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## Offense, Coaches, Quarterbacks, *oh my!*

by Joey Gardyasz

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Eagles fans have had to endure a lot of changes this off-season. The first major change was on December 29th when the Eagles decided to part ways with head coach Chip Kelly. The move was not a major shock to most, seeing as Chip Kelly's offense never got off the ground in 2015 and

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failed to get the Eagles to the postseason for the second straight season. In less than a month, the Eagles found their new head coach. The man they hired was Doug Pederson, formerly the offensive coordinator of the Kansas City Chiefs. The Eagles tried to use a high tempo offense in 2015, but the offensive style just did not click. Doug Pederson's offense was a lot different in Kansas City. The Chiefs took a more "pro style" approach, meaning that a higher percentage of snaps were taken from under center. Another big change was the Eagles move to sign former Kansas City backup Chase Daniel to a three year contract.

I like the way the Eagles made a move for a quarterback who is already familiar with the system. I am also interested in seeing what the defense will look like next year. After trades that made the Eagles lose Byron Maxwell, Kiko Alonso, and DeMeco Ryans on the defensive side on the ball, I think the Eagles need to address these holes in the draft or free agency.



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## Not English Class

In "Not English Class," we pick a word or phrase in English and teach you the translation of it in a different language. The phonetics are above the word or phrase, so you'll be able to pronounce it. It's totally free and you can't fail the "class!"

Probably a favorite: **I DON'T KNOW**

In Chinese Mandarin: <sup>w ō b ù z h ī d à o</sup> 我不知道

In Russian: <sup>â n e z n a ũ</sup> Я НЕ ЗНАЮ

In Hindi: <sup>mujhe nahīṁ patā</sup> मुझे नहीं पता

## WELCOME TO THE WHITE LAUGH APOCALYPSE

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WHERE THE BEAUTIFUL ACTION OF LAUGHING BECOMES AN ENEMY TO THE WORLD

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## Student Spotlight

by Amber Headrick

For this edition of Student Spotlight, I interviewed senior **Niambi Ra'ifa**, an incredibly smart student. Not only was she accepted to every university, but she also received major scholarships from Widener, Kutztown, and more. Here's what she told me during our interview:

**AH:** How has your senior year been treating you?

**NR:** It's been treating me wonderfully!

**AH:** That's lovely. Now, have you decided where you'll be going come this fall?

**NR:** No, I haven't.

**AH:** Well, what are some of your options?

**NR:** St. Joseph's University, Widener University, Kutztown University, and maybe Millersville University.

**AH:** That's intriguing! Are you leaning towards any particular one?

**NR:** I almost got a full ride at Kutztown, but I do not want to go there. Saint Joseph is pretty much now my number one because I found out I can't get a masters in computer science at Widener. I'm also leaning towards Saint Joseph's because they gave me a very significant amount of money, but I'll probably go to Kutztown.

**AH:** That sounds amazing! It seems like you've got a good amount of options. So, you'll be mastering in computer science? Have you taken any courses that leaned you towards that?

**NR:** Not necessarily, but I have taken calculus, 3D animation, intro to engineering and principles to engineering.

**AH:** And you enjoyed those classes, I'm sure. What's been your favorite course so far?

**NR:** So far, it's been calculus. I love math.

**AH:** Math is a great subject. So, other than school wise, what is your favorite thing to do?

**NR:** Play video games, watch movies, sleep, and sometimes read.

**AH:** Well, I can't blame you there. I'm afraid that's all the time we have for this interview, but I'd like to thank you for taking the time to do this interview.

**NR:** It's been a pleasure.

## Self Help

by James Abraham

Studying is usually considered a laborious task by students. This “burden” seems to weigh heavily on every student. However, studying only becomes such an inconvenience when you view it in such a light. Students often associate studying with endless hours spent with their heads in books and consecutive all-nighters. Studying, however, can and should be viewed as an act of gaining knowledge on a specific topic, rather than a growing pain. Studying is the action of attaining knowledge about a certain topic. Studying is like a set of fingerprints; everyone's studying habits, like fingerprints, are different and unique. Therefore, proposing a sole studying routine to a macrocosm, like the student body, is impractical. However, this article will propose methods which can be used while studying, especially for the SAT's.

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Before working with a studying routine, it's crucial to prepare yourself. This leads us to the first step: changing your mindset. Before studying, take sometime to set your mind in the right mood. This can be done in multiple ways. One of the common methods is to eliminate all distractions. It is important for you to be focused on the material at hand. When your focus is wholly on studying, it will be easier to grasp the concepts and ideas. This preparation also involves positive thinking. Instead of comparing yourself to peers, be resilient and see things in a positive light. Also, don't be oppressed by the need to do well on the SAT's. Rather, use that pressure as fuel to scale academic heights.

Another effective technique is time management. Time is a valuable and important asset for a student. Being on top of your work will greatly help in your academic ventures. This means eliminating the act of procrastinating. Now, there might be some of you who enjoy living on the edge, some of you who have perfected the art of procrastinating. However, that could be the one thing holding you back from your academic success. So, how can you manage time efficiently? The simple answer is to make a schedule. Setting up a rough schedule will help to organize your time. Having a game plan will allow you to finish each task as efficiently as possible. When making a schedule, be sure to include breaks. Having breaks will relax you while stimulating your mind to stay focused. Taking breaks will allow you to take your mind off of studying for a brief time, leaving time to relax and rejuvenate. On the other hand, timed practice tests are a great way to prepare for the SAT's.

