

Column of the Issue:

Welcome Back Ian: Bostock tackles the frustration of Facebook!

I have not written a story for the newspaper for over a year. I know that all of you want to see the most miraculous comeback story ever.

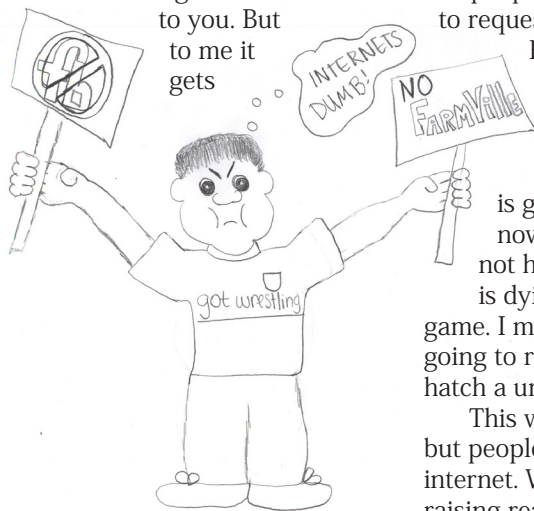
Too bad.

The truth is if you are reading this, you are probably just getting done with a test or bored to death in class because it is Friday, and no one wants to do anything on a Friday.

The reality of this story is that I am legitimately upset with people I know on FACEBOOK.

Look, I know that updating a status about how the day went can be a thing that means a lot

to you. But to me it gets



pretty annoying.

Every time I get an update on my phone, or my computer, I feel like I am being tortured by the tragic life stories that people post on FACEBOOK. People, come on, it's time to grow up and do this face-to-face (no pun intended). If you have to cyber bully people on the internet, then you should have no problem going up to the person, and telling them to their face.

Oh wait, I forgot that some people can not man-up and stand up for what they think is right.

Another thing is the fact that people are always trying to request me for this stupid Farmville thing. I feel like I am being asked to save the universe with all of this idiotic stuff. I feel like PETA is going to pop out of nowhere and arrest me for not helping save the pig that is dying on an unrealistic game. I mean, when am I ever going to raise a golden egg and hatch a unicorn?

This would not be an issue, but people are raising corn on the internet. Why are we not outside raising real corn and becoming

Art by Kennedy Nelson

a healthier society? No, instead we are inside, on our computers raising the chickens and eggs for the great nation of Farmville.

The biggest issue I have though is the stupid "Truth is..." thing on FACEBOOK.

Truth is... I could care less about the truth. That is because most of those "truths" are lies. Some of the things said are blown way too far out of proportion. I mean I know for a fact that there are people on FACEBOOK who say, "I don't know you, but we should be friends!" If I had a dime for every time I saw that sentence, I would have a substantial amount of money. I mean just tell them the real truth, and say "I don't know you."

Mark Zuckerberg did not intend for people to make a mockery of his site; he intended it to be a place where people could communicate about their lives, not about their Farmville cows, or the argument you are having with your BFF about the tank top she borrowed from you and never returned. It's time to man-up and use FACEBOOK as a website to express yourself, not to complain about the day.

By Ian Bostock

STAFF ED

Ready for eBooks

(But we will keep our print newspaper (for now), thank you)

The Paolite staff is pretty excited about the idea that we may be getting digital tablets next year to replace the heavy books we typically carry.

Many of us feel that utilizing this new technology will make us more prepared for college and beyond.

We believe that students might be more encouraged to study and pay attention since there would not be so many books to take home. Have you ever tried to carry home ALL your books? (If you are reading this your back just ached a little).

We also think that students might actually enjoy doing their homework with the new technology.

Another positive would be that less paper would be used, so we are even helping to save the planet by cutting down on paper! Overall the school might actually be saving money with going digital without having to purchase as many textbooks in the future.

With all these positives there are some potential negatives of eBooks.

Some staff members think students might actually be spending more money if they have to purchase the digital tablets themselves. As of now the exact details of who would be paying for the digital textbooks is unclear. And what happens if they break? Who replaces a digital tablet if broken?

Also, what does a student do if their table has "technical difficulties"? Is a poorly working tablet excuse enough for not getting ones homework done?

Even though right now there are more questions than answers about the reality of eBooks, we are excited nonetheless. Who knows, maybe in the future you will be reading this paper from your own eBook.

