Mensah wins SGA election

High voter turnout issues clear mandate for hope, change

Over 3,500 students took to the streets on Election Night to celebrate Kofi’s victory

By Mac Smith
Senior Regal Captain of Really Important News Reporting, Eqq.

Last week, after one of the most riveting campaigns in SGA presidential history, the people turned out to elect Kofi Mensah as this year’s SGA president. Mensah, with a whopping 715 votes, was able to squeak past Claire Chevrier, who received 467.

This remarkable 14% voter turnout speaks volumes about the true character and appeal of the SGA elections. The hotly contested results are the culmination of a long and mature debate over policy, administration, and, of course, you the students.

Sure, one may think that this election is absolutely meaningless and in no way affects the everyday lives of UVM students, that the SGA is a rubber stamp for the Fogel administration agenda, or even that the presidential election is just a popularity contest among a painfully minute number of people who care about SGA.

If anything, this just furthers the argument that the average UVM student hasn’t a single clue about their student government. Fortunately, The Mymic is here to break down this year’s election results and implications.

It began, as most long and hard fought campaigns do, a very long time ago. Maybe a month or so. Maybe more. Who’s really to know for sure? What is important is that this humble reporter’s coverage of this election will be there to aid in that effort.

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The fact is: marijuana is a proven gateway drug, inevitably leading to the abuse of cocaine and prostitution. And the danger for you to start smoking lies in encountering anyone else who smokes. The presence of pot smokers is the gateway to the gateway. As marijuana becomes a more and more lucrative crop, the potency and harmful effects of the drug skyrocket. Before long, your friend could go from a casual once-a-week-offender to a powerless weed fiend. They will rob you to get another hit. They will turn gay from being high so much. And don’t be fooled: their gayness will be contagious.

That’s not all. Marijuana, like all drug use, is inseparable from violent crime. This is why ResLife needs to notify the police every time they discover marijuana use. Before this policy, the assault of defenseless finger-pointers by rampant hooded figures hunched over in a circle behind some trees, coughing sinisterly. It makes you cringe to acknowledge them, but pot smokers at UVM can’t be ignored.

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Alcohol still bad for you

By Greg Jacobs
Resident Staff

Every weekend, scores of UVM students go to bars, apartment complexes, Greek houses, and dorm rooms in search of alcohol. This is tolerated, even encouraged, by the general UVM community, but at what cost? Last week, a resident of Christie Hall was violently ill after he started drinking at ten in the morning in what he said was an experiment. “I wanted to see if doing a Kegs-and-Eggs day was as much fun as I’d heard. It wasn’t; I feel like my liver fell out and ran away.” Such myths about how much fun alcohol is are common around campus. ResLife, IRA, and other organizations have been trying very hard to shed light on how alcohol affects us, and bring alcohol and drug-free programs to campus. The choice, however, boils down to the individual. Next time you feel like going out and getting drunk, remember a few of these facts:

- Alcohol makes you do silly things, as anyone who’s ever lived in a dorm can attest.
- Alcohol gives you bad breath.
- It lowers your ability to make judgments, such as whether or not that cute guy you found is really trustworthy.
- It doesn’t increase your popularity automatically.
- Alcohol can kill bees and wasps.

By reminding yourself of these and other facts in the future, you could save yourself a lot of headaches and heartaches. And if we work together, we can make Burlington a fun, alcohol-free environment.

The SGA has a meeting

By Max Bookman
Asst. Deputy Junior Vice Really Important Things Correspondant

The highlight of the meeting was when Senator Mike Wynne stood up and said something that people disagreed with. This prompted other senators to stand up and share their opinions. After that, they passed a resolution in support of some big national issue, because we all know that everyone outside of Vermont really cares about what the UVM Student Government thinks about anything. The Mytic is not sure if the SGA is going to have any other meetings, but rest assured, we’ll cover them no matter what.

“Everything is fine at UVM” say students

No big issues to ever report on

By Max Bookman
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Everybody knows that UVM is a truly special and amazing school, but now there’s proof. Last week, The Vermont Mytic surveyed students walking through the Davis Center, asking them what face UVM. The unquestionable conclusion is: We shouldn’t worry about it at all. Even when there’s nothing to worry about, it’s better to be on it right away. "I know there’s nothing wrong with UVM because if there was, I know The Vermont Mytic would be on it right away," said junior Dup Able.

