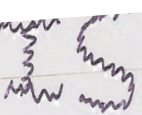


# Degrassi Digest

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"It Goes There. We Follow."



In this ...



I flesh out my teen-birthed nerd inferiority complex by taking it out on a fictional character!

Pre/post Degrassi attempts at fame REVEALED! (mostly just links to myspace pages)

Comics! Laughter! Swears! Self Loathing!

What have I done!



postcards from Degrassi St.

Hey thanks for picking this thing up and opening to this page. Welcome to the first issue of Degrassi Digest. This little beauty here is for all things degrassi. It's my first zine...and at 26, fulfills nearly a decade old quest to create something like this. Guys that wrote zines in high school were always devils with the ladies, so i always assumed that photocopying some black and white pages about "what PUNK is REALLY about" would help me get out of the weekly D&D sessions in my parents basement. Now, in my twilight years, it has become more of a labor of love than a feather in my cap.



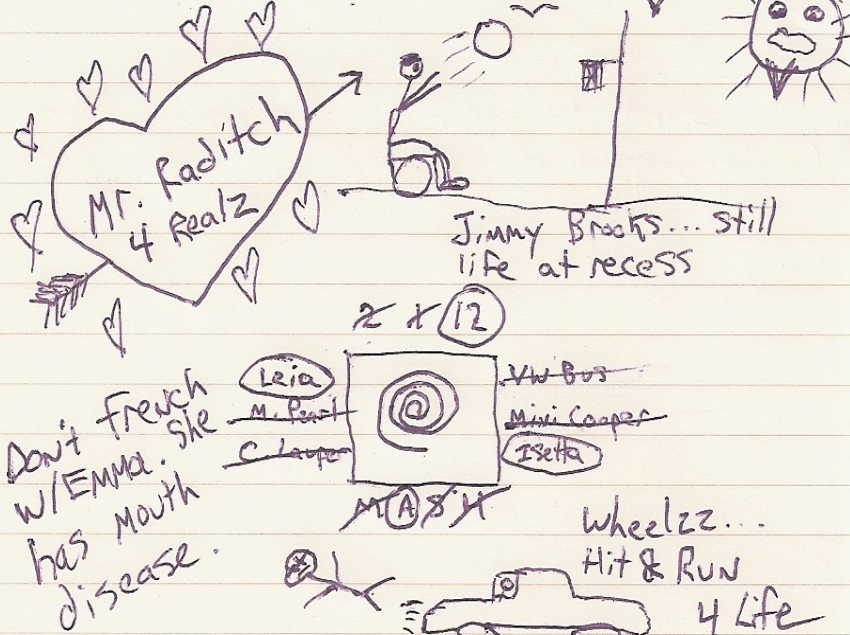
P.S. this whole thing is mostly just me saying a bunch of stupid shit about Degrassi...so unless you are pretty deep into the show and/or high school level prose, I apologize.

There's a lot of people and things to thank, but I'll keep it short and sweet. Thanks to...bananas (I've been pretty into these lately), Shayla (for quiet inspiration), the-N (for keeping hope alive), my mom for calling me every day for a month after a recent breakup (she does that), my cats (best friends), and comics (other best friend). Oh, and thank you to the beautiful city of Portland Oregon. Without her reassuring and inviting city limits, I would just be another loser in my parent's basement.

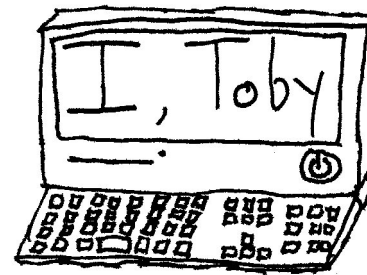
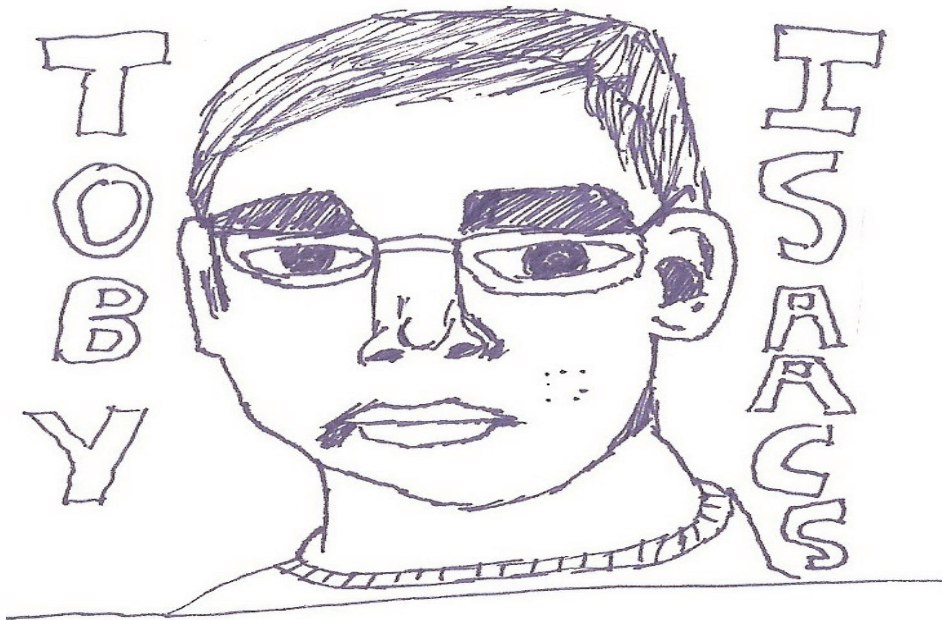


