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Roxanne, a local cat, courageously prepares for scientists to test the YOLNT theory. According to this principle, she should have nine lives.

## Recent study shows that you only live once, but not everyone

Researchers call phenomenon 'YOLO', cats form 'YOLNT' counter-trend

By Phoebe Fooks  
*Feline Enthusiast*

In a recent study conducted by a joint effort of intoxicated bros nationwide and Twitter, experts have come to the groundbreaking conclusion that you only live once—abbreviated, YOLO. This conjecture simply means that once the brain ceases to receive enough oxygen to command the heart to pump blood, the body will no longer be alive and never will be alive ever again.

Such a discovery has given rise to a carpe diem sentiment amongst teenagers and college students across the US, which has resulted in increased amounts of heavy drinking and other dangerous activity. However, others dispute that the recent finding should justify a deterrence of risky behavior, as only living once implies that if you kill yourself doing something stupid, you will have wasted your only chance at seeing the light of day.

"Since discovering YOLO,

I've been watching *Hey Arnold!* everyday, wearing my gorilla mask, and binge-eating tater tots by pushing them through the mask's nostrils—cocoa puffs, too," offered Patrick Murphy, a UVM freshman strongly affected by the YOLO principle. He added, "Sixty-nine times every day I pay my respects to the Great Yolanda, Goddess of YOLO, by raising a yam above my head and yelling 'YOLO' with vigorous passion. Needless to say, it has changed my life permanently."

There is only one species exempt from the boundaries of YOLO, and that is the *Felis silvestris catus*, a small, furry, carnivorous, usually domesticated mammal, commonly referred to as a "cat". For decades it has been common knowledge that these creatures possess nine times the number of lives as humans, yet their curiosity poses them at an exponentially higher risk of losing one of those lives. Consequently, a rebounding trend coined YOLNT—you only

live nine times—has risen to levels of popularity comparable to YOLO in the feline community. Notable recent incidents include cats being found stuck inside various objects including trees, window blinds, ski boots (this one is understandable), tissue boxes, and yams. Commenting on the phenomenon, an orange male tabby told the Associated Press, "Meow."

American diplomats have attempted to spread the news of YOLO abroad; however, the study has been ill-received, as translations such as SVUV (Spanish) and DLNE (German) are not as enjoyable to scream aloud while removing one's shirt. The joy associated with the exclamation of the movement's title is strongly associated with its comprehension within differing cultures. Esteemed linguists are working hard to successfully translate the YOLO conjecture into euphonic abbreviations in

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## Angered students form group demanding silence in the library

'Shut Up and Study' campaign calls for respect

By Laura Dillon  
*Senior Correspondant for Super Studious Students*

The UVM campus is a place to learn, study, and grow intellectually. But recently, something has emerged that threatens your education, your future, and your midterm. What is it, you ask? Something wicked comes this way, and we can hear it from a mile away: it is the loud and disruptive library-goer. They have begun to flock to the venerated Bailey/Howe library in large groups, leaving chaos and noise pollution in their wake. Showing blatant disregard for library rules and regulations, they confabulate in loud voices, chew gum, crinkle papers and, perhaps worst of all, talk on their phones. Not even the "Please be Quiet" signs can deter them from their rowdy ways. Further research into the matter showed that the problem currently seems to be isolated on the third floor, but it is only a matter of time before it spreads.

The UVM student body, always dedicated to social action, has taken up arms over this trying issue. *The Mymic* got a tip that outraged students would be holding a rally to show their solidarity for a silent library. Our journalistic staff went to the rally to interview the protesters.

The rally had a strong showing of at least six students, although if you include the people sitting on the steps smoking it was an unprecedented 12.

We were able to secure an

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Colin Hay  
*First Year*

exclusive interview with Abigail Shmumly, the leader of the "Shut Up and Study" campaign. Shmumly, a sophomore in the Honors College, is triple majoring in English, Biology, and Latin. When asked about the motivation behind the campaign, Shmumly responded, "We are fed up. It is an outrage that in such an esteemed and revered educational institution such as UVM people are allowed to act like this."

Another member of the group, freshman Colin Hay, said that "It is disrespectful to the memory of Guy W. Bailey and David Howe."

The group's demands include

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BROCK LEE *The Vermont Mymic*

Flames erupted outside of Bailey Howe last Wednesday when Shut Up and Study felt that their demands were not being taken seriously by library administration.

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## New library doors fight back

### Door reversals cause injuries, confusion, and chaos



**RACHEL BENNETT** *The Vermont Mymic*  
A helpless student tries in vain to open the doors of Bailey Howe Library, but is deterred by the change in the doors' direction.

**By Robin Tucker**  
*Frequent Library-goer*

On some specific date that was probably between the beginning of Spring Break and sometime two weeks ago, there was a monumental change at our very own Bailey Howe Library—the front doors were replaced, and now open in a different direction. Hundreds of students pass through these doors everyday, and authorities should have anticipated the upheaval that would follow such a drastic change in the familiar landscape of the precious study spot.

Students rush through the doors with such habit and fervor that they are never at their most observant when passing through. The combination of this unexpected door makeover and the inattentive students has resulted in dozens of door misunderstandings and even a few injuries. *The*

*Mymic* staff has witnessed several students pushing on the doors for at least five minutes before realizing that the doors now face the other direction, or even giving up all together and walking away.

The few injuries that have occurred have resulted from the students' habit of closely following the person in front of them, a logical tactic in order to exert as little energy as possible while walking through. The old doors opened in, but the new doors open out, forcing the person in the lead to whip them open. This has resulted in a few bloody noses and other injuries.

Once students began to realize the cause of their troubles at the library entrance, it was all they could talk about. *The Mymic* sent a few staffers around campus to talk to some of the students who were most appalled by this change.

When asked when she had first noticed that the doors now opened out, sophomore Holly Facke responded, "Didn't they always open out?" Junior Miles Long told us, "I didn't notice until I saw the meme about it on the UVM meme Facebook page. Actually I still haven't noticed it in real life." There's been so much talk about it that there was even a meme created on the subject, so clearly this issue is of pressing concern to the student body.

