



# the water tower.

## uvm's alternative newsmag

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## the illustrious (and continuing) history of uvm's nude calendars

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It's more avant-garde than Milan Fashion Week. More shocking than the union of a power line with a pair of children's safety scissors. More sensual than that episode of *True Blood* that you watched last weekend while stoned.

UVM's Naked Calendar has been a legendary fixture on campus since its inception in 2009. In the inspired tradition of the classic film *Calendar Girls*, UVM club sports teams joined ranks with fellow college clubs to bare all in order to raise some funds.

The calendar was founded and developed by an enterprising trio of alumni: Jamie Seiffer, Evan Walden and photographer Bobby Bruderle. Members of the enigmatic Boulder Society, Seiffer and company originally proposing their project as a Boulder initiative but pushed forward when the club lost interest. They envisioned a venture that would give student clubs a way to raise money and provide greater community awareness at UVM, exposing "all sections of the *student body*."

The first issue made big waves, and just like that, the aptly named "Prudent Student" Calendar became a major club fundraiser (one that thankfully excluded baked goods). By the second year, the photo shoots had moved to North End Studios, and despite expanding to a 15-month format, spots in the calendar were highly competitive, with over 40 clubs applying.

However, the Prudent Student's swelling success soon deflated as, like a vicious draft of cold wind, financial problems caused it to shrivel. The calendar's key feature was that clubs would buy in with an upfront fee and then receive around 100 to 150 calendars to sell, ideally making double to triple on their investment.

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But as the years went on, many of the clubs were unable to sell enough copies to make up for the participation cost. By 2012, a puppy and kitten were featured for one of the months—not enough clubs had signed on. Eventually, what had become an annual vitalizing force of UVM-club-centric erotic(ish) artistic expression was now barren—no one printed a naked calendar at all.

Enter a bold team of writers and artists, unafraid to indulge in occasional blatant bias and/or impropriety. **the water tower** (aka The Best News Team in the Universe), unable to stand idly by and allow our peers to remain fully

clothed all winter, decided to take up the Prudent Student's burden.

So what did we do? We asked around, and it became pretty clear that there were ample UVM clubs and teams with luscious members willing to bare it all. We rounded up some club-appropriate props, enlisted one of our very own contributors as photographer, and, following the mandate of Britney Spears, we got to work, bitch.

It wasn't easy. There were hours of planning, photography, strenuous and cartilage-defying poses (gymnastics club, we're looking at you!), and the arduous "scroto-shopping" necessary for getting past the thought-police we all so abhor.

Though we must concede that the nipple has not quite been liberated, we are nevertheless proud to present to you the first ever **water tower** Naked Issue! We hope it gives you a brighter image of the vibrant and passionate student clubs we're so fortunate to have here at UVM. We also hope that, like many of your Catamount peers, you are desensitized enough to nudity by this point: otherwise, we can't promise that a close reading will not make you take a cold shower, or at least a thorough roll in the snow. ■

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**Outing Club**, the largest club on campus, sends out 50 trips and 1,500 UVM students every semester. The club is entirely student-led, and offers technical trips in climbing, skiing, and paddling, as well as day hikes

# february.

and overnight trips. Weekly signups are all day Tuesday in the DC, and Monday-Friday at the Outing Club House. Drop your drawers for the outdoors.

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
1	2 <b>Gymnastics:</b> M-Th Practices 7:00-9:30pm <b>FeelGood:</b> Weekly Meeting, Chittenden Bank Room, 7pm	3 <b>Water Tower:</b> Weekly Meeting, DC Williams Room, 7:30pm <b>Cycling:</b> Weekly Meeting, Mansfield Room, 8pm	4 <b>Outing Club:</b> Pancake Wednesday	5	6	7 <b>Quidditch:</b> Weekly Practice, Turf Fields in Gym, 1pm
8	9 <b>Gymnastics:</b> M-Th Practices <b>FeelGood:</b> Weekly Meeting	10 <b>Water Tower:</b> Weekly Meeting <b>Cycling:</b> Weekly Meeting	11 <b>Outing Club:</b> Pancake Wednesday	12	13 <b>Top Cats:</b> Valentine's Show, Billings Lecture Hall, 8pm <b>Quidditch:</b> Yule Ball, Billings Library, 7pm	14 <b>Quidditch:</b> Weekly Practice
15	16 <b>President's Day</b>	17 <b>Water Tower:</b> Weekly Meeting <b>Cycling:</b> Weekly Meeting	18 <b>Outing Club:</b> Pancake Wednesday	19	20 <b>Cycling:</b> 24-Hour Fundraiser, Church Street, 12pm (through 12pm 2/21)	21 <b>Cycling:</b> 24-Hour Fundraiser <b>Quidditch:</b> Weekly Practice
22	23 <b>Gymnastics:</b> M-Th Practices <b>FeelGood:</b> Weekly Meeting	24 <b>Water Tower:</b> Weekly Meeting <b>Cycling:</b> Weekly Meeting	25 <b>Outing Club:</b> Pancake Wednesday	26	27	28