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It's hard to watch degrassi...I Mean really WATCH degrassi and NOT end up identifying with at least ONE character. UNFORTUNATELY, in my case that character is Toby Isaacs. I fucking hate Toby. I think everyone hates Toby. What's to like? He tells ON everyone and he's a tubbers. He wouldn't cash in his

Canadian war bonds that his Bubbie gave him when JT badly Needed the money to pay off a drug dealer...and he generally just walks around being a gutless bastard that BUMS everyone out. IN spite of all this (or maybe BECAUSE of all this), I do relate to the guy. I guess I'm a self-loather or something. My hope is that by closely examining Toby's role ON the show...and the MANNER in which he conducts his business, I'll find some kind of answer to some of the reoccurring problems that I face in my life. I'm sure that I'm just kidding myself, but I'm gonna do this anyway. It's an attempt to grow so lay off OK? A little background of Toby for those NOT in the KNOW. He's got two friends...both of which did it and had a Kid. Way to wave "down" it" in front of the perpetual virgin. He's president of Media immersion club, and any other club that involves hanging out with teachers. He THINKS he did E ONCE...but he didn't. That's just about everything that you need to KNOW about Toby.

When the kids of TNG were still in their innocent years...before all the STDs and pot, they kept "online journals". I would kill to find out who got paid to write all those...but anyway...Toby used to have one. It was taken down from "the-n.com"'s Degraassi site...but you can still find it here (<http://www.abc.net.au/degrassi/lockers/toby.htm>). Let us examine it. I left all the spelling mistakes and cool teen text message lingo too....so deal with that.

some recent and not so recent events have made me think about why some things in the world are the way they are. i dont know n e of the answers to ne of these questions but what can it hurt to write them in my journal? maybe it can hurt something - that's my first question i gess.

I appreciate that you are being honest with yourself....and lord knows that I have a dear diary too....but you need to get a bit more assertive here little man. Using words like "maybe" and "hurt" just make people think you are a pushover. If we're going to beat this social stunting that you are in the middle of....we need to start using words like "biceps" and "Kegger". Find the tallest kid in school and call him a pussy in front of a girl.

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2. got back from camp, went to chill out at JT's house. he grew like 6 inches. he stopped hanging out at DQ cruising 4 girls after i left & i think he was pretty bored...and thats y i go to camp. that and also, when the blackout happened i was on an overnighiter with our camper group (Da Beaverz) staying in a tent on an island & we had no idea it happened until i talked to my mom when we got back. weird.

Oh Toby....oh man. I've got some bad news for you dude...you are like, what....15 now? Guess what, there are people in your class DRINKING and SMOKING POT at this very moment. These people are sitting in each other's basements listening to the Rolling Stones and mix tapes that their cool older brothers made them. While you are hanging out with "Da Beaverz", people are having sex. Listen, I understand. You probably want to make your mom happy...and you've actually taken a lot of the lessons that adults teach you at this age to heart. DEEPLY to heart. I understand that, but you need to lighten up. This is fucking depressing. This is seriously stunting your emotional growth right now.

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#1 how can someone be your best friend your whole life then all of a sudden they stop liking you as a friend when you didn't change a thing or do n e thing wrong?

People change buddy. At certain times in your life...certain people will be there, others won't. It's like this weird revolving door that we all go through. PS you probably DID do something....

#2 where does it say that there have 2 be 2 kinds of people in the world - the cool kids and the geeks? also, where does it say that these 2 types of people can't hang out together?

It says so in the official high school rulebook. Unfortunately you don't get to read this book until you graduate and begin the long and unrewarding task of freeing yourself from all the shit you are going through right now.

#3 if there are 2 types of people, why does every1 put me in the geek category. i didnt chose to be that type. 3(b) why can't one person be both cool and a geek?

Toby Toby Toby....OWN it my friend. If you gotta be a fucking nerd than just be a fucking nerd. Dwelling on how much it sucks to be a fucking nerd just means that you won't enjoy any of the benefits of BEING a nerd. You get a free pass with teachers, girls will pretty much leave you alone (this is a benefit because you probably aren't ready to be confronted with them yet), and you get to enjoy cartoons without apology. B) Someday being a geek will make you cool, but not in the way you probably picture it now. If you aren't a dick to people, eventually the cool folks will like the novelty of having you around because you are the only guy they know that doesn't want to talk about what bands they've met. These people will feel comfortable around you because you are non-threatening....however, make no mistake.....you are still a nerd.

#4 what is the purpose of the nockternal emish... nevermind... the wet dream? if it's not some kind of scheme by the makers of laundry detergent then i dont have any idea Y it happens.

I don't even know what to say here buddy....my instinct is to make fun of you somehow, but this reeks so much of teenage innocence that I would just feel like a bully. It's really gross that you are posting this to a public website though....someday this could lose you a programming job.

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**#5 if you dream about some1 does that mean you like or have a crush on them in real life? is what you dream the truth?**

No...at least I hope NOT. I've been having some wicked Minnie Pearl dreams lately. The only purpose of your dreams is to have something to fill in awkward gaps during conversation.

