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Posted by Cougf84 - 2008/04/18 20:27

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Re:I am announcing my retirement from cougarblue.com

Posted by BYUtx - 2008/04/18 20:36

Wait, who are you again?

Just kidding! I hope you don't think anyone here hates you. It's just there are many here that like to dock karma to karma-mongers. I did dock you once, but that was a few days ago when I first read your "if I get to 100" thread. After your karma started dropping, you said that your new goal was to get to -100. I thought you were serious.

Re:I am announcing my retirement from cougarblue.c

Posted by Mars - 2008/04/18 21:29

No one likes the karma feature anyways. Who gives a rip?

Re:I am announcing my retirement from cougarblue.c

Posted by kenj - 2008/04/18 21:50

I think the karma thing is silly. But I totally understand how you feel. Negative karma makes it hard to continue. Keep up the good work. Heres some positive karma for you.

Re:I am announcing my retirement from cougarblue.c

Posted by WACoug - 2008/04/18 22:04

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Hey friend, why don't you just come down off of that ledge? That's it. Don't worry about it. Some of the old timers just don't like young whipper snappers that come on a little strong in their first posts. Your karma has been restored. Don't give up so easy. It's good to have you aboard.

Re:I am announcing my retirement from cougarblue.com

Posted by a1247 - 2008/04/18 22:05

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Re:I pulled an MJ and decided to unretire...

Posted by Cougfan84 - 2008/04/18 23:23

Whoa my karma is back, How the heck did that happen? Its a miracle (haha i just watched the movie "miracle", its a good one, very inspirational). Did a moderator restore my karma to positive 29? I don't want you to think i'm a whiner, the karma thing isn't that big of deal. I just kind of figured no one liked my comments and thats why my Karma would dip lower and lower.

Anyways guys i'm a diehard cougar fan, its awesome to come on here and chat with fellow cougar fans and speculate about the season and stuff! Lets keep up the interesting articles, now that summer is here I need something to do besides just work.

I love BYU! I'm gonna be throwin' up the Y till the day I die!

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Re:I pulled an MJ and decided to unretire...

Posted by BYUtx - 2008/04/18 23:34

Any way I can get the mods to help me out, too? I think I could really use a boost in my conlaw exam grade.

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Re:I pulled an MJ and decided to unretire...

Posted by shaft - 2008/04/18 23:56

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lol shaft always was a smooth character... I agree though, let me earn it. If i'm back to zero and merit the respect of the cougarblue nation then I will earn karma, if not then I won't. I did make a mistake with the karma begging before, but I learned from that. So if a moderator wants to set me back to zero to be fair to the other posters then thats cool with me...

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Posted by BYUtx - 2008/04/19 01:01

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Man, you are so full of crap. I can't believe you would just pop off on some topic like you're some kind of expert. Whatever, dude, you're lame.

(Edit: I guess I better throw a "TIC" in there, though I think it's obvious that I was joking.)

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Re:I am announcing my retirement from cougarblue.com

Posted by stgeorgefan - 2008/04/19 03:01

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Posted by RogDog118 - 2008/04/19 05:50

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Re:I am announcing my retirement from cougarblue.com

Posted by GolfDiveNCougs - 2008/04/19 07:51

RogDog118 wrote:

Spring ball is over, isn't it?LOL! Now THAT's worth some Karma!
:laugh:

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Re:I am announcing my retirement from cougarblue.c

Posted by kiwibacon - 2008/04/19 08:54

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Re:I am announcing my retirement from cougarblue.c

Posted by WixomCougFan - 2008/04/19 09:44

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Posted by kiwibacon - 2008/04/19 10:09

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Posted by Slugger - 2008/04/19 10:16

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Posted by CAFB_04-12 - 2008/04/19 10:53

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Me too. :)

Re:I am announcing my retirement from cougarblue.com

Posted by BYUROCKS - 2008/04/19 12:22

the only time karma matters is if you see Air wolf (washes mouth out) then you dock him one

Re:How to change the subject in the middle

Posted by WACoug - 2008/04/19 13:26

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Maybe I am the only one who feels this way, but I hate when people do this. When I go to the home page to read the latest topics a changed heading lists as a new topic but when I click on it I just get taken to the same old thread that I just read. If you want to change the topic, just start a new thread, it is very easy to do and there have been several tutorials on it.

Re:I am announcing my retirement from cougarblue.com

Posted by craigoscarson - 2008/04/19 13:32

a1247 wrote:

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How about a "soph" with over 1000 posts? Honestly, none of it really matters at the end of the day.