Even without interviewing or seeing the memes, it is obviously evident that this change to the library entrance has had a huge impact on the student body. It has posed dangers to some, and created anger in others, and maybe the administration will think twice before making another life altering change on the UVM campus.

## What to know about selecting a roommate

**By Liz Cantrell**  
*Assistant Life Coach*

UVM ResLife has announced that the annual process of room selection will soon occur. Students will be able to choose rooms in early April, just before class selection. However, there is one critical factor of room selection that is easily overlooked: choosing a roommate.

If you are a first year student, deciding who you'll spend the next nine months of your academic life with can be a nerve-racking process. You might find yourself caught between two people who want to live with you. Sophomore Anna Manner recalls, "I remember trying to decide between two friends. It was really tough. Ultimately, I had to make the decision that was right for me." Some, however, do not share Manner's concerns. "I don't understand why people freak out about this [expletive]. I mean, it's just a roommate, you know?" sophomore Joe Halter said.

So, how do you decide who to live with? The first step is to evaluate your social circle. Is there a person with whom you can share personal and embarrassing stories, like the time you skipped your morning Biology lecture? Do you know someone who has been there for you through tough times, like when you took three sips of vodka at a friend's "dorm party"? Your roommate should be someone who is responsible, trustworthy, and makes good decisions, but most of all you should choose a roommate you like. Choosing a roommate who is someone you do not like may be a recipe for disaster.

It can be a bit awkward approaching someone and asking if they would like to room with you. A good way to begin the conversation is to ask if there's a particular dorm they want to live in. "Back when we were just friends, I casually asked my roommate if she wanted to live on Athletic, but she told me about the

awesome dorms in Chitty. So that's how I ended up there," junior Ashlee Bennett said.

**"I asked someone who I thought was a friend to be my roommate and she totally freaked out on me."**

**Brittney Tinkley**  
*Sophomore*

Some, however, did not have such positive experiences with asking someone to live with them. "I asked someone who I thought was a friend to be my roommate and she totally freaked out on me. I don't know, it's a really hard thing for friends to do, I guess," sophomore Brittany Tinkley said.

*The Mymic* consulted with a representative from the Inter-Residence Association to understand ways in which

students can improve the roommate selection process. The representative advised students to "Remember that communication is a two way street. Talk to your potential roommate before asking them about it." This unambiguous advice is certainly worth heeding.

Additionally, don't be afraid to use empowering "I" statements, such as "I feel", "I think" or "I want." However, you should also refrain from being demanding. Balance is key. To please all parties involved, remember that compromise is the cornerstone of success, and consider the other person before jumping to conclusions.

While *The Mymic* is the veritable source of guidance for students' lifestyle concerns, should you feel that you require additional help in this process, please consult with a Resident Adviser, upperclassman, or Davis Center desk attendant.

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nearly 40 languages worldwide.

"The challenge here is preserving the meaning of YOLO over language borders," remarked one linguist. "We want the entire globe to be able to understand and embrace YOLO. Because YOLO."

### WANTED: INFANTS

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## Study confirms paper always beats rock

### Cherished pastime thrown into question

**By Kerry Martin**  
*Useless and Irrelevant Study Contributor*

A decade-long study by researchers in UVM's Statistics Department recently concluded that paper does in fact always beat rock. Years of debate, conflict and doubt over this issue can now come to a close with the help of the groundbreaking information brought to light by the University of Vermont.

"UVM is a research institution, and it's students like us who drive the University's thirst for knowledge by posing questions about the world around us," says Charlie Handwork. Handwork is a senior Ergonomics major who spearheaded the last years of research on the rock-paper conundrum. "At any other college, they might cut

corners, figure out that paper usually beats rock, and be done with it. But I hope that future students can uphold UVM's standard and use old answers to pose and investigate new questions," he said.

Full-fledged research began in 2002 when Harry Fistings, a bright-eyed, ambitious UVM sophomore, unearthed historic documents in the Bailey Howe Archives that suggested that the outcome of paper versus rock is unpredictable. Fistings discovered the first recorded case of this bold claim in an anonymous Old English text from 11th century England that upholds "Innan sum sael, carte gehagabegan cliffstan" ("In some cases, paper can beat rock.") The text goes on to describe the astronomical and metaphysical conditions that allow for this seemingly physical impossibility. A feverish Fistings showed this to many English, Math, and History professors around UVM, but no one paid any attention. It wasn't until Fistings found similar and more detailed claims in unpublished notes by 16th and 17th century alchemists – including giants like Isaac Newton, Nicholas Flamel, and George Washington Carver – that professors took him seriously and helped him acquire the first \$50,000 research grant to get to the heart of the matter.

"That first fifty grand was essential to getting this research off the ground," reported Handwork. "I don't know how much the project has cost in total, but I promise that it has nothing to do with rising tuition prices."

Ten years, seven thousand liters of sweat, thirty thousand overtime hours, eighty thousand cigarettes, and two hundred fifty thousand experiment trials later, the UVM Statistics Department proudly published its report, "The Tendencies of Paper: What You Should Know," in scholarly journals worldwide, with Harry Fistings and Charlie Handwork heading the list of contributing writers and researchers. The reception has been largely positive.

"Harry is a legend," says Piggy Mittenitis, another researcher who worked with Handwork to reach the study's monumental conclusion. "I've never met the man, but I'm honored to have helped preserve his dream in-



**LAURYN SCHROM** *The Vermont Mymic*

Students engage in a round of the popular game "Rock, Paper, Scissors" in their dorm in order to test the veracity of Handwork's theory.

side and outside the rock-paper lab," she said. "This visionary revitalized UVM's intellectual vigor, establishing the research capabilities for many future students to follow in his footsteps and find holistic answers for tomorrow's questions."

Charlie Handwork is already hard at work searching for the next generation of researchers. "Our work is never over," said Handwork with conviction. Handwork is about to complete his senior thesis, titled "Scissors: What We Know, What We Don't Know, and What We Have To Be Afraid Of," which poses riddles and suggests theories that UVM's best and brightest can turn into real, tangible science.

