

Are parents wrecking facebook?

KU students talk to **Raiani Sibien** and **Bharath Rameshan** about their embarrassing family moments on Facebook

Growing up in the 90s, children had to worry only about their parents and relatives embarrassing them when their friends visited them at home.

Nowadays, with the widespread use of Facebook, it seems no amount of disassociation or distance will offer relief for the younger generation. From awkward comments, to baby pictures, to ALL CAPS EVERYTHING, the over-the-hill gang is here to stay and they have made Facebook their own online playground. New research suggests as many as 11 million young people have turned away from Facebook as the older generation have started logging on.



Tilly Granger - studying drama

"My dad and I work at Glastonbury Festival every year, and my dad dresses up as a monk carrying a megaphone and sign, yelling at people to get them to visit our bar. People I know at the festival always take photos of him and I don't think they realise it's my dad until the pictures reach Facebook. They come up to me and say: 'Oh my God, your dad is the one that yelled at me at Glastonbury to come into that random bar!' All I can say is: 'Yes, that's my dad!'"

shared the video not only on his own wall but also my own and some of my friends'. Lovely daddy."



Alex McLeod - studying primary education

"My dad does a lot of weird things on Facebook, things that he finds funny but other people might not... He puts up pics of me when I was younger and tells terrible jokes. Then he also likes to morph people's faces on objects and other people's bodies which, again, he finds funny but I don't think anyone else does."



Matthew Mather - studying media and sociology

"My friends tagged me in a picture where I was completely passed out in a bar. My mother didn't know I was actually passed out, and just thought I was posing in a 'very gay' way. She then saved the photo and showed it to my whole family. After that and a few more similar happenings, I decided to delete her for good."



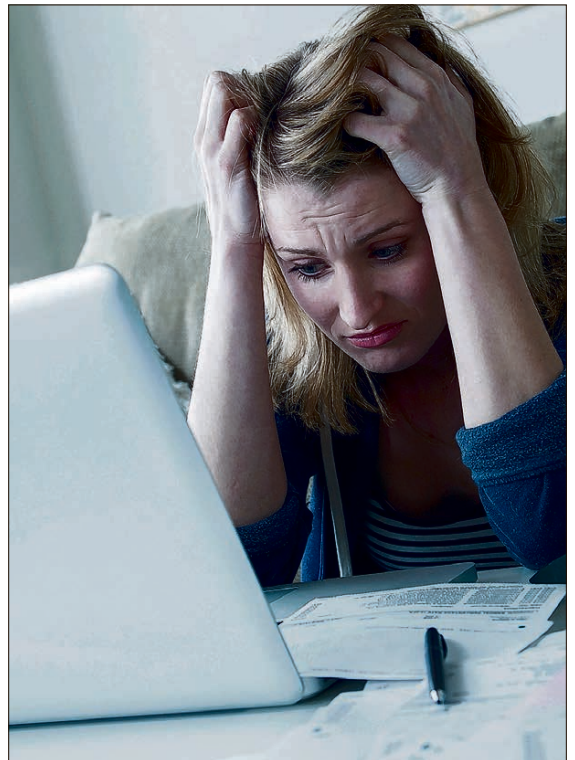
Raggy Robertson - studying film and broadcasting

"On Christmas Day my father used my Facebook account to 'frape' me and say that all I wanted for Christmas was big boobs. The comment generated quite a response from my friend. He also posted on my timeline that 'your ass looks like a space-hopper'. On a different occasion he recorded me dancing to Cher and



Melissa Matthews - studying international public relations

"My mother is always posting pictures of herself half-naked on her own wall, but also my timeline. For example, on her birthday she posted a pic of herself half-naked on my wall asking me how she looked. As if this wasn't enough, she always adds to this display with every embarrassing comment possible."



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