

Alec Soth's Archived Blog

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Quiz: Name the senior

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Back to School week continues with a pop quiz. Name this senior:



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He is probably best known for his love of good music and things artistic. Someone has said of him that if he died he would first inquire which place had the best hi-fi set and make his plans accordingly. The popular belief that music and mathematics go hand in hand seems to be exemplified in his case because he has usually made his best grades in school in the field of mathematics. He has been a member of the Dramatics Club since he entered Webb in his sophomore year and has contributed to that organization with his artistry and ability to create stage effects in scenery and lighting effects. He has also been a member of the *Oracle* Staff for the past two years.

9 Comments

1. Eggleston

Comment by Melanie — September 6, 2007 @ 3:28 pm

2. Eggleston.

Comment by jaime — September 6, 2007 @ 4:07 pm

3. At the age of fifteen, Eggleston was sent to the Webb School, a boarding school in Bell Buckle, Tennessee.

"It had a kind of Spartan routine to 'build character.' I never knew what that was supposed to mean. It was so callous and dumb. It was the kind of place where it was considered effeminate to like music and painting." W. Eggleston (link)

"One of the older students used to tell me, 'Eggleston, I don't know whether to call you "shit-tit" or "tit-shit."' (link)

Comment by Alec Soth — September 6, 2007 @ 4:32 pm

4. I'm not sure how Webb / Bell Buckle has developed over the years, but I was a graduate of Webb / Knoxville in the early 1990s. At least when I was there, the art students had a reasonable amount of "mindshare." Not that the administration liked it — we ended up rocking the boat more than they wanted.

The Webb family is an interesting group of people — they founded at least three schools, two in Tennessee, and one in California. For the South, it's unusual because they were fairly non-denominational.

Comment by Mark — September 6, 2007 @ 5:02 pm

5. I believe that yearbook photo of Eggleston is dated 1956.

Comment by Shane Lavalette — September 6, 2007 @ 6:29 pm

6. very stylish tie. very sharp.

Comment by stewart — September 6, 2007 @ 10:57 pm

7. Hey, that's my scan!

Eggleston also attended several different colleges, and never finished one of them.

But that didn't stop him from teaching at MIT.

Comment by Christian — September 7, 2007 @ 1:37 am

8. he kinda looks like kafka...

Comment by paul — September 7, 2007 @ 6:38 am

9. Christian, I think it was Harvard Uni., Carpenter Center?

Comment by William Greiner — September 9, 2007 @ 8:59 am