

Local Second Grader Taking Social Distancing Very Seriously over Concerns of Nationwide Cooties Pandemic

By: Anthony Fauci

In the fight against the Cooties pandemic sweeping the nation, no one has been more outspoken than local suburban second grader, Tommy Evans. In a recent interview conducted over Zoom, Tommy implored the nation -- and especially his fellow elementary schoolers -- to take the pandemic more seriously, and asked us all to observe the CDC's recommended guidelines when it comes to social distancing, wearing masks in public spaces, and staying away from his yucky neighbor Sally.

"I've said it for years and I'll say it again, all girls have Cooties, that's just science -- Benji from math class told me that. You can ask him, he's an expert. He says that that's why his dad stopped visiting: mom Cooties," explained Tommy. "It's really sad stuff," he added, "I've lost a lot of really good friends to the virus: Imaginary Joe, Make-believe Bobby, Grandpa. Cooties aren't political, they don't care if you're young,

old, in 3rd grade, in 2nd, or even if you believe in them or not."

Tragically, little is being done. Government officials at all levels have continually failed to address the issue. From President Trump to Tommy's mom Nancy, Cooties denial is alive and well. In

a statement to the Dealer, Nancy was steadfast in her skepticism and displayed a disturbing level of disregard for public health. According to Nancy, "Oh, Tommy is such a silly little boy, my husband and I get a big kick out of watch-

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Disheveled Mayor Pete Spotted outside Biden's Window, Jumping and Yelling "Pick Me! Pick Me!"

By: Nico Aldape

After missing a media appearance, former presidential candidate Pete Buttigieg has been jumping up and down outside Joe Biden's residence for at least the past three days.

"The mayor was supposed to do another bullshit interview about how 'we need unity in this trying time' on CNN today. He's 5 hours late, and CNN still wants to run the story because they have nothing better to report on," stated an anonymous publicist.

In response to questions about how his legs haven't cramped up by now, his publicist stated that this jumping was to prove his youthful exuberance and presidential demeanor. While Biden has stated his VP pick will certainly be a

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Okay, but seriously, we’re all just trying to cut to the core of what’s wrong with society, and specifically, our weird school. We’re genuinely sorry we spelled everything so terribly wrong.

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To be clear, we still stand by our original comments: God is God, the river is swift, and we don’t give a fuck.

UChicago to Continue Quality Grades for Spring Quarter despite Yellowstone Erupting

By: Chicago Maroon Editorial Staff

In 2020 it was COVID-19, in 2050, the great Chicago flood, and both times the University stuck to their guns and insisted that, despite the crises and online classes, the quality of education was not degraded in any way and therefore, quality grades must be the norm. Now, ten years later, Old Faithful finally cheated, and half of the United States is covered in ash, the families of approximately one quarter of the student population have been eviscerated, and the western half of the United States is absolutely demolished. Even with all of the tragedy and panic, you can be assured that quality grades will still be there like a leech which won’t let go.

For the first time in history, President Zimmer actually reached out to the student body to understand our perspectives and reach a consensus on how to continue. Some students were for a mandatory pass/fail system for the new quarter, believing that it was the only way to ensure that students could manage both schoolwork and personal crises at the same time.

Others disagreed: “There is no reason I should be penalized for wanting to get good grades,” “People stack their courses differently and a mandatory pass/fail quarter would benefit those in harder (weed out) classes and hurt those who planned easier classes (say for senior spring),” and “Enforcing P/F for everyone negatively impacts graduate school apps.”

Yesterday, President Zimmer sent out a University-wide email detailing how, after 5 minutes of deep, careful consideration, he has decided that UChicago will expand the pass/fail options. As a result, in the midst of a supervolcano eruption, UChicago remains the only institute of higher education in the country (except for Liberty University, which is currently using prayer and guns to care for their students) which hasn’t switched to a mandatory pass/fail policy. Harvard has switched to an A+/A++ grading scale while the average GPA among Ivy League graduates has risen to a 4.5 out of 5. (UChicago is holding steady at a 3.9.)

The Newsroom is standing by for further updates.

