

CHEERING MY WAY INTO COLLEGE

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CAST: one female

(Barbara, or “Babs” appears on stage and talks to audience. SHE is dressed in a raincoat, or any garment that covers up her cheerleading outfit underneath. The cheerleader outfit consists of a jersey (top) that says the initials S.A.T. on it, a short cheerleading skirt, plus two pom poms. The pom poms and outfit do not need to be used in competition; the actress can just do her cheers in whatever outfit SHE’s chosen. The outfit is purely extra if desired. It should be noted that the actress performing this monologue need not be a talented cheerleader. It will probably be more humorous if SHE’s not. However, if SHE is good it will give her a good chance to show off as well. It should be noted that if appropriate, the actress is encouraged to try and get as much audience participation as possible.)

AT RISE: BABS approaches, looking very serious. SHE addresses the audience.

BABS

Hello, and thank you for coming at my request. I realize that all of you (**SHE indicates audience**) at the Scholastic Aptitude Testing board have never received a finished exam that was quite like mine before. Well, I guess it’s time that the S.A.T.’s got a little shaken up from somebody who knows a wonderful way to prove to you that I should get to go to any college I choose. Yes, rather than restrict myself by taking the traditional Scholastic Aptitude Tests, I’m going to give you a dose of my S.A.T.’s – “Skills and Talent”. That’s right. It’s the new millennium, so kids ought to have lots of options to get into the college of their choice. And I’ve chosen an incredibly challenging yet dynamic discipline to prove my worth to all of you:

(SHE tears off her raincoat, exposing her cheerleading outfit. If SHE doesn’t have one, SHE does a split, or some other obvious cheerleading move)

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Cheerleading! Yeah! Go team! Go S.A. Team! Now, give me an “S”! **(SHE makes an “S” with her body, tried to get actual audience to cheer with her)** Give me an “A”! Now give me a “T”! Great! That was “T”-reffic!

(Very seriously) For all of you S.A.T. committee members from the English testing division, that was a pun. I said “T”-reffic. A pun is a play on words intended for humorous results.

(Back to “cheerleader mode”) Who here loves humor? I know I do. Humor can be so funny! Give me an “H”! Give me an “A”! What’s that spell? “HA”! Say it again! “HA”! Now say it two times in a row! “HA HA”. Made you laugh. See? Comedy can be fun. Now I’m going to tell you a joke, right after I do a cartwheel.

(SHE does a cartwheel)

(Very seriously) Did you notice that my body was in a circular shape when I did that cartwheel? That’s almost a sphere. So all of you folks from the SAT mathematics division, mark down on your charts that Babs knows her math! Speaking of math, here’s the joke I promised you:

(Back to “cheerleader”) What kind of underwear does a mermaid wear? **(SHE mimes swimming like a mermaid)** Answer? **(She stops and puts her hands on her hips)** An alge-bra. Get it? Like algebra on the SAT’s, but it’s a joke. Give me two “HA HA’s”! And hopefully a few hundred points!

I made that joke up myself. I was inspired after watching NOVA.

(Seriously to the “committee”) You all will have to decide if that should give me points towards English or Math. I’ve got a lot more for both, so I think my bases are covered.

Speaking of bases, I’d like to take this time to say that I’m worth waiting for. My body is my own, and I don’t need to be physical with a boy to know that I’m special. This is sort of the Public Service Announcement portion of my test and I think it just shows my well roundedness. And that wasn’t a pun.

But, all seriousness aside, it’s important to take Public Service Announcements very seriously. Sometimes they’re about smoking, sometimes they’re about salmonella. Either way, as part of the public, I

really appreciate all of the Service Announcements that I've heard. Every last one.

Give me a "P"! Give me an "S"! Give me an "A"! What's that spell? PSA!

(whispering) Here's another quick PSA: Babs is totally cool.

All right! Now it's time for a word problem! No problem for me!

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