

# The Thinker

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On Wednesday, June 14th, 2006, we all lost someone dear to our hearts, Miranda Richer. Her passing is tragic and is something that will impact us for the rest of our lives. We should keep in mind throughout the next few days, weeks, and years, when the pain of this loss revisits us that we feel pain because Miranda was so important to us and was such a joyous presence in our lives. It is important to remember, while we are suffering now, that Miranda's spirit will always be with us, helping us to

continue, as we must, without her. Let us remember and celebrate Miranda's life by never forgetting what a special, caring, and devoted friend she was and that we will miss her for the rest of our lives. Please join us in keeping Miranda's family and friends in our thoughts and prayers throughout these difficult times.

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## A BLOODLUST FOR PIZZA Sally McPherson

As gifties, nourishment is highly important. Food means energy, which we need, seeing as we stay up until 1:30 and wake up at 6:00 in the morning, just to do homework. Food is the only thing that keeps us alive. However, some camps seem to be encroaching on our kingdom—AKA the cafeteria. There is nothing more discouraging than waiting forever and a day in line and seeing that your favorite flavored imitation-spaghetti is all gone; or staying after class to help clean up and having your good deed be rewarded by an empty plastic tub where your Fruit Loops are supposed to be. Some gifties even give up hope completely and start eating in the dorm for lunch and dinner.

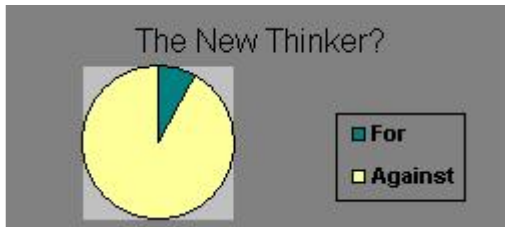
Cheer camp, one of the main problems in the cafeteria, is loud, hungry, and always

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# A NEW THINKER? A POLL

Kim Dunnick

This year's thinker is being "taken to a another level, making it more professional and interesting", so says Mrs. Frayer-Griggs. Naturally, when I heard this my first reaction was, "Gifties...professional? Nah, can't be." I've only had two full summers of experience (this will be my third and last summer), but I always thought of the thinker as a funny way to make smart comments with a little news on the side. And of course, I loved it. But maybe change is good? Well, I asked and you answered, so here are the results.



# UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Bert Prehn

As Kim pointed out in her poll above, The Thinker might be going in a little bit of different direction this year. MIGHT BE. We're trying some new things out and I'm sure we'll be adding things and getting rid of things that don't work. But here's the important thing:

**THIS IS YOUR PAPER!**

We want to know what you think. What's the good, the bad and the ugly? What's missing? Drop us a line at [gpgthinker@yahoo.com](mailto:gpgthinker@yahoo.com), talk to me or find any of our talented and charming publications staff.



Ryan digs it.

## ELECTION RESULTS

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## THINKER ELECTION COVERAGE

Heather Wittman, Alix Landriault

Before the elections last Friday, The Thinker interviewed candidates for the government. When asked, "What message do you want to get across to your audience?" Kimberly Dunnick, a candidate for justice, replied, "What I really want is to do a good job."

She was also asked why she wanted a job as justice. "I've been interested in a legal position since my freshman year. What I want to do is try to judge fairly."

When Alexis Nixon, a candidate for Freshman Representative, was asked the same questions, she replied, "I'm not trying to change the Program. I just want freshman to be heard. [...] I want to make everything equal and make things available to the freshmen, just like the upperclassmen."

Voters were asked some questions as well. They were asked what they were looking for in their government officials, and how they thought the elections would turn out.

Freshman Jobi Arceneaux replied, "I want someone who is responsible and knows what they're doing. They need to be prepared to take on their



Ladies and Gentlemen: Your New President



A New Vice P.

duties."

Another student said, "I want someone who will get rid of taxes."

Each candidate running for office gave a speech in Baker Auditorium at 7:00pm last Thursday night.

The next night, elections were held after dinner in the Old Ranch. After a tentative day, the results came in Sunday night.

The GPGC laws that they will be upholding and challenging can be found in the Constitution on the GPGC website.

# FRESHMAN INTERVIEW: CARLA CHOUCINO

Lani Huynh, Bri Cassanova

Every week we will be interviewing new freshman and we will be gathering their thoughts of GPGC, including information about them.

This week's interview is Carla Choucino. This week's interview is by Bri Cassanova and Lani Huynh.

Bri and Lani (B&L): What's your favorite type of music/song?

Carla (C): All kinds of music and my favorite song is... Mrs. New Booty.

B&L: Where are you from?

C: Nashville, Tennessee.

B&L: What do you like to do for fun?

C: Hang out with friends.

