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Top Stories

Turnitin.com Infringes Upon Student's Rights

Turnitin.com is undeniably an effective deterrent to plagiarism, but it is the very issue of copyright infringement that has people questioning the legality of the site. What many people don't understand is that works do not need to be registered to be copyrighted. Every literary work that is saved to a tangible medium (this includes paper, computer disk, etc.) is protected by federal copyright laws. Thus, the works submitted to Turnitin.com are copyrighted and the authors hold complete rights to the works. What the Turnitin.com system does, however, is it stores the submitted paper on their servers. This is done without the student's permission. Turnitin.com is operating under the pretense that teachers will force their students to submit to Turnitin.com. Thus, student papers are stored in iParadigm's (the company that runs Turnitin.com) database. This in itself is a blatant violation of the 1976 Federal Copyright Act. Turnitin.com is duplicating copyrighted material without the consent of the student. The student is forced to submit to the site, so submissions are not considered voluntary. In addition, the site does not ask for permission to store the paper, instead, it is done automatically.

iParadigm and their team of lawyers admit in their legal page that the archiving of papers is treading on shaky legal ground. They affirm, however, that their services constitute "fair use" by grounds that their service does not limit the marketability of the paper. The claim that their service doesn't limit the marketability of a paper is false. If one were to sell a term-paper that was already in the Turnitin.com database, the paper would be of little use to a potential student buyer because any similarities from the student's paper would be red flagged. The very addition of a paper to the Turnitin.com database severely limits the feasible marketability of the paper. That is, the archiving of one's paper eliminates other students with the same assignment as potential buyers of the paper.



The image shows a screenshot of the Turnitin.com website. At the top left is the Turnitin logo, which consists of a stylized 'T' inside a circle with a red and white color scheme, followed by '.com' and 'turnitin' in a bold, sans-serif font. Below the logo is the tagline 'Turnitin.com - the world's leading plagiarism prevention system.' To the right of the logo is a navigation bar with 'enter' and 'user login' buttons. Below the tagline is a list of bullet points: 'determing plagiarism for nearly 2 million students and educators worldwide', 'tracking a portfolio of work over time, month to month', 'widely used in over 20 countries, at some of the world's most respected institutions', 'it's why they're now the only online solution for plagiarism prevention', and 'now with Research Excellence for prescriptive plagiarism education'. To the right of the text is a photograph of a group of five young men in 'turnitin' t-shirts posing together. At the bottom of the page is a red banner with the text 'Solutions for a new era in education'. On the left side of the banner are links for 'enter turnitin.com', 'research resources', and 'to plagiarism.org'.

Another strikingly illegal aspect of the Turnitin.com service is the fact that many teachers submit student works without the student's permission. Turnitin.com is operating under the pretense that this is occurring. When a student gives a teacher a paper for grading the assumption is that evaluative rights are given to the teacher. In no way is the teacher entitled to submit the paper to be copied to the iParadigm servers. iParadigm is breaking copyright laws by duplicating a paper without the copyright holder's consent. In effect, the paper (but not the copyright) becomes property of Turnitin.com.

Turnitin.com is clearly making a profit off the papers that students submit. Without the database of some 60,000 student-submitted papers, the Turnitin.com service would not be as effective. Every paper submitted makes the service more effective and the company therefore yields greater profits. Schools that use the service have to pay large amounts of money in the thousands to ten thousands of dollars range. It is clear that the company is profiting off of students' copyrighted hard-work.

Interestingly enough, the very place that the Turnitin.com service originally started now has grave doubts over the legality of the Turnitin.com service. Turnitin.com founder John Barrie was a graduate student at UC Berkeley when he started developing the software that the site runs on. Currently, UC Berkeley does not subscribe to Turnitin.com because they feel the site may be infringing upon student's copyrights.

The English Department at Beverly seems to stand behind the service. The school subscribes to the site and pays the annual fee to allow teachers to utilize the powerful plagiarism detection software that the site uses. Turnitin.com has now become a widely used tool at Beverly in various departments such as Science and History. The positive attributes, however, have obscured the serious legal issues that the site entails from both the teachers and the administration alike.

– Zack Anderson

The Bands Battle it Out

On the first day of the Battle of the Bands The Haze and the rap group Syndakit were scheduled to perform. Half way through The Haze's performance the microphone pre-amp blew out disabling the microphones and left The Haze without a lead singer. After the first day's mishap, The Haze came on stage for a second attempt the next day. Unhindered by the previous days technical difficulties, band members Max Rosenblum, Sean Rudes, Eli Markus, and an 8th grader from El Rodeo went on to play an original piece called "Swimming on Pavement". Then came on The Roscoe's. They played their rendition of "My Generation," and a couple of other songs. Then came Attila, which is in fact The Roscoe's with a couple more members. The last group that performed Tuesday was Syndakit. The rap group started rapping and then a few people including Andrew Sarnoff and Calvin Duke crashed their act. Syndakit member Jacob defiantly showed off his stuff and Jimmy never got the chance to sing his part. The third and final day started off with AKA. They had a set that included a rendition of "Born to Be Wild" and "I Shot the Sheriff". With the amazing work on drums by Alex Strauss, banging bass lines by Kyle Goldstein, and wailing guitar by Andy Morris, AKA was one of the bands that really rattled the audience. Next came "You R Young Rao", which played a few original pieces. The Soy Bomb effect of the band member with the tambourine was something very few people understood because they didn't watch the Grammy performance by Bob Dylan in 1998. Lastly came Mistaken, who also played original, punk inspired pieces.