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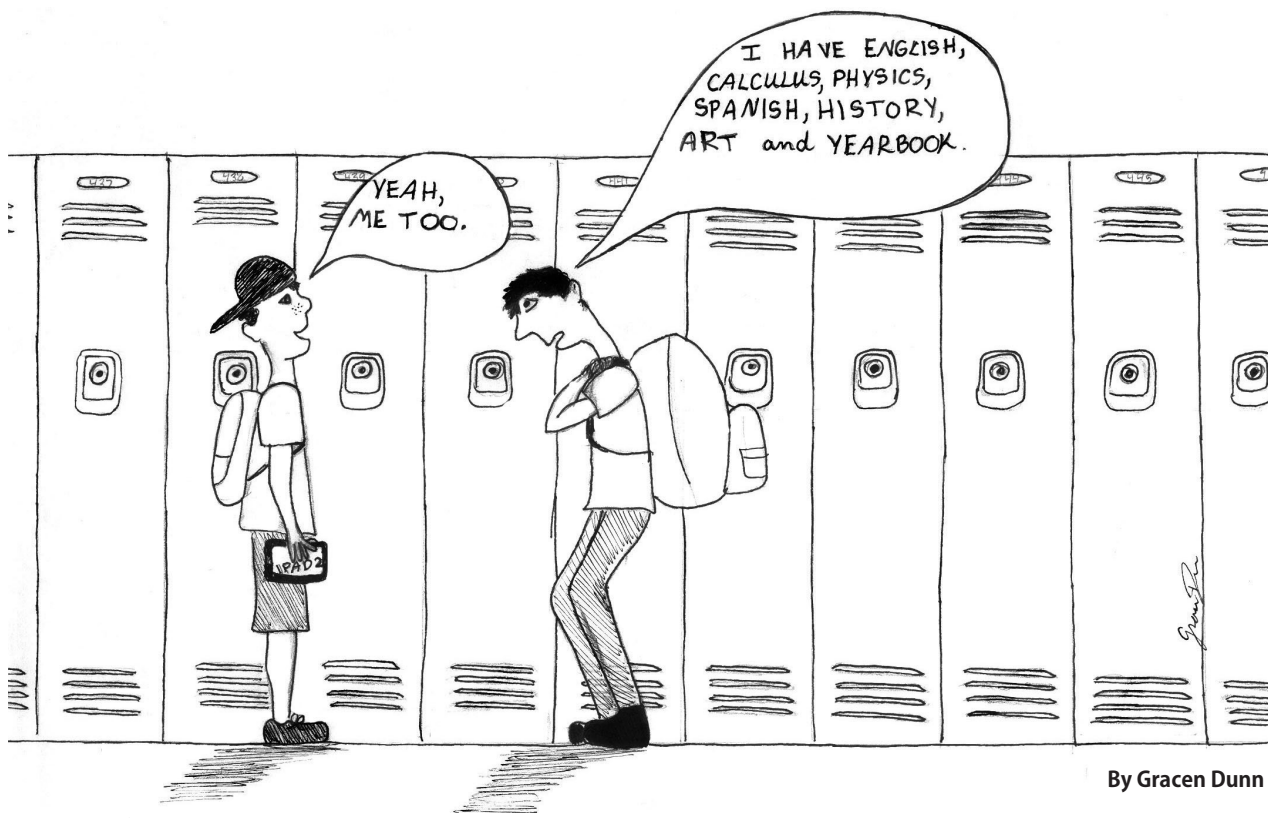


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A world with eBooks



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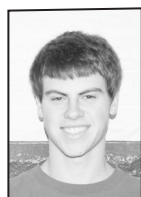
YOU SAID...

What is the best gift you have received on Valentine's Day?



"A teddy bear and candy."

Junior
Stefany Waynick



"A box of chocolates."

Junior
Aaron Key



"Flowers."

Sophomore
Riley Balsmeyer



"Hugo Boss cologne."

Sophomore
Jacob Smitson



"A puppy pillow pet."

Senior
Alexys Gillespie



"Any type of candy."

Senior
Jose Nunez



"Red roses and a teddy bear."

Sophomore
Lily Eubank



"A big box of chocolates."

Sophomore
Dylan Lowe

By Bri Phillips

HITS & MISSES

The Paolite Staff takes a look at PHS culture and world events to rate the hits and misses.

HITS

Possibility of getting digital textbooks for school

Adviser Heather Nichols points out that there would be "less back strain."

Flowers on Valentine's

Tasha Tedrow thinks that giving flowers is a sweet gesture.

Giving stuffed animals as gifts on V-Day?

"I loved stuffed animals. What can I say? I'm cheesy," said junior Sam Patton.

Homemade Valentines

The staff is split; some love them because they are from the heart, while others think that they are lame.

The Hallmark cards that sing when you open them up

"My favorites," said freshman Bailey Rankin.

Giving/Receiving cheap chocolate on V-Day

Sophomore Carli Smith said to that: "Ewwf, chocolate? Cheap? Puke!"

MISSES

By Gracen Dunn & Paolite Staff