

Nice guys finish first



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particularly proud of; but that's really not the point now, is it?

Before I go much further this is not a pity piece about my many woes; I simply have a point to prove.

My point is that I hear girls consistently complain that they cannot find a "nice guy" and yet they end up in the arms of some guy who may be quite easy on the eyes but most likely has the compassion of a dog who is deaf, dumb, blind, and rabid; thus beginning a vicious cycle of heart break and bitterness (called high school) where both parties are hurt and become that much more calloused to feel anything, especially of the romantic persuasion.

As we are all very aware, the very first Lakes prom is rapidly approaching and males both "nice" and "not so nice" are plotting who their date (or victim) for prom will be.

Some guys have nothing but the best intentions for their prospective dates, while others have the intentions of a character from *American Pie*.

I do not mean to over generalize but since I am in fact a male and most of my closest friends have the same condition, I have a fairly good idea of what runs through our heads, if anything at all.

The bottom line is that just like every other major event in a guy's life it all depends on a girl.

So for the love of all things good and holy, all you girls who always feel like you end up with the short end of the man stick, try going out with a "nice guy" for a change, someone who might not be the man of your dreams, but you must remember: nothing ventured nothing gained.

He might not have a six pack of wash board abs and a mustang with a V-8 but I bet he'll buy you flowers, and who doesn't love flowers now and then?

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Males everywhere are usually perceived as confident, hormone-infused womanizers, and many of them are.

But I do believe that the subcategory of males that are actually seeking companionship and not just a high school romp get overlooked.

As a male that generally fits into the latter group I am often times written off as a "nice guy" or "just a friend".

Which is not at all to say that I have a spotless track record when it comes to the opposite sex, I have some things that I am not

To know and not do...



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a step in the right direction.

Currently, a honors A receives 4.5 points of credit, and the new system ups the ante and makes that same A worth five points of credit.

Unfortunately, this does nothing to change the credit received for honors courses up until this point. Right now, there are juniors who have taken three years of honors-level or AP courses whose GPA's don't adequately reflect that, and the school should look into all possible ways to right this wrong.

GPA's are something that any academically motivated student probably hates and prides him or herself on at the same time. The district has now made a decision to change the way they grade honors courses, starting next year, and keeping around the old system of grading for three years of achievement just doesn't fit.

Why should our past three years of high school (juniors, you know who you are) be graded differently than our last? Isn't bringing previous grades in sync with the new system a small thing to ask when you consider the life-long effect that GPAs have on college admission, occupation, and personal pride in all but the

shameless and degenerate?

Maybe the kids who don't place a lot of value in an arbitrary number somewhere between 0 and 4.5 (isn't that currently impossible?) are right in not taking their GPA seriously when one year doesn't match up with three others and no one seems inclined to question the stupidity of it all. Maybe those kids (you also know who you are) are sensible in not caring, and if they not, then maybe they can use this point as a building block for their own argument.

But we're getting off track; this type of questioning is truly pointless if it doesn't help to bring about the logical overhaul of the school's GPA system.

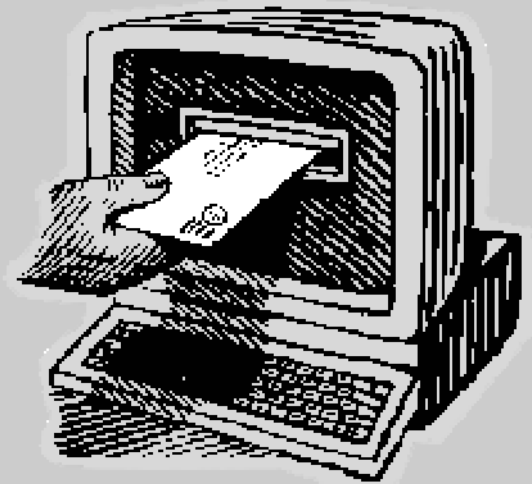
The changing of past honors-level credit doesn't involve actually changing the grade from one letter to the next, only changing a few numbers to bring the school's own system in compliance with itself.

And however difficult that might be for those in charge, it is definitely a matter of importance considering the life-long implications GPA's have. It's promising to see District 117 enact a smarter honors-credit system, but besides just concocting this plan, it's time to see the District run their new system sensibly.

Letters to the Editor

I'm speaking for a lot of students that Mr. Long will be missed. He was one of the best teachers that walked the halls here at Lakes. He told everyone to go for it. He believed in every student. When he taught a lesson, he made you want to pay attention, he made everything fun. That's why I am writing, because I'm an angry student. A lot of students are angry, hence why we had the sit in. When I was the sit in a teacher told me that if I was angry to write a letter. So I'm writing a letter. What can we do to prevent it from happening again, not just for my sake, but the sake of the school? Respect + Courtesy = Pride. Respect us students; let us know what is going on.

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