Download the Battle of the Bands Video

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[Quicktime format](#)

- The Walrus

Drugs at Beverly - True Confessions

Many people living in the United States consider drug use a serious problem. It should also come as no surprise that high school kids, more and more often, are engaging in the use of illegal drugs. Local and national media, inspired by cases of tragic overdoses and drug related violence, have attempted an exposé on youth and drugs. However, little is known about the reality of the situation and the students behind it. A series of interviews with students of Beverly Hills High School were able to clearly point out a drug trend. The most common drug used and sold on campus is marijuana. Almost everybody interviewed had done the drug at least once, and most people knew at least one person (often more) who deals marijuana on campus. What may come as a shock to some is that marijuana is not the only drug being used on campus. Although far less frequent, students claim to have tried ecstasy, magic mushrooms, and even snorted cocaine while at school. The drug-sale infrastructure at the school is fairly liberal. To obtain drugs, a student would usually ask a friend who is dealing or who knows a dealer. Occasionally dealers may approach a student if they think the student would be interested. This is pretty much the simplest way that drugs are obtained. A majority of the drug sale and buying among the student population occurs off campus, however.



Generally, after an on-campus purchase, a student may ditch class to do the drugs, usually with a group of friends. Drug use on campus is not as rare as it would seem. The bathrooms, alleys, student cars, and even hallways before, after, and during class are locations on campus where drug use is present. During our investigation we encountered students smoking (both cigarettes and marijuana) during PE class. It is not an uncommon occurrence to step foot into a restroom on campus and smell the distinctive scent of marijuana smoke. Students nearby may often notice this activity and ignore it. If a teacher were to notice, the situation may serve as a warning to future drug users to avoid that location. Some of the students interviewed had no qualms over attending class while under the influence of alcohol, marijuana, and ecstasy. One student, who wishes to remain anonymous said, "Yeah, my teacher may have noticed bloodshot eyes or something." When further questioned, the student said it wasn't a very big deal if the teacher noticed or not. In general a fairly lax structure, populated primarily with use of marijuana in addition to a few more potent drugs such as cocaine and ecstasy, make up the drug use at BHHS. Off campus, however, is a completely different story. Students reported to have used marijuana, ecstasy, heroin, nitrous oxide (laughing gas), cocaine, magic mushrooms, pain killers, opium, and

methamphetamine.

- LSD

Wide World of the Walrus

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"Never settle for anything less than the truth."

This page may be updated throughout each month.

- The Walrus

High School Relationships: Why Are They So Damn Hard?

At the horizon of our transformation into adulthood, there are some who are far ahead of the pack. I must confess I have been an adult since I was a little boy, due to a tragic event within my family. So for the majority of my life I have sought out a true companion, not just a Saturday night fling. In a time where our hormones are going crazy, and our minds are being flustered with depictions of sexual situations in movies, commercials, etc., it isn't a surprise that when it comes to a relationship sex is a major factor. There are a select few, however, those same few that happen to already be adults, mentally, that don't take sex as a necessity. For them, if it happens, it happens, but it is definitely not a priority. I would like to consider myself a member of this group of our peers. For us, finding a true relationship is an everlasting struggle, and will be a struggle until all of the people we know and see everyday mature to this level. It might sound weird, but I must be frank that I have already had thoughts of having a wife and children. This is evident to me whenever I see children playing in the park, or anywhere, because a smile takes over my face. If the situation permitted, I already might have been a husband with a job. So finding a girl who can understand these feelings is a very hard task. Even the typical high school relationship is a struggle, because people just don't want to spend their lives with a select few. High school, for most people, is a time of exploration and discovery, which is perfectly fine and normal. So relationships are usually nothing more than lustful attractions that usually don't last very long. When you are in your 30's, see how many high school couples you know. Believe me when I say the list won't be very long. So for the time being, my fellow peers and myself, who are already beyond this level of society - just wait a little longer, because in time everything will be fine.

The Future of Music

There is a storm on the horizon. A storm that will drastically change life for all of us that like to think of ourselves as music enthusiasts. Whether you like rap, rock, pop, techno, punk, funk, R&B, etc., you must appreciate good music. Lately there has been resurgence of rock, but not like what is coming. Bands like Blink 182, Good Charlotte, and more, are just softening the public for what is really coming: The next coming of Classical Rock. This was made evident by some of the bands at Beverly's Battle of the Bands. Whether it's the Roscoe's cover of "My Generation", AKA's "Born to be Wild", the Haze's "Paranoid", etc., it is clear Classical Rock is emerging from its grave. With the rise of Punk, Disco, and Glam Rock, Classical Rock was pushed to the side. Out of the serious Musical Chaos of the 80's, except for bands like ACDC, Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band, Aerosmith, etc., came what is the dominant musical force today: rap. Coming from the ashes of Funk, old R&B, and Reggae, from artists like

James Brown, Sly and the Family Stone, George Clinton, Bob Marley, etc., Rap arose to capture America like only one other musical movement: The Original Rock and Roll of Elvis and Little Richard. All of that has led to this moment, when all of the music we have come to love and cherish is starting to overlap. With groups like Outkast, the Roots, Black Eyed Peas, and more, Rock and Rap are beginning to produce an amazing combination. Bands like The White Stripes, The Hives, The Strokes, and more, are beginning the comeback of Classical Rock, with an infusion of Punk. It is not a mystery why everyone is going retro. Whether you look at Santana sweeping the Grammy's a few years ago, or the release of things like Led Zeppelin – How the West was Won, or the Beatles Anthology, music video's like Outkast's Hey Ya, people are beginning to realize what music is good, and has always been good. So just sit back and watch the tidal wave hit, because believe me it will.

