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"I'll bet living in a nudist colony takes all the fun out of Halloween."

~Unknown

Instant Popularity, the New-fashioned Way

By Simon Mused ~ Daily Bull

Want instant global attention, and want it now? I will tell you here and now, do something incredibly stupid and/or life threatening to yourself or others, get it on tape, post it on YouTube, and kick back and watch that views list climb. If history is any indication, you will achieve instant popularity of your peers and still the laughing stock of the entire world for about a week (or more if your actions make such a fool of yourself that others will fear if it is contagious, which it will be)! That should be long enough to satisfy your almost emotional levels of required public attention.

Most of these videos involve making a fool out of yourself, which often have the best results! These could be alone (Evolution of Dance) or in a

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How To: Write Proper BS

By Tim Kotula ~ Daily Bull

With less than three weeks now remaining until Thanksgiving break, there's no doubt you've got at least one major paper hanging over your head. In fact, it's probably due the Monday after break when classes resume, because profs are evil like that. They know that we are lazy and will procrastinate on everything until the last minute, so making the big paper due the Monday immediately after break is really just part of a vast faculty conspiracy ruin our breaks.

But enough conspiracy theories – this paper is due soon, and you've got to get it done. The average, experienced college student knows what is coming, but the freshmen probably don't, so I guess I'll have to spell it out for them. You are about to be schooled in the art of bullshit.

Perhaps better known by its family-friendly acronym, 'BS' is (from the student's point of view) the favored method of completing a college essay. The key to writing quality BS is to simply sound like you know exactly what you are talking about, even if you do not. Let's take a look at a few sample topics that many students are likely facing at this very moment.

"Describe the revolutionary culture of

1960s America. Be sure to cite specific examples."

A properly BSed response to this World Cultures classic would probably incorporate such familiar 60s slogans as "Make Love, Not War". This might even be your big chance to try weed, to gain some first-hand insight into what the 60s were all about – any humanities or social sciences prof could probably supply you with some. If you get arrested, you can always say it was for 'educational' reasons (I'm kidding! Drugs are bad, just say no, etc.). It would also be considered acceptable to cite your parents as a credible source, even if they were just little kids at the time – no one remembers the 60s anyway.

"Dave Henderson would like you to complete a 15-20 page study centered upon recommendations for making your CTI branch office more environmentally-friendly. Please use credible facts and statistics to back up your recommendations, and be sure to cite all sources. This must be delivered to "Dave" no later than noon on November 16th."

If you haven't seen this one before, you obviously haven't taken Scientific & Technical Communication yet. The

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If you spend twelve straight hours in the Dow, you're gonna have a bad time.



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easiest way to BS this one is to simply Google some existing corporate recycling plans for ideas, put them in your own words, and submit your report. Taking credit for the work and ideas of others is part of the core philosophy of management anyway, so you might as well learn those valuable skills now. Besides which, it's not like anyone ever takes intro-level STC classes seriously, and that includes your TA. He or she is just thankful they managed to get this job at Tech, so they don't have to be the 25 year-old loser working at McDonald's. They'll be impressed that you even turned something in, let alone put effort into it.

So as you can see, BS really isn't that hard. Some of my best *Bull* articles were just made-up garbage. In fact, come to think of it, *all* of my *Bull* articles are just made-up garbage. It's no wonder I get such good grades on my papers. 🐻

...Popularity from front

massive choreographed group (Prison Thriller). The later proves more difficult but the rewards are worth it, though shared. I think if everyone in Wads got together and danced to Thriller in the SDC that would be amazing. You could try to make a solo video, but you'd better be damn funny to make a mark on society, or damn lucky people pay attention to you (lookin' at you lonelygirl15). You could also post other people's misfortunes, like if they are being tased or if they just ruined a perfectly formulated plan.

The best option would be if someone else receives massive amounts of pain in a humiliating manner. Accidents are usually funnier than planned out skits. Seeing 4-year-olds fly after being kicked in the face by street dancers is oddly satisfying in this regard. Staged pain is good only if you can pull off making it look like an accident, of course this makes you a loser in your own eyes. Getting hit in the crotch is a classic example, but learn to be creative by your means. Getting hit in the crotch...by a superball! By a kite! By a cannon! Be creative, and find a close friend!

Sometimes you don't even have to be in the video itself! Just take a familiar cultural icon, and make it do something no one has dared to even dream. The dancing banana has appeared in forums for years, and then someone had the idea to make it really dance, to a song about peanut butter and jelly sandwiches! Crazy... or genius? An alternative would be to take a famous celebrity (or all of them, see Ultimate Showdown) and put them into an unlikely situation (unlikely for normal people that is). This would require considerable skills with making Flash animations, but if you have

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the talent and the lack of social life then this is your best option. Sense of humor optional.

Unicorns and candy were used to their full potential on the Charlie video. Don't go copying these elements or you will only remind people about what made the original funny. You must utilize your own plot elements to make your online video a stand-out success. How about the story of a centaur whose centaur buddies want him to take them to Caramel Mountain? Now that would be original.

The easiest thing you can do is make more Chuck Norris. Think up some that are not on the list and slap your name on them. You'll only gain fame for a day until they become overkilled public property, but fame is fame right? You could also make yourself seem at the same level of Chuck Norris. The guy in the Impossible is Nothing video did a good job of making himself seem like a total douche in front of the world. He even started his own list (The Dalai Lama wrote his

letter of recommendation to Yale, he taught Jerry Seinfeld how to play tennis, and he forged passports for the Russian mafia). The funny thing was is that he did not want this to be a joke, he was actually trying to scam employers. Other people have also added to this list. (He is licensed to handle nuclear waste, his hands are registered lethal weapons he had a 15 day waiting period for, he participates in Tibetan gladiatorial contests, etc.)

You could also use a funny moment made by a member of an obscure television show nobody but you watches and post that clip. That doesn't increase your popularity parse but it does help boost the reputation of your favorite show. You're still going to be the only one who watches that show, but at least others are aware of its existence. Now the show won't be cancelled as early as it was inevitably supposed to. You have just perpetuated your loneliness! Yay! Boom goes the dynamite!

Of course I wouldn't let you be

done reading this without giving you original ideas. Remember that kitten that got thrown into that wood chipper a while back? Well, take kittens, stuffed kittens, red dye, and a wood chipper. Dye the stuffing in the fake kitten red. Hold a live kitten in your hands in the start of the video. When the camera pans back switch it with a fake kitten and throw it into the wood chipper. Red stuff comes out on the other end. Sure you'll be attacked by every animal rights organization in existence, but the world's college students would get a good laugh and you might even fool some people!

These videos, though crude, tasteless, and just plain rude, make their mark on society that is hard to wash out. "Come on Charlie, let's go to Candy Mountain!" "Boom goes the dynamite." "Sound the alarm, you are about to become UNCOMFORTABLY ENERGETIC!" "Leeeeeeroooooo Jenkins!" "Don't tase me bro!" "Its peanut butter jelly time!" "This is the ultimate showdown of ultimate destiny!" 🐻



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