B&L: Do you play any sports?

C: Basketball, dance and soccer.

B&L: Do you have a favorite counselor? Who?

C: Yes. Alice.

B&L: Do you have any nicknames? If so, what are they?

C: Yes, Pookie.

B&L: Who's your favorite

GPGC guy?

C: Umm... Troy, because he asked me to dance.

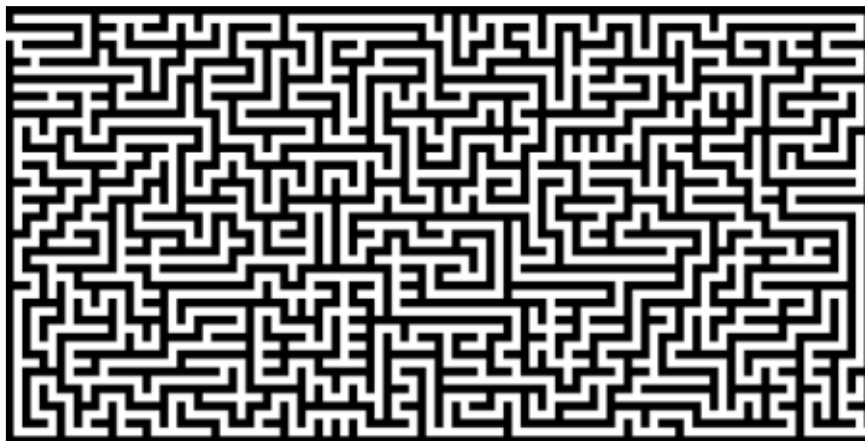
B&L: And for the last question, who do you prefer Blake or Bert?

C: Bert!

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## TOTALLY RANDOM MAZE



## TOP TEN WAYS TO GET ELECTED

10. Get extra signatures so no one else can run.
9. Exercise seniority
8. Get Bert's endorsement
7. Run unopposed
6. Use the speech of the person before you
5. Lie
4. Dye your hair a weird color
3. Have mad guitar skills
2. Hold BJ's (backwards) Mickey Mouse hat ransom
1. Call yourself a benevolent dictator and brag about your swooping skills

## WORD OF THE WEEK: PODUNK

Nicole Higgins,  
Greesim Loy

The word of the week is "Podunk." We asked around for opinions of what that word meant. Here are some of your answers.

Liz Clausen: "The immersion of a famous poet under water."

Luke Theriot: "White trash."

Miggle Bennet: "The noise the head makes when it is chopped off and thrown in the river."

Melody Keel: "The way you

shake it."

Chase Gillett: "The short version of Honky Tonk Badonkadonk."

\*Podunk actually refers to unimportant or small towns.\*

# ZIGLER VS. COLETTE

Nicole Higgins,  
Greesim Loy

As all of you gifties know, this year we are being accommodated in the Zigler suites, or as Ryan calls them, “apartments.” You returning students know that Zigler is very different from Collette. And I believe that the biggest change that has become a hindrance is the lack of a main lobby. We have very little space to congregate, the office is way too small, and I don’t see how movie nights are going to work out in that small lobby (although we all like to be as physically close to each other as possible, with the exception of a handful of people). And we are asked to go find somewhere else for all of our random and spontaneous horseplay; like the Old Ranch or the Courtyard. Also, things like ping-pong, TV, and numerous amounts of sofas have been taken from us. Our wonderful lobby has been replaced by a small balcony with one little blue bench.

The Zigler suites themselves differ greatly from Collette. The room sizes are

all different depending on how many occupants you have; and who can forget the clean-it-yourself bathrooms? There are no maids in the suites, so we are required to keep our bathroom as tidy as possible, adding to our enormous amount of work. Our suite is also extremely cramped. Being the girls that we two are, we over pack and bring the same flip-flops in 6 different colors. We are forced to share two-to-three-foot-wide closets, and we



have only one desk in each room, so we soon find ourselves running out of room to stick all of our superfluous items.

If you washed your clothes last week, you would have noticed that the Laundromat is not in the dorm, but next to the activity center. We must walk down two flights of stairs and across the

courtyard with large amounts of dirty clothes. Then we must wait an hour and a half for the laundry to finish so that none of the college kids steal our lovely blue shirts. In Collette, the laundry room was in the dorm and we could leave our laundry in there as long as needed and leave to attend to other things. The bad thing however, was that there were only two washers and dryers. You basically had to wait for the next open slot or you were just out of luck. Your choices would be to wear your nasty, sweaty clothes, or run around naked!

Another dilemma is the key cards that we must carry around at all times. The cost has now doubled if you lose them; \$35 for both the key and the swipe card. It’s also much harder to keep track of two keys.