- The Walrus

The Rabbit Hole

"The individual is handicapped by coming face-to-face with a conspiracy so monstrous he cannot believe it exists." J. Edgar Hoover

Why would the former director of the FBI make such a statement if conspiracies did NOT exist?

A Matrix-like conspiracy is hard to conceive because it would shake the core of our belief system. The core of what we believe is our country's foundation. A 9/11 conspiracy could mean that most likely many other historical events involved conspiracies as well. The extent could go beyond our wildest imagination. It could cause severe psychological stress and discomfort to such a degree that we would tend to discount the possibility of conspiracies even in light of the most conclusive evidence, just so that we do not have to face the facts. We would rather be taking the Blue Pill and not deal with it. That's human nature and that's what makes conspiracies feasible. Therefore, if you're not ready to take the Red Pill, DO NOT read this column.

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9/11 - Conspiracy "Theory" or "Fact"?

MOTIVE:

What could be the possible motive behind a 9/11 conspiracy ?

There are many.

The first motive would be to create a reason to go to war. Why war? There are many reasons. One motive is to extend/build a dominant US world empire. In light of diminishing world oil reserves, getting control of 10% of world oil reserves (Iraq), restarting the US economy with wartime production, reducing unemployment with enlisting more and more young soldiers etc. Another motive is control over the US population. A terrorist event would, and did, unite America like no other event. It furthermore made it acceptable for Americans to deliberately give up their freedoms in exchange for the government protecting us from the "terrorists", no questions asked.

The Patriot Act was designed to take away those freedoms in exchange for protection against terrorists, it consists of several hundred pages of legislation and was introduced within two days after the 9/11 events !!!! It would have taken months if not years to prepare, so how is it possible that the government had this legislation "on the shelf" on 9/13? Did they have prior knowledge?

FIRST HIT:

First Tower Crash.mpg

First Tower Close-up.mov

It is just about 8:50 AM EST on 9/11 and the first airliner, a 767, hits the North Tower of the WTC. At this time no live cameras were pointed at the towers since no one knew what was going to happen. However, coincidentally a French camera crew was taping a video about NY firemen close by when the first airplane hit. The cameraman actually captured the hit of the first plane thus creating valuable historic evidence.

The video shows the following inconsistencies:

1. Size and Color:

The WTC is about 200 ft wide. A Boeing 767 has a wingspan of about 156 ft, which means that the airplane hitting in level flight should pretty much fill up 80% of the entire width of the building.

The airplane in the video, however, seems to be only about $\frac{1}{2}$ the width of the building, or possibly even less. Also, the airplane appears to have a white tail: a trait that the American Airlines' fleet does not display.

Could this airplane be an unmanned (remote-controlled) Global Hawk?



2. Engines

The 767 series airplanes are twin engine; they have one engine mounted under each wing. No engines can be observed on the airplane's wings in the video.

3. Shot

In the video one can see the airplane firing a shot into the building prior to impact.

The frame firing the shot was originally broadcast on all news stations, but has since been edited out of the commercially available version of this video. Why? Take a

look at the frame directly before impact and see for yourself the explosion on the building before impact.

4. Initial Reports

Initial eyewitness reports of the first impact indicated a business jet or commuter size airplane hitting the first tower, which is consistent with the size of the airplane in the video.

5. Noise

The noise of the first airplane is that of a single engine jet, much like a fighter and not that of a twin-engine jet. Listen for yourself and compare the sounds:

Sound Comparison.mp3

SECOND HIT:

The second hit occurred about 9:06 AM, roughly 15 minutes after the first. By that time many news cameras were in position and, no question about it, this is a REAL 767 flying into the second tower. However, there are a few problems:



1. Object Underneath

What is obvious about the second airplane is that there is a large object about the size of an engine mounted under the belly. This object is completely inconsistent with a standard 767. One has to realize that on airplanes, unlike cars, modifications of any kind are public knowledge and are signed off by the manufacturer as well as the FAA. There is no evidence whatsoever of the existence of this "pod" underneath any commercially flying 767 in the world today!!!!

Could it be a remote control device or a tank for explosive fuels, etc.? That we

don't know.

However, the only certain conclusion we can make is that this device COULD NOT have been mounted on a United Airlines 767 carrying passengers and therefore this airplane CANNOT be the same airplane that took off with the passengers.

Watch the video clips and see the object under the plane as well as the mysterious explosion that seems to be a missile coming from the strange object:

Plane 2 Crash.wmv

Plane 2 Crash Close-up.wmv

2. Flare

In the video there is a flare right at the time it hits the building, similar to that of the first hitting airplane. What could be the source of ignition and what is fueling the flare?