Mr. Able is right. And just to make sure that we’re always covering the issues most important to us students, The Vermont Mytic gets advised by University employees. The best way to stay in-tune with the issues facing the student body is to get advice from people who get paid by UVM.

The evidence from our survey is conclusive. There’s nothing wrong with UVM, and if there were, you can read about it in The Mytic; because that’s our job as the student newspaper. We cover the issues that are most important to you. We search them out. We investigate. That is our responsibility to you as your student newspaper.

But, coincidentally, there aren’t any big issues to talk about. So we just cover the SGA.

UVM freshman exhausts supply of condoms

By Gina Mastrogliacomo
Condom Queen

It was the drawer slamming heard ‘round the campus. The shuffling and fidgeting that ensued could have lasted anywhere from three to five minutes, as this is the timeframe that freshman John Getterup was most comfortable working in when it came to matters of the body. The crisis still stood though - John was out of condoms. Investigators are currently looking into how John could have run low in the first place. Consistent boning has been ruled out, as John is a freshman and therefore cannot get any consistent play. In fact, they are currently looking into how he could have had a need for said condoms in the first place. Interviews with his partner are pending, and are currently being kept under wraps to preserve her identity and reputation as a woman of class.

When asked about his predicament, John responded, “Money has been tight lately, and the ladies keep beatin’ down my door, bro.” Between trips to ponder where the snow at Snow went and walks to the Grindle to pick up more honeys, John just did not have the proper time to retail.

Said Grindle girls are currently in a state of shock and panic at the loss of their fresh man liquid. They are said to be consuming more of the cerebral bar in recent days than is probably normal.

John, on the other hand, is coping nicely with his newfound fame. He will be forever deemed as the boy who didn’t come prepared or the one to abort the mission, he has found that the attention has brought more girls to his beckon call.

UVM Psychology professor on how such a horrific misjudgement could be made: “The fact that this young first-year ran out of condoms,” said the Professor, “somehow implies that he had many in the first place.” My hunch is that upon further delving into the matter, you will find the boy may have less prowess.”

So with students concerned and confused, and one boy who is left severely depleted on many accounts, the entire UVM student body and faculty alike, seem to be hanging on to know the fate of Mr. Getterup. After questioning, it was discovered the freshman only had one condom to begin with. He got it free from a trough at the Grindle.

Freshman John Getterup stares in shock at his empty box of condoms as his female partner (identity protected) lays disappointed beside him.

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Students don’t seem to care whether they live or die

Harris-Millis Dining Hall runs out of waffle batter
Students enraged by Sunday brunch

By Sarah Moylan
Senior Dining Hall Correspondent

On Sunday, hundreds of angry students stormed the Harris-Millis “Grundie” dining hall with empty bellies. The cause? The dining hall ran out of its signature waffle batter two hours earlier than planned.

“This is unbelievable,” stated outraged UVM freshman Wendy Chuttenden, who relies on the weekend waffle bar to satiate her Sunday morning hunger. Referring to the waffle bar’s selection of toppings, Chuttenden said, “I usually load my waffle up with strawberries and peaches...with waffles, how am I supposed to get my daily allotment of fruit?”

One can’t help but notice that the waffle batter shortage is just one of many recent problems on the UVM campus. This academic year has been more strife than ever with on-campus crises. First came the jaywalking scandal, then the discovery that some UVM students used drugs, and now there’s a shortage of waffle batter.

Could all of these crises be related to one another?

In a press conference, dining hall authorities denied that the shortage was connected to the jaywalking incident or drug use on campus. They insisted that the lack of batter was due to a simple accounting error and that plenty should be on hand for waffles the next weekend.

“While we regret our short- age of waffle batter, we encourage students to use this as an opportunity to expand their taste in breakfast foods,” said a Grundie representative during the press conference.

“We also offer alternatives like French toast, banana split slices, and peanut butter and jelly. Why not give these menu items a try?”

“Because they taste like poop,” shouted a student in response. Others roared in agreement.