"My thesis is dedicated to Harry Fistings," Handwork said. "Although I never had the good

fortune of meeting Mr. Fistings, I can only dream that I, like he, will leave behind a vivid legacy of curiosity, hard work, and a commitment to the truth."

This type of research pays off. Upon graduation, Charlie Handwork will begin a promising career for the United States government researching the correlation between use of mechanical pencils and rates of depression, for which he is "wicked stoked," said Handwork.

Harry Fistings went on to get a Ph.D. in Ergonomic Economics and then made millions at the Gillette company for designing the most comfortable razor to hold in the world. Every time I tried calling, his secretary said Mr. Fistings was unavailable.

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## Crime log

**By Sarah Moylan**  
*Smooth Criminal*

March 26, 2012  
9:13 p.m.

Two R.A.s conducting a nightly check in Jeanne Mance Hall discovered a student using curse words while talking with fellow students in a dorm room. The student has been referred

to the Center for Student Ethics and Standards.

March 27, 2012  
10:36 p.m.

A faculty member in Lafayette Hall reported getting a hangnail after extracting a bag of Doritos from a sticky vending machine. UVM medics were called to the scene. The patient was treated and released from Fletcher Allen Medical Center. No criminal charges were filed.

March 29, 2012  
11:54 p.m.

Staff at the Marketplace Eatery in the Davis Center reported that they were running low on falafel supplies. Police Services were called. An investigation is ongoing.

March 29, 2012  
8:23 p.m.

UVM police discovered a student smoking a small amount of marijuana in a Chittenden

Hall dorm room. After questioning, it was determined that the student also had beer in the room. Criminal charges have been filed.

March 30, 2012  
12:26 p.m.

A faculty member who said "Hello" to a student while walking to class on Central Campus was not acknowledged by the student. UVM Police investigated. It was determined that the student had been listening

to a portable music device with earbuds and could not hear the teacher's greeting.





# LIFE

## Seniors skip

### Cutting class found to correlate with standing

By Greg Francese  
Assistant Senioritis  
Correspondant

According to the results of a new study released by Department of Psychology, seniors are more likely to skip class than underclassmen. The study followed 12 students—three from each year—for a semester to determine whether or not there was any correlation between attendance and class standing.

The three seniors skipped class twice a week on average during the first half of the fall semester, but during the second half of the semester they were likely to skip around four times per week. First years skipped on average 2 classes per semester. Sophomores skipped about once a week. Juniors skipped twice per week.

Bradford Restmoore, for whom this study was his senior thesis, said he is “incredibly shocked” by the results. A giddy Bradford claims that this groundbreaking research is sure to earn him a spot in the Psychology Department’s Thesis Hall of Fame. “Everybody suspected that seniors skip class more than underclassmen, but the extremely raw data I have acquired in my study has definitely proven the above statement true.”

When asked how he was inspired with such a high level of curiosity, Bradford shrugged and blamed it all on fate. “By the time I remembered I had to write my thesis, it was a month

before it was due. My buddies and I skipped class most of the time and stayed home playing Xbox and smoking pot, so I was like ‘Yes! I’ll do my thesis on skipping class,’” he said.

Students interviewed had mixed reactions. Adriana Voss, a junior, agrees that seniors skip classes all the time, but she doesn’t blame them. “Four

“What?! Skip class?! Why would you do that?! Would you skip class in high school? No!”

Melanie Berger  
First Year

years at this place can do that to you. I’m only a junior and I’m just fed up with my professors!” Melanie Berger, a first year, was shocked by the results of the survey. “What?! Skip class?! Why would you do that?! Would you skip class in high school? No!” Art Blarenstein, a professor of Political Science, says he secretly bribes seniors with jobs when they graduate if they attend class for an entire semester. “None of them ever make it through,” he admits.

Bradford’s thesis advisor was not available for comment.

#### A Cynical Guide to Life

— DREW DIEMAR —

### How to:

#### Attend Double Fucking Kegger



It was with high expectations and a desire to find something new that I went out with my friends to a new music venue on the Burlington scene, Double Fucking Kegger, which hosted a Grand Opening bash last Friday night. Before going, I did some research on the club, which did not have much of a web presence, aside from an amateurish Facebook page. I was excited about discovering the new, off-the-beaten-path joint. The spot wasn’t easy to find, as there was no signage for the locale, 46 Loomis.

After finally locating DFK, I inquired of the proprietor, Joey, where he saw his venue’s place in Burlington’s burgeoning music scene.

Vermont Mymic: So, what’s this place even called?

Joey: What? It’s a Double Fucking Kegger.

VM: I see. What’s the vibe like inside?

J: There’s two kegs inside.

Five bucks.

VM: Ok, cool. How do you see yourself competing with nearby Radio Bean, which has really established itself as a great place to see (mostly) local, (mostly) free music? Are you striving to attract a similarly diverse but undeniably hipster crowd, or looking for more diverse clientele, who might otherwise be drawn to larger venues such as Higher Ground or the Monkey House?

J: It’s five dollars. Two kegs inside. Either buy a cup or get the fuck out of my driveway.

I handed over five dollars, concluding that DFK’s staff could use a little more professionalism.

The environment inside was quirky but simple. Interestingly, the stage and dance floor were located underground, which made the atmosphere mysterious and homey. Fun, colorful beer signs speckled the walls, along with “found” signs from around UVM, which cheered on the Catamounts and pointed (incorrectly) in the direction of Buckham Residence Hall. It appeared UVM students were definitely the target crowd at DFK, and I wondered why Joey hadn’t simply told me so.

The low ceilings and poor lighting went a long way towards giving the club a rustic, earthy impression. The mood was set well; however, DFK went a little too far with the “underground” vibe. Necessary features like a coat check and program were forsaken in the pursuit of the low-key feel.

While the atmosphere was a bit sophomoreic, I was wowed by DFK’s innovative “one cup” program. The basic idea is this: unlike at a regular bar, where a

customer pays for each drink, at DFK the one cup bought at the door serves as a “bottomless” vessel, for which unlimited refills were permitted. The idea, while mildly unsanitary, is definitely creative and a great step toward sustainability. However, the selection of beverages was paltry, as my request for a Cosmopolitan was met with a blank stare and a pint of the Milwaukee Pilsner Natural Light. I shrugged my shoulders and attributed the foible to opening night jitters. I was also thankful that I hadn’t been asked for ID; my driver’s license had recently expired!