COLLAPSE OF BUILDINGS:

1. Temperatures

Temperatures achieved in a jet fuel fire usually do not exceed 800° C. More fuel does not mean higher temperatures but merely a bigger fire of the same temperature. The optimal temperature reached by jet fuel is achieved by the optimum amount of oxygen introduced to the flame.

Ideal conditions of burning jet fuel are achieved in a jet engine, where an air compressor delivers optimum amounts of oxygen all the time. In a jet engine the maximum burning temperature is about 800° C.

Hardened construction steel does not soften at 800° C. It may start weakening at 1000°-1200° C and melts at 2000° C. To prove this point keep in mind that you cannot use a jet fuel based fire to form a horseshoe to fit a horse's hoof. It's not possible with fossil fuels; they just do not burn hot enough. On the other hand, think about a kerosene (exactly what jet fuel is) heater. Those are made out of low-grade tin and the kerosene fire does not melt it! All because jet fuel DOES NOT BURN HOT ENOUGH to even melt tin.

2. Path of Highest Resistance

The WTC buildings were designed to withstand the impact of a 707. A 707 is within 10 % of gross weight and fuel capacity of a 767. In the videos the buildings collapse in a fashion that is reminiscent of the controlled demolition of large buildings (like Las Vegas hotels). This is HIGHLY unlikely and defies the very laws of physics. By the way, the name of the Company cleaning up the debris of the WTC buildings was "Controlled Demolition, Inc.!"! What a coincidence.

What makes these collapses strange is the fact that the collapses are completely vertical which means the buildings goes down the path of HIGHEST RESISTANCE. It would be much more logical if the top part of the buildings tipped over to the sides.

3. Bombs?

The firemen's radio transmissions are classified. Why? Did they talk about bombs going off in the buildings? The fact is that many eyewitnesses reported hearing explosions go off in the buildings.



4. WTC Building Number 7

WTC 7 Video.ram

This is a 48-story side building to the WTC complex. Airplanes nor debris never hit Building 7, yet it collapsed after catching on fire making it the first steel framed building in history to collapse strictly due to fire!!!! The official report is that the foundation was tainted due to the collapse of the other two towers, but none of the other, closer, buildings collapsed. Remember, the foundation in Manhattan is pure rock, which allows for such large buildings to be constructed in the first place.

OTHER ODDITIES:

1. Passport?

The hijacker Atta's passport was supposedly found in the street near the WTC, yet the airplanes' black boxes were never recovered on 3 of the 4 flights (this has never happened before in the history of aviation).

2. Passenger Lists

The official United and American Airlines passenger lists do not have ANY of the hijackers names on them. Look for yourselves:

<http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/2001/trade.center/victims/AA11.victims.html>

<http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/2001/trade.center/victims/AA77.victims.html>

<http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/2001/trade.center/victims/ua175.victims.html>

<http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/2001/trade.center/victims/ua93.victims.html>

3. Still Alive:

7 of the 20 hijackers have been confirmed to be still alive AFTER 9/11.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle_east/1559151.stm

4. Cell Phone Calls Made by Passengers

The government has claimed that passengers made cell phone calls from the hijacked airplanes. The airplanes at the time of those calls were flying at 20,000 ft or above. A study by a British Professor, making cell calls out of a fiberglass (non metal!!) private airplane has concluded that such calls were impossible above an altitude of 2000 ft above ground level!!!! If you've ever tried to make cell phone calls in an airplane you'd know that the phone simply will not get reception.

5. Investigation

The buildings collapsed in unprecedented fashion killing thousands and yet there was never an independent investigation into the cause. Why?

The public was prevented to photograph the 9/11 debris. Why?

The "FAILED" hardened construction steel from the towers was immediately shipped off to China without any examination by independent experts. Why?

\$50 million was spent on the space shuttle Columbia accident investigation (which resulted in 7 deaths), yet only \$3 million was spent on the 9/11 investigation (which resulted in 2,800 deaths). Why?

Did the government already know the cause of the collapse?

BUSH'S STRANGE BEHAVIOR:

Bush Recording.ram

1. Bush claims he saw the first airplane hit the first tower live on TV the morning of 9/11 (download above audio clip). The interesting thing is that the video of the first hit was not made public until after 9/11.

2. Bush was reading to a class at Booker Elementary School in Florida when the 2nd plane hit around 9:06 AM. His chief of staff informed him of the 2nd airplane by whispering something in his ear for about 5 seconds. By this time Bush MUST know that this is no "accident" (which is what he claimed he thought of the first hit), but rather a terrorist attack of unprecedented proportions. Yet Bush GAVE NO INSTRUCTIONS. EVEN MORE STRANGELY, the secret service does not intervene to protect him. Instead, Bush keeps reading with the children about a pet goat for another 20 minutes!!!!!! Does this indicate just plain incompetence or prior knowledge? Here's the video:

<http://www.whatreallyhappened.com/schoolvideo.html>

3. Despite the worst attacks in America's history just happening three months ago and the anthrax attacks on America, Bush sums up 2001 as a "fabulous year" for himself

and his wife Laura.

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2001/12/20011221-2.html>

Also, Bush feels that 9/11 was an “interesting day”

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2002/01/20020105-3.html>

PENTAGON HIT:

1. Where’s the Boeing?

The biggest piece of Pentagon aircraft debris made public is a 2x3 foot piece of sheet metal. Where are any recognizable pieces of this Boeing that allegedly hit? The landing gear should ALWAYS survive.

