

"Worst issue ever"



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## Student Teacher Disguises Lower Order Questions as Higher Order Questions

WEST BEND, WI—Student teacher Benjamin Braddock admitted to his college supervisor on Monday that he has been pawning off lower order questioning as higher order questioning. Braddock then admitted in a press conference on Tuesday that he "thought he could disguise description questions as evaluative." Fourth grade students at St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran School in West Bend have "been suspicious ever since (Braddock) started teaching lessons."

Professor Terry Graf confronted Braddock after observing the student teacher's mathematics

lesson on Monday. "Instead of asking a simple, knowledge-based question like 'What's four minus two?', he would say, 'What do *you* think four minus two is?'" said Graf. "Who's this guy trying to fool? At one point he was asking, 'Suppose you take four away from five. What *might* you have left, in *your* opinion?' That question is clearly a description level question, but he was trying to make it sound like an expansion and evaluative question. Moron."

Graf is referring to the Amidon-Hunter and Gallagher Aschner Model for Classifying Questions. Braddock's fourth graders refer to the more familiar Bloom's Taxonomy, which categorizes the level of abstraction of questions in an academic setting.

"Bloom must be rolling over in his grave," said Jimmy Thompson, third grader. "Mr. Braddock had us make this list of words that start with the letter 'B.' Clearly this is a task assessing basic knowledge competence, but he threw all this other crap in there trying to make it sound like a higher order question. He would say, 'Now I want you to *analyze* the first letter of each of the words.' You know, trying to make it sound like an analysis question, but it wasn't because it merely reinforced the fact that

each of words started with 'B,' which, again, is a simple knowledge-based task."

Braddock admitted at Tuesday's press conference to his students and supervisors that he is guilty of trying to make lower order thinking (LOT) sound like higher order thinking (HOT). "I've been using LOT a lot, instead of HOT, which I can do not," said Braddock. "I remember Mean Gene (Pfeifer) drilling us on those four types of questions, and I thought I had it down flat. But when I got into the classroom, I froze and could only come up with description questions, so I tried to fake it and make those questions sound like explanation, expansion, and even evaluative questions. I am truly sorry. Can you forgive me? Wait, I mean, can you, in *your* opinion, think you *might* be able to forgive me, *if* I ask you again and promise to stop? Why or why not?"

### Bloom's Taxonomy

EVALUATION

Higher Order Thinking (HOT)

SYNTHESIS



ANALYSIS

APPLICATION

COMPREHENSION

Lower Order Thinking (LOT)

KNOWLEDGE

#### PLEASE NOTE

THE CABBAGE is temporarily bi-weekly. But remember to check the website regularly for breaking news and exclusive online content. We plan to return our normal weekly publication in December, after the first session student teachers return.

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## MLC Students, Faculty Crying for *The Onion* *The Cabbage* fails to monopolize on blocked internet site

NEW ULM—As of this school year, nobody surfing the internet on the campus of Martin Luther College has been able to access the online version of America's favorite news source, *The Onion*. MLC's cheap imitation parody newspaper, *The Cabbage*, is under suspicion for lobbying MLC Network Services to block the popular website in order to eliminate the competition.

*The Onion* had been enjoyed by discerning MLC faculty and students for years, despite its occasional use of four-letter words and ultra-liberal leanings—a big no-no for the conservative college. But now any critical reader on campus must turn to *The Cabbage* for a bi-weekly dose of

newspaper parody hilarity.

This, according to many critics of the blockage, is exactly what *The Cabbage* wanted all along. "Without *The Onion* on campus, (*The Cabbage*) can strive in an environment of communistic, anti-capitalistic, censoristic bliss. They wouldn't be able to survive if *The Onion* were still on campus. Who do they think they are anyway? I mean, who's ever heard of a parody of a newspaper parody? That's crazy," said fifth-year senior Matt Wurster.

Even faculty members are secretly upset about the blockage. "Man, this stinks. I always looked forward to reading *The Onion* online each week,

but now I have to settle for that mediocre rip-off here on campus," said one anonymous professor. "I mean, I think I'm able to distinguish between what's naughty and wholesome. I'm for stuff that promotes literacy on campus. It's not like it's pornography or anything."

When asked if she was behind the blocking of *The Onion*'s website, contributing writer Melissa R. Hahnke responded, "Uh, what's *The Onion*? You should ask Mark D. Ehlke. I think he's in Greece or someplace."

In related news, because of this really bad issue, the popularity of *The Cabbage* has only remained steady, despite the lack of competition.

