COPYWORKS BUSTED FOR PRINTING MILLIONS IN COUNTERFEIT BILLS!

Granland Riceandeans

Monsters of Propaganda

Long admired for the high-tech printing services that they provide to students and faculty at reasonable prices, CopyWorks employees have been caught printing millions of dollars in counterfeit bills on all of those fancy printers they have access to.

The scheme was uncovered by a student, who was simply stopping by the CopyWorks offices to pick up some posters he ordered to promote an upcoming campus event. But when he opened the folder that was supposed to contain the posters, the student instead found $10,000 in cash, still warm from the printer.

CopyWorks employees had been putting in requests for higher salaries, saying that they were not getting compensated properly for having to print and fix a bunch of crazy and ugly posters that students were sending them. One of the accused employees said that the whole thing started almost by accident following the administrative decision not to increase their pay.

“We were just joking around, and talking about how we could use some more money. And I took out a dollar bill and said, ‘I wish I could just put this thing in the copier. My life would sure be a lot easier.’ Then we just all kind of joked around at each other and thought, ‘No… that wouldn’t work… would it?’ And it totally worked! Then someone went to the bank, got out a $100 bill, we made a few thousand copies and we were rich!”

The CopyWorks employees interviewed said they would occasionally lose a few thousand dollars in a paper-jam, but for the most part it was a very profitable scheme.

A co-worker had this to say about the on-campus counterfeiting ring:

“In retrospect we should have been suspicious. They were driving Benzys to work and wearing black diamond necklaces on casual Friday, and if we had a formal meeting, they would rent out a limo and a red carpet. Also, we usually bring brown bag lunches to work, and they went from bringing turkey sandwiches and a salad to having Tupperware containers stuffed with black truffles and caviar.”

Students should be aware that many of their favorite local stores may accidentally be giving them counterfeit change, as the employees were known to frequent Holland establishments due to their newly expanded budgets.

TRUTH UNCOVERED:
BULTMONSTER RETIRES TO FOLLOW GAGA TOUR!

Granland Riceandeans and Claire Seacrest

FERRIS’S BFF AND TROPHY WIFE OF E!

After a long and honorable career at Despair College, members of the community have considered President James Bultman’s decision to retire a fitting reward for many years of hard work and dedication to the school. But the real reason for his retirement may come as a shock.

The motivation behind Bultman’s upcoming retirement has recently been uncovered Bultman plans to travel the world as one of the pop star Lady Gaga’s “Little Monsters.” Gaga refers to her fans as “Little Monsters” and Bultman is proud to hold this moniker.

Bultman explained that he appreciates Gaga’s refreshing take on politics, saying he loves her message and that her politics mostly align with his own. His one regret about his Despair presidency is that he was not able to incorporate her messages more into campus-wide policy.

During a Ranchor interview, Bultman excitedly jumped up to show off his latest tattoo, an image of Gaga’s face that stretches across his right bicep.

“I’m thinking about getting the lyrics to ‘Alejandro’ tattooed down my back, maybe in some nice curvaceous font,” Bultman said, adding that he is working with Gaga’s stylist to design his own meat suit for the class of 2015’s graduation ceremony. Bultman has the Gaga obsession hasn’t come as a surprise to everyone. On Facebook he publically lists Lady Gaga as his favorite musician, and in his tweets he often claims to be “the biggest of all the little monsters.”

Residents in Durfee Hall have also submitted several complaints to campus safety citing Bulmonster blasting Gaga hits after quiet hours.

“Other students think the loud music is coming from our dorm rooms, but we know it’s Bultmonster cranking his music up,” says Young Van der Monster, a resident of Durfee. There are also rumors claiming Bultmonster has attended the Halloween “Club Duff,” in a strikingly detailed Lady Gaga costume.

All this Gaga for Gaga leaves Bultmonster very excited for his life after he leaves Despair.

“I may be retiring, but I feel like I’m on the edge of glory,” Bultmonster said.

(Note: As far as the presidential search goes, “Rumour Has It” that the College has a final candidate in mind, but has to wait to interview him until he is back from his trip around the world as a groupie following the British singer and recent Grammy winner, Adele.)