The music is what really set DFK apart. DJ Mark wasn’t interested in obscure low-fi tracks or complicated arrangements; rather, he kept things simple, using a Macbook as his sole instrument and Youtube as his main musical inspiration. DJ Mark’s repertoire spanned current club hits, such as “Call Me Maybe” by Carly Rae Jepsen to old classics, such as California songstress Ke\$ha’s “Tik Tok.”

The theme of DJ Mark’s set list was obvious: shake your booty and have a great time! While his selections were thoughtful, I often found myself taken away from the music by multiple annoyances: the low ceilings, unruly dancers, and the poor acoustics. I’m pretty sure I saw a homeless man vomit atop his dog, and I hoped for DFK’s sake that Vermont health inspectors weren’t planning on making a visit that evening. I stayed for about a half-hour, and left DFK in search of some indie rock to relax my ears and some chamomile to cleanse my palette of the Natural Light taste.

#### LIBRARY Studiers demand quieter library

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complete silence on the library premises, a ban on any foods with loud wrappers, groups of people larger than two, and sneakers that squeak. They are also petitioning for an isolated study area for people with colds or coughs.

“We are also hoping to ban any music playing devices because too often the music can be heard through the headphones. It is not only a matter of decency but of personal safety. It can’t be

healthy for the person’s eardrums.” Shmumly added. Whether library administrators will meet these demands is another question.

When asked why she thought her group didn’t have more supporters, Shmumly took a contemplative moment before responding. “It is all about popularity. Too many people care about having friends and a social life. When it comes down to it, what is more important: friends, or an

A in Organic Chemistry? One day these people will look back on all the fun they had and wish they had been studying instead.”

Shmumly and the other members of “Shut up and Study” are not deterred by the daunting task ahead of them. “We know we shall overcome. We shall have silence,” Shmumly said with confidence. “As Confucius once said, ‘Silence is the true friend that never betrays.’”

## Students say exercise is just as hard as before

### Weights at gym still heavy, muscles hurt

By George Loftus  
Senior Gym Rat

Despite recent attempts at changing its image, administration has still failed to improve the public’s perception of the Sports and Fitness Center on Athletic campus.

“They want me to feel better about myself? Bullshit, I still can’t bench more than the bar. Fuck this, I’m going to the Marché,” said sophomore Mac Townsend.

Free to all students, the Fitness Center is where Darwinian law still applies. Men with muscle mass weighing more than a car walk around happily and proudly. Women with stomachs more rigid than smiles in North Korean parades know they own those narrow hallways.

However, they aren’t the people that are making a fuss about the state of the gym. As it were, it’s the people who aren’t habitual gym-goers that have the most to complain about. Average people like Junior Paul Bookman, who told *The Mymic*, “I mean, I want to like the gym, I really, really do, but I just can’t bring myself to do it. Everything there is so heavy, and those treadmills make me feel like a rat, running and running without ever getting anywhere. The track is worse. No matter how far you run you have to leave out the same door you came in through. You don’t really ever

accomplish anything.”

Townsend added, “I just wish the administration would do something. They’ve put new doors at the front of the library, replaced half the sidewalks, and even made New World not give me diarrhea as much, but everything at the gym makes me hate myself. We’re paying an exorbitant amount of money to have teachers point out our shortcomings; couldn’t they at least make going to the gym a positive experience?”

There is hope on the horizon, however. Sources close to the administrative board have leaked to *The Mymic* several ideas generated at an emergency brainstorming session held this past Sunday, April 1st. Some of the suggestions included: building an underground running trail from Burlington to Williston with a conveyer-belt-like escalator to take the less ambitious students back, switching to the metric system so students feel even worse about themselves, and changing the numbers on the weights so that two pound dumbbells say five pounds, every five pound dumbbell says ten, and so on.

It’s clear that the administration wants to help students, but is unsure of how. Should any more permanent solution develop, *The Mymic* will be the first to report. When asked for elaboration, administration gave the response, “UVM Administration doesn’t comment on rumor



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In light of the difficulty of using standard gym weights, a student uses a teddy bear as a new form of exercise.

or speculation.”

In the time being, it is recommended not to go to the gym at peak hours, when others will notice that you find the weights too heavy. It’s also recommended that you bring plenty of Cliff Bars to serve as an excuse for leaving the machines after four reps or whenever you feel your body has reached its limit.

While the administration declined to comment on the leaked proposal list, they did say, “We are working around the clock to provide an enjoyable experience for all UVM students and patrons of the Fitness Center. We’re working tirelessly to come up with an adequate solution for this blemish on UVM’s otherwise stellar record for the attending student body.”

#### Health and Wellness Corner

— SARAH PERDA —



It is common for each month of the year to have a particular holiday or association, and while you might think April is an exception, you might be surprised to learn that April is Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS) Awareness Month. While IBS may not be recognized in common campus conversation, its importance must be made known as its devastating effects

wreak havoc throughout our community.

IBS affects 1 in 10 people. In terms of our university, this means approximately 1,300 people walking among us are suffering from a spastic colon. Though you might be embarrassed to admit it, if you find yourself experiencing continuous bloating, cramping and/or heartburn (amongst several other symptoms), you may be one of the aforementioned affected people. Although treatment ranges from stress management to hypnosis, there is no definitive cure for IBS.

If you suffer from any of these symptoms, fear not: IBS Awareness Month was instated in 1997 to let you know you’re not alone. While many may snicker at the thought of others doubled over in the bathroom for extended

periods of time, we should take this month to amend our actions and sympathize with those who suffer from IBS. To show support, an array of green-wrapped Lake Champlain Chocolates will be scattered across the Bailey-Howe steps Friday at 1:37 pm followed by a therapeutic origami tutorial to aid in stress management caused by the syndrome.

If you would like to join the crusade against incompetent intestines, please visit <http://www.aboutibs.org/> or Student Health Services for more information on how to get involved.



