

# button-making /1/ **trust** betrayed

"These students were trusted with school equipment, and they betrayed that trust," said teacher Karen Orlowski, holding a pair of buttons \_\_\_\_\_ "Suck My Ass" and "Farty Fart." "I signed this **button maker** out of the school supply closet \_\_\_\_\_ the students could spend their lunch hour creating fun, colorful buttons for the upcoming student-council elections. Instead, I return to find this. Those buttons were \_\_\_\_\_ to read 'Robert K. For Treasurer' and 'Danny Carter For V.P.,' not 'Mrs. Yanofsky Has Big Boobies.' Until someone comes forward with the names of all the students \_\_\_\_\_, I am forced to punish everyone."

At approximately 1 p.m., Orlowski returned from lunch to find students **hurriedly gathering** the scissors and scraps of paper that \_\_\_\_\_ the floor as well as the buttons. She said she didn't think to inspect the buttons \_\_\_\_\_ until she noticed Lindsay Chao wearing a button bearing the image of Marie Curie with a beard drawn onto her face.

Chao, one of the few students willing to discuss details of the incident, said she and her classmates started \_\_\_\_\_ with the **best of intentions**. "We were \_\_\_\_\_ making buttons for the election for, like, a long time," Chao said, offering up four "Alyssa 4 Prez!!!" buttons as proof. "But then, Amanda made this one that said 'Justin Timberlake 4 President,' and it just sort of went \_\_\_\_\_ from there."

According to Chao, after this breakthrough, the buttons became more and more funny, with each student trying to \_\_\_\_\_ the last one. \_\_\_\_\_ aggressive in their efforts to push the \_\_\_\_\_, Chao said, were the boys. "**The girls** were doing a lot of buttons about stuff they liked, like The Backstreet Boys and horses," Chao said. "But then **the boys** started doing all these \_\_\_\_\_, funny ones, like 'Student Council Sucks' and 'Mr. Cecil Is Gay.' One boy made, like, 10 different buttons \_\_\_\_\_ different people gay."

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