Editors’ Note: The Ranchor is a production of a whole bunch of people with too much time on their hands. Our goal is to be funny, witty, and satirical. Whether or not we have succeeded, The Ranchor is a big fat joke. If you think this stuff is real, please call The Ranchor and we will come and give you a wedgie. Any similarity to real life people is all in good fun.
This Week at Despair

Friday March 30
Oprah comes to Despair
Oprah is signing autographs and giving everyone their own manatee! Maas Auditorium 7 p.m.

Sunday April 1
Free Manatee Clinic
Protect your manatees from polio, lyme disease and heartworm. All day in the Enchanted Forest.

Monday April 2
Manatee Playtime
Socialize your dugong in the pristine waters of Lake Macatawa.

In Brief

PHelps WORKERS STRIKE

It appears in the last few weeks that Phelps workers have gone on strike and refuse to go back to work until they are provided free meals of the cafeteria’s delectable food offerings. “It’s so unfair to have to serve that delicious-looking food which smells so savory and we don’t get a chance to eat it ourselves. All we want is to eat the best lunch and dinner money can buy, just like any other Despair student!” says Will Eatanything, cafeteria worker. With such a high demand as this, it’s not looking good for the strikers. They may have to compromise and just eat mediocre food instead.

SPOTTED:

President Bultmonster at Sammy’s, stocking up on Ramen noodles and Diet Pepsi for the weekend

SPOTTED:

Tom Bylsma, Vice President, going through McDonald’s drive through for a shamrock shake at 2 a.m.

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Dean Frost sneaking extra ice cream cones out of Phelps.

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THE NOW-FORMER REPUBLICAN U.S. PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE HIRED HIMSELF FOR THE JOB

Kevin Sanders

Rick Santorum, Republican presidential hopeful, happened to be the twelfth president of Despair College last week. His decision came after he sat on his trampoline in the backyard of his Penn Hills home and listening to shooting stars late into the soggy morning. Santorum claims he saw an angel in the shape of a shooting star race around the sky outlining an anchor in the sky. “When God showed me that anchor, I knew it was time to take the wheel at Despair,” Santorum told me in a recent interview when I found him in the Despair Bookstore buying every Despair sweatvest they carry. “At first I thought God was telling me I was hungry for some seafood, because Lord knows I love seafood, but then it just came to me. I must become Despair’s next president.”

THE WEST ASKS, WHERE’D ALL THE NUKES GO?

Shablagoo

NUCLEAR WEAPONS EXPERT

Long enough have we heard that Iran and North Korea have built up a nuclear arsenal, but there is hardly anyone who can confirm the existence of nukes in these countries. The controversy of nuclear disarmament has been built up so much that both Mohammad Ahmadinejad and Kim Jong-un are hinting at the scare about their nuclear weapons on non-existent. For a long time we have both suggested that they have nuclear weapons, but it was not until the notice of the international community that this whole issue might just be a staged setup for an April Fools prank from Pyongyang and Tehran. The whole world has witnessed how both North Korea and Iran have no good ties with the Western nations. As much as they would like to scare their opposition with threats of nuclear war, it has been speculated that they would love to see it even more if they could prank the West on April 1.

DOOM OR JOKE?— Ahmadinejad appears to be hysterical about planning his April Fools Day prank with Kim Jong-un of North Korea.

Kevin Sanders

Brian and Ryan, two Despair seniors and “besties for life,” spotted a UFO high above Despair’s campus Sunday night. They were playing a late night game of disc golf when they first noticed the visitors circling the sky. “I thought it was Ryan’s disc flying over my head and was like, ‘Ryan! Why ya throwin’ it like that!’ But he was still holding it in his hand.”

“I thought, ‘Yeah, it wasn’t me. It was aliens,’ Ryan added.”

“Yeah, that’s when we realized it was a UFO, we’ve just sat down and watched it fly!”

This isn’t the first known UFO spotted on Despair’s campus. The first UFO was spotted in 1977 by Brian’s father and another in 1954 by Brian’s grandfather. “Spotting UFOs runs in the family,” Brian explained. “My grandpa spotted one, my dad spotted one, and now me. I knew it was only a matter of time until I followed their footsteps.” Ryan, however, is the first member of his family to see beings from an outside world.

“They are aliens? My parents stay inside a lot. They don’t believe that I saw the UFO, actually. They say I need to talk to a counselor and focus on my homework.”

Despite Ryan’s parents’ disagreement, the two best friends haven’t left their spot in the grass, east of the chapel, since the spotting. They are planning a Welcome Party just in case the extraterrestrials decide to make their landing on campus.