**#6 why does reading #4 and #5 make it sound like i'm the one who had a wet dream about youknowwho? It was tHeJoKeR, not me.**

Toby...dude...everyone KNOWS that JT is your one and only friend. So cut out the childish nicknames and stop hoing your friend out ON the Internet. It's disgusting to me that you keep bringing this up. You are sliding into the Nerd defense of making other people UNCOMFORTABLE in order to make yourself feel better. Dick move.

**#7 why aren't more things made with magnets? they are very useful.**

Stop watching Seinfeld and start going out and getting in trouble. This is your only chance to do that and get away with it...please stop wasting it.

**#8 why are stores only open when people are at school or working and cant get to them?**

That's just your imagination because you can't drive yet. I remember feeling like that too...so I'm going to let that slide here. The day I got my license, I drove to this place called "The Gamer's INN" and played Magic the Gathering. I considered driving my car off of an overpass on the way home. Once you are 16, you'll be driving your Bubbie's car all over the place.

**#9 why can you say the same thing both "sucks" and "blows"? those are opposites!**

There's the Seinfeld shit again. I KNOW that you think this is clever...and people WILL laugh when you say stuff like that, but it's only because you are a Nice guy and they don't want to hurt your feelings.

**#10 in a first-person shooter why can you see your weapon but when you look down you cant see your shoes?**

I would keep the 1st person shooter talk to a minimum these days. When I was a loser in High School, people just looked at me with contempt if I were to sit there talking about Doom II...now-a-days talk like this will have them calling the police. Lay low tiny Nerdling.

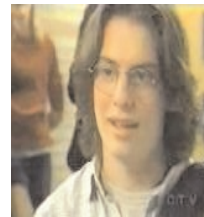
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# Creep Off

Rick Murray vs. Claude Tanner



Guns are kind of a big deal at Degrassi. Maybe that's a Canadian thing or something...so they come up rarely; and when they do...the person that's holding the gun usually ends up getting wasted anyway. So it's not like anyone over there seems to even be able to use a gun. Jesus Christ guys. Two of the creepiest creeps in Degrassi history are without a doubt Rick Murray and Claude (cl-ode) Tanner. Bonus points, these creeps are packing heat. To honour their electric personalities...I propose a creep off.



## The Hair Situation



**Rick** - Ren Faire chic. Gross patches of chesthair.

**Claude** - Greasy ponytail in the back, vents on the side. Pirate facial hair.

# ADVANTAGE



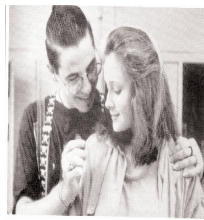
This one is a no brainer. One of the first things you notice during the opening credits of Degrassi High is what a complete creep Claude LOOKS like. He dresses like Hamlet. His facial hair looks like it'd hurt you if he got too close to your face. I KNOW that we should reward individuality, but this is just dumb.

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## Strategy with the ladies



**Rick** – putting plus sized models in comas, kissing contests  
**Claude** – poetry, flowers, blaming his suicide on ex-girlfriends

# ADVANTAGE



Despite a very strong showing from Claude with his suicide note to Caitlin....having an entire episode about a KISSING CONTEST that you started....and then like four about how you hit your girlfriend MEANS that you win this category.



## Use of poetry to foreshadow your violent tendencies



"Stopping By Woods On A Snowy Evening"

by Robert Frost

# ADVANTAGE

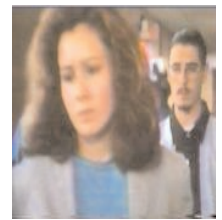


autumn leaves, dying leaves  
 season of death  
 when winds blow cold  
 thoughts of death creep in as i sleep  
 i dream i'm in a coffin  
 safe from the life i don't want to lead  
 i'm not afraid  
 soothing, black and warm  
 soothing, black and warm  
 safe from the pain  
 and safe from the fools  
 safe, soothing, black.

I'M NOT EVEN going to insult that poem by saying anything smart-alecky here. Claude wins....big.



## Breaking point



**Rick** - Covered in glue and feathers center stage during the filming of a high school quiz show.  
**Claude** - Bluntly rejected when he tried to give Caitlin Ryan some flowers. Poetry rejected in school talent show audition.

# ADVANTAGE



There was NO way that Rick was going to lose this category. He went through ONE of the go-thereiest MOMENTS in the history of Degrassi. They had to have grief COUNSELORS ON the set for the filming of Rick freaking out. I really doubt that Hamlet dude getting told off by the MEGA popular Caitlin Ryan had that MUCH of an impact ON the KIDS. I feel for Claude with the poetry though. I was recently OVERLOOKED from an art show....and I KNOW how much that can hurt dude. NO ONE UNDERSTANDS US Claude.



Despite the fact that Rick shot Jimmy in the back, tried to Kill EMMA, put a plus-sized model in a coma, and said "M'lady" a lot...Claude wins. Claude was crazy before Columbine....and that counts for a lot in my book. This guy was pioneering violent teenaged angst in a high school setting...he wasn't just following someone else's lead. Claude, you are a total creep.

Bonus Fact: The guy that played Claude actually dressed like that in real life...it was NOT an outfit for the show. This adds a lot of creep cred.





