

The Athenian

Issue 130



The Generational Issue

Editor's Note

TABVLAE ATHĒNIĒNSIS VOLVMEN IX

Salvēte, amicī!

This is an issue for the ages. ALL ages, in fact. We at *The Athenian* worked our asses off to make sure we offended every generation. Nobody gets left behind here! Except for Gen X, occasionally...

I think there is something to be said about the very last page in this issue. Not the back page, no, the other last page. There you go. What happened to us that led humanity to create such cringeworthy four-panel memes? I sorta feel like it was a government experiment to see how far they could take the cheugy-ness. Seriously, becoming a potato and rolling away? What happened to us?! How do you expect to ever achieve the female/male/nonbinary gaze when you post that ONLINE? PUBLICLY? It's a mystery to me.

Gen Z and Gen A don't have the attention span to read the entire issue unless they enjoy a brief synopsis first, so here it is: a chart to help you name your millennial baby (and guarantee it gets bullied), Kaler's thoughts after eating a special brownie, and a horoscope that gives you guidance on your next haircut. How couldn't you be sold? Enjoy Issue 130!

Tuī,

STVLTVS EQVVS

Executives

Proofreaders:

Kevin Liu
Shivangi Nanda
Justin Zimmerman

Social Media Manager:

Rowan Talmadge

Head of Design:

Sara Ramaiah

Business Managers:

Edie Barlin
Alyssa Guttman

Managing Editor:

Sofia Lemberg

Editor-in-Chief:

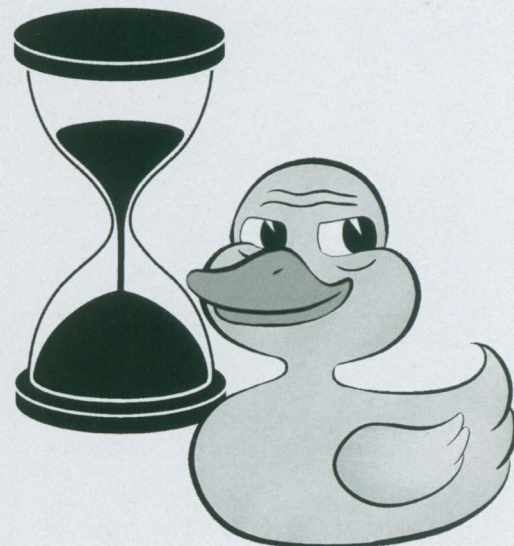
Ellie Rapp

media board



Contributors

Emily Cheng
Jonas Muhlenkamp
Joseph Mother
Olivia Nelson
Daniel Reshan
Amanda Wu



October/November 2022

Official Generation Z council announces contenders for the "defining moment of Gen Z"

Edie Barlin

September 27, 2022: Ned Fulmer is confirmed to cheat on his wife.

On this day Ned Fulmer, a former member of The Try Guys and BuzzFeed, announced that he cheated on his wife. This was a big deal because Ned's online persona centered around how much he loved his wife and how he represented what true love is. His infidelity was devastating and upset many Try Guys and BuzzFeed fans.

Nihilism is one of Gen Z's most outstanding qualities. Why not choose their defining moment to be the date when they learned that love wasn't real? However, the council was quick to point out that technically BuzzFeed belonged to millennials. Therefore, anything surrounding Ned was "cheugy" and could not be used. The council then started to debate if cheugy was a cheugy word. The note-taker could not even begin to keep track of this argument, so it is forever lost.

April 29, 2002: Steve left for college on Blue's Clues.

The council decided to backtrack from this recent heartbreak to the first heartbreak Gen Z collectively felt. That was when Steve, the host of Blue's Clues (a popular kids' TV show from 1996-2006) left for college. He left all of us children with NO WARNING and with this random man "Joe" to help us find clues. WHAT WERE HIS QUALIFICATIONS? WHY DID YOU DO THIS TO US? The note-taker still has lots of emotions about this event.

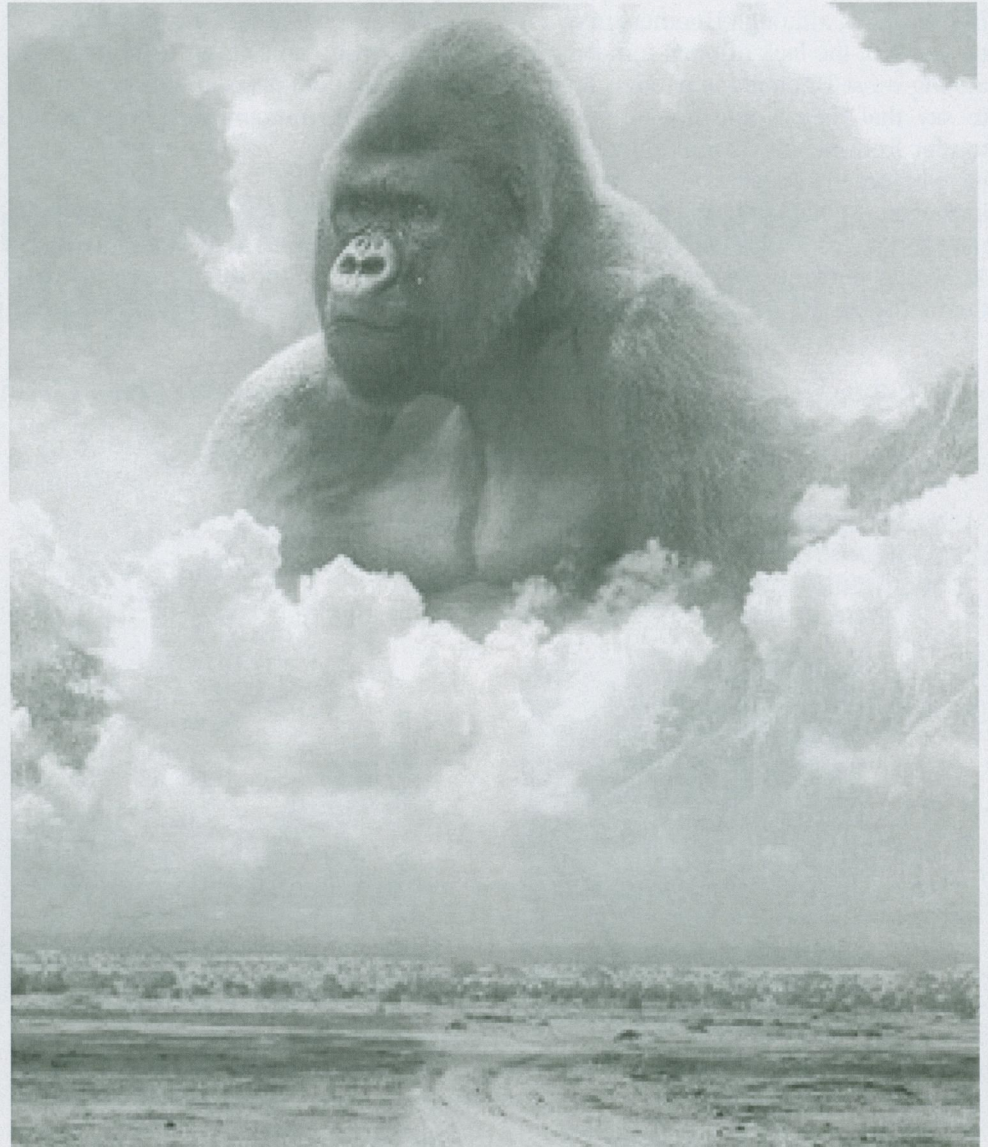
While the council agreed that this day was the first major tragedy for most of us, the youngest Gen Z was born in the early 2010s. This means that some of us did not feel the

