

## Do this for college

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If you're a senior and you didn't get into any of your top college choices, it's probably because your resume was bland and boring. If only you had known that there are many extracurriculars that are not speech and debate, field hockey, spying on people for Mike Honda, or one of the hundreds of Nancy Offer programs. These extracurriculars that you missed out on could've guaranteed your acceptance into any Ivy League university during the 2015 admissions period. Students who participated in these eccentric and ultra-specific clubs were ahead of the game and really gave it their all. Below are the top three extracurriculars you should've done to get into college.

If you own a beekeeping suit then you're probably on your way to Harvard next year. Beekeeping is currently the number one college valued activity, and it's not for the reason you might think. While it's true that bee populations in the US are dwindling, thereby posing a gargantuan threat to local ecosystems, universities love kids who beekeep because it just shows that they aren't afraid to be quirky. If the uniform doesn't say enough, beekeeping high school students love to be unique. "The charisma they bring to the table is almost overwhelming!" says the head of admissions at Hudson University.

Sub Club, short for sub sandwich club, took the nation by storm. Straight white boys enrolled in either football, soccer, or lacrosse congregated in high school basements across the country to share their love for long sandwiches made with Costco ingredients. Meats and cheeses often ran short, but enthusiasm did not. Jane Aldrich of San Jose College Counselling remarks, "It's truly upper echelon sandwich construction, and that can take you far in life." All members of the Reagan administration were founders of their high school Sub Clubs and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton was the first female president of a Sub Club in the United States. Now isn't that food for thought!

Being really good looking was a super important extracurricular for college admissions this year. Ms. Rector may never say it, but you messed up big time when you didn't retake those bad senior portraits. There are tons of ways to sneak a headshot or two into your supplement essays. In the holistic application review process, SAT scores are mattering less and less while having eyebrows "on fleek" is more important than ever.

Everyone knows that being pretty isn't easy because, after all, beauty is pain. So, maybe if you had just spent a little extra time dying your eyelashes instead of memorizing that Spanish presentation that no one was going to do anyways, you wouldn't be going to an out-of-state school that doesn't offer financial aid.

Overall, these extracurriculars all have one thing in common: they show that you've found your niche. Whether you're into beekeeping, sub club, or winning the genetic lottery, colleges would've been excited to have a self-discovered person on their campus. So for those of you starting the application process, get out there and get weird with your nonacademic activities! As a last piece of advice, "traveling," a.k.a vacationing with your family, does not count as an extracurricular. Good luck to you all!



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## Cold classroom conspiracies

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Although often not taken seriously, conspiracy theories are an important aspect of questioning authority and our surroundings. An issue that plagues many high school students is the unreasonably freezing classroom, usually inflicted upon them by their authority figures for seemingly no reason. Below are a few theories I'm developing about why so many classrooms remain so cold despite consistent student complaints and discomfort.

**1. Teachers are all socially crippled.** As we all suspected, most teachers dislike each other and pretend to be friends for both our benefit and their own. This phenomenon can be explained by the phrase, "Those who cannot [interact properly with others] teach." Mini fridges are expensive, so many teachers find themselves suffering through uncomfortable run-ins with other teachers in order to store their lunches in the teachers' lounge fridge. If they keep their classroom at refrigerator-temperatures, they can avoid leaving their classroom and small talk altogether.

**2. Teachers really like vests.** While for most students, the sleeveless puffy vest trend is out of style, teachers still enjoy the outdated look. Because these vests keep the body's core very warm but leave the arms exposed, wearing one comfortably requires the vest wearer's external temperature to vacillate between a frigid 53 degrees and an almost acceptable 65 degrees.

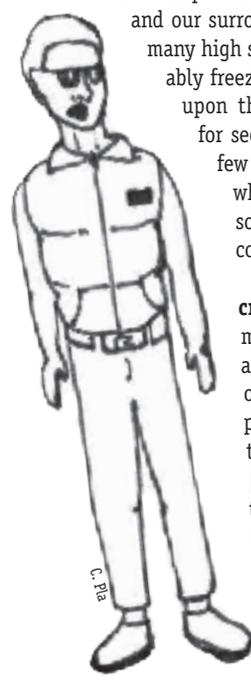
**3. Teachers own stock in the electricity company.** The idiom, "Do you own stock in the electricity company?" usually sarcastically chastises someone wasting energy. The way some teachers waste energy running the AC, it's no surprise that the teachers' union actually does own a lot of stock in the electricity company and is wasting energy for their collective financial gain. What tipped me off to this one is there's no other reason to bother with such intense climate control when the natural California climate is perfect almost all year round.

**4. Teachers are preparing you for the AP test.** AP rooms are also extremely cold, and teachers want to build up your resilience to low temperatures. All of the enumerated theories also apply to AP proctors.

**5. Teachers are lizard people.** Benched professional soccer player David Icke asserted in his "omni-theory" that humans were unknowingly enslaved to a superior shape-shifting lizard people, the Babylonian Brotherhood, to which all authority figures belong. Teachers, our cold-blooded overseers, must keep a cold temperature to retain a human facade and calm their reptilian blood while our weak sheeple bodies shiver helplessly.