Granted there are many things that we didn’t like about Collette; like the nasty buildups at the bottom of the showers, racing to get a washer, and the horrible moldy smell. But I think I can speak for all of us when I say that we really miss our old dorms.

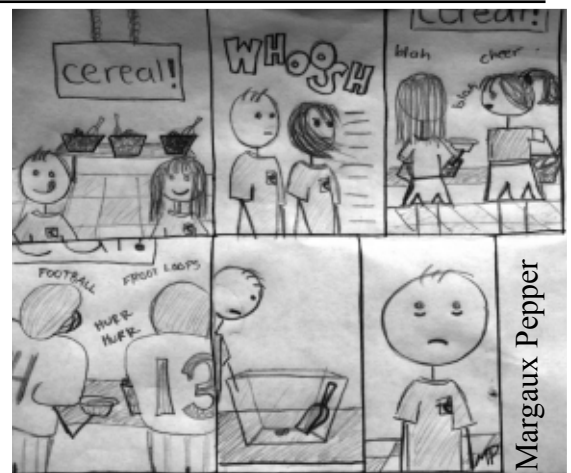
## BLOODLUST, CONT. FROM PG. 1

happy. Why eat the food in the first place? They’re just going to throw it up later. It’d be way more considerate of them to switch to anorexia for a week or two. Look, the cheerleaders don’t do anything anyway. Do you really think that having girls in barely-there outfits on the side of the field is going to help the football players concentrate?

Which brings me to my next point. The football players—big, bumbling, loud, obnoxious boys—are the most powerful entity in challenging our control of the cafeteria. Football players don’t have to be skinny. In fact, it’s better when they are big. They get to lunch first;

there’s no food for gifties. We get there first; they stare at us threateningly when they can’t get their seventh slice of pizza. It’s a lose-lose situation. I mean, sure, those guys are working hard—any idiot with a sense of smell can tell you that—and they deserve some gratification for their work. But why does it have to be our food? We live here! We rule!

Maybe I’m being completely biased, but I think that this issue can easily be resolved. Have the cheerleaders and football players eat after us. We’re top priority, right? We were here first, and we’ll be here last, so we should be number one on the list of importance. The staggered lunch times would not only cut down on lines, but it would also give a chance for the cafeteria workers to take a break or cook more food—just do whatever needs to be done. So, as usual, all people need to do to solve this problem is listen to me. Is that so hard?



# AN INTERVIEW WITH DANIEL COLLINS

Chase Gillet, William Lynch

WILLIAM: What's your full name?

DANIEL: Daniel Leonard Collins

CHASE: How old are you?

D: 21

C: Where are you from?

D: Germany. Munsta, Germany.

W: Do you speak any German?

D: Yes, I do.

C: Can you give us an example?

D: Uh. What should I say?

English - Hello, this is Daniel.

German - Hallo, ich bin sie Daniel.

And

English - I'm a jelly doughnut.

German - Ich bin berline.

W: Uh. Sure. What do you do outside of GPGC for a profession?

D: I'm a professional musician and a college student as well.

W: How do you feel about having a gaming system in your suite, even though students aren't allowed to

have them?

D: Haha. I feel as though I have power.

W: So, you don't think it's a bit unfair that we can't have them?

D: No, because it's not in my job description that I can't.

C: What's your favorite Game Cube game, as you apparently have a Game Cube system?

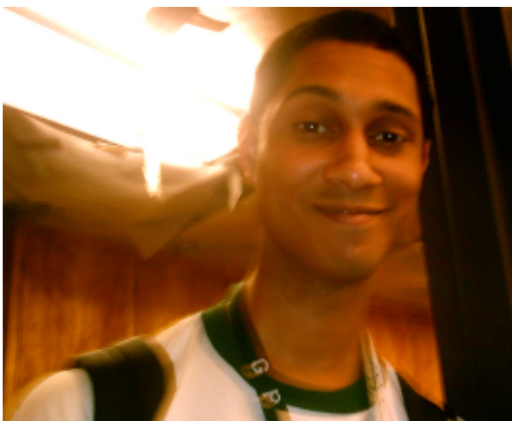
D: Haha. Mine is Super Smash Bros. Melee and my second is Sonic Advanced Battle II (I've gotten all A's in this game).

W: So, what's it like being a counselor?

D: Haha. What's it like being a counselor... it's pretty cool and I get to listen to Chase scream every time he talks and I feel empowered when I get to give tickets.

W: I understand you are pretty in to music, what are your favorite genres and artists?

D: The list goes on and on. I can't think of a style of music that doesn't excite me. As for the artists, I like a wide variety. The first that comes to mind is Mariah Carey, but her



older stuff is better. I like KISS, Nelly, Tupac, Bob Marley, Alice Marsellas and generally the whole Marsellas family, but once again, the list goes on and on.