US/Canada Border Closure Really Tough on Friend and Girlfriend You haven’t Met Yet Because She Goes to Another School

By: A Concerned Citizen

The global pandemic has shaken the foundation of American society to its very core, bringing to the surface divisive issues that have been brewing years; issues like, income inequality, healthcare, Canada. The ongoing border closure with our mask-wearing neighbors to the north has impacted one local middle schooler in particular -- Kevin, whose long-distance rela-

tionship with a Canadian girl in the Niagara Falls area has been put under particular strain now that Kevin and his family can’t take their annual trip to the scenic Buffalo NY area.

The closure of the world’s largest land border was extended all the way until August 21st, confirmed Prime Minister Justin Trudeau -- meaning Kevin and his family won’t be able to get up to the falls before the

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BREAKING NEWS

Housing Fluke! Every Member of Your House a Virgin

By: Thomas Noriega

Recently-leaked internal documents from Housing and Residence Life have revealed that, in a shocking twist, every member of your House is unblemished by the taint of sexual intercourse. The horrifying truth was revealed when Tad Pullman, your RA, discovered that not a single communal condom had been used in his two years with the house. RA Pullman, familiar with risqué house chants such as “Ours is Longer,” had always assumed that your house was pretty laissez-faire about sex, but his discovery called all of that into question.

RA Pullman reached out to Heat Rossner, Director of Residence Life, to ask the crucial question: “Have my residents ever

fucked?” Rossner didn’t seem concerned at the time, but after poring over the housing preference forms for all 100 members of your house, he realized that all of them, even you, had explicitly requested a residence hall that was completely unfamiliar with carnal pleasures. “I was shocked,” Rossner said, “We at UChicago housing are dedicated to providing diverse, welcoming, horny communities to all of our students. To hear that we have an entire culture in our acclaimed residential program that’s never been wracked by the housecest we pride ourselves on is frankly unbelievable and frankly disappointing.”

“In response,” Heath continued, “Part of the onboarding process for new students will be a brief survey in which the in-

coming class must provide intimate, comprehensive details on their sexual history, including an account of when and how they lost their virginity and between one and three letters of recommendation from previous sexual partners. We are deeply sorry to have failed to provide an experience as kinky as our brochures and programming have promised, and hope to reevaluate how we manage housing decisions going forward to live up to the nonstop fuck-parade we guarantee to all of our residents.”

But, for now, your house remains celibate. RA Pullman felt a glimmer of hope as a first year discussed missionary at dinner one night, but was crestfallen as he realized they were talking about their gap year proselytizing in Cambodia.

I’m Tall in Real Life. Why Can’t I Be Tall on Zoom?

By: C. Bradley Pennington

If you ask me, UChicago’s transition to online learning is going horribly. No, it’s not the suddenly more extensive workload or the crushing loneliness that bothers me. It’s that Zoom is painfully unable to convey the most important attribute of my personality: my height.

When I talk with people in real life, it’s important to me that I tower over them. I’m 6’3” and I have been so since middle school, so if you ask me, I’ve earned the right to be the physically dominant party in every conversation. On campus, everyone looks up to me, as they should, and all

is right with the world.

I didn’t realize how much I’d miss not being able to express myself (and my height) until the first week of online classes began. All of a sudden, everyone was on equal footing. Every student was the same height, everyone’s voice was the exact same volume, and when people raised their hands, nobody’s icon was higher than anyone else’s. I could no longer intimidate others into letting me speak before them. My imposing presence was gone, and with it, the confidence my height entitles me to.

Believe me, I’ve tried to fix it. I’ve tried angling my camera upward so I look taller. I’ve tried using one

webcam for my torso and another for my head, and putting their images on top of each other. All this ever does is crash my internet bandwidth and/or give my SOSC section a high-resolution view of my nostrils.

So I’ve resigned myself to my fate. For the greater good, I will suffer the humiliation of being just as tall as everyone else. Eventually, we’ll all get through this pandemic with mental toughness and determination. But when the time comes to tell the story of this whole thing, just remember who really suffered the most: first responders, healthcare staff, essential workers, and tall college students like me.

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ing him run away from girls his age, which is just as well because a lot of people in this town are huge COVIDCovid deniers and Tommy is asthmatic athsmatic and brutally immunocompromised. So we

play along with his little charade. The kid has the lung capacity of a geriatric Post Malone as it is, better safe than sorry. If only we could convince him he could get boy Cooties too.” When will the disinformation stop?

