

EDITORIAL

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New tardy policy deprives students of basic human needs

Rushing to get from one side of campus to another. Unable to go to the bathroom because of long lines. Not enough time. Wait through a lecture about H_2O . Have to hold it. One more tardy and In School Suspension.

This nightmare has become a reality as a result of the new tardy and absence policies. Students are now penalized for leaving class to use the rest room, and after only three tardies, they receive two days of detention. After eight, they lose dance privileges and receive two days of ISS.

Students have to skip out on a bodily function in order to still receive dance privileges. The policy should be updated to cater to students' needs and not take away from their essential rights of using the bathroom.

Most students involved in

athletics receive a shortened schedule to get to their classes. The players exit their hard practices with a limited amount of time to wash the dirt and grime off and change into presentable clothes, all within seven minutes.

Notes are taken, and before the student realizes it, the urge to use the bathroom hits. They could get a tardy, but it would bring them one step closer to ISS.

Studies have shown that people who hold in their urine are more likely to

develop urinary tract infections. Students should not have to deal with health problems as a result of limited breaks and stringent tardies.

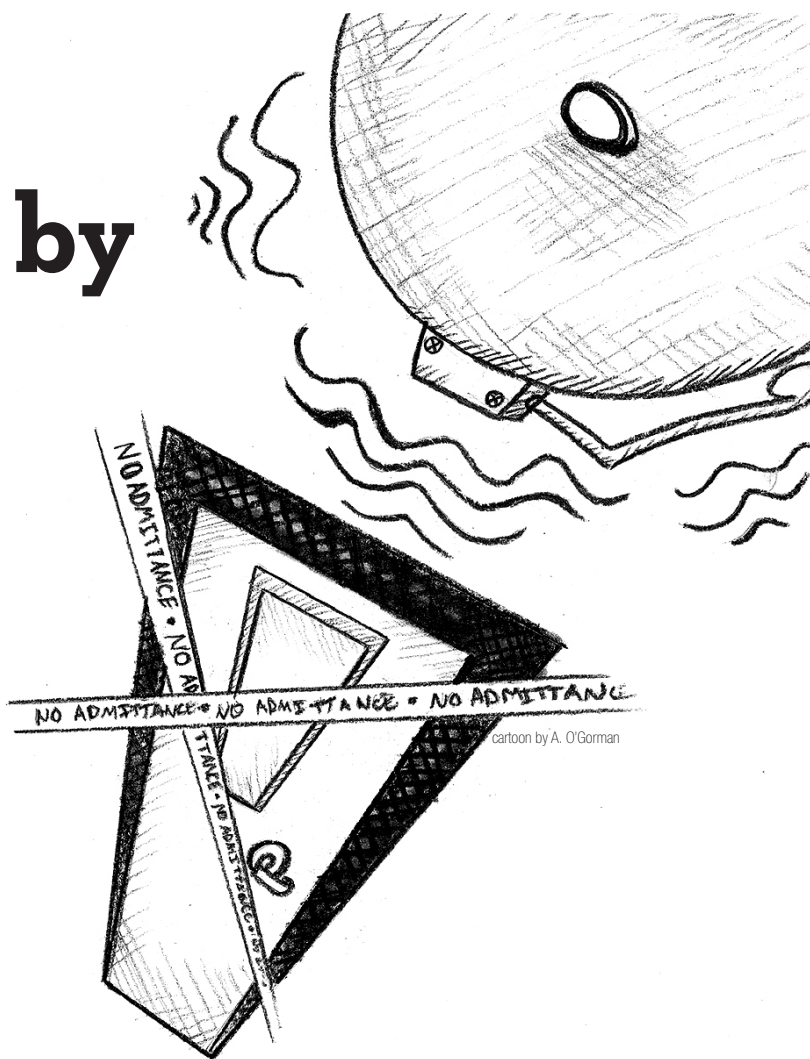
The reason for this stricter policy is because a group of students took advantage of the system. Last

year, bathrooms were closed during lunch because some students dunked oranges and paper towels into toilets. Other students who prefer not to play in toilets have had their rights taken away. The majority of the student body has to hold it in while a tiny minority would rather horseplay.

Students should be able to use the bathroom at the discretion of the teacher. Most students are able to comprehend the downfall of using the bathroom in class. It will result in missing out on key information from a

lecture for a quiz or upcoming assignments. The student will fall behind and will have to catch back up.

Students should not be penalized for having to exercise a bodily function. When allowed to use the rest room at their own discretion, they will become more responsible pupils who will develop time management skills. We should be trusted to exercise our basic right of going to the bathroom while aware of the consequences, but not receive irrational punishment.



SPEAK OUT

What do you think of the new tardy and bathroom policies?



Kaylee Norton
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"I think that they take it too far. For example, some people in the

hallways walk slow, and you can't get around them. Not everyone has time to go to the bathroom between classes because they are crowded and people just hang out there."



Marc Jaramillo
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"We should have at least a minute or two more because in the mornings, I

have soccer. I take showers and then I have to get dressed and try to look somewhat decent and go to class."



Vy Doan
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"Personally, I believe that the tardy rest room policies are great

the way that they are because I think everything is established for a specific reason."

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