C: Don't you wish you could do the "hair flip" like Bert?

D: Haha, well, I was gonna grow a 'fro and relax it down just so that I could do it, because, basically, the "hair flip" rocks.

W: Where are you on a usual Saturday in "reality"?

D: At my house practicing music or at a gig.

W: Ok. I think that's about it. Any last words?

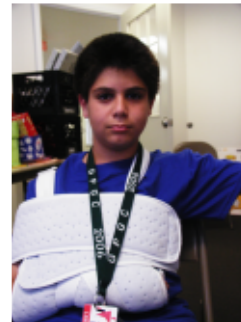
D: Umm... You guys are the craziest two interviewers I've been interviewed by.

# WHAT HAPPENED TO MY ARM

Steven Childress

As if this question isn't asked enough. The answer: "Nothing!" It was not my arm, but instead a broken collarbone. The Wednesday before camp began I had thought up all of the fun things I was going to do during GPGC and summer: swimming, art, and just plainly playing around. Fate said otherwise.

On that Wednesday I got dressed for P.E. and was ready to run some laps in the gym. It just so turned out that it was my unlucky day, Wednesday. Wednesday is the day everything bad happens to me: on one, breaking my wrist, and another, my



cousin Joel dying.

After running a few laps I was trying to pass a classmate, Lee Lee. I hadn't seen McKinley, my other

classmate, who was in front of her, so I crashed into him. I bounced off his stomach and fell to the floor, as well as bumping to the wall. My father came to pick me up from school and rushed me to the hospital where I found out that I had a broken collarbone.

Though I have a broken collarbone and can't do the many other things set aside for summer, like swimming or playing sports and being my hyper, insane self, I am still able to go to the Program and now have quite neat left-handed handwriting (Yes, I'm right-handed).

Two last things: never tell me you'll break my other collarbone because I only have one, and don't ask me why I'm wearing an arm sling if my collarbone isn't in my arm because my name is Steven Childress, not Steven Childress, M.D. Now that you know my story, you won't ever have to ask me what happened to my "arm" again.

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## WORLD CUP COVERAGE

Nathan Head

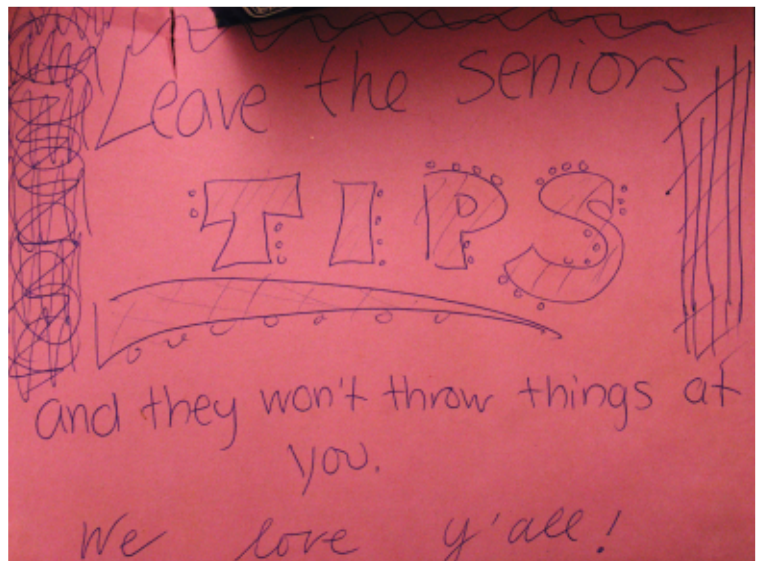


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During this month the most popular sporting tournament in the world takes place: the World Cup. So far, as it is with every World Cup, there have been exciting matches, beautiful strategy, and unexpected upsets. Ecuador surprised the world with the 2-0

domination of European super force Poland. Switzerland kept Henry of France, the best striker in the world at bay, to achieve a 0-0 tie over the 1998 world champions France. Unfortunately for all those patriotic people, the U.S team, which held so much potential with superstars like Demarcus Beazley and Landon Donavan, were crushed 3-0 by the Czech Republic. Unless they can pull off an unlikely win against the soccer-mad country of the powerful Italians, their cup dreams are finished.

Now that you already know what has already happened, here is what I think will happen during the next several weeks. With the skill that Argentina already displayed in their 2-1 victory over Africa's number one team the Ivory Coast, they will probably end up in the Championships match against the world's most decorated team, Brazil. Brazil's incredible teamwork paired with the individual expertise of some of soccer's most legendary names such as golden boot winning Ronaldinho, Ronaldo, Adriana, and Robinho, will triumph over Argentina's best effort and win the World Cup.



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