

THE ITCH

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AGAINST THE ITCH, PLEASE CALL 0200-215800. Or you know what? Don't. That was a little too mean, considering it is a pay number (it will buy you a "Thigh glider" from TV-Shop with an included Zumba dvd, fyi)(also, don't be so judgmental. We're happy for any sponsors we get). Just send us an e-mail. Or just don't.

WEDNESDAY, AT NOON



The teachers - gravitating towards the entrance with an upright solemnity, like the penultimate scene of morale-instilling peptalk (before the last, victorious effort after a series of defeats) in just-about-any-war-movie-ever-made, saying about the enemy: "they ain't gonna break us!". The students - almost disappointedly reacting to how the ambulance that suddenly rounds the corner audaciously drives past. Us - rejoicing!, having our first experience of professional journalism, frenzying about the schoolyard to get the hard facts as if we had CNN on the line, then taking jocular pictures, churning out puns, one more distasteful than the other (the low water-mark of which would have been the caption "smoking hot" to the firemen picture [so I decided I would embed it here, hehehe, because I didn't want to drop it altogether]). "The sensation!" "The scoop!" "A juicy vessel in an eroded desert!".

As it turns out, the proportions of the incident were modest. I mean, we didn't even land a notice in the local paper! But entering an IHGR behind a milky glaze of poison-smoke, and with one helluva staircase in our school, we realise the proportions could have been different. This issue was, for an editor, a process of careful consideration, one of balancing nervous joking with as nervous reassurances of that we, after all, try to be a serious newspaper.

Well, actually, that was our only reassurance for today. Having disarmed any potential criticism by acknowledging our predicament we say: on to the nervous joking!

How low can we go when joking about potential disasters? Do you think the school handled the incident well? Try to get a word in edgeways in the feverous discussion on **WWW.THEIHRITCH.WORDPRESS.COM**

Being the multitasking genius it is, the Itch does now, in response to an overwhelming reader demand, double as a coffee cup coaster, and we're totally fine with it.

No but really: anything for the coffee machine

Congratulations!



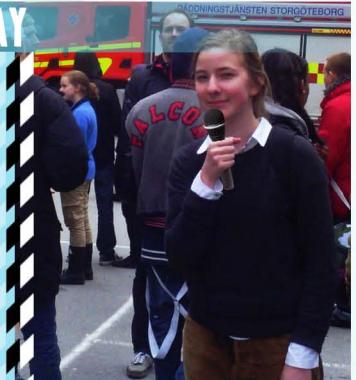
Fruitson, April 21st

The Itch is more than happy to publish in-jokes. From now on, we are also very happy to only publish your name without the picture, for you who are still not convinced that it won't be in the pore:crater scale. Just write "name only" on the list.

WHAT THE EXPERTS SAY

The Itch has undertaken an independent investigation to resolve the many questions ensuing Wednesday's fire. To our help, we have consulted a team of experts eminent in their field.

- the criminologist
- the forensic chemist
- the conspiracy theorist



We would like to hear your judgment So, what's your working of the various rumours in circulation. hypothesis?

Could it have been an accident of someone smoking on the toilet?

Impossible.

I am currently in the throes of looking through the cold-case files from the 60s. I have found a couple of serial pyromaniacs I would like to examine a little closer. They all died in the 80s so that's a pretty solid alibi, I would say, but once you've excluded the impossible, what remains must be the truth.

A failed chemistry experiment?

Hmm. That would certainly have excluded everybody but the SP-classes, but I would say it is impossible. Next.

Eh, an act of terror aimed at the ongoing UN-roleplay deliberations?

That would have been a clumsy act of terror. Impossible.

The people pictured have nothing to do with the text



What have you established so far?
I have concluded that the burnt paper tissue was, in fact, a paper tissue.

Can you tie anyone to the crime scene?

I have not investigated the crime scene. I mean, it's a public toilet, for god's sake.