## City of Burlington dresses worst

### Council ranks city as least fashionable in Vermont, locals outraged



By Colby Nixon and  
Schmolby Schmixon  
Resident Fashion Expert

Recently, Burlington, VT was voted the worst-dressed city in all of Vermont. The votes were cast by members of an esteemed seven person council of fashion insiders. Burlington won the title 5-1-1, with Vershire and Middlebury splitting the remaining two votes. The council was presided over by fashion icon Karl Lagerfeld and television’s Frank Wrench, with Mr. Wrench making the announcement this past Monday on his blog. The rest of the council declined to be identified, fearing retribution by community members.

*The Mymic* took to the streets to discern the popular opinion surrounding this decision. When asked about the honor, locals were outraged. One first-year who gave her name only as “Mary-Beth” put it colorfully. “I’ve spent some time in South Barre, and have you seen how they dress there? I don’t even think they wear real clothes—it’s all animal hides—like a cow-patterned Westeros.”

Sophomore David Cross had no idea the council had even voted. “Ultimately, I don’t really care,” said the full tie-dye clad student as he blew marijuana cigarette smoke on the Bailey-Howe Library steps.

Some Burlington residents felt that the fix was in from the beginning and are crying out in

protest. It is believed that the members of the council were so dismayed by the state of fashion in Vermont that they could

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Mary-Beth  
First Year

not select a single town as the worst-dressed. According to one source, after imbibing excessive volumes of Colt 45 and Santana DVX, the council members hung a map of Vermont and proceeded to throw darts at it. Municipalities with the most dart hits were determined to be the worst-dressed. In response to these recent revelations, the UVM Student Government Association has assembled a committee to investigate this alleged plot against the City of Burlington. Mayor-elect Miro Weinberger had not commented on the situation as of press time.





DAN SUDER

"The Da Vinci Code" was published in 2003 by New Hampshire-born author Dan Brown, whose dirty-blond coiffure and dual-labeled jackets inspire every middle-aged New Hampshireite.

Since it's a pretty obscure novel, I'm happy to provide a brief synopsis. The novel's pages contain the story of one Robert Langdon, a symbolologist and religious iconologist at Harvard. Langdon traverses the globe in search of the Holy Grail, which is actually the last living descendant of Jesus Christ.

On his quest for Christ, Langdon falls in love with a cryptographer

named Sophie Neveu. Conveniently for Langdon, Sophie, besides being a smart and attractive woman, is also the Holy Grail.

Though the novel is nearly a decade old, its themes of religion, love, intrigue, fine art, and the Renaissance are timeless.

The novel brings to mind important questions about the world we live in, even a decade after its publication. Questions like, "Huh?" and "Why?" permeate the experience of reading the novel. I found myself asking, "Who is God?" and when no answer was given, I realized that this is a work steeped in the sweet digestif

of critical thinking.

While the entire book is an ode to Leonardo da Vinci, it is Brown's imagery that is the true art here. As Langdon and Neveu prance about Italy, the reader prances with them. I wonder if perhaps Brown did research before writing his story—it seems as though this is likely the case.

"The Da Vinci Code" swims in sacrilege, bathes in blasphemy, and undulates in the unholy, itself a participant in some sacrosanct Satanic ritual of sexual irreverence and smut. There's enough secretive sexual deviance to make a Catholic priest blush,

and CATHOLICS are performing it.

I read a lot of books, and some of the obscure ones fail to impress. "The Hunger Games"? Mediocrity incarnate. "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff (and it's All Small Stuff)"? Profoundly disappointing. "Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance"? "Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul"? The Old Testament? They're all drivel compared to "The Da Vinci Code."

In "The Da Vinci Code," Dan Brown creates a novel's novel, and he does so with the finesse of a plot-writing contortionist. His writing is

Book review

## The Da Vinci Code proves itself a tolerable read

**Its themes of religion, love, intrigue, fine art, and the Renaissance are timeless.**

tight when it needs to be and loose when it needs to be, like a bamboo finger trap.

If this review can do anything to increase Brown's limited public recognition, it will be a great success.

## Arts Calendar

**Tuesday**  
4.10

**Nickelback**  
Moline, Illinois

**Kasabian**  
Seattle, Washington

**Van Halen**  
Miami, Florida

**Tuesday**  
5.8.77

**Grateful Dead**  
Cornell University

**Thursday**  
5.10

**Blink-182**  
Thackerville, Oklahoma

## Williams artwork evokes electrical wiring

Artist conveys shocking message of power and privilege

By James Aglio  
Mymic staff

A new installation in the Williams Art Hall has sparked interest in many students, directly alternating with the current trend in art appreciation which focuses on general apathy toward the work at hand. The piece, untitled and created by an anonymous member of the public rumored to have a background in electrical engineering, attempts to emulate actual electrical wiring.

The exhibit itself, evenly distributed throughout the floors of Williams, consists of a series of small grey boxes connected by a series of white pipes. The pipes extend out from the boxes, evenly spaced and parallel, reflecting the

**The highlights of the piece are clearly the mock-electrical boxes themselves.**

cold logic of science. Science. When they do bend, the turns are sharp, ninety-degree angles that express



DAN SUDER The Vermont Mymic

A remarkable piece of modern art sits politely on the wall of Williams Hall, April 1.

a sense of control and humanity's mastery over its inanimate subject.

Fascinating though the pipes may be, the highlights of the piece are clearly the mock-electrical boxes themselves. Cold, grey, hinged doors suggest an infinity of wired complexity within, hidden forever behind the smooth perfection of industrial metal.

One could, theoretically, open the doors, but stickers plastered onto the front reading, 'CAUTION', dis-

courage this. Further warnings of OSHA regulations and the dangers of smoking nearby perpetuate the air of mystery that surrounds the work.

Henry Wadsworth Irving, an art major and self-described cannabis enthusiast, was found contemplating the piece. "It just, you know, is symbolic of both our dependence on and isolation from technology, man," Irving said. "It gives us the power we need for our society, but why

can't I touch it?"

