your body. When we shut our eyes, all we see is you. You're captivating. I cannot look away. I will take care of you and never let you go, I promise.

Click the link below to learn more about our engineering program!

Subject: We've sent you a lot of emails recently.

Anaheim Institute of Technology understands that you're busy, but you haven't responded to us yet, are you ok? It's fine, we have a lot of other students on our mind too, but sometimes we just can't get you out of our head. Truth is, we haven't liked anyone else this much in so long. Do you like us back? Sorry, I hope that didn't sound desperate.

Scroll down to check out photos of our campus (I know they aren't that impressive, but we'd be willing to do major construction for you).

Subject: Culture and education all bundled up in one experience.

Orangeville University proudly invites you to take part in our campus-abroad study program! Choose from three enticing locations including Paris, Hawaii, and our parents' beach house. Just imagine it now; you strolling down the Champs-Élysées hand-in-hand with our amazing, bilingual program. We rip off a small piece of croissant and feed it to you gently. You shy away, giggling. Electricity runs through our fingertips; it's all beginning now. Flash forward to three months later. You rush off to class and we stay in bed waiting for your return. Tonight might be the night we finally have the nerve to propose. They all say that marriage is too soon, but young love can't wait. We only invite family and close friends to the ceremony.

For more information, check out some of our student blogs at NYCollege.campuslife.edu

Subject: We're interested!

Ivy League University would like to let you know that, unless someone better comes along, we'd love to have you on our campus next year! We just have a lot on our plates right now, but what's going on with you? Oh, that sounds interesting. Maybe we can hang out some other time, raincheck? No, don't worry, we'll call you.

Go to our website to learn more about why you can't get into our summer program.

Though the content above is shocking, it is important to share this information with all PSAT-eligible underclassmen. LGHS statistics show that a lot of people get college emails who don't want them. Help spread awareness and minimize college email harassment in your community. Be aware of college recruitment letters, they are becoming more frequent and more obsessive.

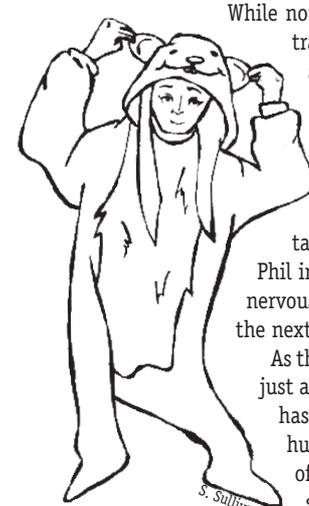
Groundhog Day craze

by Violet Wallerstein
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Although I am one of the few who cherish this holiday, Groundhog Day is something everyone should get pumped about. Groundhog Day is one of the most fantastic days of the year. Each year, one little guy determines our weather! It's like a cute weather man in the ground who only wants to be employed one day a year, and I get it. Heck, I wish I could go to work one day a year, get massively famous, and have all my basic life necessities taken care of like Punxsutawney Phil.

I always save my vacation days for the week leading up to Groundhog Day. I can't dig my burrow if I'm at the office for eight hours. Speaking of which, yes, I do indeed build my own burrow. I'm not one of the groundhog "fakers" who rent their burrow. Instead, I spend the entire month of January starting the base work and the hole that will serve as my home for the month of February.

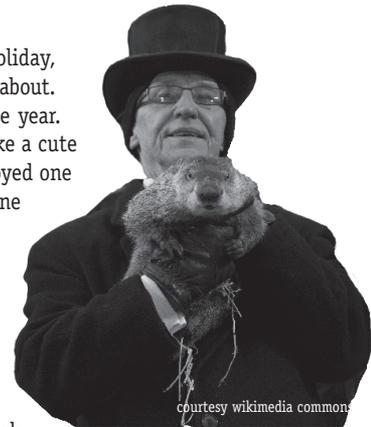
Building a burrow for a human is much harder than you might think. While small groundhogs and rabbits can make a hole large enough to fit themselves and their whole family inside, I am far larger, and by the time I hollow out a hole I can fit in, the ceiling usually collapses. As you can see, I really need the extra time before Groundhog's Eve to make sure nothing collapses and I will be safe in my new little home.



While not many people know about this aspect of the holiday, there are traditional meals. It mainly consists of grass in my backyard, but sometimes bugs that I catch or any other plant that is living in the area. As per groundhog tradition though, I do not leave my burrow very often as we, the groundhogs, are just coming out of hibernation.

I try my hardest to become the groundhog, feel as my friend Phil does, and on the actual day, ho, I can barely contain myself. Groundhog sense tingling, I go to see Punxsutawney Phil in his home, dressed in my full groundhog fur coat of course, and nervously await the decision that will determine my clothing choices for the next six weeks.

As that little groundhog peeps out of his burrow, my heart nearly stops, just as he stops, to examine his shadow. As soon as he realizes what he has seen, he runs back inside, and I follow him, though in my own human sized burrow at home, not even bothering to stay for the rest of the events Punxsutawney has planned. I then live there still for six more weeks, until the winter my pal has predicted is over. I hope everyone had a safe and happy Groundhog Day.



Air Bud wins first official dog actor of the month award

by Cole Potter
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As we all know, truly great animal actors are few and far between. To honor the true, theatrical beasts of our time, we at El Gato News would like to announce a new column, Dog Actor of the Month. This month, we give paws to pay our respects to a champion both on the court and on the screen.

