

# THE 109 TIMES

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## PINK COW RETURNED

by Jim Jones

The legendary pink cow, the subject of admiration and mystery, was finally returned to Room 109 before SOLs.

Mr. Huang refuses to divulge and name of the thief. He claims that all is forgiven.

“No damage was done. I’m just thankful to have it back for finals. Everybody needs a little luck,” he said.

Scientific evidence has shown that if you have faith and pet the cow when you turn in a final exam, your score could jump by as many as ten points. However, some have questioned how the cow could have an effect after the exam has already been turned in.

“The power of the cow is not confined to our sense of time,” said Mr. Huang. “In the world of the pink cow, time is irrelevant. Therefore, to us who live in the universe of linear time, it seems impossible, but in reality, the power of the cow can work retroactively.”

## FOURTH PERIOD CONVINCES GMU PROFESSOR

by Pat Park

In a stunning turn of events that may have implications across the world, Room 109’s 4<sup>th</sup> period has successfully disproved one of the oldest mathematical proofs known to mankind.

Several months ago, when Mr. Huang presented the proof of divergence of a harmonic series, the class immediately pointed out flaws in the reasoning. Both Huang and Mr. Williams defended the proof. After all, it was several hundred years old, and it had not been challenged by great minds such as Newton.

However, as time went by, the class was slowly winning over Huang and Williams. On the other hand, the class also admitted that they do believe the series diverges. They just don’t agree with the method of proof.

Mr. Huang decided to settle the issue by taking the class to George

Mason University to discuss the proof with Professor Walter Morris.

After an hour and a half discussion, much to Mr. Huang’s dismay, Professor Morris had to concede that there was something wrong in the proof. In short, declaring the sum of one infinite series greater than another was the flaw. Fourth period had won.

“Yes, they seem to be right. I wasn’t really sad though,” said Mr. Huang. “I was proud that they stuck to their guns and really impressed my former professor.”

The next step will be to contact the author of the Algebra 2 textbook. Perhaps a revised edition is in order.

## SERFS DEMAND DEMOCRACY

by Biff Buck

No doubt inspired by the current democratic movements in Middle East nations, the serfs of the Kingdom of 109 have petitioned Mr. Huang, King, for a revolutionary change in government.

In short, the peasants demand a representational government similar to the parliamentary system of Great Britain.

This stunning turn of events is even more surprising when one examines the living conditions of 109. Compared to other kingdoms, the common people of 109 live in relative comfort. Even the serfs themselves admit life is pretty good under their wise and benevolent dictator.

A spokesman for the kingdom had a short response:

“Democracy is not necessarily the best form of government for all situations. His majesty urges all his people to think carefully whether they really need a change in government. Do you want to make a change because you really think life will be better that way? Or, do you just want change for the sake of change?”

### BLACKWELL'S OBSERVATIONS STIR DEBATE

by Sam Smith

Evan Blackwell, the only student this year to transfer from 6<sup>th</sup> pd. to 5<sup>th</sup> pd., made waves 3<sup>rd</sup>

quarter when he was asked to compare both classes.

He stated that 6<sup>th</sup> period was smarter and that 5<sup>th</sup> period worked harder. Naturally, he was trying to compliment both periods, but 5<sup>th</sup> period did not take the comments well.

“Well, why don't you just go back,” said Elizabeth Sullivan (5<sup>th</sup>).

Now that 4<sup>th</sup> quarter is over, enough evidence has been gathered to possibly confirm Blackwell's comments. The data shows that 6<sup>th</sup> period convincingly beat 5<sup>th</sup> period on quizzes and tests, including the grueling Quiz-a-Day review before the final exam. Fifth period beat 6<sup>th</sup> on Skill Drills. That would seem to verify Blackwell, but Mr. Huang disagrees.

“I think the jury is still out. The poor showing by 5<sup>th</sup> period in the Quiz-a-Day could have been due to lazy preparation. If not for that, the scores could have been about even, and then we still wouldn't know which class was superior.”

### THE 109 AWARDS SET FOR TUESDAY

by Sam Smith

The first annual 109 Awards will be given Tuesday of the last week of school. Each period will have a winner in each of these categories:

1. Best explainer
2. Best penmanship
3. Big mouth
4. Best overall student

### LATE BUSES LATE

by Bjorn Borg

“Now I get it,” said one student who regularly stays after school. “They're not called late buses because they are the buses for students who stay after school. They're called late buses because they come so late!”

The other day I could have run home, watched a cartoon, eaten a bag of chips, run back, and caught my late bus.”

### NEWS NOTES

- Han Kim wins Skill Drill title
- Friday is the last day of school
- Thursday is the second to last day of school (Why? See above)
- Asafa Powell of Jamaica set a new world record in the 100m dash (9.77 sec.)
- Yes, the Cowboys are still better than the Redskins