Tucked away into corners and hidden behind other displays, the work's placement reflects its mimesis. "It really seems like it's just part of the building, brilliant," said sophomore Shelley Keats.

Despite its inconspicuous nature, the effect of the piece has been anything but unprovocative. Indeed, this thunderhead of an installation has taken the Burlington art world by (electrical) storm.

## Local man likes art and talks about it



DAN SUDER The Vermont Mymic

Burlington resident Saul Eldritch gestures knowingly at a wooden sculpture in UVM's Williams Hall on Sunday. His exhibition "Art That Just Ain't Mine" extends through April.

By Arnie Sanders  
Mymic staff

"Well, it's square," local man Saul Eldritch said.

And so began an hours long component of his art exhibition "Art That Just Ain't Mine."

For the month of April, Eldritch decided he would make it his mission to explain the artwork of other Burlingtonians. "I don't make a lot of my own art, but I love telling people what art means," Eldritch said.

Born in 1987 in Shoreham, VT, Eldritch migrated to Burlington at the turn of the millennium. His family supported the move, providing him with his own room in their 1950s ranch house. For his 14th birthday, his mother and father even bought

him a set of watercolor paints. The paints sat unused in a corner of Eldritch's closet. "They weren't very good paints," a source close to Eldritch told *The Mymic* via AOL Instant Messenger.

Eldritch is a consummate doodler. His drawings include hearts, spirals, and what appear to be dogs or perhaps horses. But doodles are not the focus of April's exhibition.

Instead, Eldritch takes us to Williams Hall on the University of Vermont's Central Campus. On the ground level, he stops in front of a dozen wooden sculptures, and stares at them in silence for several minutes.

"Well, it's square." Sure enough, the unnamed, unattributed artwork before us was

square. If one looks closely, Eldritch explained, it's clear that there is a pyramid between the wooden slats. "It's pretty sick, right?" Eldritch asked.

The "non-artist," as he likes to be called, makes a lot of the conspicuously absent scents of oak, cherry, walnut, cedar, and pine. The art is removed from nature while simultaneously consisting of nature, Eldritch explained. Such dichotomies are common in the art world, but may come as a shock to unsophisticated imbeciles.

As Eldritch speaks, he pops Mint Mento after Mint Mento into his gummy, magenta armpit of a mouth. He hasn't had a cigarette in six days, and it's been almost five months since his last drink.

**This project changed Saul's life - it's been five months since his last drink.**

**Melinda Philips Burlington mother and neighbor**

"This project changed Saul's life," Burlington mother and Eldritch's neighbor Melinda Philips said. Philips has lived next door to Eldritch for about two years, and his demeanor has im-

proved in the interim, she told the Mymic.

"He used to shoot squirrels and drink whisky, but now he just makes stuff up about art. It's a much nicer way to live," Philips said.

In Williams, Eldritch moved onto the next sculpture, this one a jumble of branch cross-sections. To the untrained eye, it looks kind of neat, but to Eldritch it's something more.

"This is fucking art!" he yelled. "This is art and it just ain't mine and it's made of wood and just think about what it means! Just think!"

Check out "Art That Just Ain't Mine" by Saul Eldritch across Burlington during the month of April.



# OPINION



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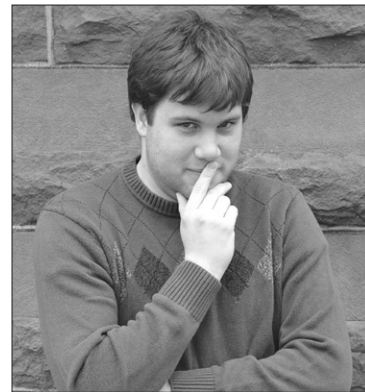
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## Racism is generally bad, possibly caused by Jewish people



JAMES AGLIO

Racism in general is, I would say, pretty craptastic. I mean, sure, a societal system where people are fundamentally unequal based on factors they can't control is basically the only thing keeping us from some

hippy-dippy pinko clusterfuck, but there are a lot of nonwhite people I really like and it bothers me when people make fun of them. The Chinese guy who fries my rice, the sweet lady from sub-Saharan Africa with the molasses-thick accent, the Argentinean lad who is far too fond of voice modulation—they are all victims.

Obviously, since I eat a lot of Chinese food, I think about this a lot. I was pondering it the other day while manscaping in the shower of the Gender Neutral bathroom located on the third floor of the Davis Center, trying to figure out where all this racism came from when it hit me: Jewish people. What am I talking about here?

Everyone knows that the

Jews get a bad rap and so it is ridiculous to say they invented racism. It is, however, the perfect smokescreen. Think about this; Jewish people, tired of being the scapegoat for literally everyone for millennia say, "This shit is whack, yo," and decide to pass the buck. And pass it they did, to the Blacks, the Asians, the Pakistanis, and the Chechens.

"But wait," you may say, "isn't it more likely that racism in America was started by the institution of human slavery that was around before the Jews?" A quick Wikipedia search of the article on the History of Jews in America, however, yielded the page of one Mr. Joachim Gans, a mining expert who was the first Jewish

person to live in North America in 1585. He left in 1586, but is it not possible that he could have sowed the seeds of American racism during that year?

There you have it. That's basically all the proof I need—it must have been Jewish people. There is simply no other explanation that springs to mind. I can certainly sympathize with them on why they would do it, but it is still wrong and they ought to stop it.

*James Aglio is a double major in Greek and Latin. He means well, despite some errant views on race relations. He likes cats.*

## Some people aren't from New England - what's that about?



BEN DONOVAN

A recent campus survey has revealed a surprising fact about the student body here at UVM—some of them aren't from the Northeast. Like, not even New Jersey.

You might be thinking, "Oh, cool, we've got some folks from the West Coast. I went to Portland once. They're super progressive there. They've got a store that only sells fair-trade yerba maté leaves." But no,

it's way weirder. Some people here are from places like North Carolina and Indiana and stuff.

What? I know. Weird, right? What are these people doing here? Shouldn't they be pregnant or in jail or working as greeters at a Target somewhere? That's totally what I thought, too. But it turns out that some people from the South and the Midwest actually go to college, just like we do, and some of them actually go to UVM.