pain of Steve leaving, but grew up with...Joe...

May 28, 2016: Harambe's Death.

The death of Harambe the gorilla was the catalyst that led to the alternate timeline in which we currently reside. According to sources obtained by the council, Harambe led to Trump winning the 2016 election, to the death of the social media app

Vine, to COVID-19, and to Destiel becoming canon in the Spanish dub. Without Harambe, our generation would have grown up in a different political climate, with different slang, a different apathy for children, and different memes. After all, "d***s out for Harambe" was the genesis of our macabre sense of humor. The council made a unanimous decision that this was our defining moment.



Milk of the Generations

Emily Cheng

If you think too long about where your milk comes from, you might never want to drink it again—how exactly DO you milk an almond? Through the generations, I've found that there are some differences in the preferences of milk, which I believe speak to the stereotypes of each generation.

Boomers and the Karen generation: cow's milk.

Simply put, boomers would be too terrified to try anything other than regular cow's milk in fear that anything new would dissolve their dentures. Most likely, they believe that milk is an important "kid's drink" necessary for growing strong bones—as if most boomers did not already have some level of osteoporosis. In retrospect, although Boomers may not be that old, the lack of open-mindedness among most Boomers is enough for me to say that they would not be straying too far from the cow's milk they used to have before the irritable bowel syndrome kicked in. Specifically, the Karens, who may range from Boomer to Generation X, would probably be the ones battling their kids to have them drink milk as well

as battling the toilet for their lactose intolerance issues.

Millennials: almond or soy milk.

Millennials dabble in variations of animal-based as well as some non-dairy milk options. Perhaps the person who thought it was a genius idea to milk a goat also attempted to milk a soybean. In an effort to be more environmentally friendly and health-conscious, the popularity of almond and soy milk began to soar among millennials. Soon, everyone in the pregnant high school English teacher's pilates class began adding almond milk to their coffee (iced, venti, sugar-free syrup) in place of dairy milk. Among millennials, there seems to be competition among disgruntled mothers to see which kinds of milk make them feel the most "clean" (hint: it really isn't going to be the raw and organic cold-pressed chia seed milk that you made in your green juice blender).

Generation Z: oat milk and beyond.

The same genius who brought us almond milk has apparently passed their mad-scientist brain cells onward, as there

seems to be an increasing demand for non-dairy milk in Gen Z as well. Besides the typical almond and soy milk enjoyed by both millennials and Gen Z alike, we now have cashew milk, oat milk, hemp milk, rice milk, and coconut milk, and they all taste...pretty much the same once it's mixed into the giant iced coffees that Gen Z students use as their life source. The trend, though, makes me wonder if there is any nut that cannot be milk-ified.

Generation Alpha: to be determined.

Gen A is barely old enough to form their own opinions, much less drink anything other than breast milk (organic and pasteurized, of course). Despite the fact that Gen A are born after 2010, the idea that they have consumed enough X-rated media before the age of eight through their iPads can terrify even an Omegle predator—not that they will know what that website is, though. Yet, there just might be something about growing up with TikTok as a pacifier that leads me to think that Gen A will acquire a taste for a milk that requires a certain level of innovation to create. Avocado milk, anyone?

Wedding Vows Through The Generations*

Meeting you was high key, the most poggers thing I ever did. No cap. You live rent free in my head, always pass the vibe check, and are bussin.



Gen Z

OMG we're about to do a thing! Getting married is so adulting of us, but I know that us and our doggo Hermione Chandler Jim and Pam BuzzFeed will make the perfect family.



Millienials

I would rather be golfing right now



Boomers

*In typical Gen X fashion, Gen X could not be found

Edie Barlin

A letter from President Eric Kaler

The following article consists of a letter submitted to The Athenian by President Eric Kaler, who asked that it be published in its unadulterated entirety as an address to the student body.

To the Case Western Reserve University Community,

Lately I've been in a real lull creatively speaking, so I took an edible like 15 minutes ago to get me in the zone to write this email and it still hasn't hit yet. In the meantime, I am writing, per usual, to encourage students and faculty to set aside personal time as our semester draws to a close, and to practice various forms of wellness—mental, physical, and emotional—in the pursuit of some well-deserved rest and self care.

Yeah, that's it. Self care. But what is the self, really? Some performance, some reflection of desire, of need, of ambition? The within, the without, the id, the ego, all that lies between—to die, to sleep; to sleep, perchance to dream—ay, there's the rub. For in that sleep of death what dreams may come but that we are all one consciousness experiencing itself subjectively; there is no such thing as death, that life is only a dream, and we are the imagination of ourselves. That life is some big stage where we are both observer and observed, alone in an apathetic universe where we must ourselves put together the pieces to create something of meaning.

It almost reminds me of Tame Impala in a way, you know? Because it's just the one guy. Did you know that? I never knew that before. It's just this one dude named, like, Kevin or something, and he does all their stuff. Writing, performing, producing, the whole bit. Obviously he has other people he tours with when he plays live, but still, it makes you think. Maybe we're not alone after all. Maybe the Impala guy has it all figured out.