I just got out of a pretty intense relationship a couple of weeks ago, so I figure my poetry skills are probably at their sharpest right now. Ellie Nash is one of only TWO stand up people in the Degrassi world. Without exception, everyone else is a

scoundrel. Sorry to get all pirate on you...but it's totally true. Degrassi is filled with selfish kids making stupid mistakes. Ellie is not above stupid mistakes...but her heart always seems to be in the right place. This poetry and the stupid words that follow it are the only rewards that I have to give. Thank you Ellie. If only I were eight years younger... and Canadian.

**E**llie Never actually wanted to cut herself, but the show needed a cutter.  
**L**ust for Breakfast Club-ish scenarios drove her to Sean's arms.  
**L**oser lush of a mom and an army dad that is never home.  
**I** didn't even know that Canada had an army. Only a Nash would defend her.  
**E**llie would probably have danced with me if we knew each other in middle school

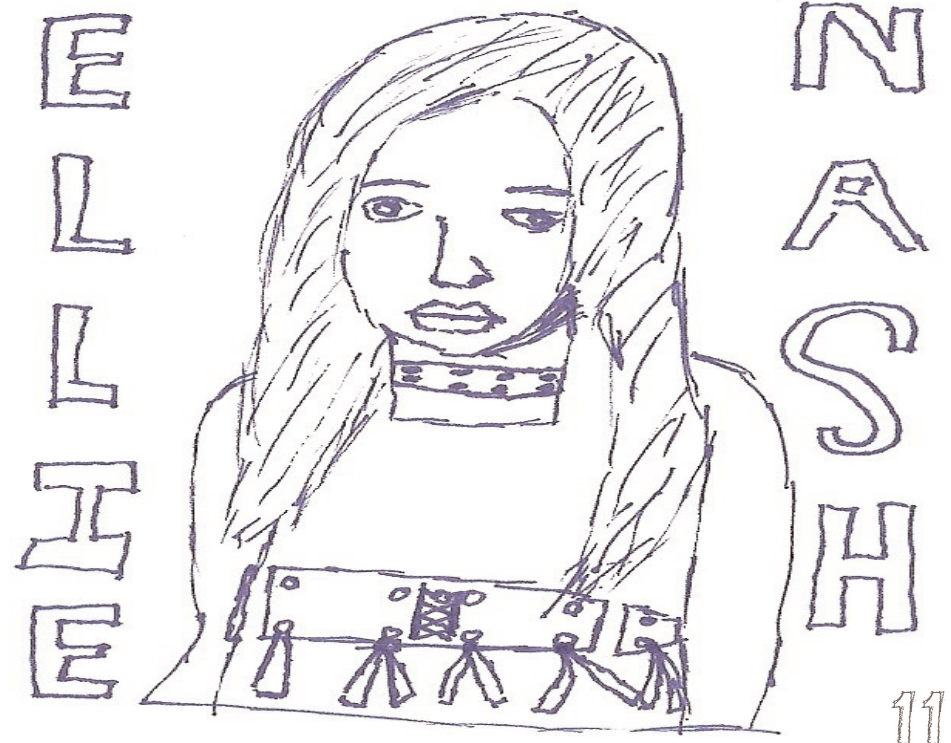
**N**o one in Toronto dresses as cool as Ellie does. That's weird, because she's like 16.  
**A**nything that Ellie does is probably going to turn out pretty cool.  
**S**ometimes I really want to eat a super rope, but it is too long for me to finish it.  
**H**opefully Ellie is into super ropes, because then we could share.



## Ellie Nash

Spiral spiral spin in the shade. Ellie Nash, you've got it made.

I sometimes just sit there, eyes agape...eyes can't even BE agape and I'm sitting there. Learning new things. Ellie, I want my parents to take you to the Outback Steakhouse with me. This is an initiation of sorts. The way that you got away from your mother just doesn't make sense anymore. This should not be happening. Ellie Nash you are concrete. You cut feathers in half...you don't even use pillows. You aren't even sure what pillows are for. Ellie I think there's a composure of trashing that neither one of us will ever truly understand. Ellie I'm trying my hardest to push this block between what I understand and the things that you tell me through the television set. I don't even actually like you that much. If you were to come to Portland Oregon, I would try and explain what the streets mean to me these days. I can't write poetry Ellie. There's nothing inside me anymore to bring it all out. The only poetry left inside these hands is an automatic pilot running on everything that's been put in front of my face for the last ten years. Thanks for being in front of my face Ellie. I look forward to using that excuse again someday. This was all very insincere.





# Things you didn't know about Ellie Nash

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People usually refer to her as "the goth chick" ON Degrassi. In this statement, people prove their ignorance and prejudice. There was only ONE goth chick ON Degrassi and her name is Ashley. She started gothing up after she took some ecstasy and frenched Sean and then called Paige a hag. Ellie doesn't follow trends...Ellie starts them.

Ellie walks around talking about how artsy she is, but have you ever actually seen Ellie's artwork? If you answered yes to that question, you are lying...because it is never shown. Ellie is a PATRON of the arts, NOT an artist. Ellie probably WOULD have been an artist, but she got tired of how fucking lazy and pretentious all those people are. Ellie is a journalist. You dick.

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Ellie, at first glance, seems to have fallen for Craig Manning's secret trick. Craig is one of those guys that hangs out in his dormroom playing acoustic guitar until a girl comes in and sleeps with him. There are some moments when Ellie is hanging out with Craig and he's teaching her how to play drums and I start yelling at the TV because I don't want Ellie to fall in with that shithead. Ellie did NOT sleep with Craig Manning though. Write that down and refer to it when you have moments of doubt.