February DAOTM: Air Buddy
Breed: Golden Retriever
Born: 1986 (date unknown)
Died: February 10, 1998 (age - 84 dy)
Notable Works: Full House, Air Bud
Accolades: 1998 Kid's Choice Blimp Award

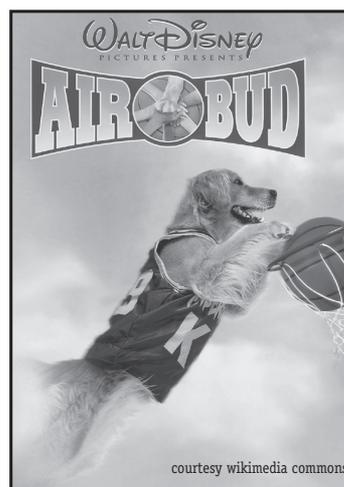


It's summer 1989. Kevin di Cicco hikes through the Sierra Nevadas as part of his annual expedition to the California mountain range. Up ahead he notices an indistinguishable shape in the middle of the trail, and approaches cautiously. Much to his surprise, he happens upon a scruffy, young golden retriever. With no urban housing for many miles around, di Cicco takes immediate action and wraps the hungry pup in his jacket before carrying it forty miles back to civilization.

Just as the duo emerged from the dense wilderness, a foreboding shadow appeared before them. Turning quickly, de Cicco found himself confronted with an eight foot tall black bear with foam dripping from its mouth. Before either creature could react though, the dejected golden retriever leapt from de Cicco's arms and attacked the savage animal. This was merely the first heroic feat achieved by the dog which would come to be known as Air Buddy.

De Cicco and his newfound friend returned to his home in San Diego where he taught the dog how to play multiple sports, including basketball, baseball, football, soccer, and hockey. With his athletic talents well mastered, Buddy began his talk show tour, appearing both on America's Funniest Videos, and The Late Show With David Letterman, dunking basketballs held in his paw to the delight of studio audiences.

With the public demanding more of the energetic pup, Hollywood had practically no choice but to give Buddy his own feature film, Air Bud. The movie saw the canine leaping over defenders in middle school basketball games to the dismay of his opponents and the complete confusion of the referees. This major motion megahit spawned a franchise of Air Bud-esque films, which still are shown on many networks between the hours of 2:30-4:55 AM.



Aside from his achievements on the silver screen, Air Buddy also shared some quality time with the Tanner family on the 80s-early 90s family sitcom based in San Francisco featuring Bob Saget, Full House. The laugh-a-minute testament to quality television programming aired from the late 80s to the early 90s, and featured a funny family living in the California city of San Francisco. Bob Saget starred as the lovable bumbling father, Danny Tanner, alongside Air Buddy, who received huge critical acclaim for his portrayal of the sophisticated but refined family dog.

Air Buddy unfortunately passed away February, 1998 from a fatal gunshot wound. However, as the tried and true saying goes, all dogs go to heaven. Woof!

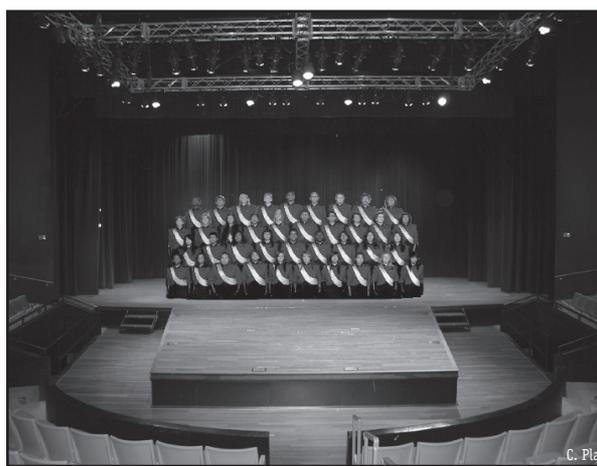
LGHS marching band accidentally performs at Coachella

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Teenagers from all over the world flocked to their phones and computers on Jan. 6 to see the 2015 Coachella lineup. Girls in flower crowns and guys in tribal print scanned the list to see if their favorite Underground Alternative Soft Regstep Afro Punk Pop artists made the list. Going down the list, the bands read, "Lavender Insect Tears," "Obama's Emotions," "She put WHAT in the blender?" and, new to the stage, "The Los Gatos High School Marching Band."

Yes, the LGHS marching band will be the first marching band ever to perform at the music festival. The Board of Acceptance had a long back and forth about whether to accept LGHS or not, but then they looked at what they had on the lineup so far and decided that it was actually a pretty good addition. In the band's statement concerning their upcoming performance, they said, "We are, well, thoroughly confused about this announcement. We sent a freshman to sign up for the Disneyland Competition in Anaheim, but when she came back, she was wearing boho skirts and gladiator sandals screaming, 'Coachella 2015!' so we just kind of decided we would go along with it."

The Coachella journalist tracked down the said



freshman, who further elaborated, "It really isn't my fault. They use the exact same sign up sheet format for both Band Competitions and World Renowned Music Festivals. I signed 'LG Marching Band' on one of the identical-looking sign up sheets and was immediately caught in a stampede of several twenty-somethings in tribal maxi skirts and Lennon sunglasses. After that, it has all been a blur."

Things just keep getting better for LGHS; They were nominated as one of the Top Ten Most Anticipated acts for the festival. One voter said, "I really liked their debut album, ya know. I guess you could say I'm just into really underground stuff that no one else gets. It's a Pisces thing, you wouldn't understand." The publicity team would like to point out that the LGHS marching band, does not have a debut album. Another voter said, "Well I was gonna vote for Beyonce or Jay-Z, but when I saw that none of my favorite artists were performing I was like, 'Sure, might as well.'"

The LGHS marching band performers are being really good sports about this and have even decided to alter their uniform; the shakos have been replaced with flower crowns, and the school colors are now floral print.

Good luck at Coachella, Los Gatos; with who you are up against, we are sure you'll do a pretty okay job!