Anyway I have been thinking, and I could definitely take, like, at least three 5-year-olds in a fight, maybe four. I think it mostly depends on the terrain, and whether or not one of those little fuckers gets the jump on me first. I could not take a surprise attack, no, but I could definitely hold my own. Note to self: enroll in Personal Self Defense.

I forgot what else I needed to say, so that is all from me for now. I think I am going to have some nachos.

Bada bing bada boom.

Yours in Christ,

Eric

President, *Case Western Reserve University*
Sex fiend, *Your mom's house*

Trying Too Hard: CWRUcio Quidditch player suspended over new allegations

Jonas Muhlenkamp

There are not many sports that defy description as effortlessly as quidditch, the new-age sport inspired by the popular *Harry Potter* book series. A mixture of football (both the American kind and the less important kind), rugby, and basketball, among other things, quidditch features six six-foot-tall hoops, PVC “brooms” that players hold between their legs, playground-style kickballs, and a great deal of chaos. But as of last weekend, quidditch can no longer boast that it is not like the other sports in one key area: being free of misconduct allegations against players. After an undisclosed incident following the Saturday championship match against fierce rival Beauxbatons, CWRUcio's lead chaser Cedric Diggory has been accused by members of the opposing team of excessively “cheugy” behavior. To prevent Diggory's behavior from reflecting poorly on the team, CWRUcio immediately suspended him.

CWRUcio captain Cormac McLaggen

refused to answer requests for comment, although in a statement announcing the suspension, he said, “Cheuginess speaks for itself, and we as a team are sorry that Cedric felt it was necessary to act in this manner. Official updates to the team roster will be announced soon.”

The Athenian reached out to Diggory the day after the incident for further information. He was willing to discuss the allegations, although honestly we could not get a word in edgewise. A selection of Diggory's interview are provided below:

[Diggory]: Do you all even know what cheugy means? Because I... do not.

[Interviewer] Well, we—

[CD]: I hope this isn't related to anything with Rowling... we have completely separated from her and want nothing to do with her rampant transphobia and bigotry. Look! We even changed our name to quadball instead of quidditch! [Note: US Quadball (USQ), the governing organization of the sport, did in fact change its

name in July 2022. Since CWRUcio is not a member of USQ the team name has not been changed.]

[I] I guess that's—

[CD] I believe I am completely innocent... this suspension is absolutely unfair and I am considering legal action.

[I] We can't say—

[CD] This is not the skin of a cheugy person, Bella! [Note: the identity of “Bella” is unknown, and why Diggory referred to his skin was unclear.]

[I] Who is—

[CD] If you could please find out who made the accusations, I would greatly like to have a polite conversation with them. I believe it is of the utmost importance to the future of society.

Other excerpts from Diggory's interview were rather irrelevant to the situation, perhaps supporting the allegations that he is, in fact, “cheugy”. Only time will tell if this star player will ever play on the quidditch turf again.

A baby-naming guide for millennial moms

Olivia Nelson

Congratulations, as we welcome to this world your brand new, beautiful baby [PLACEHOLDER]! We know that sometimes it can just be so tricky to pick the perfect name for a whole new, sentient, living person, but never to fear—we'll get to that in just a moment. For now, let's celebrate for a second. A new addition to the family is always a momentous occasion. Of course, before the baby is due, do remember to take your aesthetic announcement pictures holding a cork letter board spelling out "I'm so stuffed with a little turkey", "sun's out bump's out", or some other weird shit like "now you know I had sex and you have no choice but to think about it".

Each and every baby is special, and thus the name chosen specially for them must be perfect. But good news, everyone! *The Athenian* is proud to share our very own bundle of joy: a naming guide for expectant millennial moms.

Before we get into the nit-picky gritty, we have to ask (all together now, everyone!): WHAT... IS... THE... GENDER? This is incredibly important in choosing a name. Do we have a little buck or doe on our hands? And as always don't forget to announce it to all your friends and family at a party, and please send us all a video over Facebook. Maybe slice into a cake to find pink or blue filling? Set off a smoke bomb or even start a forest fire, we don't care! As long as it's not one of those sad beige children, have some fun with it—carte blanche!

FOR BOYS:

Karter

Alright, let's start simple. Take a super cool name like Carter, and just make it start with a K! This name originates from the middle ages, and was used to describe someone who transported things in a cart! Now isn't that just dandy? We're sure all the other kids on the playground will think the history is so cool, they won't even bother bullying your kid because it starts with a K instead!

Jax

Move over Max, now get ready for Jax! An X is always funky fresh and will make your special snowflake stand out in a crowd.

Bentley - Yup, like the car. With this name, everyone will know that this kid's parents have got class. Maybe even take it up a notch and go for Bentleygh!

Niklaus

Do you just love Christmas? Are the decorations out on the first day of November? We get it. It's just the most wonderful time of the year! Experience that joy everytime you call your baby's name with a modern twist on Nicholas.

Albus

This magical name will be sure to wow anyone who meets your gifted one. With the Latin origin of "light" or "bright", a child with this name is sure to live up to his potential. By the way, have you started looking for pre-schools yet? It's very important, they fill up quickly.

FOR GIRLS:

Katniss

We all loved *The Hunger Games*, and with the current state of U.S. politics we might as well start preparing for the end! With a name like this, your little tomboy will be sure to survive the insurgence!

Breeze

Ah, a cool summer breeze! This name brings to mind peace and comfort. If this isn't unique enough, try Fe'Breeze! Your baby is sure to feel special with this name.

Asiago

How cute, right? Consider pairing with the middle name Bagel for a delicious thematic combo! Is this Sia's full name? We may never know. If you love cheese, this baby name is perfect for you.

Mykenxzee

Wow, having X, Y, and Z? This baby will have to be a math wizard. Gift a life of misspelled Starbucks cups to your baby, she'll feel so special!

