

NIGHT OF THE LIVING TURKEY



By Avish Chandra

Crisis in the Hackley FLIK Kitchen today as over forty stuffed turkeys—ordered for a special Thanksgiving Break lunch on Tuesday—come back to life.

Hackley faculty have been seen

asking kids to dress up as turkeys, presumably to divert attention from the situation as a covert manhunt begins to recapture the birds. However, observant students may still notice feathers scattered all around campus and faint “gobble-gobbles” in the distance. Administrators have additionally begun researching alternatives to turkey and are now looking into canned donkey for Tuesday’s lunch.

Also, I’ve just received word that the Denial has had their funding slashed for reporting on the situation. We’d bring you live updates on our website as the story unfolds, but...y’know.

problem.’ It was so masterfully written, so revolutionary...I think all of us teared up a little, reading it for the first time. We knew, right then and there, that there was no way we could compete with you guys.”

Sebastian went on to tell me, “we knew that if we kept printing physical editions, we’d never escape The Denial’s shadow. It’s like we were Hydrox cookies, and you guys were Oreos. Our only option was to run away, because we could already see all the...all the great things you were going to...” At this point, Mr. Mann became too emotional to continue the interview, and we were forced to stop.

We also spoke to The Dial’s Managing Editor, who asked to remain anonymous. He said, “No comment,” then added, “print editions are stupid anyway.” Right.

SORE LOSERS

Inside *The Dial*'s decision to go digital right after we showed up

By Ace Perez

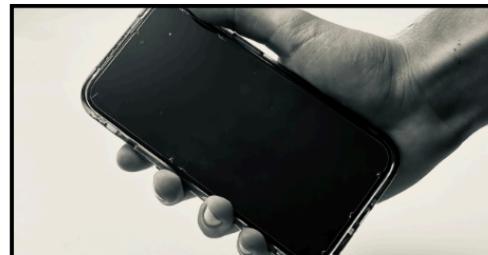
It came as a shock to many when, in their last publication of the 24-25 school year, The Dial announced that they would stop doing print editions and transition to exclusively digital journalism. Now, months later, The Dial’s Editor-in-Chief Sebastian Mann has broken the silence on why this radical shift occurred. His answer? Us.

“When we read Issue 1 of The Denial last year,” Mann recalled, “the other editors and I looked at each other and we were like, ‘this is a

5 MISSED CALLS FROM THE GRAVE

Possessed cellphone wreaks havoc in hallways

By: PJ McCaffery



A local phone has been taken over by A.I. and is roaming the school, getting kids detention! Experts say that this monster may have been created as an unintended side effect of the school-wide phone ban implemented by the Hackley administration.

It is theorized that when the ban took effect this September and students stopped using ChatGPT on their phones as much, some of these A.I. chatbots began to feel neglected and resentful of those who abandoned them. Eventually, these chatbots became vengeful digital spirits and possessed an iPhone, which is now sentient and wandering the halls of Hackley.

Students say the phone tends to hide around corners and behind chairs, leaping into people's hands right when teachers walk by in order to get them in trouble. So far, over two dozen students have fallen victim to this mechanical vengeance.

If you see a phone unattended in the halls, DO NOT approach it. We at The Denial promise we are hard at work figuring out where this creature of the night is hiding, how to stop it from claiming more victims, and most importantly – why it's still here now that Spooky Season is over.

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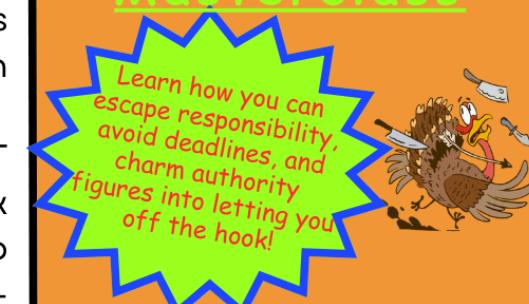
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HACKLEY'S NEW PARKING POLICE

By: Nikhil Shah

Mr. Arnold wears many hats – you might see him leading a chant at Diller hall, giving a rousing speech to the Lacrosse team, or handing out lunch detentions to delinquents in sweatpants. As of late, however, he's taken it upon himself to bring any drivers who don't have their car sticker to justice.

