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The Bread and Butter of Insults

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To many students on campus, vulgar language has become a part of the day-to-day experience of high school life. It is practically impossible to walk through the hallways without hearing an exclamation of "S*%!!" or "Stop acting like a b@%*h!" As of late a new form of obscenity has been noted on campus. In conformity with the wave of neo-Elizabethan pop culture, students have been trading their 21st-century parlance for a completely new set of timeless Shakespearean insults (if you haven't heard of this trend yet and are dying to conform with the non-conformists, see a list of JFK's most popular insults below).



Chris Lee and Kamryn Ebling show how far one offensive action can go into altering one's mood. Photo by Kyler Landowski, Claritin Staff

Students on campus stated that they first began to learn of these new insults in their English classes, where they have recently been reading Shakespeare in honor of the Bard's upcoming birthday. Works read so far include "Romeo and Juliet," "A Comedy of Errors," "The Twelfth Night," "Cymbeline," as well as a number of sonnets. Sophomore

student Cali Bann (son of JFK PTA president S. Corax) claims that he is the one who began the trend after reading "Henry IV" in his Advanced English 10 class. "I was reading Act II, Scene iv. A sheriff, a carrier, and a fat guy walk into a bar. The sheriff goes up to his friend the prince and starts telling him about how the fat guy behind him is 'as fat as butter!' I thought it was hilarious and decided to start a new movement of Bardish culture," said Bann. When questioned by the *Claritin* as to why he used the term Bardish instead of neo-Elizabethan, Bann, clearly offended by such an oafish question, retorted "Your brain is as dry as the remainder biscuit after voyage."

A recent fight that hall monitors had to break up began when one student angrily yelled to another, "More of your conversation would infect my brain! (Coriolanus, II, i)" By the time the monitors arrive on site, the students, who were in the library, were already starting to pick up volumes of Western literature, preparing to engage in a battle of brawn as well as brain. Fortunately, the monitors were able to smooth things over quickly. According to a certain unnamed reliable source, the students involved had experienced problems with one another since freshman year. This fight was the culmination of years of mutual antipathy.

In an interview with the *Claritin*, AP Language and Composition teacher Mr. B. Guildenstern admitted that while he thinks the rise in insults isn't exactly improving student relations, he is happy to see that Shakespeare's works are "being kept alive in our hearts and minds." Only time will tell if the trend continues, or if it will simply strut and fret its hour upon the stage, only to be heard no more.

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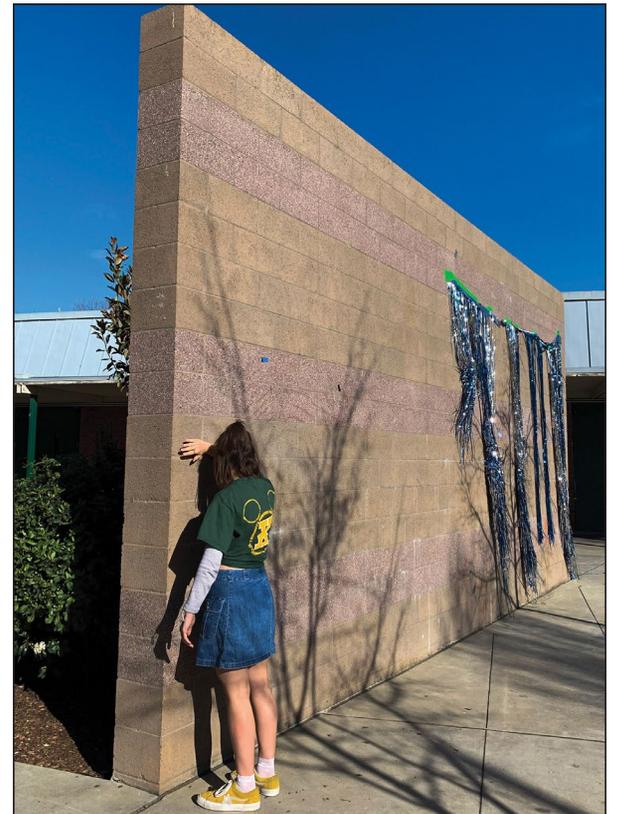
- "I am sick when I do look on thee" - A Midsummer Night's Dream, 2.1
- "I'll beat thee but I would infect my hands" - Timon of Athens, 4.3
- "Thine face is not worth sunburning" - Henry V, 5.2
- "Here is the babe, as loathsome as a toad" - Titus Andronicus, 4.3
- "Thou unnecessary letter!" - King Lear, 2.2
- "Thou hast no more brain than I have in mine elbows" - Troilus, Cressida, 2.1
- "They have a plentiful lack of wit" - Hamlet, 2.2
- "Drunkenness is his best virtue" - All's Well That Ends Well, 4.3
- "She is spherical like a globe" - The Comedy of Errors, 3.2
- "What, you egg?" - Macbeth, 4.2

And The Band Played On Discrimination in the M Wing at Kennedy

By Chuck & Nancy, Claritin Staff

Chancellor Nan Vatten recently called a school-wide emergency this past week. "Tonight, I am speaking to you because there is a growing humanitarian and security crisis in the M wing," stated Nan Vatten. The topic he wanted to address was a rather controversial decision: the Kennedy Band. Nan Vatten's solution: the construction of a wall to separate Kennedy students from band kids.

When *Claritin* editor-in-chief and band member Hadrian Oreo inquired about the reasoning behind this drastic decision, Nan Vatten responded, "They are not our friends, believe me. They're bringing drums. They're bringing chimes. They're saxists. And some, I assume, are good people."



Band member Hadrian Oreo suffers from separation anxiety from her Kennedy friends. Photo by H.UMR, Claritin Staff

Nan Vatten's biggest concern was the level of noise pollution in the air, and studies from Dravrah University, a YVI League college, show that out of the entirety of high schools nationally, Kennedy High School ranks first in noise pollution.

One of the issues of building the wall was the financing aspect of the plan, but Nan Vatten had a rather unorthodox answer, "Make band pay for it." This caused massive outrage with Kennedy students, who called out the chancellor for inhumane treatment of the students. Fellow Kennedy student Pellis Enn gave his own two-cents on the issue, coming to the defense of Kennedy's Band. "They win us trophies, they do no wrong, why do we need a wall? What's gonna be next? Gardening Club?" interjected the Kennedy icon.

When attempting to garner funding to finish the construction of a now half-built band wall, Nan Vatten threatened to shut down the school until his construction was fully compensated. Since there was no immediate funding available from the bankrupt school district, Kennedy is under shutdown until further progress has been made between the chancellor and school administration.

Trump to Give Up Twitter for Lenten Fast

By Anomalily Zepol, Claritin Staff

On Wednesday, March 6, media across the globe was a roar with the latest news: U.S. President Donald Trump had just received a cross of ashes on his forehead for Ash Wednesday. The president, a newly converted and very devout Catholic, spared no expense: the Pope was flown in from the Vatican on Trump's own private jet, Trump Force One.

"I want things to be done right," affirmed the President, "I want it to be done right and it's - it's a wonderful thing and it's a great thing, and I think it will really help me - spiritually- to be a better President." (Continued on Page 11)