

TECH CLASS CAUGHT CONSTRUCTING TUNNELS

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It had been suspected for a while that Berkeley's tech class was engaging in projects unbeknownst to students and faculty uninvolved in the class. While sets for Upper Division Theatre Director Chris Marshall's theatrical productions were being built, techies were caught lounging around the theater, mysteriously coated in dirt. When cornered and asked why they were so dirty, they would commonly reply that they were "completing the project."

After further investigation, the Fanfare staff discovered a small opening in the floor of Lykes Facility Manager Chris Cook's workshop in the Lykes building that lead to a huge system of underground tunnels.

"You think you know a kid, and then you find out he's been tunneling," said Upper Division Visual Arts teacher Jamie Farkas in response to finding out about her son, Reece Boulware '20, and his involvement in the tunnel project.

Since 2018, the tech class had been constructing tunnels throughout Berkeley's campus. It started out as Daniel Feliciano's '20's passion project.



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NO TATTLIN' TECHS: Daniel Feliciano '20 is pictured above using a shovel to hide the gaping tunnel entrance.

"My brother, Alexander, used to complain about how hard it was to get from one side of the Lykes to the other. I mean, it's not that difficult, but he dreamed of an underground highway to transport all of the wood and the paint. He broke ground in Mr. Cook's workshop on Friday, February 16th, 2018. It was Chinese New Year. We had cake and shovels--it really was a magical day."

The tech class didn't expect their project to go farther than the Lykes, but Michael Sheyner '20

suggested that they expand the tunnels to the library.

"One thing led to another, and all of a sudden the tech class was staying late three times a week to help with the construction of the tunnels."

Now, approximately four miles of tunnels lay underneath the Lykes Center for the Arts, Steinbrenner Student Center, Gries Center for the Arts and Sciences, Straz Family Field House and the Berkeley Cafe. They stretch beneath the Junior, Senior and base-

ball parking lots. For the techies, they are a source of escape.

"Do we have a tunnel that leads off campus? I don't know. We might. It's quite possible that we do, but there's so much that's unmapped right now," said Austin Cahn '19.

Administration has declined to comment.

The techies are considering permitting ATE kids to use the tunnels next year, but have not come to a decision yet.

NEW PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASS TO DEBUT IN 2019

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Dayna Crawford, Chair of the Physical Education department, recently approved a new class set to debut in the 2019-2020 school year.



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BOMBS AWAY: Pictured here are six students plummeting through the air in this high stakes course's new skydiving department and several other students practicing with flamethrowers.

Dubbed "Xtreme Sports," the course involves flame throwing, cliff jumping and a special off-campus retreat during the last week of school of a mock Tough Mudder race in Dunedin, Florida. While the course description for "Xtreme

Sports" can be found in the Berkeley online catalogue, here is the listing:

Xtreme Sports is targeted towards the most enthusiastic physical education student. This student should be a multi-sport athlete who is not afraid of putting themselves in danger. Additionally, students who enroll in Xtreme Sports should have extensive experience in handling fire and should not have a fear of heights. Students who do not wish to compromise their health or safety are strongly discouraged from taking this course.

This course includes an obstacle course, a flame throwing unit, a cliff jumping unit and a skydiving unit. It should be noted that the completion of these units could be potentially dangerous to a student's health and mental capacity. At the end of the course, students are required to submit a PSA video on overcoming their greatest fear in taking Xtreme Sports

(Note: there is an option to exempt this final assessment if the student is either seriously injured or hospital-

ized. The Physical Education department will determine on an individual basis how injured a student must be to render the student unable to complete the video.)

The video should not be more than three minutes long. This course satisfies one Physical Education credit.

Prerequisite: At least a 6-minute mile time, along with extensive experience in cliff jumping. Students are also encouraged to have prior knowledge of fire-safety procedures before enrolling in Xtreme Sports.

As a side note, the Physical Education department emphasized that Berkeley does not claim responsibility for any injuries or deaths incurred due to enrollment in Xtreme Sports and that dress code will count for 50% of a student's grade in the course.