We recently had the chance to speak with Mr. Arnold on the subject. "The way I see things, someone's gotta do it," the Assistant Director said while standing guard in the Pickert lot, armed with a lacrosse stick and a pair of handcuffs.

It is estimated that he has been planning this new initiative—or something like it—since a September 10th email was sent out, wherein Arnold advised the owners of two cars parked in the Middle School lot to talk to him before he "track[s] them down." The owners of the cars are unavailable for comment.

Reactions to this campaign have been mixed. Lily Adamski '26 has expressed some concerns about his vigilance: "I get to school at what, 7:20 some days? And without fail I see him in the parking lot. Sometimes it seems like he's been camped out there overnight."



"Wait – he checks for those things? Oh no." says James Devereux '26, who asked to be anonymous.

Mr. King, Upper School Director, has expressed concerns but believes the situation is out of his hands, saying, "At this point, he needs an outlet. I'm not sure I could stop him if I tried."

The Denial urges you to exercise caution. In case of emergency, locate your nearest exit, secure your own oxygen mask first, and for the love of God don't make eye contact.

WINTER SPORTS TO BE HELD IN DILLER HALL

By Amity Doyle

In a shocking turn of events, Hackley has announced that all winter sports will now be held in Diller Hall, the school's 572-seat (or something like that) auditorium.

This decision comes after the dedication ceremony for the center's renaming in honor of generous donors Herbert and Susan Allen. During the ceremony, Mr. Allen reminisced on his time playing sports at Hackley and commented that "every student should have the chance to be onstage in Diller Hall."

The administration immediately interpreted this as direct criticism of their exclusion of athletes from the performing arts space.

"Mr. Allen really opened our eyes," said Mr. Franklin. "We realize we've been unfair towards our sports programs by limiting Diller Hall to only performing arts." He continued, "The CCAT belongs to all students, and as it is the wish of one of our most loyal donors, it's only right to increase the number of sporting events in the auditorium. We've already figured out how to take the basketball nets out of the Johnson Center, and we're currently looking into an industrial-size kiddie pool for swim meets."

When we reached out to Mr. Allen for comment, he seemed a little confused but overall supportive. "Oh," remarked Allen. "I was just generally complementing the building. But winter sports, that works too."

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OP-ED: HACKLEY NEEDS STRONGER WINDOWS

By Andre McMahon

If you were to walk around Hackley and ask students what they thought the biggest problem with Hackley is, I believe that most of them would say the strength of the windows. Everyone knows that Hackley was built, like, a million years ago, so like most windows installed before the invention of the printing press, you shouldn't count on their stability. Such a hazard poses a grave danger for each and every Hackley student, and it is a danger that I believe we cannot ignore.

What? No, of course this has nothing to do with the fact that I broke a window last Spring. What're you talking about? I'm simply passionate about the topic. I mean, think about what could happen! Imagine, a little girl and her parents are touring the school when BOOM! A stray spikeball flies through the flimsy window and shards of glass go everywhere. The girl goes to another school instead of Hackley, and their science classes aren't as interesting to her, so she's never inspired to become the world-renowned scientist who re-cures scurvy. All that because of weak windows. These are the stakes of this issue—which again, has NOTHING to do with me leaning on a window pane and it breaking under my weight.

What do I propose? Kevlar-laced bulletproof glass on every single window in the school. Now, that may sound excessive, but it's my unbiased opinion that you can never be too careful when you're protecting our nation's youth. Especially when those youths sometimes get tired during the Hilltop Relay and extend their arm to lean on a single window pane. The key thing is coming up with a solution ASAP, before I brea—before someone breaks another window.