Footage of the Concorde crash in Paris a few years shows the landing gear intact with the wheels and tires still on it even after a very severe fire! It fell in freefall straight down from 2000ft. The landing gear is one of the strongest and most recognizable parts in any crash. It is designed to take the load of many times the airplane’s weight yet the government failed to find it at the Pentagon crash site!!!

2. Small Impact Hole

The initial impact hole in the pentagon is only roughly 30 ft in diameter after which a portion of the building collapses. Was this really a Boeing 757 with 150ft + wingspan hitting?

CONCLUSION:

The above evidence proves that the airplanes that hit both WTC towers are not the airplanes that took off with the passengers. Even more disturbing is that our government did not only have prior knowledge of the attacks, but actively perpetrated them and had a hand in the conspiracy’s cover-up. This means it wasn’t Osama Bin Laden directing the operation from his cave in Afghanistan. It wasn’t Al-Qaida. More likely, it was al-CIAda!!!! The true terrorists are within our own government!

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Orange Mist

Introduction

You are about to read philosophy. My philosophy. Now this will not be a conventional philosophy reading. In fact, quite the contrary. This is simply an introduction to the daily thoughts of Orange Mist, me. I don’t hold these thoughts to be all inclusive nor do I think they are necessarily right. These are my thoughts on life, society, and the way we think. Often I will see something, or something will happen to me, or I will think of something, or I will meet someone who inspires these thoughts. What you are about to read is meant to provoke thoughts. It is up to you to build upon them. Perhaps they have some truth, perhaps they are simply the ramblings of someone who just wants to write what he thinks. I think it should be obvious to the reader so far that I do not hold myself to be right. I understand I am ignorant in many matters – the most prominent being relationships and love: I realize I have no authority

to comment on such matters because I have never been in love. I may try to ponder notions based on love, but I understand that I may, and probably am, very wrong. Perhaps there are no all-inclusive philosophies. Perhaps there is no such thing as universal laws. Maybe life is just mystical and completely random. Nevertheless, it is obvious that patterns do exist in this universe. Therefore, I will try to explore such patterns as based on today's society because everything I think and feel is based, in one way or another on what society has showed me. I will attempt to rise above society, but I truly have doubts if it is possible.

Ignorance

I would also like to explore ignorance. Sometimes I look back at something I did years, maybe even months ago and I feel so ignorant. At the time I thought I was so smart and right and now looking back I see how immature I was. Will I ever grow out of this ignorance? At one time I thought I was not ignorant towards most aspects of life. Apparently I couldn't be more wrong. Even a couple of weeks ago I had a discussion with my father. He got very angry with me and I started to get righteous and tried to sound sophisticated to try to express the point that my father was being out of line. Why did I do this? I felt so smart and educated, so right and so diplomatic. But now that I look back, I see that I just wanted him to admit he was wrong. How immature of me. People go throughout their lives as ignorant. No one is truly wise. As one gets older they usually get more wise, but never reach a climax. No matter how wise someone is, he or she is still infinitely ignorant. Nobody completely grows out of this "eternal ignorance". We will never truly understand the world and everything that makes it work. We can only try to understand more. But why do we want to understand the world? Why not just live it? That notion will be explored in a later article.

Universal Laws

Now what you are about to read here is a little different from my usual writings. Its a little scientific, a little philosophical... bare with me here.

How do we know that there are universal governing laws? Well, it is an accepted fact that no laws truly exist in this universe that are always true. There are always contradictions. One could then apply this "true" postulate to deduce that it must be wrong because there can be now laws (or factual postulates for that matter) including the above mentioned. Therefore, there are governing laws in this universe.

But wait. What if we took a step back 100 years and claimed the universe did in fact have laws. Then comes the 20th century empiricism and people say that no laws are definite due to the substantial amount of contradictory results. Then we can (illegally) postulate that there are no governing laws. This may seem more feasible in today's scientific outlook on the universe but it is nowhere nearer to the truth than the contrary.

The point: the very essence of the universe guarantees the existence of order and "governing laws". But from where did these laws arise? From randomness. There is only so much matter in this limited governing sphere (AKA the universe). It is then assumed that only so many permutations of the matter in this universe can be made. The result: a random universe that at any given time has a set of governing principles. Herein lies the problem: these laws can change or even cease to exist at any given time. Due to this, we have a problem in our lifelong attempt to understand the universe. Can we ever actually fully discover, or even comprehend the governing laws?

The answer to this is probably not. So then what's the point? Well, there is no other point. Knowledge is our quest. This is the point.

-Orange Mist

Editorials

Fuck the Constitution

Americans are brought up in a sea of democratic ideals of free speech, due process, checks and balances, and other civil liberties. We are required to study the constitution and we Americans believe that the government is outlined by it. In fact the US government is based on the basic outline drawn by the US constitution. The gradual perversion of our Constitution however, is disgusting. It is our constitution, the model for most modern democratic governments that so clearly defines our nation. It is depressing then, to affirm that the most fundamental constitutional guarantees are being revoked. This very newspaper is designed to exploit the first amendment, which is increasingly being refuted. We are supposed to live under a government that not only allows, but also promotes freedom of speech and press. Why is it then that the press cannot say negative comments on a private individual even if the statement has merit behind it? Most libel laws are an atrocity to the constitution. Limiting untruthful slander about individuals is one thing, but the supreme courts have ruled that even factual negative publicity towards an individual can be grounds for a lawsuit. The government says we have freedom of the press, but if the press is limited to what it can and cannot say, then how can we call that freedom of the press?