Mayo

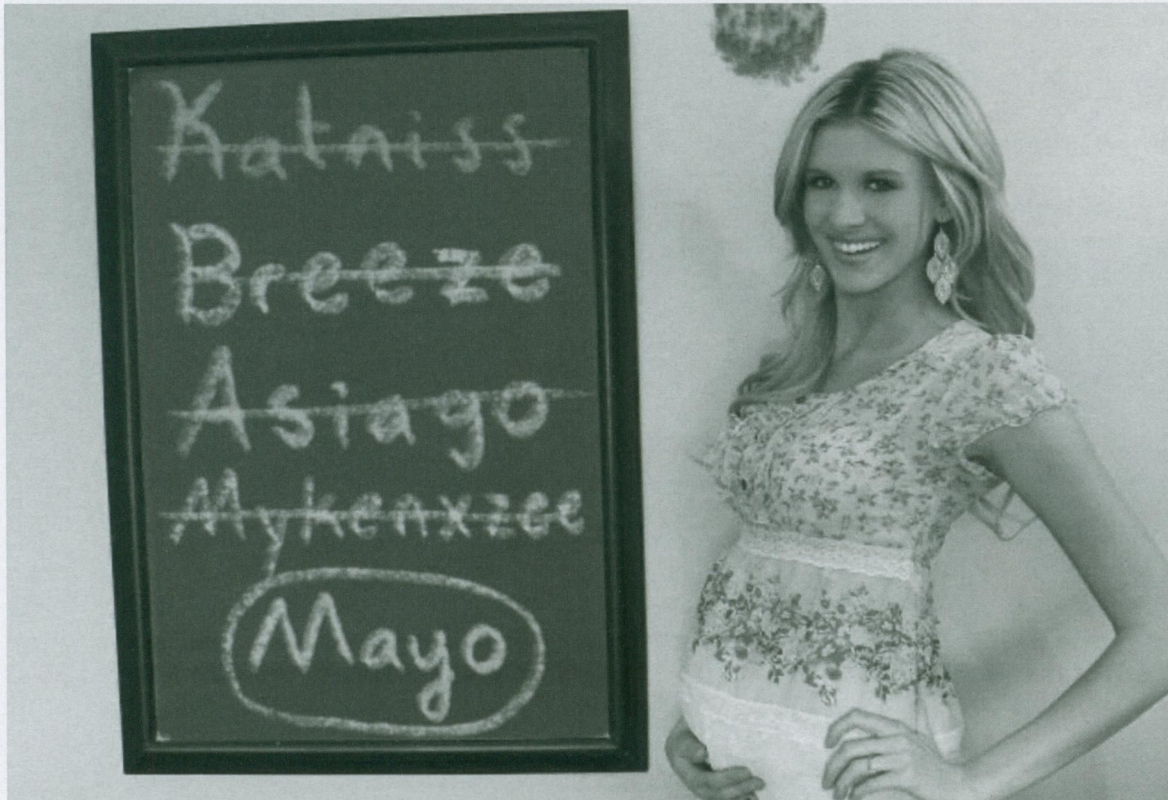
This name was the least popular boys name in 1915. Spinning it around to be a fun girl's name in 2022 is only logical. Hell yeah, feminism!

If none of these names spark joy in your heart, have no fear! Below is a create-your-own baby name generator!

[We are not responsible for the bullying your child will inevitably receive. Do not worry, it builds character.]

Birth month	First half	First letter of surname	Second half
January	Bri-	A, B	-leigh
February	Ky-	C, D	-lee
March	Ja-	E, F	-len
April	Ni-	G, H, I,	-zee
May	Lee-	J, K	-ka
June	Zay-	L, M, N	-olly
July	Me-	O, P	-upa
August	Lil-	Q, R	-wena
September	Viv-	S, T	-elle
October	Ben-	U, V	-ilor
November	Ma-	W, X	-dyn
December	So-	Y, Z	-eya

Disclaimer: If the generated name is not the correct gender, do not worry. Simply add to the end of the name an -A for a girl, or a -N or -K for a boy!



"Graphic" by
Sara Ramaiah

(this is actually
real I swear)

Spring 2023: Top Courses for iPad Technical College

Shivangi Nanda

As any Generation Alpha student will text you, a degree from iPad Technical College will give you the tools to become the introverted and tech-obsessed societal drone you have always dreamed of being. Say goodbye to awkward in-person interaction and physical activity, and say hello to a sedentary college experience that requires no social battery. With course registration for the spring starting soon, we wanted to give you a list of some popular classes you might want to get your pointer fingers on.

SOCI345- Avoiding Eye Contact

Eye contact is almost nonexistent in today's day and age. The archaic practice has no place in our modern world, and this course seeks instead to highlight the importance of embracing more distant connections. SOCI345 allows students to learn the skills needed for avoiding eye contact, as well as tests students' knowledge through Zoom practicals. As always, cameras, focus, and an attention span are optional.

MATH666-Basics of Online Calculators

With all the technology available at our fingertips we must learn how to exploit it to our benefit; math is no exception. In addition to traditional four-function calculators, the internet gives us access to calculators for statistical analysis, calculus, trigonometry, and other core courses. Learn how to navigate the system of online math through MATH666. Topics include learning to navigate Wolfram Alpha, PhotoMath, Desmos, Symbolab, and many more.

SOCM401-Advanced Social Media

Social media is how we communicate with each other and the world. Through this lecture series, students

will learn the advanced ways people communicate through social media. Guest influencers will teach students how to get likes, grow their following, and climb to the top of trending lists. To exhibit their knowledge, groups of students will be tasked to curate popular social media profiles, with extra credit being provided to students who receive the highest engagement.

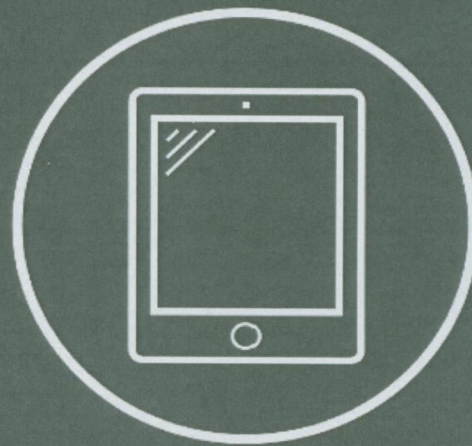
SHOP103 - Basics of Food Delivery

In the real world, no one has time for grocery shopping. SHOP103 teaches students how to use various food delivery services that make having a stay-at-home lifestyle possible. Learn the ins and outs of Instacart, Uber Eats, DoorDash and others, and teach others in your community the benefits of these ser-

vices. At the end of the course, students will have to feed themselves and a friend for 24 hours and document their experiences.