So to all our readers, be proactive, and keep an eye out if you’re feeling ill. Lives could be at stake. Symptoms of Cooties include, feeling normal, interacting with someone of the opposite gender, and not being sick.

STUDENT LIFE

An Open Letter from the Hot Singles in Your Area

Dear Masturbator,

WHY WILL YOU NOT RESPOND TO MY ADS. I know you're seeing them, I've spent billions on advertising on every site you've ever visited but still zilch, nada. How could I be more clear? I'm literally telling you that I'm hot, horny, and single and ready to mingle, yet you don't even give me a second glance. How do you think that makes me feel? Did you ever stop to consider my feelings? I'm not just a sexy set of pixels on a screen you know, I'm a really sensitive person. I crochet and play Animal Crossing, did you know that? I'm a well rounded person with interests, you dirty dog.

Some people let Tinder be the totality of their search for romance, but not me. I didn't graduate

top of my class in Stanford CS to not put my coding skills to good use. I built the largest internet ad machine the world has ever seen -- all to go on a date with you, dear reader. Just a single date -- that's all I wanted. I don't need you to take me to a cafe in Paris -- Arbys would do -- but I just want to go on a real genuine date with you and only you. There's a lot of people in our area but you're the one for me, I knew as soon as I saw your IP address -- those 8 cheeky little digits that could have only been yours -- that we were meant to be.

But now I feel so silly, so embarrassed. I put myself out there the only way I knew how: by buying sexually explicit banner ads across the internet, and now I'm all alone. What's a girl to do? Does anyone

even believe in romance anymore? I even tried to make some hentai ones because I know those are your favourite, but you still ghosted me. I think I finally understand Drake now. The internet can be a dark and cruel place, so I won't trouble you anymore -- I get the message. I know when I'm not wanted. I'll take my nudes, nubile body, and Nobel Peace Prizes and share them with someone who actually appreciates them.

Sincerely,
The One Who Got Away

PS. If you happen to know any dermatologists, can you please tell them to stop sending me death threats just because of my "secret" to good skin? It's just mayonnaise, they should get a grip.

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woman, that has not stopped Mayor Pete from begging for a multitude of Cabinet positions typically handed out to cronies.

"Hey. Hey! Joe! Can I have one Cabinet position? I'll even take a department that doesn't matter, like Interior or Commerce!" yelled Mayor Pete, spilling the fifth coffee he tried to drink while jumping. "You could even make up a new department just to put me in the cabinet -- no big deal!"

As of now, Mayor Pete's jumping fit shows no signs of stopping. In one of his media appearances, Joe Biden questioned who the "teenager yelling about cabinets and compartments" was outside his residence. Before CNN's Jake Tapper could tell him that the teenager was actually Pete Buttigieg, Biden unleashed a rant, telling "the kid, child...half-adult -- I am blanking on the word -- if you're just gonna yell about furniture, go to Ikea! If you support this kid, don't vote for me."



HARRY'S PAGE

Fuck, Did I Miss Graduation?

By: A Fourth Year

No one has said anything, but I'm getting the sneaking suspicion that I might have missed my online diploma ceremony. I've been sitting in the hotboxed haze of my room for like, a year I think? And some things have been slipping my mind. But I'm pretty sure that something was supposed to have happened to me by now, even though I haven't actually done anything recently. The only thing in my life that's changed is that I finally got that delayed, bootlegged LSD I ordered from the dark web, but it turned out the tabs were just those

temporary tongue tattoos which work sixty percent of the time. That was pretty fun for an afternoon, but I was pretty bummed I wasn't gonna get to trip with my mom and set our pet balloons free.

Not that I would have been able to watch graduation anyway, it's too hard to find. My fingers have atrophied so much that I can't lift them to open my email notifications, which is a shame because I keep getting great deals for PornHub Premium. Even typing this article has taken five hours, not to mention the fact that I'm looking at words again as I'm sitting here on my laptop. Quarantine has

mostly been a series of vaporwave songs set to deep fried Simpsons gifs, so being able to pay attention while the screen isn't undulating is kind of a big maturation step for me. I wish that maturation had paid off with some sort of diploma, but you know, University stationery isn't even lo-fi, so I'll probably pass.