My mind? Fucking BLOWN. How did they even get in here? Do they even have high schools in, like, Birmingham or wherever? It's gotta be some weird hillbilly affirmative action or something. Now I know what you might be thinking: "I don't know, I'm sure there are lots of normal people from places other than New England or the West Coast. How can you judge parts of the country you've never been to?"

But that's just the thing, bro. I totally can. I get CMT. I've seen *My Big Redneck Wedding*. They're ALL like that. So what if I've never been west of Penn State or south of Washington,

**Some people here are from places like North Carolina and Indiana and stuff.**

DC? I don't need to actually see these places to have preconceived notions about them. I mean, if we had to go to the trouble of assessing empirically whether or not Kentucky is actually full of barefoot, racist, moonshine-swilling Bible-thumpers or whether Kansas

is actually a flat hellhole full of overweight Wal-Mart trolls, we wouldn't have time to be such a tolerant, open-minded campus. Didn't Inclusive Language Week teach you guys anything?

I still didn't believe it until I went to honky-tonk night at the Radio Bean, and I saw a couple people who seemed to genuinely enjoy country music. Like, not even ironically. Crazy, right? These people actually like to listen to songs by Merle Haggard. Merle Haggard! The dude's fucking name is Merle! Holy crap! It's like they've never heard of Mumford & Sons!

This is way too weird for me. I need to go take a bong rip and drink a Blueberry Wheat.

*Ben Donovan is a political science major. He is so open-minded parts of his brain have been known to fall out.*

**DISTURBING QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

**"TIME SPENT WITH CATS IS NEVER WASTED."**

Sigmund Freud, founder of psychoanalysis and fellow feline enthusiast.

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**OPINION**

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

## UVM Honors College students are being disciplined for other students' nefarious behaviors

*Dear Editor,*

I was recently presented with information that flat-out disturbed and disgusted me. According to several sources, there has been an unfortunately large number of Honors College students here at UVM cited for drug and alcohol use since the start of this Spring semester. This is completely and utterly absurd. The Honors College is a sacred institution and the insinuation that they, under any circumstances, would partake in the use of drugs and alcohol is ludicrous.

Members of the Honors College respect its grand traditions and core values, and strive for academic excellence above all else. With such a commitment to their academics, it is simply unthinkable that they would divert their attentions to such harmful substances as marijuana and alcohol. When approached about the situation, one such individual replied to questioning with, "Are you insane? No. All of us, every single HCOL student, is 100% sober, 100% of the time."

Why then, have there been so many instances of marijuana being found in HCOL rooms? The answer may surprise you, but just serves as further evidence of the truly good nature of the Honors College. After some questioning, it has been discovered that the students in possession of marijuana or alcohol were not in fact, ever intending to use them. Rather, they were intent on disposing of them for the good of the campus as a whole. A first year, who requested anonymity, was willing to share the overall method and intent. "We feel that the use of these drugs on campus is extremely detrimental to the overall quality of the students, as well as the environment in which we live

and learn. Thus, we have been

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seeking out the sources of these drugs and procuring them for the sole purpose of disposing of them, usually by flushing or composting."

So you see, while it may appear that the Honors College students are crazed addicts, in reality they are good-hearted souls attempting to do a service to their fellow students. Do not judge these kind people based on the rumors and the issues with campus police, but rather on the intent behind their actions.

Cait O'Hara  
Burlington, Vermont

## Quick Opinions

### Josh Hegarty

"When you look this good, you don't really need a degree, but it's always good to have a plan B."

### Paul Gross

"All BP debating competitions held in the Northeast ought to be five rounds."



### Dan Suder

"Dog poop is like Rick Santorum. Neither of them belong in the house."

### Megan Kelley

"When the time comes that all the snow in the world is lake effect snow, the world will know peace."

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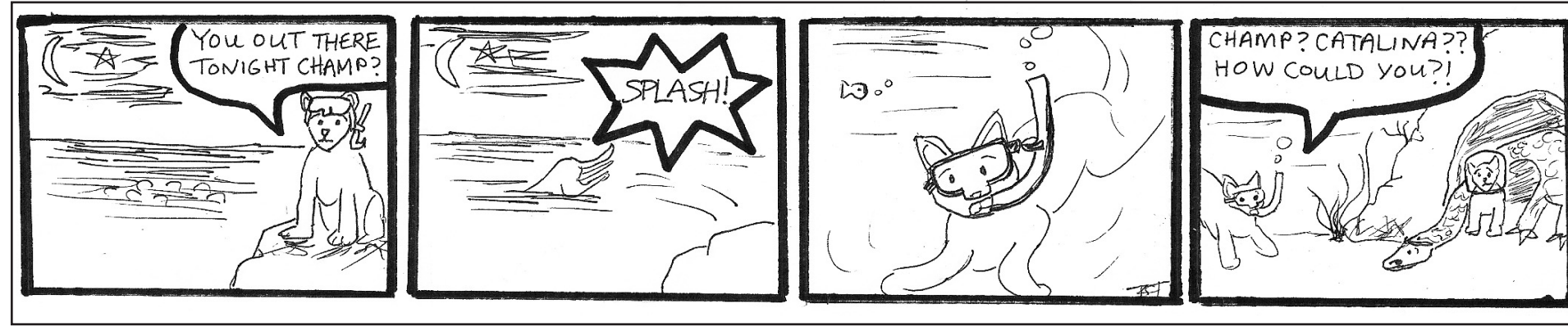


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Collage Life by Collin Cappelle