# Housewife to Turn Pro in Solitaire

LITTLE ROCK, AR—53-year-old Eleanor Grady announced on Friday that she will turn professional in the card game of solitaire. The news has shocked not only her family but the entire world of solitaire as well.

Grady started playing solitaire four years ago at age 49. The middle-age housewife reportedly taught herself to play the complex card game. The average starting age for professional solitaire players is 22, yet Grady believes she has the ability to compete even at such an old age. "Well, it was about two in the morning and I had played about five dozen games of solitaire already, and all of a sudden, it hit me. I thought, 'I'm no amateur; I've got the stuff it takes to be a world class solitaire player.' I'm sick and tired of washing dishes and doing laundry. From here on out, it's nothing but playing the game I love," said Grady.

Grady's family has mixed feelings toward her decision to turn pro. Richard Grady, her husband,

feels a career in solitaire would force her to neglect "the duties of a housewife." While her 17-year-old son, Jimmy, believes that this decision will be good for her and the family. "I'm glad for mom...this means she'll be gone on the road for tournaments and the computer will be open for a change. Some nights I'll lie on the couch waiting for her to get done. I just want to play John Madden football for 30 minutes. But No! She'll play solitaire for five hours straight some nights," said Jimmy.

Grady's decision has also impacted the entire solitaire community. Many house wives are now considering a career in solitaire. Younger high school girls throughout the country are even looking to Grady as a role model. Jenny Wallace, a 16-year-old sophomore from Raleigh, North Carolina, remarks on the influence of Eleanor's decision, "My friends and I really look up to Eleanor. Most solitaire professionals start right

out of college or even younger. Her decision proves that you can overcome anything. I will certainly follow her career carefully. I love you, Eleanor!"

Grady downplays the suggestion that her decision will spur a revolution among American housewives. "I'm just one person. Solitaire cannot depend on one person. It takes all solitaire players, professional and amateur, to keep this fine game alive. It's not about the money or the fame. It's about the satisfaction of doing something you love."

## Excuses for being bi-weekly

- ◆ Hey, we're in college...we're just experimenting.
- ◆ We're thinking of changing our name to *The FortKnighly News*.
- ◆ We've been practicing hard for Talent Show...we're doing something really original like singing some lame chick song like "The Rose."
- ◆ Grade school math is tougher than it looks.
- ◆ We've been spending a lot of time working on our annotated version of *The Cabbage*.
- ◆ Coffee shops don't build themselves.
- ◆ The tips for student teachers just don't seem to be working the way they were supposed to.
- ◆ Heeding that "bathe regularly" advice in the student teacher's handbook really takes up a lot of time.
- ◆ Did you know these kids go to school for seven hours a day? Man!
- ◆ Bi not?
- ◆ We just can't stop watching "Armageddon."
- ◆ There's just too much to do in East Troy.
- ◆ This year we have a newfound focus on our studies.
- ◆ It took me two weeks to put together this piece of crap. Imagine if I had to do it all in one week.
- ◆ We've been commissioned to write the new school song.
- ◆ My host family's dog ate my homework.
- ◆ I know I only have to do two detailed lesson plans per subject for student teaching, but once I start, I can't stop.
- ◆ Just bi-cause.
- ◆ We had a really cool idea for a list of reasons why we are now a biweekly publication.
- ◆ One word: concentrated mirth.

## Mr. Trite Conversation Starter of the Week

\*\*\*Clever ideas to break the ice and make that great first impression\*\*\*

"Man, how are your classes going so far? I'm already sick of (*least favorite class*). How do you like (*professor's name*)? Yeah, anyway, so where you've been going to church? I've been going to (*St. Paul's/St. John's*). How 'bout you?"

## WE NEED WOMEN!!!



We are still looking for contestants for Survivor II. The door is still open to everybody, but we especially need some women contestants. Email us either on the website or at [ehlcmd@hotmail.com](mailto:ehlcmd@hotmail.com) by next Thursday!

The way Survivor works:

- ◆ Each week a "worst-case scenario" will be presented to the contestants.
- ◆ Each contestant will submit his/her "solution" to the scenario—what he/she would do in such a bind.
- ◆ Readers will then vote online ([www.thecabbage.s5.com](http://www.thecabbage.s5.com)) each week for the contestant they want banished from Lake Olsen.
- ◆ The winner will receive an anachronistically hilarious "I write The Cabbage" T-shirt.
- ◆ Please no wagering.