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Note from the Editor :

Good afternoon, and welcome to another delicious issue of *Pravda?*, a newsletter that uses big words in an attempt to confuse the unconfuseable. This is the second official issue of the newsletter, and I think things are going pretty well. There will actually be things in this issue that I did not write. This should cause many of you to stand up and cheer.

Melissa Kaplan has finally put down on paper her list of things **not** to do, although I believe she will continue to enlighten us during *schmucks mouthing off*. Regan Merante has given *Pravda?* a must have list of directions, the definitive way to say **DO NOT LICK** in American Sign Language. And, finally, for those fans of the surreal, Mehgan Gonick combines logic, Discordianism, and Chuck Werner in strange and unusual ways. You have to see it to believe it. Of course, we will still have your favorite features such as the Upcoming Events list and marginals provided by Patrick Markiewicz.

I have about a half a page left, so I think I will digress and talk about an editor's favorite subject, himself. I think the quote goes, "Whatever doesn't kill you, makes you stronger." Well, if that's true, after this semester, I'm either going to be dead and buried or be one strong son of a bitch. <BLAH, BLAH, BLAH, BITCH, BITCH, BITCH, WHINE, WHINE, WHINE, MOAN, RANT, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH> And, so, to conclude, that's why my ulcer has an ulcer.

I hope everyone enjoys this issue of *Pravda?* and I **strongly** encourage submissions. my email address is still *grosman@andrew.cmu.edu* and I will also accept submissions handed to me in person. Remember the open editorial policy.

I'm also looking for people who would be interested in helping me put out *Pravda?* monthly. Please see me if you want to help. It will make you feel good.

Until the bath tub floats or the next issue comes out...

Tired of cleaning yourself. Let me do it.

We do not tear your clothing with machinery. We do it carefully by hand.

Girl wanted to assist magician in cutting off-head illusion. Blue Cross and salary.
Now is your chance to have your ears pierced and get an extra pair to take home, too.

THINGS NOT TO DO

COMPILED BY : MELISSA KAPLAN

Disclaimer: I have not done all of these. I have done many, I know people who have done others. The rest are things that even I am not dumb enough to do.

General stupid things:

- Do not leave all the research for a 50 page thesis till the night before.
- Do not substitute caffeine for sleep on a one cup= 1 hour ratio (it takes at least 2 per hour).
- Do not try to hop from tabletop to tabletop in the airport lounge without ever touching the floor when your depth perception sucks.
- Do not fall head first down the steps of DH 2315, but if you do...
- Do not try to break the fall by knocking your foot into a row of chairs, but if you do...
- Do not fail in doing so and furthermore twist your ankle.
- Do not learn to play bridge.
- Do not go to Rocky Horror if you have no clue how you will get back to campus, but if you do...
- Do not be surprised when the sun comes up and you are STILL at the Eat n Park next to the theater.

Geek stupid things:

- Do not forget your password.
- Do not put embarrassing pictures of your violent tempered friends on the web.
- Do not reply to all when the mail you recieved was sent to a d-list.
- Do not put the principia discordia in your sig file.
- Do not spam every CMU bboard with election propaganda.

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Meetings :

Mondays

4:30pm

Porter Hall 100 (This time, I'm sure!)

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Carnival stupid things:

Do not attempt to caffeinate your self to the point where you can compete with your drunk friends for who is most chemically impaired, but if you do...

Do not make the only "food" you consume for the night be the 44 ounces of dew needed for above operation, but if you do...

Do not opt out of drinking water thinking "Dew won't dehydrate me that much", but if you do...

Do not stay up till 5 am and then crash on someone else's really uncomfortable floor/couch/spare bed, but if you are dumb enough to do that...

Don't be surprised when you have a worse hangover than the formerly drunk people.

Do not go on the pirate ship immediately after eating at Mad Mex, but if you do...

Don't puke on the guy sitting next to you.

Do not try to get work done when you can hear midway from your room.

Finals Week stupid things:

Do not go to three parties during finals week, but if you do...

Do not expect to pull your grade up from a D to an A on the final you haven't studied for because you were at a party playing tortilla poker.

Do not stay up till 5 am the night before an exam thinking "it's not till 5 pm tomorrow I'll be able to sleep till noon and still have time to study".