“We love Despair,” Brian told me, “and we figure if they don’t love Despair already because of their super-intelligence, then they will after they come to our party!”

Brian and Ryan invite everyone to join them outside the chapel as they anxiously prepare and await the return and landing of the UFO.
ADMINISTRATION DEEMS LUPE FIASCO TOO “GANGSTA” FOR DESPAIR!

James Yeezy  
Go Fai

Despair’s “Stand Up” organization was formed in reaction to the perceived lack of diversity and intercultural understanding on campus.

The organization felt that with their budget, they should invite rapper Lupe Fiasco to bring the campus together to enjoy his music.

However, there has been some resistance on the part of the administration because they feel that his lyrics about his background and culture might be too scary.

“Intercultural dialogue is great, but if those other cultures are swearing, then their culture really can’t be worth learning about,” a representative of Despair’s administration explained.

Members of the administration argue that while Mr. Fiasco may discuss the dangers of greed, the harm that drugs and alcohol can cause, and the damaging effects of misogyny in mainstream hip-hop, his positive messages are pretty much overshadowed by the use of swear words.

This sentiment is shared by President Bulmester, who had the following to say about the possible Lupe Fiasco concert:

“He probably talks about killing police officers, right?”

Another member of the administration was worried about the harmful psychological effects that hearing a person swear might have on impressionable Despair students.

“I mean, it’s not like they can choose whether or not to attend this concert, the peer pressure will probably force them to attend. And on top of that, students probably don’t know how bad rap music can be; it’s not like they already listen to it. And I’m pretty sure that there is no swearing and no mention of sex in any of the books that teachers require students to read in classes. I mean there is a lot of swearing out in the real world and I don’t want anyone who goes here to be traumatized by that reality.”

The views of the administration are of course understandable. They should also consider that on top of his traumatizing use of swear words, Mr. Fiasco often talks about silly things like skateboarding, romance and robots. We don’t need to distract our students from their studies with that frivolity. Maybe we can send Fiasco a survey asking them if they think a guy telling chatting stories about a robot is too distracting.

But most of all, we don’t want one of our concerts to be popular like Calvin’s. It would be terrible to actually have a really popular artist at one of these events.

Despair representatives agreed that they would like the college to stick to inviting folk artists like Iron & Wine and Mat Kearney.

MUSICIANS AT WORK— Above, Mat Kearney rocked the Knickerbocker last fall with his catchy pop songs and sing-a-long lyrics. “Undeniable,” a crowd favorite, explores the joy of knowing god and His undeniable nature. Right, even though he uses his music to inspire youths and promote positive messages, Chicago hip-hop star Lupe Fiasco has been banned from Hope’s campus.

LOCAL COFFEE SHOP CAUGHT PROFITING FROM UNFAIR TRADE!

The Chef  
GHOSTFACE EDITOR

With the dawn of hipster culture and with environmental awareness becoming more and more trendy these days, being “green” is almost synonymous with being cool.

By this measurement, Lemonjello’s in downtown Holland is one of the coolest coffee shops in America.

Hundreds of high school and college students flock to the shop on a daily basis for a cup of coffee and a delicious baked good while reading or writing a paper.

It has recently been confirmed by Guinness World Records that they have the nation’s smallest trash can and almost every product in the store is advertised as being “fair trade.”

In other words, the profits from these products, in the most direct way possible, are supposed to go to the farmers who produce the goods. Fair trade goods help farmers in developing countries build sustainable businesses, as opposed to a more industrialized system in which many people profit from the hard work of these farmers at their expense.

However, an in-depth report by The Ranchor has uncovered that this noble endeavor is simply an act. T-shirts and other apparel with the Lemonjello’s logo are produced in sweat shops.
**Tiny Tim**
**Business Feature**

Lights, camera, action. For the first time in history, the Hollywood spotlight is shining down on the campus of Despair University.

This past Thursday, students stood in shock as their beloved Enchanted Forest was invaded by a mass of white vans. Panic, shouting and confusion ensued as men in black jumped out and quickly set up camera equipment.

Rumors ran rampant throughout campus before it was finally announced that the hit Animal Kindom Documentary “Catching Bigfoot” had been called in by President Bultmonster.

Within seconds, the panic increased as students and staff attempted to flee campus.

“At first I was confused. Then I was scared. Then I thought I was going to die,” said freshman Suzy Smith (’15). “I’m not one to believe in myths, but the possibility of a monster being here on Despair’s campus made me want to pass out.”