Even more disturbing are the recent Patriot Acts. This legislation is a COMPLETE violation of the Bill of Rights. It revokes basic civil rights and liberties secured by the people of this nation centuries ago. Under the current administration, more than ever, we are reverting to the past. Not to be too dramatic, but in many ways the current executive branch of government, which is slowly usurping influence and offsetting the balance of power so central to our system, resembles a fascist society. By denying basic human rights and creating constant conflicts and paranoia, president Bush is gaining more and more power. Yes we still vote for our representatives, but are they always representing the public good? The Patriot Act, passed by congress 45 days after the September 11th attacks, allows authorities such as the FBI to search private

records and personal belongings without a warrant or probable cause. Furthermore, the FBI doesn't even have to notify the individual of their actions. This is a direct violation of the 4th Amendment. The recent piece of legislation also enables the government to tap phones and monitor computer activity without probable cause. Perhaps the most frightening part of the Patriot Act is the government's ability to arrest and detain individuals for an indefinite amount of time, without a trial or so much as notifying the detainee's family. These "Patriot" acts go against everything early American patriots gave their lives for. Now congress is pushing for the Patriot Acts part II. As the days go by, more and more civil liberties are being abolished. Today's society has a striking resemblance to Germany's Third Reich under Adolf Hitler. Civil liberties are being abandoned as the president gains more and more power. Furthermore, the US government is draining the September 11th attacks for all they are worth. The constant warnings, the color-code system, and various other tactics make the US citizens afraid giving the president and congress the perfect chance to take away individuals' civil liberties in the hope for protection. Something must be done to stop the undemocratic tide of our nation. In our fight against terrorism we are merely giving in to the terrorist desires. That is, we are going from a democratic government, to one that resembles the early days of a fascist government. Key players in the government such as the president are saying, "Fuck the Constitution," by slowly but surly discrediting the Bill of Rights and the very values that this country stands for.

- Jim Moore

Beverly Doesn't Allow "Bad" Students to Excel

After almost 2 and a half years of attending Beverly Hills High School, it became increasingly difficult to brush aside a severe anti-educational trend that is being followed by the administration. That trend is classifying students and using this information to determine their futures. Sounds scary right? Imagine having the school decide that just because you did not do well at one point in your educational career, you will fare poorly in another. Many students who have constantly kept up their grades may feel that this is just another excuse for laziness by kids who feel that they have more important things to do. Students, however, may have had more important things to do. Many students have family or other issues throughout their lifetimes. What the school does is look at your previous work to determine your later work. Take for example a student, John. John didn't do that well in middle school but really turned it around in freshman year. The protocol taken up by the administration doesn't allow for this type of improvement. John will still be treated as if he is a bad student. His good grades will have little effect in determining whether he will be allowed to take accelerated classes or even be treated with the same respect as other students. Teachers will make it a point to make sure that John is never allowed to think in the same "free mind frame" as are students who take more advanced classes, despite the fact that he could easily take these classes and excel in them. John, throughout his entire time in high school, will be bound to the perpetual drudgery of "showing work" and "raising your hand to speak". Is John a bad student? He may have been at one point, but that is certainly no longer the case. When a good student like John is treated like a bad one, he loses interest. This is only natural. Imagine taking classes an hour a day on addition and subtraction. Continual interest is a main pillar of good grades. Because these students like John succumb to natural loss of interest, their grades quickly slip and they find other things to do. The school, at that point will look at John, and see his lack of interest and use this to justify their actions. Talk about missing the big picture! The loss of interest is not John's fault, quite the opposite: it's the schools! John is a smart kid. Because of his situation he can no longer depend on school. He needs to find someplace or something

that does not feel threatened by him or thinks that he is a smart-ass: this can be a lot of things, both good and bad. So there you have it. The administration, in their 1950's black-and-white, good-and-bad manner of thinking doesn't make any room for improvement and with this, quickly alienates students like John.

– Lithium

Creative Writing

This page is a place for students to demonstrate their creative writing skills. If you wrote an interesting story that you would like published, please send it to publisher@beverlyunderground.com

"Sexual Preferences"

My mother is a total homophobe. Every time I would bring up the name "gay" or "lesbian", she would start yelling and tell me that those words were bad words. She would tell me that those people are sick in the head; that they're mental. She'd say they are not normal. She would describe "them" as if they were some sort of nasty insect. Even though I completely disagree with her opinions, I've learned to never again speak "those words" to her.

I never speak to my mother or any other person about sexual preferences because I'm always thinking that they all disagree with homos and will attack me by asking if I am a homosexual. The truth is, I am a homo, I am bisexual. I know that I am bisexual. The only thing confusing me, is if I am lesbian.

Ever since an "incident" happened to me when I was younger, I always viewed men as complete assholes. I know that's wrong of me, but I cannot help it. I always think of men as wanting sex and nothing but it and that they don't really care about girls. I think they cheat on, lie to, hurt girls (physically and mentally), etc. I'm sure that there are some "good" men out there who won't ever hurt girls, but I just don't think I can ever be completely happy with a man. I know I'd always be worrying that I'd do something wrong to trigger the man to hurt me or something.