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Ellie doesn't drink or do drugs...but I wish she did.



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Ellie used to shack up with Sean. It was kind of gross because Sean has these really big eyebrows and he grunts a lot and wears hooded sweatshirts. Eventually Ellie learned how to play Euchre and ripped off her rent money from a bunch of homo-sexual hockey players. Ellie could probably implant herself in your childhood memories if you were sitting there all distracted and she had a few minutes to work on your head.

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One time I was sitting at home crying silently in the corner of my room. Just when I was about to take a protractor and slit my wrists, Ellie flew in on an enchanted merry-go-round and took me to the Mexican restaurant down the street. When we paid our bill (dutch), we went back to my place and built a sweat hut. Then we both got in there and tripped out with John Locke. Ellie drove home after that and I went on with my life, reenergized.

The girl that plays Ellie on the show (Stacie Farber) has her own reality TV show. The thing is, it's all on the Internet in stupid little chunks...and check it out, that's not even Ellie ANYWAY...so fuck it. If Ellie were to have a reality show, it would just be her walking down the street and people would be passing out when she walked past. People would do this because the body can't handle sudden shifts in blood pressure like that. Ellie harnesses the realities of science to make people pass out.



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## Degrassi and the X-Men Compared A Boycott the Caf Production

When I set out to do this zine, I had envisioned this huge piece of literature that contained everyone's secret love of Degrassi....surprise....I'm the only one that really cares about Degrassi anymore. Everyone else said things like "wow that's dumb" and "stop talking to me shthead". Only one person responded to my pleas with a contribution. It's a website called Boycott the Caf (<http://degrassi.dumbbaby.net>). They have a website that is way funnier than anything I've said in here, so be sure to check it out. So ummm thanks guys. Please enjoy this hilarious little number by the Boycott the Caf dudes.

With the third X-Men film just out on DVD, I felt it would be worthwhile to see which Degrassi character best matched up to a particular X-Men character. By using a 1962 Soviet computer purchased at a Russian government auction (that also netted Boycott the Caf two 1985 Oscar class attack submarines and three P-700 Granit missiles), I was able to analyze which characters best matched one another. The computer took up an acre of land and malfunctioned, causing a small forest fire, but after two months it finally calculated the results.



Paige and Jean Grey



She is the sexy, popular, preppy female in her group. This gets her a lot of focus on her show, which is nice because she is very good looking and her stories are entertaining. Eye candy but also very smart, she enjoys wearing tight, revealing clothing. She often moves dramatically between being good or evil, depending on whether she died or was raped.



Ellie and Rogue



Every time she talks you wish she wouldn't because her voice is irritating. Will suck the life force out of and eventually kill anything she touches.



Spinner and Gambit



The coolest man in the group and the bad boy with a heart of gold, this cat is always ready with a side splitting one liner. Episodes about him are the best. Certain incidents (Jimmy's shooting, Senator Kelly's assassination) have cost him the trust of his friends, but he always bounced back and won the day, much like how he has a winning personality. He's been involved in petty theft, but is also a strong champion of truth and justice, whether against the Sentinels or the cafeteria.

He is also the dictionary definition of a lady's man. My God is he ever cool. Did you know he can charge small objects, causing them to explode?



Manny and Jubilee



The most immature kid in the bunch, her main reason for being on the show is to get into a lot of trouble because she is a dunderhead. She is often found dealing with the consequences of acting slutty or being captured by the Brotherhood of Mutants, which happens a lot. Her parents kicked her out of her home because they had enough of her shit. She is a total screw up.



Dean and Magneto



Our heroes have never seen evil like this before. He is the ultimate villain on the show. He thinks he is superior to all other humans and uses them however he pleases. Though our heroes often fight him, he is never finally brought to justice.



Mr. Simpson and Professor X



The older guy on the show, he acts as a teacher and mentor to many characters. This is his mission in life. His mental abilities allow him to operate complicated technology others cannot, be it Cerebro or green laptops and school computer networks. He dreams of a world where humans and mutants can live in peace.





Liberty and Beast



Talks like a smarmy intellectual who thinks he or she is above everybody. What skill does this person posses exactly? What are you doing on the show? Being able to recite poetry and Shakespeare quotations isn't a skill, asshole and only makes you look like a prick.

You are also lacking in the looks department and way too hairy. You are a monster. Do you even have any friends? I occasionally see you hanging around cooler people, but you could be easily just following them and they are too polite to tell you to go away. Go away.



Sean and Wolverine



He is one of the best characters in the bunch and a definite fan favorite. Second in coolness to only to Spinner or Gambit, but it's very close. His troubled past gives him the most interesting back story, clouding him in mystery. Anytime the focus in on him, you won't be disappointed. An strong fighter built tough, he also has trouble controlling his temper.



Marco and Angel



I don't have much to say about him except for the show is more enjoyable without him and he is very gay.



Terri and Juggernaut



A large, unstoppable force who will annihilate any wall or buffet.



Manny and Mystique



She enjoys having sex with anyone or anything. Often changes her appearance to suit her goals but is most happy not wearing clothes.



Emma and Storm



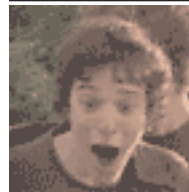
A woman with strong convictions and a connection to nature, you can't help but notice she gets an unusually large amount of airtime.