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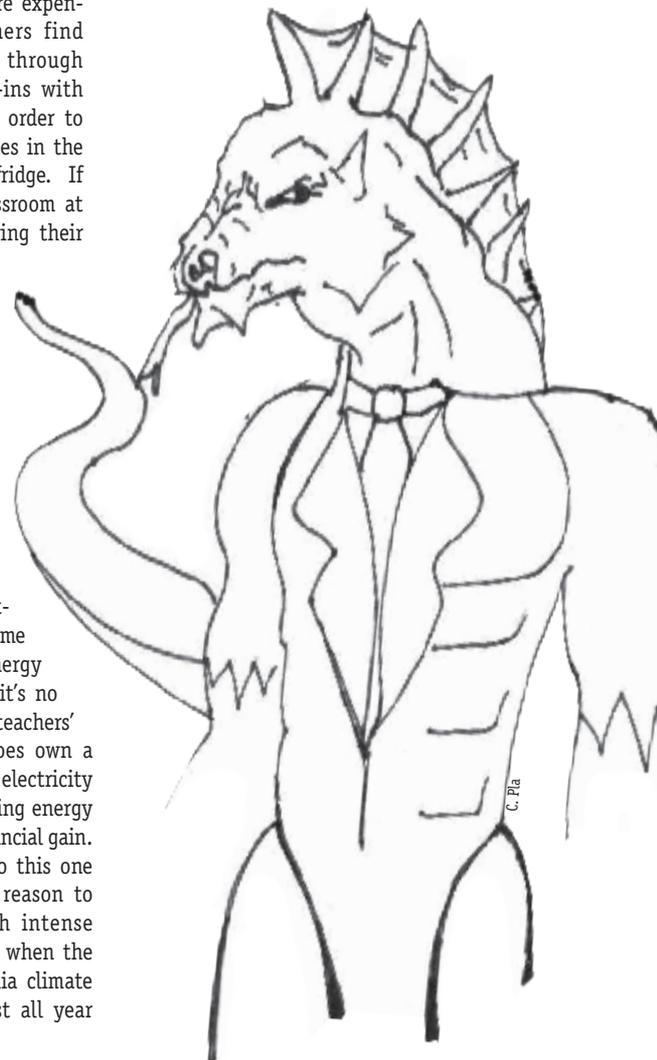
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## Boy seeks petty revenge

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A local student has reportedly begun a crusade against everyone who has wronged him through acts of petty revenge. The student, whose name will remain undisclosed to avoid any retaliation towards El Gato, will jump at any perceived slight as an opportunity to begin a campaign of revenge through small, subtle acts that cause the victim to suffer mild inconvenience.

One victim reported to reporters that "when I opened my locker, I noticed my sticky notes were out of place, and being extremely organized, I was a little perplexed. But then [REDACTED] walked behind me giggling maniacally, which was definitely more off-putting." These acts of revenge are not simply contained to moving items, [REDACTED] has also been known to unevenly adjust the straps on a victim's backpack, borrow writing utensils without returning them, and acknowledging his victims in the hallway too early.

Many times, however, these deeds end up going completely unnoticed. Currently, [REDACTED] has claimed 63 attacks. Investigators have only found 21. The remaining 42 attacks are surely inconveniencing someone to the point of insanity. An anonymous tip told potential victims to "look really closely at their hat." Eleven days later, an anonymous phone call suggested that "maybe it doesn't quite fit quite right?" twenty-seven days later, a note, handwritten in all-caps Comic Sans, said "SERIOUSLY? I ADJUSTED THE BACK. ISN'T THAT ANNOYING?"

Local government officials fear escalation from this petty, but malicious vengeance seeker. They claim that just because something is relatively harmless doesn't mean this vengeful student won't be sucked into the culture of taking revenge, and then ruin their life by snapping and taking drastic, and certainly not petty, revenge on one of these victims.

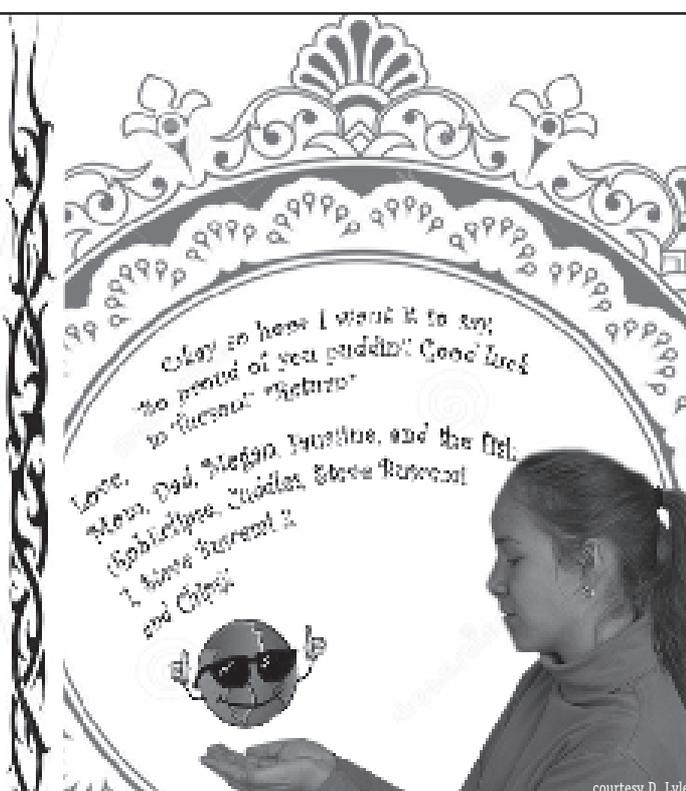


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## Good-bye to all our seniors

As the school year comes to a close, LGHS students anxiously await the release of the senior issue of El Gato. The senior issue includes a map pinpointing all the colleges the seniors will be attending in the fall, baby photos of all the seniors, and, most importantly, senior ads. Seniors have the opportunity to have an ad created of submitted pictures and a quote from their families. So until you have the opportunity to flip through pages of ads of graduating seniors, here is a sample of what to expect.



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