The UVM Women's Ultimate Frisbee Team, better known as Ruckus, is a large club of almost 70 ladies spanning their A and B teams. They will be playing in Chicago and Myrtle Beach for tour-

# march.

naments this spring, and routinely represent UVM at the D1 New England Region, where they also repeatedly spank their rival team, Dartmouth.

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
1	2 <b>Spring Break</b>	3	4	5	6 →	7 <b>Cycling:</b> Garden State Collegiate Weekend (through 3/8)
8 <b>Cycling:</b> Garden State Collegiate Weekend	9 <b>Gymnastics:</b> M-Th Practices 7:00-9:30pm <b>FeelGood:</b> Weekly Meeting, DC Chittenden Bank Room, 7pm	10 <b>Water Tower:</b> Weekly Meeting, DC Williams Room, 7:30pm <b>Cycling:</b> Weekly Meeting, Mansfield Room, 8pm	11 <b>Outing Club:</b> Pancake Wednesday	12	13	14 <b>Outing Club:</b> Backpack in the 'Dacks (through 3/15) <b>Quidditch:</b> Weekly Practice, Turf Fields in Gym, 1pm
15 <b>Outing Club:</b> Backpack in the 'Dacks	16 <b>Gymnastics:</b> M-Th Practices <b>FeelGood:</b> Weekly Meeting	17 <b>Water Tower:</b> Weekly Meeting <b>Cycling:</b> Weekly Meeting	18 <b>Outing Club:</b> Pancake Wednesday	19	20	21 <b>Outing Club:</b> Back Country Cooking Weekend
22 <b>Outing Club:</b> Back Country Cooking Weekend	23 <b>Gymnastics:</b> M-Th Practices <b>FeelGood:</b> Weekly Meeting	24 <b>Water Tower:</b> Weekly Meeting <b>Cycling:</b> Weekly Meeting	25 <b>Outing Club:</b> Pancake Wednesday	26	27 <b>Ballet Viridis:</b> Showcase, Ira Allen, 7pm	28 <b>Outing Club:</b> Free Day Hike; Cabin Work Weekend (through 3/29) <b>Cycling:</b> Boston Beanpot
29 <b>Outing Club:</b> Cabin Work Weekend <b>Cycling:</b> Boston Beanpot	30 <b>Gymnastics:</b> M-Th Practices <b>FeelGood:</b> Weekly Meeting	31				



Ballet **Viridis** is UVM's first student-run ballet company in their first year on campus. With style and grace, they perform classical and contemporary ballet pieces.

# april.

all directed and choreographed by students. Come support them at their annual showcase in Ira Allen!