In the meantime, I guess I'll go back to the sofa crease I live in now. I've started to cultivate my own localized, symbiotic microbiome here, and I've got to make sure I keep my li'l guys fed. Let me know if anything actually important is going on, okay? I might have become cultured by then.

UChicago Athletes Teach Pros to Play in Front of Empty Stands

By: A Fourth Year

CHICAGO, IL – University of Chicago student-athletes will mentor pro athletes in a new program designed to mentally prepare the pros for playing games without fans, athletic director Erin McDermott announced Sunday. The program pairs undergraduate mentors with professional mentees from Chicago-area sports teams including the Cubs and Blackhawks, which are scheduled to resume play to empty stadiums amid the pandemic.

"UChicago is an ideal partner for this initiative," Blackhawks GM Stan Bowman said at a press conference

announcing the deal. "Their student-athletes are perfectly equipped to prepare our athletes to play games without the benefit of a crowd."

"Sure, Anthony Rizzo scored seven runs in the World Series," third-year softball player and music major Alice Whitson — who was matched with the Cubs first baseman — said, "but I bet he's never played a game where the creaky old bleachers were louder than the one fan. These athletes have a lot to learn from us."

The partnership was not universally well-received in the university community or the sports world. Notably, the White Sox declined to join the program.

"There's no reason for us to ask for help," manager Rick Renteria said, "Sox players usually play to silence on a daily basis anyway." Meanwhile, UChicago's Dean Boyer remarked that he was unaware the University still had sports teams.

The program actually began on Saturday, McDermott said, with the first event being a Zoom seminar entitled "At Least No One Can Boo You Now." Brian Martinez, the Maroon volleyball player who led the seminar, said he was pleased with the results. "The players were quick learners, and it was so great to spend time with them. It's nice to know that my athletic career ended up amounting to something."

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start of the new Canadian school year, so he can't take any pictures of his girlfriend to send you when he gets there. As if that weren't inconvenient enough, because of the swift response to the virus by Canadians, every picture Kevin does have of his girlfriend include her wearing, three, maybe even four face masks at once, making any identifiable facial features -- or indeed if she's even an actual person -- impossible to discern.

But Kevin won't let a little

thing like a global pandemic get in the way of young love. When pressed for comment Kevin had this to say: "It's tough but we're getting through it, she misses me a lot but we try to talk as often as possible. Unfortunately her phone camera's busted so she can't do facetime, but I call her on the phone at least once a week, usually at around 1 or 2 AM because of the time difference you know? God, long-distance is just so tough. It's hard having a girlfriend overseas. I'm just happy she's staying healthy and safe, she's an Olympic

gymnast and she's going for gold in Tokyo next year so according to her trainer it's really important she doesn't get Corona or anything. The silver lining in all of this is that she said I can go with her to Japan next summer though so that'll be cool, hopefully they have wifi over there we can all facetime or something, I'll keep you updated."

But for now the two lovers might as well be an ocean apart, and until this deadly pandemic is over it is unlikely they'll see each other anytime soon. Godspeed Kevin, Godspeed.

EXCLUSIVE! The *Shady Dealer* has obtained next year's supplemental essay prompts:

1. In these trying times, what's so odd about odd numbers?
2. Though we cannot be together of late, we are never truly apart. How are apples and oranges supposed to be compared? Possible answers involve, but are not limited to, statistics, chemistry, physics, linguistics, and philosophy.
3. We're all in this together. So where is Waldo, really?
4. We wish you and your families health and safety for the duration of the pandemic. We'd also like to emphasize the degree to which, now more than ever, the world is in dire need of ideas both silly and serious. Write an essay somehow inspired by super-huge mustard.
5. Find x . (Yeah, that's right, no fanfare on this one, bitch, don't forget you owe us three psets by midnight.)
6. Thucydides reminds us of the resilience of common institutions and sustaining values, and above all of the importance of holding together in support of the human communities that undergird and constitute those institutions. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have a profound and unprecedented effect on our educational institutions, we share with you a feeling of sadness and disappointment that the pause button has been pushed temporarily on the status quo. Although these are certainly scary and difficult times, we hope you will find some relaxation in writing. For these reasons we have decided to allow applicants to choose from any prior prompts, or to make up their own.