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OPINION:

Trojan Cruelty toward Honker Mascot



Daniel Rosales, The Honker 2010

Orland mascot dragging a stuffed replica of WHS mascot Herkmer in front of Orland Fans.

For years my parents have told me to win with integrity and lose with honor. This is something that did not occur from the visiting team at Battle of the Axe last month. After Orland walked away with the Axe, it was not sufficient enough for them to have won the game. To feel fulfilled, they taunted us in our own stands, spoke crudely to our fans and volunteer workers, and yelled obscenities from their bus, in an attempt to knock WHS down to heighten their self-esteem.

The Honker football team played with respect and lost with dignity, which this school should be proud of. Whereas, the Trojans played aggressively with little nobility that Friday night. From the disrespect toward the players by trying to

start fights on the field, to audacity toward the home crowd, and abusing our mascot who was kicked and dragged by a string, the Orland players showed next to no morality on and off the field, whether it was before, during, or after the game. Their conduct was truly that of a dishonorable winner.

Mr. Smith's speech at the rally was proven correct that night after Orland's mindset showed not only to be blue and white. Willows stood by their purple and gold, accepting the loss honorably. Congratulations to the Honker football players for taking the high road and not succumbing to the ways of the town just a short drive away. The rest of the school members should follow in their footsteps and let Orland's comments roll off as if they were nothing instead of throwing things at their high school students.

It should not matter who wins the game, but the opposing sides' conduct with one another should. That is the making of a fair and engaging game.

Mickey Biggs
 Managing Editor

Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder In Kids

Many kids and adults are being diagnosed in today's society with Attention Deficit Hyper Disorder. Being around my brother with ADHD can or cannot be difficult. With its symptoms like fidgeting, not finishing homework, and having problems paying attention, it can be very hard for most people.

With my own experience, it is difficult. When my brother was diagnosed with ADHD, my brother had to go through many medications to see which ones would work correctly. Changing

medications completely changed his attitudes, his schedule from day to day, and his behavior.

Because the medication was affecting his mind, my brother would hit me and/or my mom. He would have melt downs almost every day at school. He did not want to do his homework because he could not concentrate long enough to finish it, and he did not socialize with adults and teachers very well.

It took changing medications several times before his doctor found the right prescription. This prescription

worked for a while, though the medication made him very hungry.

But it all changed when he went to live with his dad temporarily for a school year. My brother's dad took him off medication, which changed his behavior dramatically. When my brother came to visit for the weekends, he became very grumpy and mean to his little siblings. He became a tattletale and would tell lies more often. He does not know where his bubble or space is.

ADHD is very difficult to deal with, especially consider-

ing when a kids' environments change. But ADHD can be treated with the right medications, affection, and love and understanding at home and school. The same daily routine is a number one benefit.

You can find information and help at places like a library, a clinic, and a doctor's office. Information can also be found online and www.webmd.com.

Please be understanding to people with ADHD, and learn more about the disorder.

Sydney Kline
 Staff Reporter

Be yourself not your cliques

Hey, what is it with cliques these days? What happened to the good old times were everybody liked everybody. Sadly the most criticizing people are high school students, and they are the future.

In high school the cliques are the preps, freaks, jocks, loners, geeks and those that do not fit in to any of the stereotypes mentioned above. Some of these teenagers are teased non-stop and nobody realizes how harmful their words

can feel. I want to break down the barriers separating these students, and may I suggest how much help a smile and a hello can be for those who have only heard the negative .

I was watching a show called *If You Really Knew Me*. In that show high school students were opening up to other students they normally would not even pay attention to. What the students realized was that most of them were going through

the same things even though they seemed different.

Teenagers currently in school are always thinking of ways to bully the different or the unique students. If anybody student or adult, sees bullying I encourage them to stop it without getting sucked into the drama. Stand up and be a leader for those who have no voice.

For the bullies out there, come on, because someone is different does not give you the right

to tease them; treat others the way you want to be treated.

To all the teens being bullied in one manor or the other; there is nothing wrong with you. You are who you are, and that is a good thing. Do not let anyone tell you any different.

Together we can build a better school and a better environment for the next generation of students.

Teresa Gontiz
 Staff Reporter

OPINION:

Freshies Standing at Rallies?? NO WAY!!

The first rally this year turned out normal as can be, but when I look at the freshmen, I see them standing up. All I can think is how my class did not get to stand at all besides the *Alma Mater* and *Fight song*. Did we stand during the first rally for the songs? No, we did not. However, we had plenty of school spirit to go around during that rally.

We earned our place to stand during the songs, and from what I have heard, we are the

first to stand.

Now, as the years are passing, the school is handing out the right to stand as if it is the normal thing to do. Standing was supposed to be an honor. Freshman show their full school spirit, they get rewarded.

If the freshmen slack, they get the pleasure of sitting. All upper classman had to go through their freshman year the way it is supposed to be, SITTING DOWN! While this year, they stand the FIRST ral-

ly?? Not only during the *Alma Mater* and *Fight song*, but other times as well!

I, myself, like to see the little Freshies be able to stand during our school songs, as long as they are screaming their heads off. Though I can not speak for the classes above 2012, but Class of 2012 worked their tail off to stand.

We were not even notified of our standing rights until the end of our second rally when we sing WHS songs.

Upperclassman are unable to boo and be negative towards the freshmen,

so why must the school take away our gloating rights as well about being able to stand while freshman can not? Changes are always made, but traditions are something to be kept.

I had to go through the freshman torture as did every single class before class of 2014! It is called a tradition for a reason!!

Stevie Green
 Staff Reporter

OPINION:

Yelling "Fight, Fight, Fight" encourages fighting

WHS is experiencing an unusually high number of fights for this early in the school year. Many of which are caused by rumors or "hearsay" that may or may not be true. The students at this school are acquiring shorter and shorter tempers which do not benefit anyone else at this learning establishment.

Mr. Perry, the lead teacher, takes

care of the discipline around campus. In dealing with a fight, he takes each of the "suspects" and talks to them separately about their side of the story. Then he must make choices concerning punishment from there. There should not be a need for this to occur. Students should be able to restrain themselves from harming another student over

something said.

"I wish this would stop," says Mr. Perry.

I must agree with that statement, the physical violence needs to end. There are many other outlets to anger and frustration than simply beating in a person's face. If physical restraint is physically impossible, strike something other than a schoolmate. Physi-

cal brutality should be a last resort in few cases, and not an option for petty differences common around the halls and teenage life. Please consider your fellow students and take the high road, because you will thank yourself later.

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