I find myself happier with a woman. I know that I am being totally sexist, but that's how I feel. I find myself happier with a woman than a man. I guess it's because of my past that makes me want to be with a woman more than anything else.

– Anonymous

The Unconfirmed Report

"The Unconfirmed Report" contains stories that have a definite base, but a shaky truth behind them. Please take them as comedy; don't freak out and believe they are 100 percent true!

Beverly Considers Adopting Nation's Most Effective Anti-Drug Campaign

The nation is talking about the newest anti-drug marketing campaign. Step aside DARE, Swisher Sanitation has revolutionized the minds of millions of drug users across the country. After 35 years of testing and research, a team consisting of over 120 doctors, psychologists, police officers, and urinal sanitation experts has launched

a full force strike at the growing numbers of illegal drug users. Using the most elaborate algorithm ever devised in the history of mankind, researchers were able to actually simulate the drug user's thoughts and intuitions. By applying the algorithm, researchers concluded that a strategically placed logo of "Say no to drugs" would leave an impact of epic proportions on the current or potential drug user. One might say, "Isn't that a simple catch phrase?" The answer: yes, but that's the genius behind it. According to psychologist Miriam Wesley the average male thinks of thoughts while urinating into a urinal that are never thought of outside the sanctuary of the large white structure that hole-heartedly accepts one's precious bodily fluids. As the fluid flows out of the urethra, the critical prefrontal lobe of the brain is stimulated. If this stimulation occurs at the same time the male reads the logo in the urinal, the logo is branded into the right cortex.



Considering the drug situation at Beverly, the district is considering purchasing the urinal odor pads for all urinals in the district. District officials who are for the purchase further their arguments that the pads will help increase literacy among the drug using population. Chronic drug users may recognize the word "drugs" but not be able to read the rest. Being a chronic addict, the student will be enticed to see what the urinal has to say about drugs. This will force the student to learn how to read and pronounce the words "Say no to." This may very well be a turning point in the education of the underachieving drug addict. Once able to actually pronounce the entire phrase, the student, according to Miriam Wesley, may enter into a self-reflective meditative dissociative semi-conscious tardive state of dyskinesia. In layman's terms, the student will temporarily have acute undifferentiated pervasive postpartum melancholic dementia.

What makes the pads so useful at effectively deterring men off drugs is the utter combination of the senses. Between the utter wit and thought behind the phrase "Say

no to drugs," to the stinging stench of urine, to the bladder's sudden expulsion of wasteful bodily fluids, the human mind takes the entire experience and it becomes an ecstasy of the senses, a complete arousal of the mind, and a successful ploy to keep people off of illegal drugs.

- Zack Anderson

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Features

This is the feature section of Beverly Underground Newspaper. Here you will find miscellaneous articles from both staff writers and readers such as yourself.

Hate Mail

I didn't think this site would receive hate mail... but apparently I was very mistaken.

Here is what a couple people had to say to us. It is followed by our response to the email. We have received more than two emails describing their dislike of the site, but the other emails actually had merit behind what they were saying. Thus, we took those as beneficial constructive criticism. These are just plain funny.



From: steeltoe_oi@yahoo.com

Subject: Get A Fucking Life Loser!

Jesus Christ, you people are the biggest fucking pussys in the world. "Oh I'm scared I might have cancer, help shut down the school immediately" Not only that how much of your useless time did you spend on that web page, only in fucking Beverly hills can kids sit around on the parents computer and complain about about a fucking oil well. I have a great idea, GET A JOB! and do something positive and make the world a better place instead of sitting around and saying how things are shit for you. Why don't you go to a poor part of the world and see how things are really where people have the right to complain because they work for things then just maybe you will shut your mouth.

- Steve Rotten

Well Steve, you call us fucking pussies. Now I don't know your ideals and values,

but here in “fucking Beverly Hills” we enjoy our lives. When a school is profiting on something that can potentially be killing us, I see it as a natural, and positive response to push for the school to cease the oil drilling if it even poses a possible risk. You say I should make the world a better place. Well, how long has saving lives been considered an evil act? If the oil well is causing cancer, any negative publicity for the school to shut it down is positive for the students and the teachers. You ignorantly say, “shut down the school immediately”. Maybe you don’t have great reading comprehension skills (your grammar and punctuation is surly worse than a 3rd grader’s), but our site in no way asks for school to shut down. We want the oil well, run by a separate company on school grounds, to be shut down.

Your ignorant stereotypes also trouble me. You seem to know my entire economic situation. Unless you are some type of psychic, it is very naïve and moronic to assume you know what I’m like from the city I live in. The computer that I am using right now and my PARENT’S COMPUTER I bought with money I earned from a job. Yes, I do have a job. How dare you make assumptions as to what I am doing with my life! I do well in school, I play tennis, make films, hang out with friends on the weekends, run my own business, and do this website only in my own free time. I’m not going to make any naïve assumptions as you did in your email, but from your ignorance, your spelling and grammar skills, and your awful use of diction, I am going to guess you are not very successful in whatever job you have, that is, if you even have a job.

I live a good life. Your claims that this site only talks about how shitty our lives are reveals one of two things, a) can’t read, or b) you are too stupid to spend the time to actually explore the site before making your false claims and taking the time to complain about how spoiled you think we are. Who is the loser now? You have nothing better to do with your time than to make false accusations. What have you accomplished there?