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
			1	2	3 <b>Top Cats:</b> Med Vida Benefit Show, DC Livak Ballroom, 7pm	4 <b>Outing Club:</b> Ski @ Tuckerman Ravine (through 4/5); Full Moon Hike <b>Women's Rugby:</b> Prom Dress Tournament
5 <b>Outing Club:</b> Ski @ Tuckerman Ravine <b>Cycling:</b> Army Cycling Weekend: Stony Point/West Point, NY (4th & 5th)	6 <b>Gymnastics:</b> M-Th Practices 7:00-9:30pm <b>FeelGood:</b> General Meetings, Chittenden Bank Room, 7pm	7 <b>Water Tower:</b> Weekly Meeting, DC Williams Room, 7:30pm <b>Cycling:</b> Weekly Meeting, Mansfield Room, 8pm	8	9	10	11 <b>Outing Club:</b> Mountain Biking 101 <b>Cycling:</b> Road Race @ Charlotte & UVM (through 4/12) <b>Women's Rugby:</b> Scrimmage @ St. Mike's; Alumni Game
12 <b>Cycling Club:</b> Road Race @ Charlotte & UVM	13 <b>Gymnastics:</b> M-Th Practices <b>FeelGood:</b> General Meetings	14 <b>Water Tower:</b> Weekly Meeting <b>Cycling:</b> Weekly Meeting	15 <b>Outing Club:</b> Hiking & Yoga	16 <b>Outing Club:</b> Free Day Hike	17	18 <b>Women's Rugby:</b> Ruggers Against Rape Tournament <b>Quiddich:</b> Weekly Practice, 1pm
19 <b>Cycling:</b> L'Enfer du Nord and UNH Live Free and Ride: Hanover/Strafford, NH (18th & 19th)	20 <b>Gymnastics:</b> M-Th Practices <b>FeelGood:</b> General Meetings	21 <b>Water Tower:</b> Weekly Meeting <b>Cycling:</b> Weekly Meeting	22	23	24	25 <b>Top Cats:</b> Senior Show, Ira Allen Chapel, 8pm <b>Quiddich:</b> Weekly Practice
26 <b>Outing Club:</b> Rock Climbing @ Smugg's	27 <b>Gymnastics:</b> M-Th Practices <b>FeelGood:</b> General Meetings	28 <b>Water Tower:</b> Weekly Meeting <b>Cycling:</b> Weekly Meeting	29 Last Day of Classes	30		



*This season, UVM's Women's Rugby Team finished 16th in the nation for Division 2 and finished with an undefeated league season. To match this amazing run, these ladies are full of*

**may.**

*enthusiasm and a roaring bunch to be around. The rugby family is the best family!*

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
					1 Exam Week	2
3	4 Exam Week	5	6	7	8 →	9 Cycling: USA Cycling Collegiate Road Bike Nationals, Ashville, NC (8th-10th)
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Graduate Commencement
17 Undergraduate & Medical Commencement	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30
31						



The **Top Cats** are UVM's finest, most intelligent, best looking, highest grossing, most modest, and only all-male a cappella group. Since 1981, they've delighted audiences from Montreal to Puerto Rico! Sway to their harmonies yourself at any one of their monthly

# june.

shows on campus. Make sure to audition at the beginning of year to join this strapping yet sensitive group of singing studs.

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
14	15	16	<b>summer</b>			19	20
21	22	23				24	25
28	29	30					



The **UVM Cycling Team** is a large competitive cycling team of 75 to 100 members. They race all across New England, as well as Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and compete against rivals UNH and Northeastern in the Eastern Collegiate Cycling Conference (ECCC).

# july.

They compete across three-season with mountain biking in the fall, cyclocross in the winter, and road racing in the spring in varied events such as dual slalom, gravity, cross-country, and crit.

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday	
			1	2	3	4	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12	13	14	<b>summer</b>			17	18
19	20	21				22	23
26	27	28	29	30	31	☀	



From the page to the field, take to the skies in Quidditch. UVM Quidditch is a full-contact, co-ed sport of friendship athletes. At UVM, they have been intercollegiate for six years and made it to the World Cup three times.

# august.

UVM Quidditch accepts Muggles, wizards, Squibs, and creatures of all kinds. Brooms, balls, Beaters, BAM.

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 <b>Outing Club:</b> Wilderness TREK (through 8/27)
23 <b>Outing Club:</b> Wilderness TREK	24 <b>Outing Club:</b> Wilderness TREK	25 <b>Outing Club:</b> Wilderness TREK	26 <b>Outing Club:</b> Wilderness TREK	27 <b>Outing Club:</b> Wilderness TREK	28	29
30	31 First Day of Classes					



*Feel Good is a group of students dedicated to ending world hunger by selling delicious, ooey-goey grilled cheese in the Davis Center, using au naturel, local ingredients in every sandwich.*

# september.

*Feel Good has raised over \$250,000 in sandwiches toasted with love in the past ten years. Come stop by and support us in the Davis Center tunnel!*

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
		1 <b>Water Tower:</b> Weekly Meeting TBD, 7:30pm <b>Cycling:</b> Weekly Meeting, Mansfield Room, 8pm	2	3	4	5 <b>Quidditch:</b> Weekly Practice, Turf Fields in Gym, 1pm
6	7 <b>Labor Day</b>	8 <b>Water Tower:</b> Weekly Meeting <b>Cycling:</b> Weekly Meeting	9	10	11	12 <b>Quidditch:</b> Weekly Practice
13	14	15 <b>Water Tower:</b> Weekly Meeting <b>Cycling:</b> Weekly Meeting	16	17	18	19 <b>Quidditch:</b> Weekly Practice
20	21	22 <b>Water Tower:</b> Weekly Meeting <b>Cycling:</b> Weekly Meeting	23	24	25	26 <b>Quidditch:</b> Weekly Practice
27	28	29 <b>Water Tower:</b> Weekly Meeting <b>Cycling:</b> Weekly Meeting	30			





**UVM Gymnastics Club** is all about the love of the sport. This club epitomizes flexible in all definitions of the word; from hand stands to flips to splits, they also accept participants of all skill sets.