I'll take -1,000 karma for every game BYU wins over Utah, I don't care if its in chess.

Re:I am announcing my retirement from cougarblue.c

Posted by Yndian - 2008/04/19 21:47

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Give the man the credit he's due; it's -619. :lol:

Cougarblue:Airwolf-free 53 days and counting...

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Re:I am announcing my retirement from cougarblue.c

Posted by Sharper - 2008/04/19 22:25

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Posted by runbyu1 - 2008/04/20 00:59

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Posted by gmoney - 2008/04/20 09:02

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Mods can do that.

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Re:I am announcing my retirement from cougarblue.c

Posted by CAFB_04-12 - 2008/04/20 14:08

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Is that a site hack? WTF?

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Re:I am announcing my retirement from cougarblue.c

Posted by Sharper - 2008/04/20 18:06

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Posted by gordito - 2008/04/20 20:57

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Posted by runbyu1 - 2008/04/21 00:48

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Posted by Hawkwing - 2008/04/21 08:36

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Right. Also, while the other karma functions check the last time you tried to give or take karma, this one doesn't, so it will let you subtract 10 from your karma as fast as you access the link you create. I've been trying to be careful not to put an excessive load on the cougarblue servers or cost them much in terms of bandwidth and such, so I haven't taken that feature to the level you could if you didn't care about such things...

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Correct. As a regular user you can only cause yourself to lose karma very, very, quickly, not gain it.

Re:I am announcing my retirement from cougarblue.c

Posted by redneckjedi - 2008/04/21 10:11

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Re:I am announcing my retirement from cougarblue.c

Posted by A_King - 2008/04/21 11:01

This only proves how little karma matters and why I think we should just do away with it.

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I did originally think of that, so I tested it with a local copy of MySQL. Assuming they are running a reasonably recent version of MySQL, all that will happen is that when the limit is hit the sql code will generate a warning and not actually decrease my karma.

Thus, at that point it will be impossible for anyone (even a moderator) to dock me any more karma without changing the local code or modifying the underlying database table's structure.

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Posted by Cougfan84 - 2008/04/21 11:40

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Re:I am announcing my retirement from cougarblue.c

Posted by sjcougfan - 2008/04/21 12:15

The only karma that means anything is "jungle karma"! The only karma I pay attention too, is the karma on My Name is Earl, love that show.

Re:I am announcing my retirement from cougarblue.c

Posted by ttexastim - 2008/04/21 13:50

There is one other way to get negative karma that y'all forgot about.

One simply has to utter the words "Go Utes!" and have a red avatar and wham bam thank you ma'am, your magical karma will have great things happen to it.

How the hell is everyone anyway? I can't wait for this next year's ball. Both teams are going to kick some serious butt, and I'm excited to see things play out for both our programs. You guys are the top dog and the team to beat.

This has been fun. I'll have to stop back by more often. LOL. Later y'all!!

Re:I am announcing my retirement from cougarblue.c

Posted by ttexastim - 2008/04/21 13:55

Sorry ... I had to post one more time, because that last post was #666 for me. I don't want my devil red showing too much!! ;)

Re:I am announcing my retirement from cougarblue.c

Posted by Sage - 2008/04/21 14:43

HEY! You're back. Still wonder why.

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Posted by cougarfan87 - 2008/04/21 14:46

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I disagree. To me a few here and there is nothing. But McGregor and Cruiser have done this audience much service, and having some way to show extra appreciation has been a good thing. Of course, some have not done such wonders for us, and their karma has shown it.

Of course, logical and informative posts are welcome, especially with good evidence to back it up. As long as one is not married to the emotional up or down, it is still a way to recognize good posts.

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And don't forget the beauty of being to call Airwolf "that GD Airwolf" :evil: :evil: :evil:...and not feeling bad about it...:unsure: :unsure:...Well...:ohmy:...not too bad, anyway. :whistle:

And on a completely unrelated point, the emoticons are a pretty cool feature. You can express anything.

Blue-Goggled Optimism :cheer:
Sarcasm ;)
The Automatic reaction that comes after reading Airwolf's posts :dry:
The Automatic reaction that comes after reading Cruiser's posts :lol:
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Re:I am announcing my retirement from cougarblue.c

Posted by ammoncougar1 - 2008/04/22 13:43

cougarfan87 wrote:

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For me, a Selective Eater aka by my wife "Picky", that is the same expression I have when I DO eat my vegetables.:laugh:

Go Cougs!!!

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