STRM445 - Advanced Streaming

It's important to know what streaming services are out there. Given the phasing out of cable TV and movie theaters, we must familiarize ourselves with the streaming services taking over our screens. From Netflix to Spotify, streaming services are how this generation connects with the world; students no longer need in-person conversation and long-term friendships to remain sane—music, podcasts, and TV have them covered. Through STRM445, students will learn to maximize streaming, and in turn their way of living, in one fell swoop.



iPad Technical College
Lux caerula et machina

Middle-aged dad on Ninja air fryer: "This purchase saved my life and marriage"

Justin Zimmerman

CLEVELAND—Local restaurateurs and life coaches are astounded as a man, aged 50, claims his air fryer purchase "turned his life around."

Greg Fondel is your ordinary family man: he owns a house, has a loving wife, three beautiful children, a stable job, and a two-car garage. But life for Fondel, however steady and secure, was growing mundane. "I needed to try something new. Get experimenting, with something thrilling and high-octane, you know?" Fondel said in an interview.

While many men his age would resolve such feelings by buying a Porsche or poorly executing an open marriage, Fondel's wife resolved to buy him an air fryer as a Christmas gift. Before long, Fondel found himself enamored with the gadget, probing new recipes and using it to cook for almost every meal.

"I mean, it does everything. Bacon, chicken wings, mozzarella sticks, ti-



lapia. Tilapia? Can you believe that? Fresh, well-cooked tilapia, in six to eight minutes. Is this thing incredible, or what?"

Fondel also believes that having the device to cook food for his children has strengthened their relationship, and given him a convenient way to make healthy meals. Says Fondel, "I love my kids very much, I really do. But all I'm saying is, if my house caught fire, the first thing I

would grab would absolutely be my air fryer, even at the risk of my own life."

The Athenian reports that since we last checked in with Fondel, the novelty of owning an air fryer had yet to wear off. Experts predict that within the next two months, readers can expect Fondel to grow just as frustrated with his air fryer as he would any other household appliance and begin the cycle anew.

Horoscopes

THE SIGNS AS GEN X HAIRSTYLES

AQUARIUS

The bob



PISCES

The "how did you know I got highlights?"



ARIES

The "Jason, 51, likes to fish and hunt"



TAURUS

The balding



GEMINI

The side part



CANCER

The "can I speak to your manager?"



LEO

The Karen 2.0



VIRGO

The Will Byers



LIBRA

The really, really bad toupee



SCORPIO

The failed bangs



SAGITTARIUS

The "I'm not their mom, I'm their sister!"



CAPRICORN

The St. Francis



A Comprehensive List of Apps and Websites that Traumatized Each Generation

Ellie Rapp

Generation Alpha: TikTok.

While TikTok is for all ages, it primarily targets those damned iPad kids, and it shows. One minute, your six-year-old son is watching a Cocomelon fan edit. The next, they see a Subway Surfers game montage with a Reddit story about a man who used "Cbat" for... *family purposes*. In mere milliseconds, your children become corrupted and start asking questions about Yung Gravy's relations with older women. The non-stop flow of degenerate media (e.g., anything made by Charli D'Amelio or Addison Rae) is projected to be the leading cause of cortical decay in this generation. And no, do not even get me started on Trisha Paytas.

Generation Z: Kik.

I have no words for this app, but I shall do my best to describe the terror it has induced in Gen Z. For all you iPad kids and irrelevant old people, Kik is a messaging app that rose to fame in the early 2010s. For all my Gen Xers, imagine Omegle but for instant messaging. For all the other old people, imagine a typewriter that only spews out NSFW fanfictions of Ronald Reagan and Margaret Thatcher, no matter what keys

you press. It is that traumatizing. This godforsaken app changed the trajectory of every user's life in the absolute worst way possible and convinced me that nobody should ever have internet access again. While it may have been used innocently by some, it destroyed the childhood innocence of enough others to generalize for all of Gen Z.

Millennials: Omegle.

Omegle, a classic. Just log on and video chat strangers from all around the world—wait, is that a dick? Disconnect. Is that ANOTHER dick? Disconnect. There we go, another—WHY IS THE BROWSER NOT CLOSING?

Generation X: AOL Instant Messenger (AIM).

Catfishing was AIM's claim to fame. Talking to someone who looks exactly like Jennifer Aniston? It is most likely a man with a rat tail haircut that is banned from all Red Lobster locations for public nudity during Lobsterfest. It was an era where people had so much faith in each other that they would doxx themselves in hope of finding true love. Truly the most heartbreaking of times for Gen X.

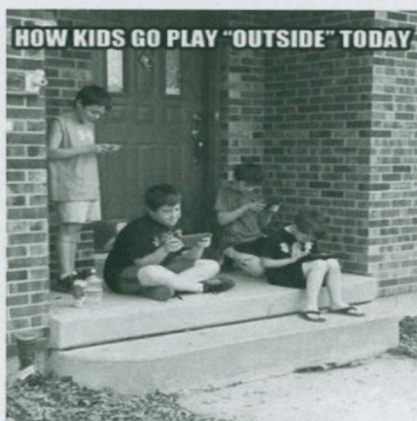
Boomers: The mailman.

Imagine: you are a healthy, 20-year-old man with no history of physical illness and a pretty nice physique. Someone knocks on your door. You think it is your lady friend, Susan. You open the door. It is not Susan. It is the mailman. He is holding something in his hand. Something bad. He frowns as he gives it to you. What is it? A draft letter. Permanent trauma. Now you are well into your 60s and still need beta blockers for the flashbacks.

Silent Generation: Morse code telegraph machine

. - . / - . . . - / - . - . . . - . / . - . . . -
- / . . . - . - / - . . . - - / - . . . - .
. - . - . - . - . / - / - . . . - . - /
- - . - . - . - / / - /
- - . - . - . / - / . - .
. - . . . / - . - . / . - . - . - / -
- . - . / - . - . . - / - . - . - . - / . - .
. - . - . - / - - / - . - . - . - / .
. - . - . - / - . - . - . - /
/ - . - / . - . - . - . - / - . - .
- - / . - . - . - /
/ . - / - / - - . - . - .
. - . / - . - . - / - . - / - . / . - .
. . . / - . - . - / . - / . - . - . -

Bad Generation Memes in 2014



Bad Generation Memes Today

Wedding Vows Through The Generations*

Meeting you was high key, the most peggars thing I ever did. No cap. You live rent free in my head, always pass the vibe check, and are bussin.