It all began the previous week when mysterious events started to occur. First, the birds went silent and the squirrels disappeared. Next, Phelps Dining reported that the kitchen had been broken into and even the hot dogs had been eaten. According to President Bultmonster, the college finally realized how serious the matter was when a Dykstra resident went missing.

Campus Safety was alerted and the faculty members were told to keep their eyes and ears open. But it wasn’t until senior Charlotte Jones (’12) was found crying in her closet that the college realized the cause of these happenings was out of their hands.

“I was running late for my political science class so I decided to cut through the Enchanted Forest,” said Jones (’12). “As I passed one of the trees, a hand reached out and grabbed my hair. When I turned around a big, furry person stood before me. At first I thought it was a Durfee boy dressed in a costume but then I saw two big yellow eyes staring down at me.”

“I knew right away that this was no laughing matter,” said President Bultmonster. “I have always known in my heart that Bigfoot was alive and out there. I have been waiting all of my life for this day to come.”

As soon as I heard of Jones’ experience, I wrote my old friend Chad Moneymaker, the founder and president of Bigfoot Researchers Organization (BRO). I knew if there was any chance of catching Bigfoot, Chad would be our only hope.”

For the next five weeks, Moneymaker and his BRO crew are prepared to camp out in the Enchanted Forest.

“If someone had told me thirty years ago I would finally meet Bigfoot in the backyard of James Bultmonster, I would have laughed in their face and smacked them over the head. Never in my wildest dreams did I imagine coming this close to meeting the cause I dedicated my life to at the age of three. I will sit in that Enchanted Forest for as long as it takes and when I finally do come face to face with that giant ape, I will kill him,” said Moneymaker.

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**So you think you saw Bigfoot...**

1. Start laughing... it’s not really Bigfoot.
2. Start screaming... it really is Bigfoot.
3. Throw a banana in its face... hope it becomes distracted like a monkey would.
4. If three fails, RUN.
5. Find a place to hide... Dykstra may just be your safest bet.

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**Bigfoot or a Really Large Durfee Resident?**— Campus security footage shows a large, unidentified creature making its way through the Enchanted Forest (above).
HUNGER GAMES AT DESPAIR!

Orientation for “District” ’16

The games are forever abolished in Panem, but Despair College is rumored to adapt “The Hunger Games” model for next fall’s freshmen orientation weekend. “Despair’s traditional orientation model is effective,” quipped an AD, “but the games will draw us closer together as a community.” The ADs preside as game-makers, OAs will run the ceremonies and training sessions, and the freshmen are all eligible to be chosen as tributes.

On the evening of move-in day, the reaping ceremony in Dimnent Chapel will name a male and female tribute from each dorm. Six career tributes from Calvin College will also participate, arriving Saturday morning to participate in intensive tribute training sessions. Tributes have less than 48 hours to learn basic survival and defense skills while impressing the ADs who scrutinize their every move. On Sunday evening, Dutch hosts televised interviews in which the tributes will charm potential sponsors and flaunt stunning displays of orange and blue fashion. (One anonymous source said that Nykerk coaches will be recruited as stylists.)

On Monday morning at 9:30 a.m. EST, Despair’s campus transforms into a “The Hunger Games” arena with the cornucopia located at the flagpole outside Dewitt. “We have a lot of surprises planned,” one AD promises. “The arena will encompass Despair experiences and intensify them to a heart-stopping level—think harsh winters, Pull practices, slow wifi, fearless black squirrels….” (A limited edition game board version of the arena will be available for purchase in the bookstore.) It has already been leaked that all academic buildings and dorms will be locked, so we can expect tree-climbing and wall-scaling as tributes flee from eminent danger and from each other.

The games will stream live 24 hours of the day in DeVos Field House. This event will draw more students, staff and community members than an end-of-season Despair v. Calvin basketball game, and ADs recommend camping out at least 24 hours in advance to secure a seat. Stakes are higher than ever for tributes; the victor not only survives and receives eternal glory, but will be awarded full tuition, room and board, meal plan, and books. Though controversy is already brewing, The Despair Hunger Games may become an administration-approved merit-based scholarship competition. It promotes academic diversity, as not everyone demonstrates intellectual prowess through essays or test scores. The winds of change have stirred Despair’s tradition-steeped foundation, and if the games catch fire, they may jumpstart a brave new liberal arts era.

