

Rodin's Retort

By Rodin

Every week I look forward to reading my copy of The Thinker. I am especially encouraged by the increasing amount of real news and opinion rather than the usual death from a thousand top ten lists and brain teasers.

However, I felt it necessary to respond to a few inaccuracies in the last issue of our wonderful paper.

Most of these inaccuracies appeared in two of the articles. The first being "A Bloodlust for Pizza" and the second being the wonderful comparative piece "Zigler vs. Colette."

The first article was most off-putting, because it seemed as if there was no thought put into it. It seemed to contain nothing but complaints, many of which were embellished. It began by commenting on how important nourishment is for gifties, and then stated the reason being that you "stay up until 1:30 and wake up at 6:00 in the morning, just to do homework." I have personally looked into the workload that you are given, and it is not your homework that is the cause of your staying up late or waking up early. I think we all know the root cause of anyone staying up until all hours of the morning. Also, the point was made that you must wait "forever and a day in line" for your pizza, and then it is gone. I have watched the pizza man closely over the last couple of weeks. He is the hardest working person in the cafeteria, and makes sure there is as close to a constant flow of pizza as possible. It takes no longer than 5-10 minutes to make a pizza in the pizza oven, so it is impossible for you to stand around forever. Perhaps, time speeds up in the cafeteria due to your frame of reference changing.

However, even in the most rigorous tests of time dilation, the difference is not noticeable to normal methods of measurement. Then it was stated that staying after class to help clean up was rewarded by "an empty plastic tub where your Fruit Loops are supposed to be."

To counter this statement, I would like to bring back your initial statement of "As gifties, nourishment is highly important." Fruit Loops for lunch or supper is most definitely not a nourishing meal. There are many more foods in the cafeteria that contain many more vitamins, minerals, and other nutrients that are considered to be much more conducive to a growing teenager than Fruit Loops. The next point you brought

up was about another camp that was going on at the same time, the cheerleaders. While I must agree that their numbers can be somewhat discouraging, they are one-third of what they used to be, yet your complaints remain the same. The normal statements of "They're just going to throw it up later" and "It'd be way more considerate of them to switch to anorexia for a week or two" were presented. First of all, I seriously doubt they are all going to throw it up later. In fact, if all they did was throw up every meal, they would dehydrate themselves and never make it through their three day long camp. That's right; I said three day long camp. Not only that, anorexia is a psycho-physiological disorder. In other words, not only is it loss of appetite, but that loss is, in most cases, due to a psychological factor (i.e. the fear of becoming obese). The fact that you would



ask someone to develop this disorder for a week or two is cruel. Finally, you brought up the football camp. Not only did you mention them, but you specifically stated "they stare at us threateningly when they can't get their seventh slice of pizza." The football camp has not even come here yet. Now, I am in now way saying that this statement may not be true, but to write it as if it is happening is, for lack of a better word, ignorant.

The next article, while not as extreme, still had a few errors that must be addressed. The first is your statement that "the office is way too small." As a student, the office is not a place you should be hanging out, and not only that, the square-footage of the office is at least equivalent, and may perhaps be even more than that of Colette. The next statement is that you "have

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only one desk in each room.” This intrigued me, and as such, I decided to do a little field research. That’s right; I went to the dorm and looked in all the rooms to count the desks. I was very sad to find that apparently nowadays two equals one. I say this because in nearly every room where there is more than one resident, there is also more than one desk. The only exception to this is the grads. While your statement may be true for a small part of the community, you stated it as if it were true for the entire community. Lastly, the statement about it being “much harder to keep track of two keys” is simply absurd. You were provided with a means to carry every thing that you were issued by anyone. It is your choice to use it, as well as your choice to treat it in such a way

that it will not break. Not only that, how much harder is it really to keep track of two keys instead of one? Have you done research on it? Can you provide the statistics that show that the majority of people in the world have a much more difficult time keeping track of two keys as opposed to just one key? Also, reports that I have read from last year show me that you were not so good at keeping track of just one key, which makes me wonder if you just don’t like being responsible for things that are worth money.

That’s it for now, lovelies. Keep up the good work – and don’t let my constructive criticism inhibit you from writing. I just hope to gently remind you that things are not all that bad and logical argument is the best thing you can learn in this world. Next week: Rodin’s Satirical Embellishments.

Freshman Interviews

by Lani Huynh and Bri Casanova

Jobi Arceneaux

Bri and Lani (B&L): What kind of music do you like to listen to and what is your favorite song?

Jobi (J): All kinds of music except hard rock and oldies. “Move Along”

B&L: Where do you live?

J: Kinder

B&L: What are some of your hobbies?

J: Dancing...and I really like to draw and paint.

B&L: Do you play any sports?

J: Basketball, softball, volleyball and track.

B&L: Who is your favorite counselor and why?

J: Umm...Scotia. She knows how to have fun, and I can talk to her.

B&L: What was your most embarrassing moment?

J: My step-dad is a high school football and baseball coach. One time he had the whole team of football and baseball players over to have a meeting at our house. I was getting ready to go to bed and had just come out of the shower. I came out shouting, “Momma,

where’s my pajamas?” I had a towel over me and a towel on my head, and the whole team was there looking at me in my towel.



Alexis Nixon

Bri and Lani (B&L): Where do you live?

Alexis (A): Here in Lake Charles

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

A: I like going to the mall because our mall is so flippin’ awesome!

B&L: Who is your favorite counselor and why?

A: Elise. Uhh...because she’s the only one who hasn’t given me a really mean look.

B&L: What is your favorite food?

A: Uhh...probably...wait, I like nachos.

B&L: What kind of music do you like to listen to, and what is your favorite song?

A: I like to listen to rock, hip-hop, and my favorite song is “Lean With It, Rock With It.”

B&L: Do you like GPGC? Why?

A: Yeah, because it’s like way better than regular school.