Gen Z

OMG we're about to do a thing! Getting married is so adulding of us, but I know that us and our doggo Hermione Chandler Jim and Pam Buzzfeed will make the perfect family.

Millennials

I would rather be golfing right now

Boomers

*In typical Gen X fashion, Gen X could not be found

"Those who fail to learn from history are condemned to repeat it" - Winston Churchill

Edie Barlin

Petition Put Forth by Gen A to Place Ban on Fandom Baby Names

Ebony Dark'ness Dementia Raven Way

Hi, my name is Ebony Dark'ness Dementia Raven Way, and my parents should not have had the right to name me. My fellow fandom name victims of Generation Alpha and I have created this petition to ban the use of fandom names on birth certificates. Please, for the love of Sam Smith and Kim Petras unholiness, stop naming us after whatever fandom is currently mainstream. And that does include all of you who spend your vacations Disney Bounding (my partner: Snow Belle Giselle Smith, can attest to the amount of therapy hours required to move past the constant playground bullying).

Our petition proposes the banning of names stemming from ALL fan-

doms, past or present (some of you really aren't over Supernatural yet; even Netflix categorizes it as retro TV—please seek therapy and move on) be banned from birth certificates. This does not include name changes made once you are an adult. I truly do not care what you do to yourself, but stop condemning us to the cruel and unusual torture of 7 year old girls (they're really mean). Additionally, our petition requests that nurses and obstetricians be given veto power over any name that they suspect to be fandom based.

Please join the cause and sign our petition below, so that you may help prevent another "Ebony Dark'ness Dementia Raven Way".

Signed,

1. Ebony Dark'ness Dementia Raven Way
2. Snow Belle Giselle Smith
3. Destiel Williams
4. Severus Potter Lancaster
5. Mesperyan Jackson
6. Leia Ackbar Scholnik
7. Johnlock Hamish Watson
8. Naruto Sasuke Johnson
9. Drarry Hermione Lily MacDonald
10. Vecna Bobby Brown
11. Johnny Dragonball
12. Vegeta Brown
13. Mordecai Twilight Sparkle Carson
14. Goku Smith
15. Derek Kurosaki
16. Sterek Jeter Greenburg
17. Michael Minecraft

EXCLUSIVE: Jamestown Settler Ezekiel Mordecai Thomas Speaks Out on Today's Youth

Deliverance Wigglesworth

There comes a time in every young person's life in which they must ask if they are honoring God and their ancestors by leading a righteous path and abstaining from sin. In times gone by, one would seek out the Church and our Heavenly Father for answers to such questions, but in this liberal post-industrial hellscape, the clergy and the laity alike have been deemed fit to think for themselves. In light of this short-sightedness, I have sought out the wisdom of Reverend Ezekiel Thomas, with the good counsel of the Board of Ouija, so that he may impart God's word to the godless youths of today.

[Wigglesworth]: So, Ezekiel, what dost thou make of the modern world?

[Thomas]: Please, call me Reverend. At first, I was appalled by what I saw of the children. Once my shock at the portable magic mirror device was quelled, I was nearly made to faint once more at the sight of the Tick Tock application. In my day, 'twas nary more than a female ankle permissible in polite company, and yet I was greeted by a young woman's posterior with

only an abominably immodest undergarment to cover it. Truly frightening.

[DW]: Did this shock persist in other areas of modern life?

[ET]: Ah, quite the contrary. The ways in which the heathen and the damned still live so frugally and shamefully has shown me that God's wisdom shall always persevere. After removing the disgraceful Tick Tock [sic] application from the magic mirror, I navigated to Twitter, which I'm told is the new age's town square. Words cannot express my joy at the sight of beggars, wenches, and the misbegotten churls of the world once more put to the stocks for the crime of their own misfortune. I, too, remember "canceling" the Catholics in my free time. The young people in particular are taking up the righteous mantle of purity in their celibacy and scrubbing of sex from their media.

[DW]: What do you make of the political climate?

[ET]: As God wills it, the womenfolk haven't been so subjugated to the good word's holy law in fifty, nay, one hundred years! How peculiar, though, that even the

progeny of a common whore has some say in the law now, when he owns not an inch of land."

[DW]: Actually, the womenfolk can vote too now, Reverend.

[ET]: They can WHAT? Perhaps this new age is godforsaken after all...

The Reverend then took out his pipe and lit it before I interrupted him.

[DW]: Reverend, sir, you can't smoke indoors.

[ET]: Hah, you're a funny woman.

[DW]: I'm not joking, sir.

With that, the Reverend's face grew solemn and he stood up to leave the room. I would have followed him out, but such is not my place as a woman. I sent the fastest courier pigeon to beg for Ezekiel's return, but by the time it came back it held only his obituary. Apparently a street urchin had fed him one of his favorite corn-derived snacks, Flamin' Hot Cheetos, and the man was so overtaken by shock that he was sent directly to the kingdom of God.

May he rest in peace.

Your Favorite Antidepressant Based on Your Generation

Ellie Rapp

Note: this article is not meant to act as medical advice. If you are looking to be prescribed medication, talk to your healthcare provider or ask for the nearest shady-looking person on Euclid.

Generation Alpha: Auvelity.

Auvelity, known also as dextromethorphan-bupropion, is one of the newest antidepressants on the market. Why? It works within one week of taking it, as opposed to nearly a month for its comparable counterparts. This is super important for you, you little Gen Alpha piece of shit, because your attention span has been fried by Co-melon, Fortnite, and Bang energy

drinks. You will get bored of being depressed much quicker than older generations, so this antidepressant is the one for you.

Generation Z: Zoloft.

Sertraline, or Zoloft, is such a classic Gen Z go-to. You know about her all too well. You have formed an inseparable bond with Miss Zoloft, thanks to Miss Rona. Where would we all be without her? God knows.

Millennials: Disney World.

Millennial, you are a bit different than your younger counterparts. You are much more engaged in the capitalist media that surrounds us all.

You think a mouse in underwear and comically large shoes that puts entire families in debt for one day at a theme park filled with other millennials can cure your depression? Bad news: it will not make you happier. Enjoy your impending alcoholism.

Generation X: Cymbalta.

Cymbalta is known as duloxetine to medical snobs, but to you, dearest Gen Xer, it is your savior. I have seen you in those Cymbalta commercials. You stare longingly out the kitchen window watching your husband play with your daughter and son on the swingset. Gloom invades your every thought, as if a dark cloud permanently parked itself above your head. The picture becomes fully black and white. But then, just when all hope seems lost, ENTER CYMBALTA: an acoustic guitar is jangling a corny melody, a feminine voice is telling you about the risk of death associated with taking it, and you are once again reunited in the backyard with your family. Beautiful.