To the class of 2016: train hard and may the odds be ever in your favor.

CASH CAB GOES ORANGE AND BLUE

Another money scam

Orphan AnnieMarie
Street Urchin

One night last week, I finished some late night studying in Gilmore, but I didn’t want to walk all the way to my house in the dark. Even though I almost would rather take my chances walking in the dark than getting into a shaky-looking, bustup van, I decided to be lazy and take the shuttle. When I got in, I noticed the rope lighting lining the inside of the van was flashing different colors. Then, the creepy driver, Bob, turned around and said, “Welcome to CASH CAB!”

I had always wanted to be on the show, so I decided to play along. At the very least, they’d “enter me” to “win” an iPad, right? So when he said question one was worth $5,000…he meant it was coming out of my pocket. I told him Lincoln, between 13th and 14th. He could have turned around and actually driven me in a direct route to my destination like a taxicab, but nooo. He haaaad to tell him Lincoln, between 13th and 14th. He could have turned around and actually driven me in a direct route to my destination like a taxicab, but nooo. He haaaad to take the entire route and stop at every shuttle stop.

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Anyway, he told me I had seven stops to answer as many questions as I could. I was worth $5,000. I really couldn’t argue with that.

“Question one. On a scale of 1-5, how would you rate Phelps Dining Hall… One night last week, I finished some late night studying in Gilmore, but I didn’t want to walk all the way to my house in the dark. Even though I almost would rather take my chances walking in the dark than getting into a shaky-looking, bustup van, I decided to be lazy and take the shuttle. When I got in, I noticed the rope lighting lining the inside of the van was flashing different colors. Then, the creepy driver, Bob, turned around and said, “Welcome to CASH CAB!”

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More than missing mints

Korey Lukhatose
Columnist

Up until this point I have refrained from speaking out because of fear, but the nefarious goings-on which I have been observing have gone so far that I believe that I would be morally remiss if I remained silent for a moment longer. By writing to you, I am risking my reputation, my body well-being, and possibly even my life. It’s a risk I am willing to take, but I do not feel nearly safe enough to sign this letter with my real name.

It is only necessary for your readers to know that I am a freshman at Despair. A student who sees more than it is safe to see. A student who knows too much. I was more than ready to get involved with any criminal activity. I am a law-abiding citizen who has never stolen anything in his (or her) life. However, I can no longer say the same about my classmates.

Like I said, I wasn’t looking for trouble. It all started a few weeks into last semester, when I was eating lunch in Phelps cafeteria. On my way out, I couldn’t help but notice one of my classmates slipping an orange into his jacket pocket while looking around to see if anyone had noticed. I didn’t know what to think, so I just kept walk-

CRIME RING THREATENS CAMPUS!

Unhappily Employed

Dear Lubbers Hall,
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Dear Campus Safety,
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Sincerely,
Cary Less

Dear Andy, from the Mail Center,
I’m going postal. Is it the lighting on the other side of the mailroom window that makes you look so... first class? The smell of letters and flat rate boxes and subscriptions and packages? I remember darn well how to open my mail, but I can’t remember how to get it back again any day, just to watch you demonstrate. The price of sending a package to my sister in Virginia? No clue, but I’d pay anything to talk labels with you. “Return to sender” stamped on the birthday card I sent to Grandma? What a shame... I’ll just have to head to the mail center and address the issue; stamp it out with some help. It’s a FedEx Excellent day when I get that “you’ve got a package” email, even if it’s just textbooks. This might be pushing the envelope, but would you sign my book of forever stamps? Maybe I should letter alone, but I want you to know that you’ll always have my stamp of approval (that one was bad – I’m getting couriered away).

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Mallory Ringwald

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Thanks,
Gluten-free Gal

Dear Career Services,
I’ve been reading in the news for a long time now about how bad the economy is and how it’s practically impossible to find a job. So I figured that I should visit career services to maybe get some advice on food stamps and collecting unemploy-

Dear Kletz,
I wish to thank you dearly for always having such variety to offer. Your healthy options from the fryer made me actually change two pant sizes! I especially love that the only non-gross food items on your menu, like quesadillas and the panini of the week, aren’t on a meatball. Who wants those anyway? Please keep up the great work, and remember: everybody wants their chicken pink in the middle!