This will help you to become acquainted with the time constraints of standardized tests. More experience with practice tests will alleviate a great deal of pressure going into the test. Another method is one based on your surroundings. When studying, be sure to use your environment to your advantage.

Regardless of which path you take, a timeless key skill is taking notes. Taking notes may seem like an insipid strategy. However, it is one of the

most efficient ways to learn about something.

When studying or preparing for the SAT's, be sure to take

notes on key concepts and strategies that you learn. Taking notes can be done by writing down points, highlighting, underlining, or annotating. There really is no definite way to take notes. What really matters is that you are using the most effective method for yourself based on your strengths and weaknesses. By using the strategy that works best for you, you will be able to collect and retain necessary information better. Therefore, it is important to find out what strategy is the most beneficial to you.

The above mentioned techniques are some of the most effective ways to study. So, the next time you hit the books, be sure to try some of these methods out. Though these methods don't guarantee straight "A's" or a perfect SAT score, they will aid you on your academic journey to success.

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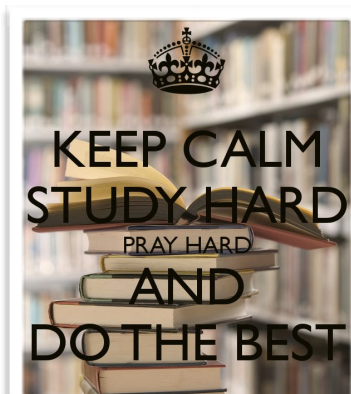


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# To Be Continued

*The running series shall now begin its tale...*

by Jasmine Zhang

Static buzzed in the silent air. The land was in ruins: destroyed buildings laid in debris, demolished cars sat silently in the open street and under collapsed buildings, trash wandered in the breeze. The once beautiful city was abandoned and ugly. Corpses surrounded former landmarks and covered the ground. The smell of rotting flesh and expired blood dominated the still atmosphere.

"...ten..." The static gave way to a man's voice. "The city of...fallen...another sanctuary...the zombies... If any survivors...broadcasted message...make way...city of Barcelona, city of Caterina...Lazten...of Kiteria...please, immediately hurry! The cities are strengthening their respective walls...can't break through easily..."

Silence.

"As a reminder...the sign that a human...laughter... In the case...please...run away or put the individual out...misery... Hopefully the option is the...try to keep the human population... According to reports...found a possible weakness..."

"Run, run, run!" A girl's voice rang out. "I can't stop running. Run, run, run!"

"Shut up Clarin!" A boy's voice growled. "Great! Look at what you did! You kicked the T.V. and ruined the signal! He was just getting to the good part!"

"Sooorry!" The girl, Clarin, laughed. "Didn't mean to kick it, but it was in my way Allen!"

"Both of you quiet down and keep running," another boy called from the front of the group. "Don't attract any unnecessary attention and don't slow down. You'll get yourselves killed that way."

"Sir yes sir!" Clarin replied, speeding up. She stuck out her tongue at Allen as she passed him by.

"Niall!" Allen complained.

"Allen, you shut up," a girl interrupted. "You complain too much."

"Who do you think is at fault for that? Shut Clarin up and it's all good! I hate my life!"

"Then be our sacrifice and turn into a zombie. Perhaps you'll enjoy zombie life instead."

"Seren!"

"Guys!" Niall called. "I think I heard crying from over there." He said as he pointed at 3:00.

The group of four fell silent and changed their course, gradually decreasing their speed. Each member pulled out a knife from his or her back pockets for defense, in case a zombie was nearby. Niall stopped behind a mountain of debris and signaled the rest to be prepared before peeking out to find the source.

A short, blonde-haired girl was tied to a bent lamppost, thrashing the rope binding her. Tears streamed down her face as she giggled.

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"Look, that girl is...turning," Niall mumbled with a sigh as he walked out. "She's tied up. Seren, is there anyone who you can see around here?" He asked as he stopped in front of the tied girl, looking down.

The girl looked up at him and tilted her head. Her eyes were bloodshot and made her look insane, but there was also the smallest bit of fear in her eyes. Her veins were colored white and protruded on her neck, arms, and hands.

"Niall," Seren called. "I see a group of three running towards a building that's intact up to the third or fourth floor. I think they're the ones who tied her up." She said as she looked down from her position atop a large piece of building.

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"I'll sing you a song, miss," Clarin said gently as she squatted down. "Maybe it will calm you a bit while you go. Do you like old songs? I think there's a good song for you. It goes like this..." And she sang.

The girl squealed and tossed and turned. "Rest in peace," Niall apologized as he lifted his knife.

Silence.

"How heartless," Allen said as he poked Niall.

Niall ignored Allen. "Seren, show us the way. We should try to team up with those guys."

Seren nodded and jumped down from her mountain. "This way." She said, leading the group. The four reached the building in a few short minutes and cautiously entered, standing with their backs to each other and holding their knives out. The ground floor appeared to be empty of any lifeforms and so they made their way to the first floor.

"...got her..." A voice came from the second floor. "...too early for the laughing to stop."

Niall pointed to the ceiling. They were going up to the second floor.

"Be ready, they probably realized we're here. Can't let our guard down. Which city should we head to?"

"Lazten. It's the closest city."

"That's a bad idea," Niall said out loud as he stepped onto the second floor. "Lazten may be the closest, but I can guarantee you that it's the hardest city to get into."

The group of three tensed and glared at Niall, each gripping onto their knives. Suddenly, the group of men from the upper floor made their way down, holding heavy machine guns in their hands.

"Don't shoot! We come in peace!" Clarin said, putting her hands up.

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