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- 1st: Emmanuel Onyejekwe
- 2nd: Jacob Bell
- 3rd: Joshua Lee
- 5th: Andrew Chen
- 6th: Mireya Thompson

Datemasters:

- 1st: Luke Callanen
- 2nd: Jacob Bell

The Fourth Darkness Dissipating Slowly

By Claire Adamson

After Mr. Huang visited the Phoss last year, the revelation that the weapon to fight The Fourth Darkness was the good heart of humankind was indeed that, a revelation. However, implementing a plan to combat the cloud that plagues the skies has proven difficult.

According to the

Phoss, the source of the dark cloud is ourselves. Thus, they advised that K109 and all of Longfellow act immediately by dedicating ourselves to selflessness, courage, and goodness. Convincing people that behaving in this way will push the darkness away is not so easy.

First of all, since acts of love and charity

carry in invisible medicine, many do not even believe what the Phoss told Mr. Huang will work.

"Do something nice for someone, and the dark cloud will disappear?" said one non-109 Longfellowite. "Yeah right."

"We're supposed to stand up for traditional math so that means traditional science too," said

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Thomas Criticizes Liu's Explanation

By Colin Beattie

On Oct. 1, Max Liu of 2nd period was trying to help Dhruv Shrivastava, who had been absent one day earlier that week, understand modulo arithmetic. Unfortunately, his teaching style was not adequate enough for Kay Thomas.

Liu had volunteered to go to the board to show how $1+4=0$ and $3 \times 3 = 4$ in mod 5. As his explanation was nearing the end, Thomas' hand shot up like a rocket carrying a billionaire with nothing better to

do. Mr. Huang thought she had a question, but that was not the case.

"When he's done, can I go up and explain it?" asked Thomas. "Not that he did a bad job."

"It sure sounded like she thought he did a bad job," Mr. Huang later said.

After Liu sat down, 2nd period moved on to something else, so Thomas never got her shot to impress everyone with her possibly superior explanation.

Emory Blames Swigart

By Leslie Brennan

On October 15, Sam Emory of 1st period thought he was being so clever, and when we realized he wasn't, he made the unwitting Luke Swigart take the fall for him.

1st period was going over a day of the week problem to get ready for a test. The problem asked for the day of the week 2010 days after Friday. Everybody had already agreed that the answer was Saturday when Emory proudly raised his hand to declare the answer was actually Friday because a leap year would occur within those 2010 days.

Mr. Huang pointed out to Emory that leap years don't affect the sequence of days of the week. If Emory were right, somewhere in that leap year, a day of the week would be followed by the exact same day of the week, such as a Tuesday followed by another Tuesday. Realizing his mistake, Emory quickly said that Luke Swigart, who sits right in front of him, came up with the the answer of Friday. Swigart immediately denied it.

"I saw the leap year reason on Sam's paper first," said Swigart. "The idea came from him. I can't believe he threw me under the bus." Mr. Huang did not have time to confirm Swigart's claim.

Ding Denies Supporting World Hunger

By Marco Brodie

On October 4, Clement Ding of 5th period dove into a debate about Mr. Huang's supposed solution to world hunger and ended being accused of supporting world hunger.

It all started when Ding and Sophia Hou brought up a video they watched on plant-based meat and other methods of food production (during which Ding inadvertently said "meat-based plants" which sounded quite tasty to Mr. Huang) that were considered more efficient for the planet's resources.

Mr. Huang claimed that he

already solved world hunger, showing a proof of $110-1=110$ and how that equation could solve world hunger and poverty. Not believing the proof, Ding went into a maniacal frenzy, at the board, trying to invalidate Mr. Huang's proof.

When Ding sat down, Mr. Huang accused him of not caring about world hunger since he attacked the solution to world hunger. Ding countered that he couldn't be accused of being against something if the proof for the supposed solutions was wrong.

Mr. Huang Resistant to Galbraith Method

By Gavin Brown

Division in mods has traditionally been one of the more difficult skills to master, even for advanced 109 citizens. That's why 2nd period got excited when Drake Galbraith discovered a shortcut to converting fractions to different mods. Unfortunately, Mr. Huang has yet to add his name to the list of Galbraith Method fans.

Galbraith's method can find $\frac{3}{4}$ in mod 5 in just two steps. So far, it has worked perfectly on six different fractions being converted to a variety of mods. It has failed once, on $\frac{7}{13}$ mod 15. 2nd period unanimously

believes in the Galbraith Method,

"It's worked six times," said one citizen. "That's good enough for me."

However, Mr. Huang needs more evidence before approving the method.

"Out of seven trials, we already have one case where it doesn't work," he said. "That means if you use this 70 times, it will probably fail ten times. I'm not willing to take that risk."

"Oh, I'm definitely ready to take that risk," said another citizen. "Have you seen my grades?"

New Skill Drills Schedule Under Way

By Annabelle Ewing

Due to the new block scheduling, K109 has had to make alterations to Skill Drills, alterations that may become permanent.

Gone are the days when all periods met five days a week, so gone are the days when 109ers took Skill Drills four days a week, Tuesday through Friday. Since periods only meet at most three times a week, Mr. Huang decided to make one full Skill Drill out of ten questions instead of the usual 20. Plus, he also decided to have one set of five practice problems, also something that has never existed until this year.

“The Fourth Darkness negatively affected everyone’s mastery of material last year,” said Mr. Huang. “We

thought it only fair to use one set as a practice set.