Do not forget to set your alarm clock before that really important 8 am test.

Do not stay up so late studying so many times that you get the flu and your brain turns to mush before you even get to your first exam.

Public service announcements:

Don't give an idea for a KGB event unless you want to run it (trust me, do the words slumber party mean anything to you?).

Do not eat in highlander and on a similar note...

Do not eat the brown acid!!!!

Note about Marginals in this issue:

They say that sometimes truth is stranger than fiction...in this case, it's funnier too!!!

These are actual ads in newspapers/magazines from across the country.

Source : Patrick Markiewicz

illiterate? Write today for free help

Signing for the Insane

by Regan Merante

Do not self-accuse and is fond of children.

NOT, DO NOT

Cross both hands with palms down; then uncross them by moving both hands out sideways. The head can also be shaken to emphasize the negative.



LICK (TASTE)

Touch tip of tongue with the right middle finger. The other fingers of the right hand are extended (I guess flailing your tongue around would help get the idea across).



Special thanks to Brad Jansen and the Perigo Visual Dictionary of Signing

Why proper parenthetical placement is important

In math, it is obviously important to use parenthesis in the right way. Obviously, $(3 - 2) * 5$ is completely different from $3 - (2 * 5)$. We learned that in 3rd grade. Parenthesis are also very useful in programming languages, especially LISP and ML. But, most people forget about their importance in normal everyday life. I cite the following example, *simple reader survey*.

Simple (Reader Survey) :

Can you count from 1 to 10? *circle one*

YES
NO

As opposed to :

(Simple Reader) Survey :

Can you count from 1 to 1? *circle one*

YES
MAYBE

Auto Repair Service... Free pick up and delivery. Try us once, you'll never go anywhere again.

Man wanted to work in dynamite factory. Must be willing to travel.

The Chuck and I

By : Meghan Gonick

I wanted to say something so people would pay attention to me, so I wrote about CHUCK.

Chucks Help:

I need help, Chuck said. Maybe stalking annoys him? Perhaps he'll help me.

Here are two basic assumptions all Discordians should believe:

- 1-God is Eris.
- 2-Eris is every woman.

Here are four more assumptions you may or may not believe:

- 3-I am stalking Chuck.
- 4-I am a woman.
- 5-Samantha is God.
- 6-Samantha loves chuck.

I have two proofs based on these assumptions. Believe it or not, it's all lies.

proof one:

given: 5 and 1
transitive: Samantha is Eris. (7)
symetric: Eris is Samantha. (8)
given: 6 and 7:
transitive: Eris loves Chuck. (9)
given 2 and 9: Every woman loves Chuck. (10)
Q.E.D.

proof two:

given 4 and 2:
transitive: I am Eris. (11)
given 11 and 3: Eris is stalking Chuck. (12)
given 2: Every woman is stalking Chuck. (13)
Q.E.D.

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Remember :

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Little, yellow, different.... KGB.

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Ok, maybe I'm not the most rational person in the world...but, I can do cool stuff like help you sell your soul...

In case none of you knew, I'm here to collect souls for Chuck. If you know anyone who might be interested, email hematite@cmu.edu

We buy/sell/trade at fair, free-market prices. Please send all hate mail to: gonick+@andrew.cmu.edu

UPCOMING EVENTS

Note : These events are tentative. Please read assocs.kgb for last minute changes.

Saturday 9/27: **Do Nothing Day.** There's a plaque in Squirrel Hill that says something along the lines of, "On this spot, in 1897, Nothing Happened". KGB is going to go out to celebrate nothing happening, and also go bowling right near there.

Monday 9/22 - Friday 9/26 : **T-Shirt Sales.** We did so well last time, we're going to try to sell our *Absolut Highlander* t-shirts in front of the UC.

Saturday 10/4: **Sleepover.** KGB is going to take over Mudge Lounge for our 3rd annual Sleep(?) Over. Generally this consists of an extended movie night, lots of caffeine and junk food, and maybe even a seance. Hey, we got Graham Chapman and Brandon Lee to show up last year.

Monday 10/13 : **Mid-Semester Break.** Midsemester Pot luck, maybe with bowling and/or movie.

Friday 10/24 : **Capture the Flag, with stuff!** Yes, the annual KGB tradition where we take over Wean and Doherty.