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I am Shay JONAS. I am a senior at Monroe. I have been a member of the Cheer Squad for 4 years. This last year I was elected captain of the squad. Our football team had been a district champ last year and we were really looking forward to this year, since our main starting lettermen were all returning for their senior year. Our homecoming game was scheduled for September 26th.

As part of the homecoming activities, the Cheer Squad was selling buttons as a fundraiser. The buttons were in school colors and said BEAT TECH. It was a very popular fundraiser and all of the cool kids were buying the buttons and wearing them to show school spirit and support for the team.

That Friday, the 26th, started out to be a great day. There was a pep rally that morning in the cafeteria right after home room. We had decorated the café in school colors and it seemed like everyone was wearing a BEAT TECH pin. Everyone on the Cheer Squad was wearing their game uniform and the Football team members were wearing their jerseys. Everything was just so right.

I was looking forward to the first edition of our student newspaper being distributed in the cafeteria that morning. I was a member of the paper and had tried out for editor. I lost in a close election to Vermont MURDICH. I still write articles for the paper, but don't have any input on the editorial content. I had written 2 articles on the upcoming football game and hoped that the editorial would promote increased school spirit at the game. I picked up my copy of the paper as I entered the café. My articles got in the paper, but the editorial had nothing to do with the big game.

While walking around the café and getting everyone pepped up, I noticed that

Morgan McFLY was not wearing a BEAT TECH button. "Come on, stick in the mud, get some spirit!" I said to him while pinning on a BEAT TECH button. McFLY responded by saying "No way, This is all crap." McFLY then pulled a button out of his pants pocket and said "This is the only button I'll be wearing today". It was an Obama button.

I walked away from McFLY. I have found that is the best thing to do when confronted with ignorant people. I mean, I have my PATRIOTS FOR PALIN button, but I don't wear it at school where it might offend someone who disagrees with my political choice. My parents have always stressed to me the need not to offend people, except when the matter rises to the level of conscience. It took a lot for my parents to join the PTA sponsored group called Parents for Uniformity. My parents supported the uniform policy at the school and wanted to make it clear that they backed the Administration's effort to use the uniforms to cut down violence and drug usage at school.

I went to my 3rd period Honors English class. We were starting to discuss the Salem witch trials when McFLY started complaining about how FALEM was trampling all over the 1st Amendment by making McFLY take off his Obama button. This got me angered, since I was getting into the discussion about witchcraft and how the government chose to eliminate it from the Bay Colony. McFLY kept getting more and more agitated about having to remove the button. Then, MURDICH started to chime in "GITMO, GITMO" and again with this 1st Amendment stuff!

Soon students started taking up sides about the uniform policy, buttons and it seemed like everything but witches. FALEM was getting angrier and angrier. I remember FALEM stating "This is my class, not yours. You will take off that damned button or else!" Finally, I heard a loud noise and looked up to see FALEM calling the

campus cops. What a lousy prelude to our homecoming. Things went from bad to worse. We lost the game. There were even some people at the game protesting the dress code with buttons that said "Uniformity Sucks". These people got into a fight with other people who had buttons on saying "Go uniform or go back". The police were called and arrests were made. This is not how I wanted to spend my Senior year.