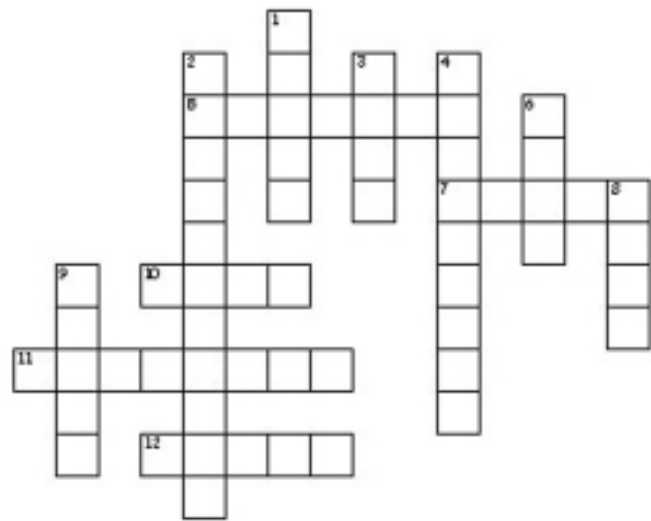


Cat Fales by Brie Toomey



# Crossword

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- Across**
- 5. Rapper Nelly's real first name.
  - 7. The kind of toothpaste I use.
  - 10. Last name or last person shown on "True Grit" ending credits.
  - 11. A kind of art form.
  - 12. Last place Pavarotti performed before dying.
- Down**
- 1. Middle name of actor who plays Jim on "The Office".
  - 2. Bitter.
  - 3. On 11/18/11, this network broadcasted UVM vs. BU hockey game.
  - 4. Ski Mountain in Upper Peninsula of Michigan.
  - 6. The girl next to me is wearing this color.
  - 8. Third word on Academic Services and Support page on [uvm.edu](http://uvm.edu)
  - 9. UVM Women's Lacrosse record holder for most points scored in a game.

## #uvmproblems

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#uvmproblems  
@wannaBstaffcync

Someone isn't being green. Or their being too green. Or I'm too drunk to care about trees, life's hard. #uvmproblems  
@groovyuvystud-ent

No one submitted tweets. Call **the water tower** fast to come up with funny one liners  
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@EICsummahs2

Free cone day is tomorrow and I don't have any points, fml  
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@frishfroshie

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@BruceChen42

# SPORTS

## UVM CLUB SPORT OF THE WEEK

### Club Curling Team

The University of Vermont Club Curling Team was formally founded in Feb. 2006. Since its inception the club team has seen success and has gotten off on its best "sweep."

The team practices at 3am, after the hockey team and Intramural broomball squads have gone home and the ice is freshest. Curling is a sport where players slide stones across ice towards a target area, called the house. Each team is given eight stones. Points are scored for the stones slid closest to the center of the house. The game consists of ten or eight ends, or rounds. Curlers use a sweeping motion and brooms to direct the speed and direction of the stone by changing the consistency of the ice.

Captain Thomas Horton, an international student from Canada, says that curling requires a level of professionalism not asked of players in other sports. "We have to, as players, call our own fouls." The team hopes



to travel to the curling championships in Manitoba, Canada, this year. "We didn't qualify, but we think it'll be good to watch," says Horton.

## UVM report reveals NFL fans suffer the most during the offseason

Lack of football leads to drinking, excessive violence, depression

By **Laura Frangipane**  
*Literally the only person to write sports articles*

A impartial, unbiased report conducted by the University of Vermont's Athletic Department's Division of Research and Facts and Figures, co-sponsored by the Counseling Center, has determined that fans of the NFL suffer the most during the off-season, more than other sports.

"We compared fans of the Olympics, MLB, NBA, NFL, and the NHL together," Todd Weinman, director of the Counseling Center said, "based on referrals brought to us from the Athletic Department. "We noticed a large upswing in campus crime and counseling center check-ins. Students were coming to us with no sense of direction after the Superbowl was over. Especially this year, after the Patriots' loss," he said.

Last year's uncertainty during the NFL lockout has nothing on this year's March Madness of an NFL offseason, which has led to Peyton Manning playing for the Broncos and Tim Tebow playing for the Jets. Fans can't keep up with the draft picks or the thinking behind the trades.

Eagles fans are distraught they have to spend a 13th season with Andy Reid. Redskins fans seem to take after their own team, spending money recklessly, with no direction. The ban of Saints coach Sean Payton was the last straw for many diehard supporters of the sport.

Some have turned to baseball and basketball, seeking relief, but as these sports lack the excitement and violence of NFL football, then seem to seek to recreate the game in their personal lives.

"We're seeing many students who are getting into fights downtown at the bars, where bystanders describe the interactions using words such as 'tackling' and 'sacked,' which is worrying for us as a campus community," Weinman said.

It certainly does not help that UVM does not have its own NCAA Football team. The study may be used to secure funding and scholarships for a winter league of college football, run by the Counseling Center, and developing a UVM NCAA-level team, "in order to ensure everyone's safety."

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# UVM and Lake Monsters reach agreement

## Thousands of children's summers saved

By **Laura Frangipane**  
Still the only sports writer

UVM and the Vermont Lake Monsters, Burlington's best and only minor league baseball team, reached a new 20-year agreement for the use of Centennial Field. The Lake Monsters will pay UVM \$1 a year for the use of the facility, a change from previous years where the team paid upwards of \$40,000.

The new lease agreement al-

lows the Lake Monsters some underwater breathing room and allows them to spend money on other things, such as attracting fans to the games.

UVM sees it as a benefit as well; the field will be used to keep a cherished American tradition alive with the attachment of the university's name. "It's important to keep traditions alive, even if the field itself is dilapidated and unsafe for those in attendance," Jose A. Fresh-

man '15 commented.

Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin added, "This is a clear example of UVM stepping up to the plate and hitting it out of the park and of...following up with....[a] monster home run." The Lake Monsters will play 38 home games this summer. The season opener is home, June 18th, against the Tri-City Valley Cats. Champ was unavailable for comment.



Courtesy of the Lake Monsters and Google

### athletetweets

"Last year tourney theme song was Rebecca Black- Friday. This year? Call me Maybe!"  
-@biddywhopretendstolikesports

"Return of the longboards: a new horror film coming to a campus near you"  
- @awkwardwalkerseverywhere

"Dear people going to the gym at 9:30 AM the morning after St Pats: live a little"  
- @AAdropouts

"I DON'T PLAY FOOTBALL BUT I TOUCHDOWN EVERYWHERE! (EVERYWHERE?) EVERYWHERE!"  
- @pitbull

"I'm going YOLO at the gym, bro"  
-@bro

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