Chris and Storm



Half the time you have no idea what this person is saying and occasionally you think this person may be Jamaican. This person is black.



Craig and Cyclops



This is the good looking popular guy who is eager to get married and start a family. But he is not as popular with the fans as he is with the creators. Granted, he is alright, nothing against him, but more focus should either be on Spinner or Gambit than him. So why he is considered the leader of the group is anyone's guess.

He is pursuing a life style that will force him to wear sunglasses all the time.



# NERD OFF!

Arthur Kobalowsky v. Toby Isaacs



Any teen melodrama Needs a Nerd or two to make everyone else feel better about themselves. This is the guy (or girl) that seemingly Never "evolves" along with their schoolmates. The poor Nerd is stuck in a perpetual "Nice guy" State; Neither Making grave errors....or reaping teenage benefits from taking stupid risks. Poor dudes. To honour them and their thankless plights, I propose a Nerd off!



**Character you might mistake them for if they aged 10 years and you hadn't seen the show in a long time.**



**Arthur** - fat jock guy with HIV (Dwayne Myers)  
**Toby** - Rick Murray (loser of the creep off)

## ADVANTAGE



The Toby/Rick comparison is weak, I admit it. This whole category is basically here to showcase how much Arthur looks like Dwayne. I spent like a year thinking that Arthur became a bad ass and got HIV. Imagine my confusion when Joey and Arthur are covered in each other's blood. Seriously you broomhead, LOOK at those two...it's uncanny.

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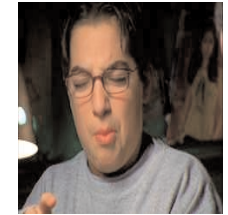


**Stance on nocturnal emissions**

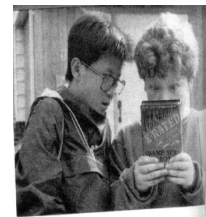


**Arthur** - Flips out when he gets one. Walks around asking anyone that will listen if he's a sex maniac. Calls radio talk shows.  
**Toby** - Tells all of his old friend's new friends that he gets them....then tells them that JT got one that very morning thinking about Liberty.

## ADVANTAGE



Because you nonchalantly rattled off how you get wet dreams in front of a bunch of complete strangers, you Toby...are the bigger social idiot.



**Use of technology to distinguish yourself as a nerd**



**Arthur** - Used VHS technology to show a porn movie instead of the low-tech (yet standardized) Beta format  
**Toby** - Has his own search engine called "Toby Tracks"....also wrote a program to show you who you are most likely to date

## ADVANTAGE



Toby KILLS Arthur in this category. I think it's a combination of the time period that Arthur is from, and his relatively minor occurrences on the show. If Arthur were a TNGcast member, I'm sure he'd be all over media immersion class.

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Way that your best friend decided to ditch you once he realized that you weren't cool....and how you reacted



**Arthur** - Cry a little bit in your bedroom. Pretend you can't play poker and take all of your old friend's new friend's money

**Toby** - Try to become cool by joining the wrestling team. Take laxatives to lose weight and pass out. Try to embarrass other people so that you aren't the focus of the laughter

# ADVANTAGE



Pretty solid win for Toby here. Good for you Arthur, you've shown that you are a Nerd with self respect. Toby completely acts like a dick and switches into the "my thing is going to be that I'm really annoying" mode that so many scorned nerds seem to fall into. PS easter egg! Did you notice that I switched out a picture of Arthur for a picture of Dwyane reading a pamphlet on AIDS? No you didn't...because they look exactly alike.



Toby Isaacs, you make me sick. Be careful buddy, you've only got the first two years of college to sort this out....or it's too late. You've already fallen about four years behind everyone else in the social skills department. My advice is to bust your ass during your freshman year, get a little bit ahead....then coast for three. You'll do OK at school....and you still have some time to be an idiot along with all of your peers. You've been given a great gift my friend...and your mom has fucked up in JUST the right way that you can't become an asshole. Do not blow this.

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## Most Likely to Succeed.

Degrassi is NOT a star factory, let's just get that out in the open right now. No one from the show has gone on to have any kind of recognizable success. Maybe it's just a US thing...and they are all super famous in Canada. Well I'm not Canadian and I don't know any Canadians...so I'm going to judge these people based on what I was able to find on the Internet. It reads like a really depressing high school reunion. Full disclosure, I posed as a teenaged girl to try and get guilt interviews out of all the people listed here. Some people wrote back and said they'd answer my questions soon, then I never heard from them again. Because of this, I might be a little too harsh with my commentary.. I apologize. It's ugly of me.

I give you....the spoils of moderate and fleeting success....

Nicole Stoffman  
(Stephanie Kaye)



Stephanie Kaye was everyone's favourite teenaged PBS party girl in the mid-80s. Then her mom won the lotto and she was conveniently taken off of the show before they even hit high school. Major bummer. Despite her short stint on the series, she's probably one of the characters that your average casual Degrassi watcher could pick out of a line-up. These days she is a lounge act in Toronto. Apparently she did the soundtrack for some french film called Disastre...and it won awards. Way to go Stephanie. Her agent will not allow her to be interviewed by 16 year old girls.