Boomers: Horrendous, outdated political views.

Boomer, why do you feel so invigorated when you cuss someone out on Facebook for supporting the LGBTQ+ community? Why do you get so much gratification from harassing your grandchild's second grade social studies teacher because they asked for your pronouns? Why do you feel proud that you believe white people are oppressed? Why does worshipping Trump take you to cloud nine? Well, because it makes you feel better. It is your antidepressant to have shitty opinions.

Silent Generation: ???

A bit confused here. What do you mean by "antidepressants" and "depression"? Just smile. You were in the war. You know what it is like to be upset. Get over it.



Honorable mention: Generation V (vape) loves smoking that gas! Zaza experts right here!
Graphic by Sara Ramaiah

How Generation Z Defies Boomers

Sen Hel P.

Grandparents and grandchildren. Marvelous folk — wisdom to share and gain, innocence and laughter to be had — until the differences sum to a disproportionate perspective on experiences. The ones with more life experiences weigh the ones without on the same scale they used to measure, nurture, and cultivate truly incredible egos.

To understand the difficult emotions experienced between Generation Z and the Baby Boomer generation, we interviewed a prominent voice of Generation Z. The following includes their statement:

[START]

We've all been there. In that crowded restaurant. Serving. Just not the type of serving they actually want you to do. After the exhausted chef accidentally sears the steak a little too long, you grimace at the plate. You tentatively set down the plate at the table, your hopes rising and rising when they exchange pleasantries. You start walking away when one of them shakes their head and remarks, "This generation, I tell you. Back in my day..."

I mean, at least they're nice enough to say it behind your back.

It might have looked more like this:

"Grandpa's being grandpa again, mama." You tug at your mother's cooking apron, your mind already focused on the iPad kept "hidden" in your mother's drawer.

"You know, Janice, it would be good to get your boy outside playing in the mud. Kids these days are so lazy, their faces always pressed up against some screen or technology."

"Alright, Dad. Let's get you to bed."

Whatever it is, we've all experienced

this. We're Generation Z.

It may have been more mild as the years go on by. It might, instead, be something along the lines of: "Do you remember when this [old-ass fad] happened?" To which, you would have had to respond with: "I was not born yet then." And that would have been responded with varying degrees of shock or horror or comments about their own age...or comments about your age.

And then, something magical happens. Something absolutely astounding.

"Your generation is so lazy nowadays, always googling the next answer to life's problems. Back in my day, I paid off my college tuition with money I earned from washing dishes. I took my problems in my own hands and fixed it with good ol' sweat."

You realize.

[FIN.]

Lovely, right?

Generation Z. The generation whose oldest members are currently burgeoning into the beginning stages of adulthood. They are known for not remembering or experiencing the traumatic national event that defined subsequent years, folding 'isms into neatly wrapped bags of money and violence. They are known for their exposure to social media and the 8th wonder of the world, the Internet. They are constantly pressured into becoming more than who they want to be; realizing their emotions, processing them fully, and addressing them properly (or improperly, as the process tends to get) — this part of maturity is completely swept away. Totally insignificant. No relevance whatsoever.

Now, let's take a look at this entire package.

Social media. Great expectations. A

blow to the developmental process. Mental health (or lack thereof). Wars. Corruption. Terrorism. Climate Change. Internet. Family. Economic instability and financial insecurity. Racism. Sexism. Homophobia. Xenophobia. Probably more.

But this is hardly relevant — Generation Z is just lazy. That's it.

Never mind the academic pressure, the anxiety, the stress, the depression.

Never mind the countless nights back in high school you worked to save money for college, only to find tuition rising in the tens of thousands and affordable housing increasingly sparse. Never mind you applied to countless scholarships, receiving only a dribble of cash that barely paid off your textbooks. Never mind the crushing hundreds of thousands in your student loan debt. Never mind your parents working their asses off, never having time to help you address those emotions or properly raise you. Never mind the endless despair at the 'isms striking back, the wars and revolutions fought by people your age, the inevitability of irreversible climate change occurring before your very eyes.

Never mind the unpaid internships promising nothing but coffee and experience to build on your caffeine addiction and years of unpaid intern experience. Never mind the sleep deprivation. Never mind that college is difficult. Never mind the lack of care in mental health.

Never mind that you "did everything right" and it still isn't enough.

A comment from a retired 63-year old, found sipping coffee while enjoying his Sunday paper:

All you have to do is pull yourself up by the bootstraps and keep at it, kid. Nothing to it. Wash dishes for a living, and you'll earn a million dollars one day like me. Trust me. You'll get there.

School organizes faculty orgy to ensure millennial English teachers get pregnant

Johnathan Cornelius Ticklepickle

Approximately three weeks ago, administration at White Suburban High School ordered groups of teachers to assemble for a school-sponsored orgy. WSHS principal Henry Hickleberry Jefferson McBitchslap VII called for much of the school's faculty and their spouses to meet in the teachers' lounge after school hours to make sure at least half of the English Department's faculty become pregnant by year's end. *The Athenian* interviewed McBitchslap for more information about this decision.

"You see, our whole first semester had come and gone, and we'd only had one pregnancy so far among the entire faculty. It wasn't even any of our English teachers. We were over halfway through January and still nothing. It was starting to scare me, the idea that we wouldn't have anyone on maternity leave next year, as is tradition here at WSHS." When asked about why teachers are so encouraged to get pregnant, McBitchslap simply replied, "I don't know man, they just... are. That's just how it is."

