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## HEXUM FOUND

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Discovered late last evening by a teacher as he tried to go out one of the upstairs library doors, senior class president Jack Hexum is now safe and sound after a five day ordeal with a terrorist group. Apparently wandering aimlessly about the school after his release, Hexum was shocked back to his senses after hearing the enraged teacher shout: "That door is not an exit!!"

Hexum was shaken and just "glad to be alive" as he revealed the details of his captivity on an earwitness news special report to be presented later this week during an extended homeroom period (mods 5-8 will be cancelled). He appeared to be just as adept at handling the morning announcements as ever, reporting that the loss of his ring finger only "slightly encumbers my activities."

The loss of that very finger led to a series of bizarre events that caused a turmoil heretofore unequalled at THS. According to Hexum, the digit was removed during a strip poker game in which, finding himself completely naked after having lost every hand, he was forced to start giving up parts of his body. The senior class president was unable to explain his bad luck, stating: "I don't understand it. I learned all there is to know about competition from playing 'Herr's Jeopardy'."

The kidnapers profited from the removal of the finger by wrapping it up and sending it, along with a ransom

demand for Mr. Mullin's weight in gold, to Dr. Knueppel. Unable to positively identify the by now rather shrivelled appendage, Knueppel turned it over to Dr. Geissinger. The superintendent immediately recognized the detached digit.

Despite the arrival several hours later of another note which stated that unless the ransom was soon paid "who knows what will come off next," Geissinger refused to come up with the money. Dr. Geissinger made a formal announcement of his decision. "If I pay for Hexum then all terrorist groups will think that all they have to do for a little spare cash is kidnap a Tenafly student," stated the superintendent.

In response to Dr. Geissinger's announcement, a frenzied group of Hexum's friends decided to raise the money independently. Despite the extensive efforts of all four of them, the bake sale which was intended to provide a large part of the money netted only \$8.79. At this point, however, the kidnapers, after having spent over four days with Hexum constantly trying to make announcements from the coffin in which he was confined, were willing to release him at any cost. "We can no longer cope with him," they stated in a final ransom note, "especially since, without his ring finger, he now wears his class ring in his nose."



Tired from his ordeal, Hexum takes a nap.

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