# october.

With practices five days of the week, this club is on their game and competes on the national level. They compete on the national level. Their main focus is to master gymnastics while having a good time.

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
<b>Top Cats:</b> Halloween Show, TBD				1	2	3 <b>Quidditch:</b> Weekly Practice, Turf Fields in Gym, 1pm
4	5 <b>Gymnastics:</b> M-Th Weekly Practice 7-9:30pm <b>FeelGood:</b> Weekly Meeting, 7pm	6 <b>Water Tower:</b> Weekly Meeting TBD, 7:30pm <b>Cycling:</b> Weekly Meeting, Mansfield Room, 8pm	7	8	9	10 <b>Quidditch:</b> Weekly Practice
11	12 <b>Gymnastics:</b> M-Th Weekly Practice <b>FeelGood:</b> Weekly Meeting	13 <b>Water Tower:</b> Weekly Meeting <b>Cycling:</b> Weekly Meeting	14	15	16	17 <b>Quidditch:</b> Weekly Practice
18	19 <b>Gymnastics:</b> M-Th Weekly Practice <b>FeelGood:</b> Weekly Meeting	20 <b>Water Tower:</b> Weekly Meeting <b>Cycling:</b> Weekly Meeting	21	22	23	24 <b>Quidditch:</b> Weekly Practice
25 <b>Top Cats:</b> Homecoming A Capella Show, Ira Allen Chapel, 8pm	26 <b>Gymnastics:</b> M-Th Weekly Practice <b>FeelGood:</b> Weekly Meeting	27 <b>Water Tower:</b> Weekly Meeting <b>Cycling:</b> Weekly Meeting	28	29	30	31 <b>Quidditch:</b> Weekly Practice



Why split hairs when you could split wood? Forestry Club seeks to include those who are interested in management and care of current/future woodlands. Anyone looking to gain knowledge of the wilderness and the

# november.

forests around them are welcome and encouraged to join, particularly those interested in property ownership and how it interacts with land management.

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
1	2 <b>Gymnastics:</b> M-Th Weekly Practice 7-9:30pm	3 <b>Water Tower:</b> Weekly Meeting TBD, 7:30pm <b>Cycling:</b> Weekly Meeting, Mansfield Room, 8pm	4	5	6	7 <b>Quidditch:</b> Weekly Practice, Turf Fields in Gym, 1pm
8	9 <b>Gymnastics:</b> M-Th Weekly Practice	10 <b>Water Tower:</b> Weekly Meeting <b>Cycling:</b> Weekly Meeting	11	12	13	14 <b>Quidditch:</b> Weekly Practice
15	16 <b>Gymnastics:</b> M-Th Weekly Practice	17 <b>Water Tower:</b> Weekly Meeting <b>Cycling:</b> Weekly Meeting	18	19	20	21 <b>Quidditch:</b> Weekly Practice
22	23 <b>Thanksgiving Break</b>	24	25	26	27 →	28
29	30 <b>Gymnastics:</b> M-Th Weekly Practice					



Thanks again to everyone, we have a great year ahead!  
 Lastly, from the unruliest news team in the UVM-verse,

# december.

Much love,  
 the water tower

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
<b>Top Cats:</b> Winter Show with UVM Cat's Meow TBD		<b>1 Water Tower:</b> Weekly Meeting TBD, 7:30pm  <b>Cycling:</b> Weekly Meeting, Mansfield Room, 8pm	2	3	4	<b>5 Quidditch:</b> Weekly Practice, Turf Fields in Gym, 1pm
6	<b>7 Gymnastics:</b> M-Th Weekly Practice 7-9:30pm <b>FeelGood:</b> General Meetings, Chittenden Bank Room, 7pm	8	9	10	<b>11 Exam Week</b> (through 12/18)	<b>12 Quidditch:</b> Weekly Practice
13	<b>Exam Week</b>	15	16	17	18	19
20	<b>Winter Break</b>					
						