

# crunk got patrolled

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by commentary editor

It was late one evening not long ago when the school mysteriously fixed all of its flaws overnight. At least, this should be partially true if one of the top issues being dealt with is to ban the use of the word crunk.

I guess the shirts with alcohol, drugs, or sex acts must have vaporized. Every student managed to find and wear a belt. The skirts got much longer. The guys' shirts shrunk 10 sizes, as the girls' shirts grew a few. The smokers are off the corner, everyone stopped skipping class, and each and every student reported to the Viking Center and cafeteria for lunch.

Without all of these options to keep certain staff members busy, it was a must to crack down on the crunk.

It would be alright to scream out during games to psych up the fan and players, but that crunk word is a bad, bad word.

Why? Let's look at a comparison.

On the sidelines, go ahead and yell "GO VIKES!" or "KILL 'EM!" or "PUMP IT UP!" or "LET'S GET STARTED!". All of these are very appropriate for their purpose.

Regardless of how phrases have changed over the years of what students and fans used to shout out at games, I don't believe you'll ever hear the students rooting on their players with "Let's go get drunk!" or "Let's toke it up!" or "Let's get sexed up!".

These latter phrases are pointless. Disregarding that these same teenagers might possibly be taking a part in this act, the spirit and pride of their players is not shown in this matter.

Okay, but what does getting crunk mean?

The reasoning behind the 'crunk patrol' around

school is supposedly from the origination of the word, which is claimed to be "crazy drunk".

However, many students agree that the meaning being used has nothing to do with any word combination, but it is simply the use of a word as a current fad and spirit promoter, no different than being 'pumped up'.

So, the trust that is being placed in our school's most spirited and dedicated students is that they are running around promoting student binge drinking? And this is whom the administration seems to want to deal with immediately and obsessively?

I can't imagine these students being a thorn in this school's side.

If the school-famous 'blue men' were parading around with "Let's go get drunk!", perhaps the administration would have busted the group with alcohol during many of the 'crunk patrol raids' that have been going on since the beginning of the year. But instead, they stay loud and stay proud and take it in stride.

Maybe some staff members should take this example for their own use.

After all, replace crunk with whatever you would like. Is getting pumped up with steroids? Are you really going to kill the other team? Watch out, because the next step will be your spirit in handcuffs.

## Side Notes:

- For the background story, turn to pages 18 and 19.
- The origin of the word crunk isn't completely known. It was first used by Outkast, yet also made an appearance on the Late Night show with Conan O'Brien
- Around the internet, the most common definition found for the word crunk is a specific type of hip-hop

Dear Editor,

I dont think that the students in the Omaha Schools, or any kind of school like OPS, Catholic and Private are given enough food at lunch. I think that since we are actually given a main meal, a side dish of somesort like fruit or salad, and a drink the lunch people and the Federal State Government assume it is enough food. I myself have complained many times of being hungry right before lunch. I think that after I eat I'll be just fine but I've come to find numerous times that I feel the same. Just as hungry as before.

Though we are given the three most important parts of a meal I still dont think its enough. Being that were growing and were now

older we most definently need more food in our systems. Sometimes people get sick or even tired during the day because of a lack of food. I mean c'mon, 5 chicken nuggets, 3 mozzarella sticks, a slice of pizza? Sometimes when we have a good amount of food the lunch people dont even give you enough. For example, on a day we have spagetti im lucky enough if I get a spoon full. I think it's just ridiculous. Ive had the SAME amount of food given to me since, im pretty sure elementary school. I know the Federal State Government or whoever pays for our food isnt made of money but they could atleast spare a little bit more. Lunch is what, the 2nd most important meal of the day? And some people dont even eat breakfast. That being their fault but they should be able to make that up with lunch. It's just

needed for your body to function.

I do however think that the price of our lunch is fine. \$1.65 is about right for the amount of food we get. I just seriously think we need more. We eat approximately around 11-11:30 a.m. With the food we get, is that really enough to last us 3-4 hours?

Maybe im just completely out of my boundaries but its just a suggestion to feed us more. I know im not the only one who's thought of this idea. I think the Federal Government State needs to take this into serious consideration.

Sincerely,  
Katie Browder