Affectionately yours,
Phatty Larde

Dear Felipe’s Bistro Hall,
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DON’T CREW: STUDENT SECTION BANNED

Jordan Michael
Baller

The Dew Crew is widely known as one of the most loyal and vocal student sections in college basketball, and they are also known to be a very polite group of clean-eyed and spirited kids. However, this is just propaganda spread by the college to attract prospective students. Multiple eyewitness accounts have confirmed what this writer has long suspected: the Dew Crew is one of the most violent and rowdy student sections in America. As a result, Despair administrators and the athletic department have decided to eliminate the Dew Crew for the 2012-2013 school year. “This will be a trial period,” the athletic department said in a prepared statement. “If the students can prove they are capable of rational, we may reinstate the Dew Crew in 2014.”

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SCANDAL AT THE LIBRARY: CHESS TEAM ON DRUGS!

Bobby Fischer
Anonymous

Accusations were disclosed this past weekend after Despair dismantled Aquinas in a hyped-up match that took place on the third floor of the Van Wylen Library on Despair’s campus on Friday night. Aquinas has been the first team to accuse Despair of “pumping the ‘roids.”

Entering the match with a 22-2 record, Aquinas’ frail yet genius roster generated plenty of chess-related algorithms that were sure to beat Despair’s flawless play. However, things did not end up in Aquinas’ favor. We spent all week preparing for the Dutchmen, whether that was producing new strategies, playing online chess against Grandmasters or drinking more Cheesecake,” Aquinas captain Jerry Bloom said. “We were super confident coming in.”

Aquitana’s two losses came to Despair earlier in the season in February at its home library. The Saints were seeking revenge. “My first four chessers [chess players] take to the boards all got demolished and two of them were my top guys,” Aquinas coach John Rook a s a d. “After watching closely for some cheating, I finally became occupied with the muscle size of the Dutchmen compared to my Saints.”

Rook then commented on what took place prior to the match. In the pre-match weigh-in, Despair’s average player weight was a recorded 181.4 pounds compared to Aquinana’s 113.6. “In our last match against Despair in February, we had closer games and the Dutchmen’s average player weight was 149-something,” Rook said. “While 149 is still quite large for a chess team, 181 is unheard of and these Dutchmen looked clearly larger than when we last fueled them.”

Because of the importance of this match, MIAA commissioner David L. Neilson was in attendance and was immediately confronted by Rook:

“Without my consent Neilson should have no right to require my boys to take a drug test,” Rudins scoffed. Rudins strongly believed his men were still playing flawless Dutchmen chess the past month and a half. Hitting the weights and pumping the drugs were not supposed to ruin a whole chess program or make a chess team better. This bizarre situation, which leaves many in the chess community confused and upset, may be the focus of future research studies to prove if steroids actually make you smarter, not just stronger.

If you looked at the student section during regular season, maybe 150 students came to games,” Yello said. “During the tournament, the Dew Crew was packed. There is obviously a correlation between these two things.”

When questioned about how many athletes often crowd support as a significant motivator in games, Yello scoffed. “Were you at the Calvin game during the MIAA tournament?” Yello asked. “Calvin did better against Despair in that game than in any other meeting of the two teams all season. They also barely had a fan presence in DeVos Fieldhouse, especially in the student section. That clearly explains their better play.”

Students to blame for early NCAA tournament loss?

In other student section news, sources have informed the Rancho that there is a feeling of resentment among members of teams that have a vocal student presence.

The primary informant, M. Ello Yello, said the basketball team in particular has taken issue with the Dew Crew. “They’re so loud,” Yello said. “The players find it distracting. Everyone knows that it is much easier to concentrate in a game of basketball when the gym is quiet. Why else would the crowd fall silent during a free throw?”

Neilson proceeded in asking Despair’s players to accuse Despair of using steroids and a pair of transfer students said.

“An anonymous source told me that Despair’s coach John Rudins made no comment but failed the test on Saturday, and immediately released a statement requiring Despair to go in for a performance-enhancing drug test the following day. Rudins was appalled at the action Neilson took.”

“All four of Despair’s players failed the test on Saturday, and Neilson immediately released a statement requiring Despair to suspend the remainder of its season and wipe its undefeated season out of the record books. A fiery Rudins commented on Saturday in a phone interview with Neilson: “Yes, my boys took steroids. We just wanted to look better; enough of the geeky, cliché chess stereotypes. Did I think it would elevate our performance? No. Do I think it elevated our performance? No.”

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