

# DAILY BULL

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"Home computers are being called upon to perform many new functions, including the consumption of homework formerly eaten by the dog."  
~Doug Larson

## Active Teaching: More Effective Than Active Learning?

By Kiri Kennedy ~ Daily Bull

A few days ago, I was made to read a section in my UN1010 (Creating Your Success) course book that dealt with test-taking and listening skills. While I understand how to study for and take tests, as well as listen well in class, I tend not to. Why, you ask? That's simple: there's nothing ever mentioned anywhere about boredom. I love to listen in class, and I don't mind taking tests (well, mostly), but focusing on the subject matter is difficult for me when the teacher speaks in a monotone voice and rambles on about a problem that everyone in the class figured out five minutes ago.

I read the steps in the book, and thought, *but I do all of this!* And I realized, wait, maybe the reason I can't focus well isn't my fault. Could this be true? I believe that the

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## Things to Do Other Than Study

By Madelyn Hilty ~ Daily Bull

We all procrastinate a little (unless you don't, in which case you are NUTS... and I want a little bit of your brain). Some of us procrastinate a lot. For a select few, it approaches a compulsion. This leads to many things up to and including a very low GPA, a near-encyclopedic knowledge of lolcats (i can has procrastination timez?) and far too much of one's brain taken up by useless knowledge from wikipedia. But am I going to help you learn how to not procrastinate? Of course not! So let's get started and count down in completely arbitrary order what you can do to avoid doing anything!

### 1. FACEBOOK

You swear you're just going to get on to see if Good Old Whatshisbucket is going to have a party this weekend. Or look at really cute pictures of your friend's new puppy. Two hours later, you're obsessively clicking refresh, hoping that someone, ANYONE indicated that they went on your profile and paid attention to you and indicated their FRIENDSHIP AND LOVE by commenting on your status. Then you realize you just missed a class. For Facebook. You start to comprehend the meaninglessness of your life... But then your best friend's former roommate is now listed as single and you HAVE to know what happened.

### 2. Youtube

There are videos of hamsters eating popcorn and idiots hurting themselves. What more is there to be said? Well, besides that you could get Extra-Special Procrastination Action (!!!) by making your own videos of hamsters eating idiots hurting themselves with popcorn and posting them on youtube. Then you can be terribly offended that people don't see your genius and go off to have an epic sulk. Then post videos of that.

### 3. A piece of silly putty

If you have ever held this genius piece of goo in your hand and thrown it against a wall, you know what I mean. If you haven't... GO DO IT. It bounces completely unpredictably and randomly depending on how it oozed. Instant entertainment and endangerment of breakable things like computer screens or your roommate's face. Possibly both at the same time if you're good at rebounds.

### 4. Go bother someone else that should also be studying!

If you can't think of anything to do but crack a book (GASP!), don't worry! There's an easy solution. Go bother someone else and make them entertain you. You're procrastinating and sharing the procrastination! Bonus points if this

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I knew I forgot something: yesterday was Human Rights Day. I celebrated it by proving to plants and animals that I am right and they are wrong.



## The Steaming Pile

Straight From You-Know-Where!

Christmas Gifts We Don't Want

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| Dead Puppy                              | Lifetime subscription to the Lode                   |
| An angry hockey team                    | Sarah Palin's next child                            |
| AIDS                                    | The power of Heart                                  |
| Varsity Fudgepacker Jacket              | A dick in a box                                     |
| A pregnancy                             | Colonoscopy   |
| A snowcow stalker                       | A free lobotomy                                     |
| Your mom                                | Head On!  |
| An anatomically correct chocolate heart | An Elton John Oil check                             |
| Used bondage equipment                  | The Best of Kenny G                                 |
| Another "New Deal"                      | Stalin's "little comrade"                           |
| A terrorist attack                      | David Bowie's hair                                  |
| Your parents' sex tape                  | A 'visit' from the CIA                              |
| A kidney transplant                     | Draft Card  |
| Shroedinger's cat                       | A Lions 0-16 season                                 |
| Botchulism                              | One of mom's sweaters                               |
| A chair to the back of the head         | Jock Itch   |
| My Little Pony Glue Factory Kit         | Easter Eggs   |
| A human pelvis                          | Selenium-based shampoo                              |
| Poundcake                               | A rotting carcass                                   |
| Indentured Servitude                    | Wet Willie  |
| Root canal                              | Lemon Party-brand Lemonade                          |
| Worms                                   | Earth no longer a planet                            |
| A barrel of monkeys                     | Your Grandma's used sex toys<br>(family heirlooms!) |

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person is in one of your classes. Do your part to make the class average that much lower!

