

**Randa's Bull**

**Get Wit' it, yo!**

**Teenage lingo merits its own dictionary**

BY MARANDA GOINS

Do you remember when we used to say stuff like RAD! And FAR OUT? Yeah, me neither. But I bet your parents remember when they used to talk like that.

My point is that the English language seems to change faster than you can even speak it. Ok...so maybe that's only true for slang, but we talk in slang almost all the time. Right?

If I had a dictionary for every time someone said something like "off the heezy," or "word to ya mamma" then maybe I could come to terms with this modern-day vernacular.

But these phrases aren't even in

the dictionary (which makes me wonder where we've derived them), therefore they merit their own dictionary, or at least their own definitions.

Really, Kudos to the person who actually understands the phrases they use instead of just using them because everyone else does.

I mean, dawg, that's like totally sweet and solid if you ever get krunk wit' yo talk and for real, take that thang off da hook, or chain, or heezy, or whatever.

Ok. Before you think I'm wack...this is how we really sound. We just don't notice how we talk until someone says something about it. And not ev-

erybody understands us. Really, just what is a heezy and why would anyone want to tell my momma?

But, just listen to the way we talk. Have you ever noticed how many times in one conversation you hear the word like? Just listen to yourself talk and I bet it will be, like, so hard not to say it.

Also, try to remember all of the modern slang used in your conversations. You may not have even known that half of those words even existed, much less realize their meaning.

But new words and phrases do seem to be a part of life and they change

with time. So, next time you say, "My Boo's ride is sweet," instead of saying something like "My main guy's hot rod is swell!" you can remind the 60 year-old language critics who don't understand what you are trying to say that this isn't 1950!

But be sweet about it because I'm sure those people really don't mean any harm. In my opinion, it's probably just their way of trying to be more 'hip' and in tune with the teenage lingo. And all they really want is to be able to communicate with us.

And, dude, that's just solid!

**Things that chafe my behind**

**Open your eyes: Discover diversity**

BY MAYURI BHAKTA

I believe that it is impossible for one to live life without finding something or another that aggravates or annoys them. No one can say they enjoy these negative emotions, but they are common to possess. For the forthcoming issues, I will outline the things that personally chafe my behind.

Narrow mindedness, to the extent that an individual can be incapable of thinking outside their norm. When thoughts and views that are not necessarily one's own are expressed, one criticizes it to the extent of just being ignorant.

This world is not a prototype for any individual and their "self" society; it's filled with a diverse group of people that will have a differing perception of life. People cannot help what information is being thrown at them, but God has given us the ability to reason.

Be teachable: be willing to see life through another's perspective while pushing personal views aside.

Be accepting: don't judge people for what they believe in. There is always reasoning behind their beliefs. Taking the time to understand their point of view creates respect for their views.

Be open: as long as you know who you are and your beliefs, don't be afraid to learn something new. When both individuals are accepting, both take in a lot and come out with a lot.

I'm not saying for an individual to throw aside all they believe in. But sometimes I just feel people know little about what they talk about. People can't help being biased to their own beliefs, but we all have a lot we can learn from each other.

Let's all open our eyes and discover that this world is full of differences. Let's stop judging and just be understanding. When we do, we will begin to grow.

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**LIONS' PRIDE**

BY MAYURI BHAKTA

**Football**  
Taylor Graves -averages 6 pancake blocks per game has not given up a sack all year



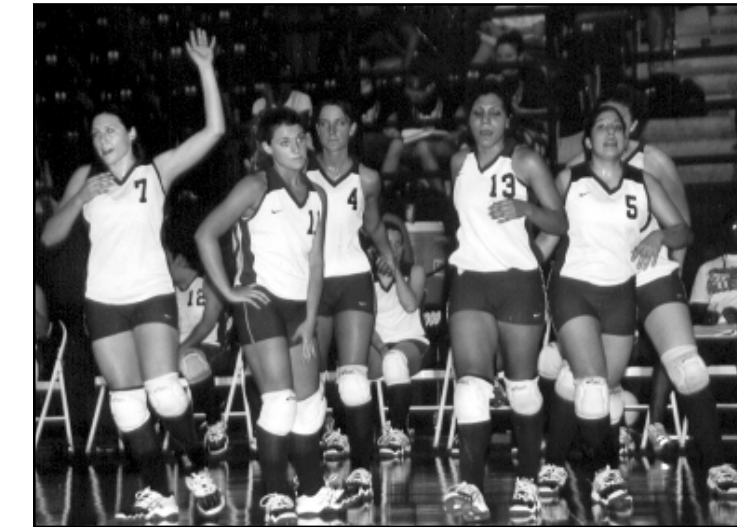
"[An] outstanding young man who is a positive role model for others. His future contributions to society will make one proud that he is a Brownwood Lion," Coach Mitch Stovall



**Volleyball**  
Kisha Joyner -"outside" or "strong-side" hitter Led the team with defensive digs and passing

"...an example to all female athletes that dedication, commitment, and hard work will be rewarded with strong, intimidating play," Coach Mary T. Steed

**Cross Country**  
Betsy Childs "...has competed well this year and her dedication has been appreciated by the team," Coach Shane Perkins



**A Noble Battle**

**Volleyball team brings tough season to an end**

BY BENJAMIN HUMENIUK

Coach Mary Steed is in awe of her volleyball girls.

"By far, they are the most hard-working, loyal, committed, and determined of any athletes I've ever worked with," Steed said.

This praise is not easily won. The girls have maintained a rigorous schedule, with some members working of their own will two to three hours over the summer.

In spite of their hard work, the team was not able to meet all of their goals for the season.

"[We were] really good, even though we didn't win as many as we had hoped, since all of us were new to varsity," sophomore Erica Evans said.

Junior Erin Gabaree agrees.

"[It was hard,] knowing you worked so hard and the team didn't have as much success as you wanted," Gabaree said.

The team poured themselves out, running the gym stairs with weight belts and sweating themselves out of energy, according to Coach Steed.

But, despite the hardships, the team had some very strong points.

"[I most enjoyed] being able to have fun and getting to know these girls and Coach Steed better," Gabaree said.

Evans agrees.

"Our love for the game and each other [was the best]," Evans said. "We had many trials this year, but hard times bring you closer, build character."

Now, as some go to basketball and some head to off-season, the seasoned girls look ahead to next year.

"We now have the experience of a varsity team. We're... stronger in some [areas]... we've seen the battlefield. Now we know how to win," Evans said.

**Tennis team advances to Regionals**

BY ASHLEY OSWOOD

Tonight and tomorrow the varsity tennis team will be competing in the Regionals tournament in Wichita Falls.

Last Saturday they traveled to Burleson, and entered the playoff tournament as the number two seed.

Finishing off North Crowley 10-7, they clenched an advancement position. They lost to Granbury in the finals, placing them second in district.

"I'm really proud of all the kids. We went in with a good attitude even with the absence of a player. They showed heart and it paid off," head coach, Jayson Everett said.

**Goal in Sight Cross Country prepares to finish season**

The Cross Country team will compete in the district meet at Stephenville this Friday, finishing a tough schedule and a challenging season.

The team has continued to work out at 6 a.m. and has endured many early Saturday morning meets.

Also, despite facing the dustiest of trails and the steepest of hills, the team has seen their times improve remarkably, some as drastically as from 26:09 for 3 miles to 23:11.