Internet Fame:

<http://www.nicolestoffman.com/> (her personal site)

<http://www.jazzboheme.com/> (her band)

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Aubrey Graham  
(Jimmy Brooks)



Possibly my favourite attempt at fame comes from our wheelchair cowboy Jimmy Brooks. He's got a hip-hop career going and is recording under the name "Drake". I've only heard samples of the music, but I wasn't too blown away. He describes the album as "songs best understood by a genuine hustler"....so maybe that's why I'm not too into it. My mom would kill me if she knew that I became a genuine hustler.

Internet Fame:

<http://www.myspace.com/thisisdrake> (awkward comments)  
<http://www.thisisdrake.com> (buy his stupid CD from here)



Andrea Lewis  
(Hazel Aden)

Hazel is the most notoriously useless character in the Degrassi universe. She has virtually NO impact at all to storylines and the audience's overall emotional response. Maybe it's because of this that she set out to conquer the world of R&B. I can't think of a more appropriate way to sum up Andrea's career than a comment that "\*Niggaz come a dime a dozen\*" posted to her Myspace account. "hey gurl degrassi just won't be the same without u but still we can love your music. stay real"

Internet Fame:

<http://www.myspace.com/andrealewismusic> (pictures of her in yellow shorts)  
<http://www.andrealewis.ca> (her head looks like a peanut!)

Mike Lobel  
(Jay Hogart)



Mike Lobel comes off as a gentleman. Check out his Myspace. He's not a rocket scientist, but he seems pretty down to earth. All of this will be changing really soon though, because apparently he has a band....and he'll be posting his music to Myspace soon. Look at the girl with the microphone down there buddy....that's the Degrassi Kiss of Death. At 22 years old, he is one of the elder cast members on TNG. He is completely immune to the interview requests of underage girls.

Internet Fame:

<http://www.myspace.com/mikelobel> (He spells "whether" wrong in the same sentence he talks about his love of writing)



Cassie Steele  
(Manuella Santos)

Cassie DEFINITELY has the most post-Degrassi success. One can only wonder if it's because of her famous thongy-ways. My theory on that is that Emma was supposed to be the sexy bad girl, and the writers freaked out when she got older and started to exhibit that REALLY obvious lazy eye. Regardless of where her fame comes from, it's here. She's got an album out called "How Much For Happy" and she's worked with Drake on some tracks too. Cassie Steele, you disgust me....but I respect you....even if you won't conduct interviews with sixteen year old girls.

Internet Fame:

<http://www.myspace.com/cassiesteele> ("prefers wall to wall carpeting or tiles, no hardwood please" sorry cassie, it wouldn't work)  
<http://www.cassiesteele.com> (buy her music and t-shirts you dick)



John Bregar  
(Dylan Michalchuk)



No surprises here, dude is a male model. I don't feel weird about pointing out when a guy is a "handsome man"....and I do NOT think that this joker is a handsome man. Apparently Canada disagrees with me because he's been in a shit-ton of commercials. His photography gave my eyes ball cancer.

**Internet Fame:**

<http://www.myspace.com/56301403> (vote on his next hairstyle)  
[www.johnbregar.com](http://www.johnbregar.com) (this guy definitely gets along with his mom)



Pat Mastroianni  
(Joey Jeremiah)

From everything I've seen about this guy, he's exactly like Joey Jeremiah in real life. He's got the most amazing low-tier celebrity homepage I've ever seen. It's honestly breathtaking. He's got more Degrassi t-shirts than the t-shirt stores in Canada do (seriously, I checked)....and he's got pictures of him wearing every single one of them. Once, he was trying to sell an autographed guitar on there for \$5000. Against all odds....posing as a teenaged girl to get an interview with him did not succeed. He told me that he'd try to hook me up with Snake, but I never heard from him after that. Thanks a lot Jeremiah. P.S. He played "Helicopter Pilot #2" in the Matthew Broderick Godzilla movie that came out like 8 years ago. I rewatched it, and I must say he puts in a stellar performance.

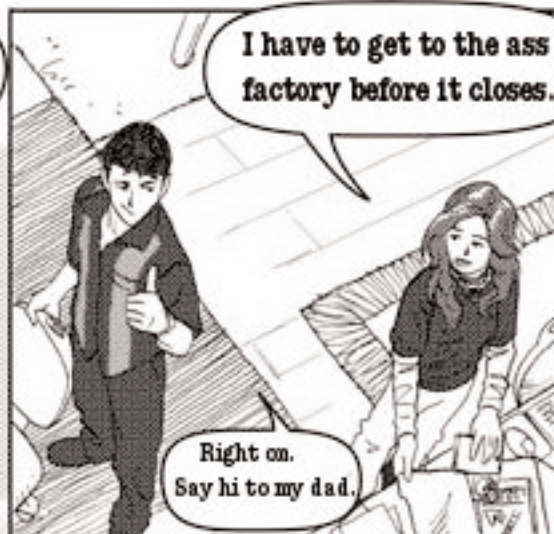
**Internet Fame:**

<http://www.patmup.com> (\$40 for a CD of mp3s that he compiled. He lists his favourite band as "Bare Naked Ladies", so you'll probably get some hot tunes on it)





Holy shit!  
Look what time it is!



I have to get to the ass  
factory before it closes.

Right on.  
Say hi to my dad.



Psychel! Don't greet my dad in any  
fashion. I'm tired of him whooping on  
my ass when I do bad things.