Mr. Rotten, if you would like to send us an email that makes sense and isn’t based on your pathetic stereotypes because you saw an episode of 90210 and felt jealous, then you are welcome too. It is you, Rotten, that needs to get a fucking life, and also, may I suggest elementary school? You ask me to make the world a better place. I’ll tell you, the world would be a better place without people like you: people that draw conclusions without evidence and are quick to channel their own bitterness on the efforts of others.

- Zack Anderson

Hate Mail #2

From: (Identity Concealed)

Hi, I just wanted to tell you guys that I think you did a good job of putting together the page and actually finding people who would be interested in writing for such a loser "paper," if you can call it a paper. You say that Highlights is biased, but what do you think your website is? All your story ideas come from Highlights, and if you're gonna write about a football game, learn how to spell the name of the other school and don't editorialize a sports story. All of you are probably social outcasts that sit home on the weekends writing these horribly-written stories for your loser website that gets almost no visits. And that explains why you use those queer pseudonyms. Then agains, thats just my opinion.

Dear Beverly Student,

Thank you so much for not spending the time to look at our site before you sent us your email. May I just tell you what you may have seen had you actually spent the time

to look at the site before making such false allegations? 1) You would notice that none of the articles on the site are even similar to Highlights stories (except the "Tribute to Richard Sprouse" which we wrote before Highlights published its story). 2) Well, we got your visit, and that's all that counts right? Okay, we have also gotten about 3000 other people who have seen the site too.

I see that you are on the Highlights staff... as Ad Manager, the lowest common denominator in journalism, if you can even call it journalism. So naturally, you are defending the paper you are affiliated with. Please understand that we have nothing against Highlights. Highlights is a well-written newspaper with a great and intelligent staff (well, perhaps minus yourself). We just don't feel that the issues they report on are very balanced. That's why we are here.

I hate the word loser. It has so many negative connotations. What I hate more however are people who attack things they don't understand. Here we are running a newspaper in our free time and you come across our page and bash us as losers. Are we losers because this is a waste of time? What does that even mean? If we want to run this site, then we are not wasting time. Is working \$30 deals with Westwood Driving School to put an ad in Highlights so much more productive? I can't believe I'm even writing a response to your email, but I want to set an example for anyone who might send an email in the future. If you don't know what you are talking about, then don't send us mail calling us losers. If you want to make real allegations supported by the facts, then I respect you for that. The real losers are the people, like you, who send email like this making up dumb excuses to make you feel better about yourself. How about you pick up an interest and stop criticizing things you obviously don't understand and therefore can't appreciate?

But there is one thing I commend you on. We thank you so much that you can spell "Cabrillo"... we have made the appropriate correction.

- Jim Moore

If you feel enticed to send us a stupid letter, we reserve our right to publish it. We do welcome CONSTRUCTIVE criticism.

A Man of Many Words

His name is Michael Ma. Strolling the hallways, he is the lone bastion of hope that looms amongst the waves of imbecility. This intriguing character might not appeal to the normal individual, but to understand the essence, the character, of Mr. Ma, one must delve deep into his thoughts. Although he is currently 11th grade Vice President, many have not seen him or even heard his name.

Mike comes from the famous Ma family of China, which is directly related to the infamous Song dynasty. In an interview Ma stated, "My goal is to go back to China and reclaim my family's heritage." Obviously, Ma is extremely dedicated. He uses his role in ASB as a position of practice. He says it will help him in his journey back home.

Outside of ASB, Mike is a 5.0 student and a brilliant speaker. Standing on a stage in front of tens of thousands of students, Mr. Ma attempted to rally the amazed onlookers. However, his attempt failed as one simple question arose. "What the hell was he saying?!" It was later learned, through comprehensive research of course, that Mr. Ma's speech is spoken at a frequency not heard by 98% of humans.

But only a genius will understand Mike's plight. Living a life of semi-luxury, Mr. Ma possesses only a single Tahitian island, clearly not enough to suit his insatiable taste. His speeches consist of brimstone so powerful the world seems to shake.

"Mike is a pure genius. I'm going to start calling him $E=mc^2$," junior Unaiz Kabani said. Like Kabani, many of Mr. Ma's schoolmates are honored to work with this natural born leader. "Mike has the ability to inspire and to teach," freshman Yang Yang added.

A man of many words, Michael Ma truly is a renaissance man.

- The Demenator and The Paki Partisan

Please Note: We have not verified the accuracy of this submitted story. It has been printed with the permission of Michael Ma.

Notable Quotes

"People who quote other people have nothing better to say." - Daniel Gershon

"If you want to maximize your life, just take the derivative of your life and set it to zero."

"Why would I want to know when a new version of windows is out, when I can find out there is a new patch on the C library because of a security vulnerability in the time function."

"If Steven Hawking is so smart then why is he handicapped?"

After reading a problem titled: "Approximations just get worse and worse" ... teacher Mr. Morris says, "Approximations just get worse and worse, it's kinda like life."

"Sharing is caring; that's what STD's are all about." - Mr. Taylor

"The good thing about getting old is you don't have to worry about dying young."

"No, marijuana does not have any nutritional value."

Please Email Us if you have any funny or thought provoking original quotes. Be sure to include the quote and the name of the person who said it.