When asked why the Physical Education department created Xtreme Sports for 2019-2020, Crawford simply said, "We were bored with the current curriculum."

BUCCANEER COVE CAUGHT LAUNDERING MILLIONS

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This past Friday, the Treasure Cove bookstore was caught laundering nearly \$2 million to finance a new ice rink for the Ice Bucs. The Treasure Cove, which offers students snacks and refreshments throughout the school day, upcharged Berkeley students on every item offered except for chocolate milk.

“We were running out of options, and I’ve had a lot of pressure recently to start funding a rink at school.” said Ice Bucs team member Mo Bereday ‘19.

The Fanfare confirms that of the 342 students who have an account for the Buccaneer Cove, 294 were affected by the store’s nefarious activity. The 294 students were charged for 6,666 cans of LaCroix, which came to a grand total of \$1,959,804 to fund the ice rink.

When asked where the rink would go, Bereday’s plans lacked clarity. “At this time, we don’t know,” Bereday said. “Maybe

BUCCANEER COVE CAUGHT UNDER FIRE TRYING TO FUND AMBITIOUS PLAN



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MONETARY MADNESS: Mo Bereday ‘19, is seen blocking the Treasure Cove after the Cove funded his ambitious plan. Despite laundering approximately \$2 million from the Berkeley community, Bereday is unsure where the ice rink will go, or even when construction will begin.

by the junior lot? Those kids wouldn’t mind parking a little farther, would they?”

Beth Gaffney, who runs Treasure Cove, emphasized that students will receive all their money that was laundered. “Students are not to worry. Each

student affected will receive \$45 sometime in the future.” Gaffney said.

When told that \$45 was significantly lower than the real amount owed to students, Gaffney responded, “We’ll look into that.”

Due to the situation, the Buccaneer Cove has decided to halt sales, but plans to return in the 2019-2020 school year. The majority of leftover items have been donated to Inspired Living, an assisted living facility on Kelly Road.

Following the news about the laundered money, students have decided to run a protest against funding the ice rink. The Fanfare has estimated a total of 12 students plan to attend the protest. The protest will be held next week in the Straz Family Field House from 4:30 to 5:30 PM. The protest will be coordinated by Alex Cantor ‘20.

“We really hope more people would support our protest. I don’t know what else we can do to get our money back. I want my money back!” Cantor said.

NEW SITCOM DEBUTS ON THE BBN THIS THURSDAY

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The Berkeley Broadcast Network is launching a new mockumentary series, “The Faculty Lounge,” which will provide a sneak peek into the lives of Upper Division faculty.

Led by Faculty Lounge Manager Erik Lipham, things can get a little chaotic. Most episodes open with Lipham arriving to work in his breathtakingly pink Toyota Yaris. After being promoted to Faculty Lounge Manager at a young age, Lipham continues to treat his faculty lounge relationships as personal friendships. “I want people to be afraid of how much they love me,” said Lipham. Lipham makes concerted (often cringeworthy) efforts to befriend English teacher Daniel Hayes.

The series also documents Hayes’s increasing desire to go beyond the faculty lounge and start his own business. He plans to launch his own company, Hayes Productions, this fall. The



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SITCOM SPECIAL: “The Faculty Lounge” is set to debut this spring, and is planned to be aired every Thursday on the BBN. The show will run from 9-10 PM (Eastern Standard Time).

company, which started as a logo on Hayes’s Prezis, will produce ready-made presentations for teachers who do not want to write their own lesson plans. “This is gonna be the McDonald’s of education,” Hayes said. “Everyone’s gonna know my name and my logo. After I make

millions, my students will say, ‘I knew him when...’”

History Department member Jonathan Olson is known for making faces into the camera and pulling pranks on C.D. McLean, the official Assistant to the Lounge Manager.

“The pranks are payback,” Olson said. “McLean made me chaperone one of the Student Library Proctor’s trips to her beet farm last month when my foot was broken. It was for some guide dog bonding activity or something. Long story short, I had to wheel my scooter through guide dog ‘manure’ in 80-degree heat.”