\*FART\*



What language is that?  
I better follow.

\*FART\*

\*FART\*

\*FART\*



You like books huh? I used to be into  
books too...but then I was raped by a  
librarian. Now I add numbers for fun.

\*FAAAAAAAAAART\*

How embarrassing. My  
aunt is a librarian. She  
has a lot of facial hair.



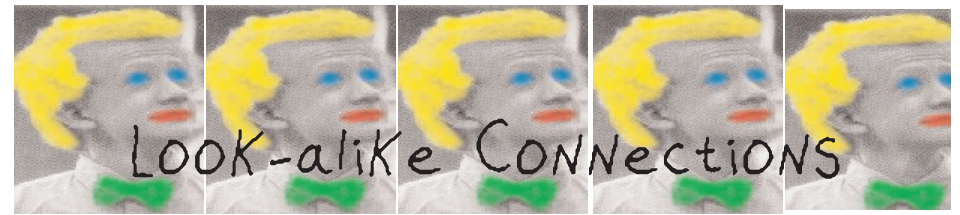
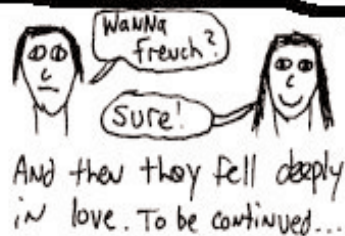
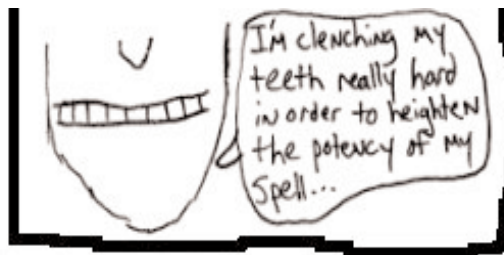
I just cast a  
confusion spell  
on you.



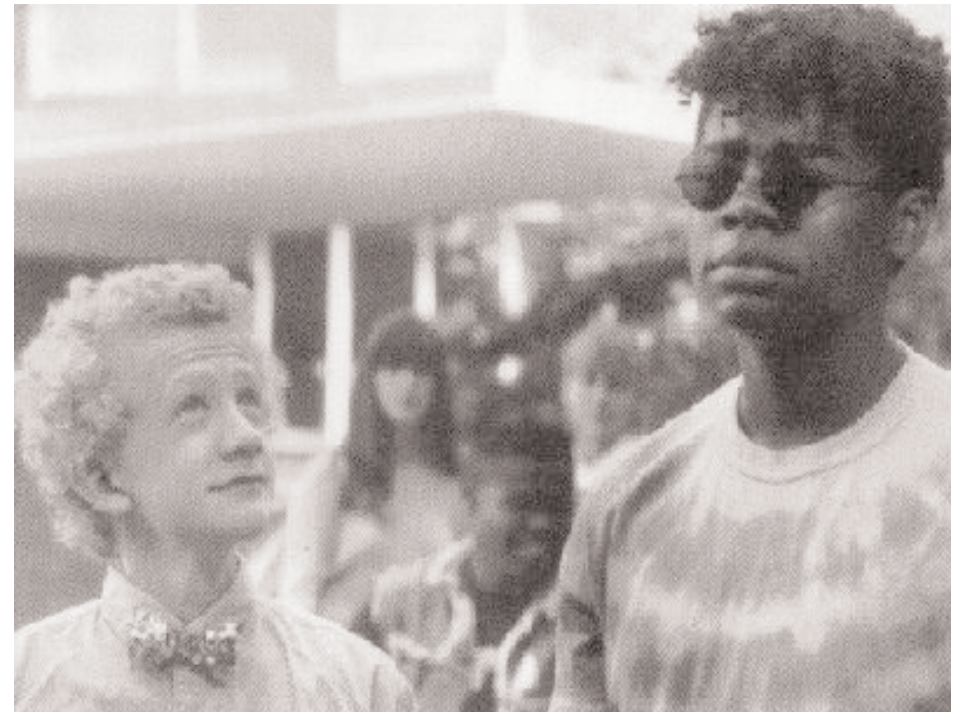
Single serving of Jesus?

Am I Daphne from  
Scooby Doo?





I think a huge part of Degrassi's appeal is that it started off by just using Neighborhood Kids to be actors ON the show. I think that's pretty awesome and definitely adds to the realism of everything. Luckily this also opens up a lot of windows for look-a-likes. While most of the connections are kind of weak...because I'm pretty notorious for telling people that some people look just like other people....just to fill awkward silences during conversation....but this time I think I'm finally hit the nail on the head. I give you....Tim O' Connor (and Bartholomew Bond).



While only an "occasional" character on the show, Tim has always made a huge impression on me. His voice sounds exactly like my inner monologue and he also always has a really strict and harsh opinion on something. So the guy struck some cords with me....I wanted to listen to him. I wanted to understand his character's motivation. Something about him was always familiar. Then one day it hit me. I screamed Eureka in the shower and fell down.





Oh My god! Revelation. My subconscious had been playing out this really delicate and amazing soap opera in my head. Tim is Basquiat. His friend Bart is Andy Warhol, and they are the ones running Degrassi...grooming all the characters for future greatness. THANKS TIM. OK that's the end of this turd. Believe it or not, this was the "thought" that made me want to write all this in the first place. Pretty lame. See you next issue.

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