

Student Sexting

Student Legal Advice

BY HUNTER GARRETT

Sending nude or sexually engaged pictures has grown into a nationwide controversy as technology progresses and these pictures become easier to attain. Taking, sending, and receiving nude pictures has become a popular activity among teenagers. The growing trend of sending nude pictures, known as "sexting", is not taken as seriously as it should by many young people.

According to the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy, those who sext do it to get someone else's attention. Surprisingly, sexting is not just an act among teenagers. According to AK Tweens, the nation's leading tween girl marketing consultancy and Research Company, 30 percent of tween (pre-teen between ages 10-13) girls sext. This is an alarming find because quite a few of the tweens surveyed were no older than 10 years of age.

The major controversy with sexting is that explicit photos of a minor constitute child pornography. This is a serious felony that results in long term consequences, such as large fines and sexual offender statures.

According to Michael McCandless, a Bartow Senior High ninth grader, "teenagers feel as if it is easier to engage in sexting because of the advancement in technology." In addition, McCandless sees technology as an "issue of abusing technology for its actual intentions."

Sexting is not only a felony, but it could become a huge embarrassment for somebody exposed. According to IB senior Jonathan Talit, "It's controversial between rights of privacy vs. child pornography because most people who send nude pictures are under 18." Talit believes the ease of technology and break-ups result in embarrassing situations.

It only takes a matter of seconds to change a person's life forever.

Senior Spotlight



Carrie Goad

BY ROBYN MCRAE

Both friends and family motivated Goad to stay in school. Now that she has completed the bulk of that task, she plans on graduating and then attending "Polk State College and University of Southern Florida, spending two years at both" in order to pursue a career as a registered Nurse.

Goad has no regrets of her high school experience and enjoyed her night as a junior at 2009 Prom. Her favorite teacher was Major Lewis, a Summerlin employee who teaches multiple math classes.

Goad's main focus in her final year is to "maintain a grade point average above a 4.0" and graduate with honors from Summerlin Academy.

Summerlin Academy cadet, Carrie Goad, is finally on the last leg of her high school journey. In her opinion, being a senior is both "good and scary at the same time because the senior year is here but it will soon be gone as time flies by and [she'll] be away from her friends."

Goad has given all four years of high school to the Summerlin academy that launched in 2006. While doing so, she was honored with "1st in State Chinese Competition in 9th grade."

Socialization

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Builders taking part in the new project are students in Mr. Giles' classes. The students who work on the tables will primarily be second year students but there may be a few third year students who will assist as well. The students are expected to take part in the planning, ordering material, and actual constructing or building of the tables. This assignment is partially introduced to further the experience that the students have with woodshop equipment.

Level 2 student Alison Martin stated that she expects "to improve [her] measurement skills and improve overall in construction basics." Mr. Giles

believes that the tables will be a success as a result of his students being well-trained in the area of construction for things such as these tables.

It is predicted that the new picnic tables should last for five to ten years. The construction of the tables will begin around the first of December and should be completed before the beginning of winter break. In order to sponsor the tables, Mr. Giles expects several clubs to step up and agree on sponsoring one table or maybe even two. Leadership has already agreed to sponsor two tables that will be put in the area by the reading wing. These tables will be an asset to the students and hopefully will be a success for the students who are building them.

Brain Teasers

BY MICHAEL MCCANDLESS

You ever heard of brain teasers? Well if you haven't, there these little annoying questions or puzzles that is supposed to "tease" your brain. But I believe they just annoy you. Now, this is just my opinion. The questions look just easy enough for you to think, "I can do that". You try it, then you begin to think. Then they get harder, and you begin to ask other people - to no avail, Finally, ou gave up flip the page and move on with your life. I've had a brain "Teaser" Mess with me for like a week. So, I turned to one thing that always has answers, Google. The question was this... *Detectives walk in*

to find a man hanging from the ceiling with only a puddle of water under him. How did the guy get up there? Intriguing? There are people who love these things. These are people I consider to have "brain power," meaning that they have the ability to do things so simple (that would stump the average person) in an instant. My mother is one of these people, having already completed over two books of these things. To see if you enjoy these brain "teasers", a quick question and you can try as you might because you will never find the answer. *What is as tall as you but doesn't weigh anything?* Now give that time. Think about that and ask people if you must. Need help? The answer is....