Many other teachers can be spotted throughout the series, including History teacher Patrick Clare, who makes frequent references to his “good old lacrosse days at Tufts,” and Math teacher Sarah Anderson, who works as a receptionist in the lounge. As she proves her great artistic talent throughout the course of the show, Anderson will be creating a mural for the senior mall this summer.

The pilot will air on April 2nd at 3:20 pm. Stay tuned for some good laughs with the faculty of Berkeley Preparatory School.

What Is...“Your INTERVENTION”?

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When Courtney Beitler was chosen to be a contestant on the popular game show “Jeopardy!”, she was thrilled. “It’s about time!” she told *The Fanfare*. “I’ve seen so many contestants end the game with negative scores, and I’m definitely smarter than those people.”

To prepare, Beitler used Chemistry teacher Lance Lomano’s “Jeopardy!”-themed review PowerPoints. Beitler also pulled from her wealth of knowledge as a Social Science teacher and a History Bowl sponsor. “You name it, I’ve taught it,” she said. “Psychology? Yep! International Relations? Heck yeah! Sociology? In my sleep!”

Beitler’s four years of AP Psychology teaching experience became most useful on set... but not for the questions on the board. “By my second day on the show, I could tell Alex Trebek had a textbook case of narcissistic personality disorder,” she said. “I had to do something.”

It took a 3-day grand total of \$86,001 in cash winnings for Beitler to make her move. By the time Final Jeopardy! arrived on Beitler’s fourth day of competition, her score of \$15,800 was more than double that of runner-up Phil McGraw (yes, the Dr. Phil). Beitler doubted she’d earn any more money with the Final Jeopardy! category of “Famous Greek Mathematicians,” so she wagered \$0 and set her plan in motion.

When Trebek asked Beitler

for her answer, Beitler revealed her response of, “What is an INTERVENTION?”

Trebek did not understand Beitler’s intentions, instead correcting her answer. “Oh, sorry,” he said gleefully, “but ‘intervention’ is incorrect. The answer is Pythagoras. Pythagoras.” Just as

“It all started with my mother,” Trebek told Beitler. “She and I never had a stable relationship. I only felt like she was proud of me when I was showing off my intelligence.” Beitler allowed Trebek to speak for another hour, and he showed signs of improvement by the end of their session. In fact, Trebek gave Beitler an



FINAL THROW-DOWN: The winner of a runaway game, Beitler decided to make a wager of \$0 for the Final Jeopardy! round.

Trebek felt the glory of correcting yet another contestant, Beitler gave a nod to two audience members, who brought a full-length couch onto the set. The Final Jeopardy! music played during the transition, as Beitler summoned her trusted psychology ally: the ghost of Dr. Sigmund Freud.

Freud used his otherworldly powers to coax Trebek onto the couch, as Beitler asked him questions about his childhood. McGraw futilely tried to help by chanting a few of his famous adages, including, “You don’t need a pack of wild horses to learn how to make a sandwich.”

extra \$1,000 on top of her winnings and a guaranteed spot on Jeopardy!’s next Tournament of Champions, just to say, “Thank you.”

Beitler has become a hero since returning to Berkeley’s campus. A number of her AP Psychology students now come to her for afterschool psychoanalysis sessions. “Ms. Beitler can read me like a book,” said Bethany Schneider ’19. “Psychologist? More like psychic!”

To schedule a psychoanalysis session with Beitler, stop by U143 to set up an appointment.



THE DOCTOR IS IN: With the help of the ghost of Dr. Sigmund Freud, Beitler encouraged Trebek to process his childhood traumas. Beitler’s competitor, Dr. Phil McGraw, also made futile attempts to help.

@world_record_egg Who?

SAGE’s chicken tenders have gone viral

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Which came first: the chicken tender or the egg? A photo of chicken tenders has become the most popular post on Instagram, with over 80 million likes. This new record is more than double the previous most-liked photo on Instagram, which was of an egg.

The mastermind behind the account @world_record_tender, who posted the photo of the chicken tender earlier this week, is none other than Klaas van de Groep ’22. “Sure, our chicken tenders are Berkeley-famous,” van de Groep said, “but why not think bigger than that? I want the lines on chicken tender day going out Kosloske Gate!”