Since Skill Drills are no longer Tuesday through Friday each week, Mr. Huang decided to rename the sets, Box A, Box B, and Box, with Box A being the practice set.

As a result, Skill Drill averages are up this year, and number of perfects per class is slightly above those in years past.

But how do we truly compare with years past if citizens in years past had to do 20 problems per SD and current citizens only have to do ten? Plus, in years past citizens never had a practice set.

Some citizens who have moved on have already stated that this year’s Skill Drill stats are invalid.

Perfect SDs through SD #6

6: Yeeyung Li, Xiwen Gong, Delaney Raptis

5: Michelle Lin, Kathryn Wu, Seongwoo Ju, Eric Xie, Sophia Hou, Maximilien Lee, Nahyeon Ryoo

4: Justin Liu, Yongwon Lee, Evan Choi, Kalan Warusa

3: Daniel Vladimiroff, Rosie Liu, Elaine Zhang, Joshua Lee, Kyle Li, Sophia Ren, Ruby Trent, Andrew Chen, Daniel Choi, Max Liu, Ryan Qi, Siryn Grinbergs, Siyoon Kim

2: Yanling Lin, Luke Swigart, Zain Marshall, Deethya Balaji, Amity Ganguly, Jihun Hwang, Ryan Kang, Joshua Zhou, Alison Cheng, Yunnah Choi, YiMin Hou, Delilah Tanner, Jean Yoo

1: Jack Franz, Siu Jeong, Emmanuel Onyejekwe, Sam Emory, Jiayu Chen, Sophia Guo, Aarushi Kani-gicherla, Indira Melvin, Sonia Qiao, Clement Ding, Alex Gan, Elisabeth Beach, Carter Deevy, Holly Raheb, Sphia Wallace, Aidan Burke, Nayeon Kim, Sydney Maitland, Helen Qin, Jack Russo, Daisy Lin, Alisa Miettinen

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another citizen. Science will solve the Fourth Darkness! Not this Phoss spirituality mumbo jumbo.”

“The fact that it’s still here is quite frustrating for me as king of 109,” said Mr. Huang.

“Sacrificing for the greater good is supposed to be our mantra. Did we not save Tieland? Did we not stop Dr. Donut? Did we not stop the Son of Alex? 109ers should be on the forefront of all that is good, if not for ourselves, then for the sake of those who came before us. The Phoss have never let us down. I think the ones who don’t believe the Phoss are just lazy. Sometimes you have to do the hard thing because it is the right thing.”

Lee Checks Grades Often

By Alex Johnstone

Ian Lee of 3rd period admitted to having an obsession. An obsession with checking his grades. Every ten minutes.

On Oct. 27, Lancer Time performed the Mid-Quarter Check-In which included tips on how to manage the rest of first quarter. One tip mentioned checking grades in SIS from time to time, something like every other day. That’s when Ian Lee’s hand went up.

“I am obsessed with checking my grades in SIS,” said Lee. “I check it every ten minutes.”

Ask Arvid

Answers to Questions in an Ever-Confusing World

Dear Arvid:

I'm worried that doing so much math may ruin the skin on my hands and give me early arthritis. What should I do?

Umm, yes. That's a *terrible place* to hide. First of all, there is no place to hide in there except behind the shower curtain or behind the toilet, and I really don't recommend that one. Try a bedroom. Go into a closet and try to camouflage yourself amongst the clothes.

Dear Silky Smooth:

It sounds like you have aspirations of being a hand model. Don't do it! They won't treat you like a human being. All they will see are your beautiful hands. Do you want to be objectified like that?

Dear Arvid:

I've been trying to prepare my own lunches recently. What is the secret to a really good peanut butter and jelly sandwich?

Dear Arvid:

I'm really bad at hide-and-seek. I always lose to my brothers and sisters. Is the bathroom a bad place to hide?

Dear Hangry:

In my humble opinion, the key is diversity, and by that, I mean the bread. Both the peanut butter and jelly are sweet, so you need something to chase that sweetness. It's gotta be the bread, and what better taste to chase sweet than sour? Try a couple of slices of sourdough bread.

Dear Clueless:

Quiz Bowl

— News and Notes

- At the Johns Hopkins Fall Novice, Longfellow A went 6-3, placing 5th in a field of 16. Sarah Trainer led the way with 45.56 PPG. LMS had 20.98 PPB.
- At the Sacramento Fall Tournament, Longfellow went 8-1, placing 2nd out of 10 teams in the JV division.. Along the way, they beat Churchill A, avenging last year's loss in the finals of MSNCT. Aarushi Kanigicherla led the way with 46.11 PPG. The team had 18.84 PPB.
- LMS is sending two teams to the JHU Fall Tournament on 11/13

Pig Drawings Still Hanging

By Liam McArthur

Since September, a drawing of pig faces has been hanging on the front wall, yet to be claimed by anyone. The 109 citizen who drew it is no doubt afraid to be outed as a time-waster.

The paper was discovered on a blue day, so 2nd, 4th, and 6th periods are ruled out. The Trash Committee discovered the paper crumpled up in a trash can.

"The perpetrator obviously wanted to cover his or her tracks," said Miles Panders, foreman of the committee. "But we on the Trash Committee are a thorough bunch. 'Leave no trash undiscovered' is our motto."

"I understand shame might be a factor in not wanting it back," said Mr. Huang. "But if it is someone's valuable property, I have to make it possible for that person to retrieve it. What if it was a birthday present for this person's older brother Sean?"