### 5. Writing Daily Bull Articles!

I should be studying for Physics, but I'm writing an article. See? Procrastination at its finest!

There you have it! Five perfectly good ways to procrastinate on your Calculus homework! And now that my procrastination is done, I can go work out that last problem.

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On second thought, maybe I'll go see if someone else wants to procrastinate with me. With silly putty. 🐼

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problem with focusing isn't entirely the student's fault. Maybe, the reason people fall asleep in class, despite the vast amount of sleep they *may* have gotten the night before, is because the material is *boring* and the teacher



does nothing to spice it up a bit.

Allow me to explain. My math class is the most boring class in this school, I swear. Even Poplawski isn't that bad (I blame the chairs in Fisher more than I do Pops). All my teacher does is drone on and on about sine this, cosine that, and all the while, I've got my notebook in front of me, my math book out, and a bit of caffeine in my system, and I'm *still* falling asleep! The chairs aren't even that comfy! So why, for the love of God, am I having to pry my eyes open every five minutes in that class.

So, I believe it's time for a new proposal: active *teaching*. It would go as such: active teaching tip one, move around! Attract the student's attention by moving around (that does not mean 'look like you're having a seizure'. While entertaining, it would not help with the topic). Students' eyes are attracted to movement, which means if you move around, gesturing with your hands to emphasize a point, we're more likely to be on the edge of our seats. Or, at least, awake.

Tip number two: do not, I repeat, *do not* drone on and on about a point that was covered for the past day and a half. College students are ADD. We

hate being stuck on one subject for more hours than NASA's spent on the Hubble telescope. So, if you're trying us to learn about the unit circle, and you've been telling us about

how sine and cosecant relate to each other for the past twenty minutes, try to switch it up. The average line should go as such: "So, we know cosecant and sine are the opposite to each other, but did you know that cotangent is somehow related to cosine? No? Well, let's investigate!"

Overall, while I agree that the steps in the book may work for the 'typical' courses, for the boring ones it simply doesn't work. So, math teachers, please get off your rears and get us to pay attention. Your students will thank you. 🐼

## Stephen Anderson & Nathan Invincible End Feud to Join Forces

By The Third Person ~ Neutral Publishing Press

Nathan Invincible and Lode Sports Editor Stephen Anderson ended their long standing feud today to much fanfare, reports the Neutral Publishing Press. With their bad blood finally behind them, the two prolific journalists can now focus on their collective archival, USG.

"I'm really glad that we could come to agreement on this, because I'm not sure we could have taken much more of his brutal accusations," says Mr. Anderson shortly after the historic meet-

ing. "I was so worried that my new column was going to be devoted solely to defending my actions that I didn't know what to do! Fortunately he offered us a way out of our bickering just in the nick of time."

Nathan Invincible's rescue attempts could not have come any sooner. The conflict, which stemmed from Stephen's use of "Wonders" in his new column name and had raged for nearly four days, was beginning to look as if it would spill into each faction's camp.

"I realized that if this war went on for any longer that it'd drag everybody into the fray," explains Nathan via video conference. "And the last thing I wanted was for [Lode Editor-in-chief] Ric Goodell making a fool of himself and misspelling Maclnnes again or John Earnest going off on journalistic integrity for the umpteenth time. Got a nip things like that in the bud before they get out of control and start claiming lives."

Daily Bull and Lode writers alike breathed a sigh of relief as the hostility

ties came to a close. Fearing the worst, many had imagined the two entertainment giants on campus would duke it out much in the same way Ron Burgundy and his Channel 4 news team rumbled with their rivals back in 2004.

"Though I probably would've survived the battle, I'm not so sure everyone else would've found it as entertaining," Nathan claims as he hefts a crowbar he carries with him, just in case. "I bet WMTU would show up and whoop both our asses, just to show us. It'd be a blood bath."

Now that two of the most influential members of their respective organizations are on good terms, many hope that the rivalry between the Lode and Bull will wane, allowing more effort to be thrown at wrangling USG and other softer targets.

"I read somewhere that Mroz keeps a big wad of cash in his stogie box," fantasizes Stephen. "Though now that I think about it, my source was the Bull. It might be true though. You just never know these days..." 🐼

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A recreation of how the peace settlement went down. From left to right: Stephen Anderson, Nathan Invincible