With the situation looking dire, McBitchslap found a solution. "Well, once I was walking through the halls and I noticed many of our teachers standing outside their classrooms, chatting with each other about the usual superficial bullshit. They looked like they were really pent-up about something, like they wanted to, you know, let it all out. So I thought it over that night, and eventually decided that what our teachers needed was to get to-

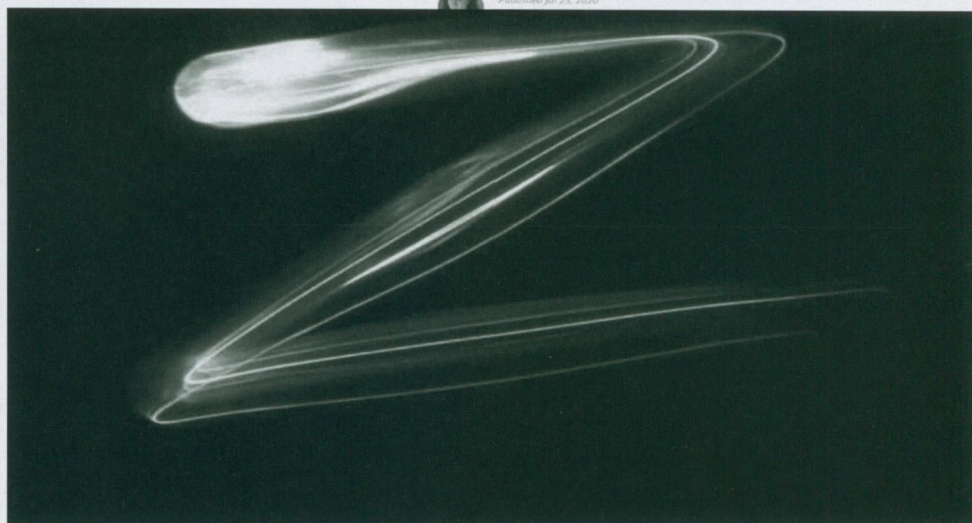
gether, just once, and fuck like rabbits all night." Thus, McBitchslap promptly organized a "Faculty Fuck Night" that Friday evening.

McBitchslap reportedly took a head count of more than fifty staff members present at the orgy, but says "none of them brought their spouses, even though the option was open to them". Because of the size of WSHS's faculty team, McBitchslap says that he was "honestly surprised by the turnout. Like, I knew some of these people were horny, but man, that was basically our whole faculty roster." McBitchslap told us that the six-hour event was successful in its goal for reaching the English department's

pregnancy quota.

Upon learning that she had become pregnant, American Literature teacher Mrs. Kortney Tumbleweed described her excitement to contribute to WSHS tradition. "I'm literally so excited to be pregnant! Me and my husband Brett are going to have, like, the cutest baby ever!" she said, seeming to forget that Brett was not a faculty member at WSHS. Nonetheless, we proceeded to ask her what she might name her baby when the time comes. "If it's a boy, I'm thinking I wanna name him something like Zaidynn*. It's just so quirky and unique!" Zaidynn Tumbleweed is expected to be due sometime this April.

31 Creative Baby Names That Didn't Exist Until Millennial Moms Came Along



Roman Sigaev/shutterstock

ZAYDEN

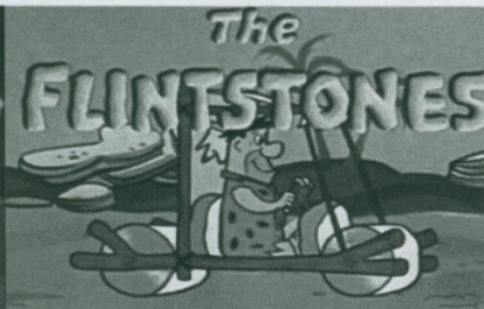
Zayden is a totally modern, made-up name. No wonder it has become so popular! After all, it is spelled with letters popular in the post-millennium: z and y.

What the era of cartoons you grew up with says about your generation!

BOOMER



GEN X



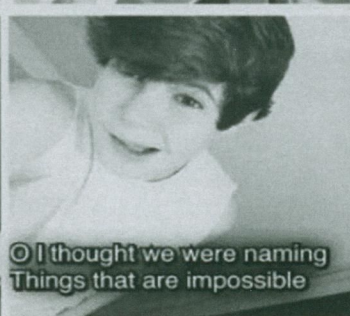
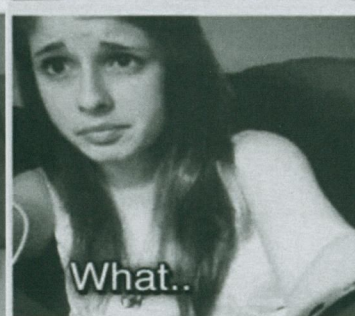
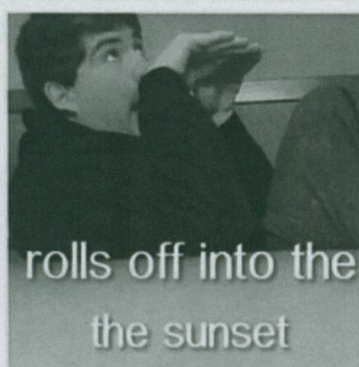
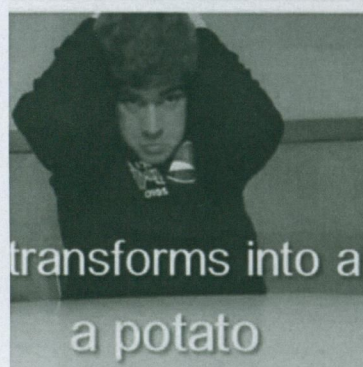
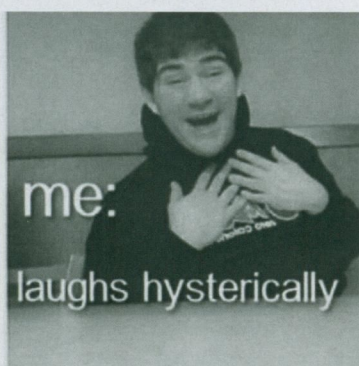
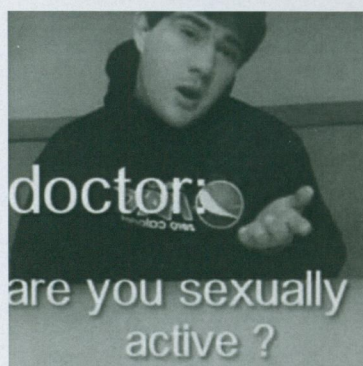
MILLENNIAL



GEN Z



ALERT: We are now looking for a new proofreader, effective immediately. *The Athenian* no longer affiliates with [NAME REDACTED], who submitted this foul and degenerate graphic to be included in Issue 130. Applications and inquiries can be sent to Ellie Rapp, Editor-in-Chief, and Sofia Lemberg, Managing Editor, via carrier pigeon or via email (josephmother@case.edu).



i like you sheshees

