

Dear Seniors...

Our senior year has finally begun, and with ten weeks already down, it seems as if the year is flying by. With the end of each day we are that much closer to graduation. Unfortunately, senioritis is also already making its appearance, pumping through our veins, but the amount in each person is different. There are those of us who do our homework diligently, thinking ahead to next year when there won't be teachers to hound and make certain we've done our work, begging us to make certain we get assignments in on time. Then there are those that can barely drag themselves in by 8:08. For them, the future may not be so clear, and real-life (aka, "life after high school") could be a slap in the face. Hopefully, we'll all have a clearer picture of the future as the weeks go by and the first semester nears an end.

Even though we are creeping ever closer to that graduation day, we shouldn't forget that we were once freshmen. We stood in the middle of the halls and giggled just like all the freshmen we have seen since then. At one time we were klutzy and clueless. We'll all be there again, soon enough.

As we celebrate our last year as children, we must prepare for our first year as adults. College, the military, and vocational schools won't wait. Applications are due and plans must be made. We still have to set goals for the years to come, but we can still make this year memorable and worth while.

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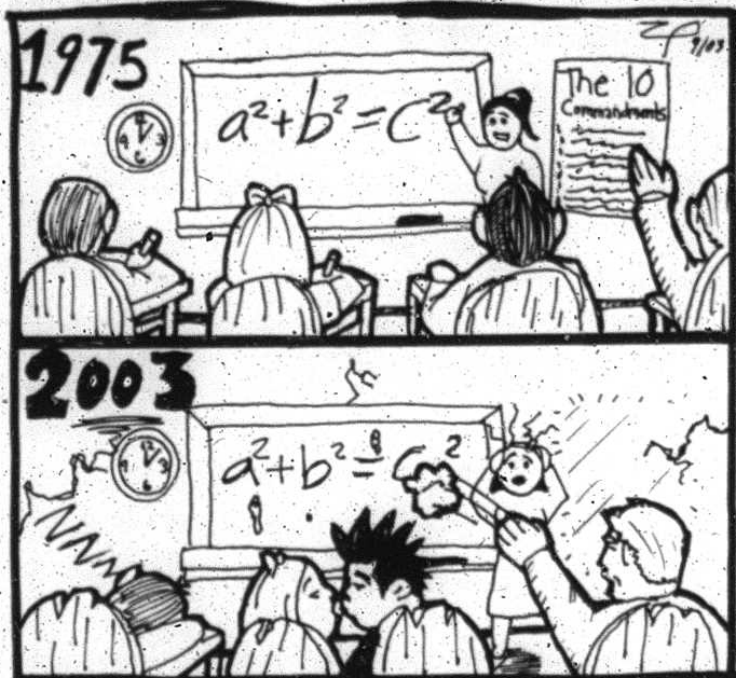
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Morals could return with Ten Commandments

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As I walk down the halls and visit my classrooms each day at the high school, my attention is drawn to the many posters plastered on the walls. Although the posters may not apply to me, out of curiosity I may glance at them to see what they are pertaining to. As I read through these posters and flyers, I can't help but feel there is a very important one missing...the Ten Commandments.

Personally, I think that the Ten Commandments should be posted in schools, as well as other official public buildings. The Ten Commandments is a historical document, and should be treated as one. Just as the Bill of Rights, which states our freedoms, the Ten Commandments states laws by which we should live. Some people may feel that the Ten Commandments shouldn't be placed in schools because of its reference to God, but there are many historical documents that already do. "America the Beautiful," "The Pledge of Al-

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legiance," and even our money involve God. So why are these documents allowed to be posted and not the Ten Commandments?

Some of you may also feel that it would not be fair for those people who don't believe in God or the Ten Commandments to be exposed to them. They may not believe, and that is their choice. However, I do not believe in the "Big Bang" theory, or that people evolved from monkeys, but I have been exposed to that. Just because you read the Ten Commandments doesn't mean

you have to believe or agree with them, but wouldn't it be unfair to not let those who do believe have the opportunity to see them posted in their school?

School has changed a tremendous amount over the years. It used to be a place where a person could come and feel safe, but it isn't that way anymore. There have been school shootings, drugs and many other things taking place that shouldn't. I know some of these things will continue no matter what, but I don't think it would be as severe if the Ten Commandments were posted. If students just got the opportunity to read them, they may think twice about their actions, whether it be bringing a gun to school, or just simply letting a curse word fly.

I feel strongly that the Ten Commandments should be posted in schools. Really, what's the harm of being exposed to ten simple rules about how to live?

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