Do you think the school plotted the fire in order to obtain insurance money?
The school? Hell no. What's the likelihood of that?

Nonexistent, I guess. So what do you make of it?
When you look at the floor plan in intersection, you will see that the points at which the fire took place, the site of the fire extinguisher and the place of the fire alarm form a triangle.

Wow, that's... wow. Just wow. Yet, any three points would form a triangle, wouldn't they?
Ehh, have you read "Angels and Demons"?



Me? Yes.
It is so obvious, isn't? Fire: one of the four elements - the modus operandi of Illuminati. I would expect a water leakage, the mysterious withering of the stone floor and the anonymous, inexplicable delivery of a wind machine to occur in the next couple of weeks. Remember who told you first.

CULTURE OF THE WEEK

“ The food is better in the Swedish school. In our school, the food is not prepared in school - they transport the food to all schools so that is not so good. The Hungarian school is not as free so you cannot just go to any course you want. There are not as many options as here. The lessons are shorter, about 45 minutes, and we have more lessons: a certain number of hours per week.

Tomás Schanka-Toth, visitor from Hungary (grade 11)



Photo: Jorun Bork

If you have experiences from another culture and would like to pen some words for this feature, just contact Lovisa

3rd-graders: it's time to get sentimental!

To your assistance, we will for every issue provide you with some IHGR-nostalgia for your amusement. Do you remember...

...how many times you've awkwardly met a teacher off-duty in town?

EXCLUSIVE

interview with Fredrick Hopcraft-Bengtsson - the new chairman

PRESIDENT

of the Union of the Students



Hopcraft-Bengtsson swearing the presidential oath

How does it feel to have won the position as chairman?

Do you have any immediate plans for the school?

It is a great honor for me to be chosen for this position. Not only because Mariami, a great and intelligent person, had this same position before me, but also people voted for me, so I must have shown people that I know what I am doing and I know how to do it.

Karin Ajaelu

Well I will have to talk to my board members before anything is final, BUT YES I DO. [...] More information about this matter will be given by my Information Responsible: Niam Nasaj in NP2.

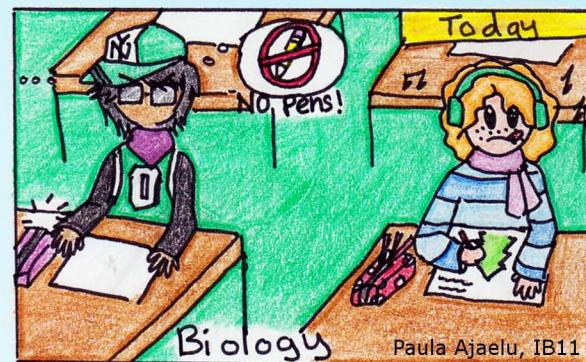


The UN-roleplay discussing the Syria question, which they eventually resolved - a hard blow to Kofi Annans self-esteem, we heard. Photo: Jorun Bork

(ok, sorry IB12, that doesn't quite include you)

No, to you we would only like to wish one big fat GOOD LUCK. We would also like to encourage students to pray to their god on behalf of you.

Being an international school, we figured, we're bound to be right at least once.



Paula Ajaelu, IB11

STUDENT DEMOCRACY - A CORNERSTONE OF IHGR

(...so important, in fact, that they allegedly sent for Hungarian undercover election observers.)

Just last week, an important election took place, this being the election of the STUNs new Chairman. There were a number of candidates from different programs, each of them having different ideas for the school, and striving towards becoming Chairman and everything it entails.

Henrietta Ajaelu

The New Stun Administration

President: Fredrik Hopcraft-Bengtson NP2

Vice President: Zhevin Nizarki SP2B

Secretary of Stun: Karin Ajeulu IB11

Press Conference-Responsible: Niam Nasaj NP2

Finance Minister: Leonardo Bagiu NP1

Covert Operations (sounds as fancy as it is): Dunia Aziz SP2B

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