

## “MOUTHS ARE FOR CHEWING” ALL TALKING BANNED IN LUNCHROOM



Sad students.

By PJ McCaffery

This past September, the Franklin administration introduced a new policy banning phones in the lunchroom (among other places) to stimulate meaningful student interaction. Now, Mr. Franklin wants to take things a step further.

“Getting rid of phones was a great first step,” said Franklin at a recent assembly, “but walking around the lunchroom, I still get the sense that people aren’t fully present. I see students mindlessly having conversations and enjoying themselves, and I ask myself, ‘What can I do to make sure

these kids are getting the most out of their high school experience?’”

His answer: extend the phone policy to include a ban of all talking in the lunchroom.

Franklin hopes that this ban will foster greater student interaction and engagement, primarily through the use of meaningful looks and glances.

We interviewed people affected by the new rule to get their thoughts. “,” said one 11th-grader, adding: “.”

Franklin declined to comment when asked by a Denial reporter whether the ban had anything to do with the fact that his office is right next to the Grille Room.

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# EDUCATORS ON ICE

## TEACHERS FOUND CRYOGENICALLY FROZEN UNDER ZETKOV BUILDING

By Ace Perez

Many teachers, when their time comes to leave Hackley, say how they wish they could "stay here forever." Well, turns out they were serious.

During last month's demolition of the Zetkov Building, workers were shocked to discover more than 30 former Hackley faculty members cryogenically frozen in a hidden sub-basement of the former athletic building. Among the frozen were multiple past headmasters, teachers, administrators, and one pet hamster, along with instructions on how to defrost them "should the need for educators ever become too great."

The discovery has been celebrated by many



Zetkov, which mysteriously collapsed this past March.

students, who feel vindicated after years of ridicule for maintaining that Zetkov's basement was "totes haunted, bro."

Some of the canisters holding the teach-sicles are said to have been damaged during the demolition. However, the administration has insisted aggressively (and without any prompting) that said damage did NOT lead to the creation of any feral "zombie-teachers."

# JUNIOR SIGHTED AT SNOWBALL FOR FIRST TIME IN YEARS

By Cora McMahon

On January 26, 2025, students were able to view a once-in-a-lifetime phenomenon: a junior at Snowball. While the junior in question has asked to stay anonymous, we were able to confirm that they were not brought as a date, forced to go by their parents, dared by a friend, or tricked into coming as part of an elaborate prank.

When asked why, the junior insisted that they just felt like it, saying, "Snowball's a legitimately fun event that Community Council puts a lot of work into. I seriously don't understand why there's so much stigma around it." Due to the student's possible psychotic tendencies, we may never get a clear answer.

# COFFEEHOUSE CONSPIRACY

By Troy Song

Shocking new evidence has reignited controversy surrounding the mysterious cancellation of this year's Fall Coffeehouse: what was thought to be "construction delays" are now rumored to have been a cover-up for an exclusive gathering of Hackley School's elite – a Secret Coffeehouse.

When questioned, Upper School Head Mr. King denied all allegations. "Here at Hackley," said King, "conspiracy theories are always taken seriously. And if there was a secret show – no one invited me." However, blurry videos recently surfaced of what appears to be various students performing for a cabal of hooded faculty members in the still-under-construction Diller Hall this past Movember.

Alleged acts include a human pyramid of middle schoolers playing Stairway to Heaven (beautifully imo) on recorders and a group of sophomore-trained komodo dragons performing The Tempest (to the delight of Mr. Francis).