If students had to deal with poor-tast ing waffle alternatives for too long, since the dining hall soon switched to its lunch and dinner offerings. By 6 pm, the fury brought on by the morning’s waffle shortage seemed to have quieted down.

If all goes according to plan, next weekend, the Grundie will find the star of the menu back in action. Waffles, anyone?

The Water Tower: journalists or jerks?

Whale hoax revealed

By Josh Hegarty
Bullshit Patrol

It has recently come to my attention that The Water Tower, UVM’s alternative “newspaper” has been making up fake news stories and printing them as if true. As a journalist, I find this idea reprehensible. So I headed to their website (http://www.uvm.edu/~watertwr/) and looked through their archives to see how true this fake news rumor was. Looking backwards from the most recent issue, I noticed that there were in fact several fake news stories or fake ad- vice articles, but since The Water Tower is known to be alternative and full of sarcasm and satire, the point behind these stories is made clear, I guess. However, there is one fake news story that they shamelessly printed on their front page. seemingly in an at tempt to fool the student body.

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I took a walk down to the beach and asked everyone I could find about the whale. I was given mostly blank stares. When I asked officials and police of ficers, they assured me that the whole thing was made up. It did not happen.

In fact it could not happen. Obviously the “writer” has no idea how big a blue whale actu ally is. If so he would have realized that such a massive animal could never make its way to Lake Champlain, especially without being noticed. Also, there is no mention of any sort of investi gation from the World Wildlife Federation, which there would be if such a thing happened. The particular type of blue whale that lives off of the coast of Canada has fewer than 500 of its spe cies remaining, making it an en dangered species. One of their numbers would not have done something so strange without a full-blown investigation as well as coverage from much more re liable news outlets.

It’s one thing to lampoon something that you find ridiculous in the news. It is a whole other thing entirely to try to fool the people trying to educate the public and learn about the world. The Water Tower is not a newspaper, because newspapers do not have to fabricate stories to move papers. Whoever let this story see print should be ashamed and ought to improve the way they run their shop. If they don’t, they should really rethink any sort of journalistic future.

Spanish Inquisition

By Miriam Rosen
Nasty Girl

¿Qué color es tu ropa interior?

Jessica, 10
Oh my god! What laundry do you think that sign would only speak to people whose clothes were this color?

¿Sientes que la cocaína es un problema a UVM?

Emily, 13
Favorite color? Tie-dye.

¿Pensas que Vermont debe separarse de los Estados Unidos?

Totally, totally... (walked away)

Horoscopes completely false

By Alex Townsend
Bullshit Patrol

For years The Water Tower, UVM’s “alternative newsmag,” has been host to a series of well-respected astrologists. The entire student population has come to rely on The Water Tower to learn what the stars have in store for them. However, based solely on my own personal research, I must say they are unreliable.

At the start of March a horoscope was published for Aries, saying that all persons born under that sign would only speak words starting with H for the next month. I personally am an Aries and have tested speaking words with all twenty-six letters of the alphabet. With the exception of R I can still speak perfectly well. Going further back, under the Gemini it says that because they are the sign of the twin then any Gemini must be a twin themselves. In truth a Gemini doesn’t have to be a twin at all, but could be a triplet or even an only child!

The fact that The Water Tower’s astrologist team is not familiar with even this sort of basic astrological information put all of their credibility into question. With the discovery of these inconsistencies campus authorities have been alerted and are currently investigating the authors of these horoscopes for fraud. Investigation will be ongoing.

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In fact it could not happen.
It's a Friday night, the weather is getting warmer in Burlington, there is something rotten in the state of Vermont. I have begun to notice an uncanny amount of glazed eyes, jittering teeth, and overeating at Cook. After conducting a series of in-depth interviews with students who understand this mystery first hand, I have come to the shocking conclusion: students take drugs.

Deep breath...I know this may be hard to swallow...maybe like you, you are sorely unaware of 'The Green Peril', mood altering substances. You have never come into contact with the illegal substance, never mind smoked it! Do you know it takes ice cream scooped size chunks out of your brain cells with every inhale? Yeah, well now you do. I had to know more, so I sat down with several students and heard their first hand stories of drug abuse on campus.

"If you want to be included, you have to smoke pot, so people take marijuana because it gives them the sense of companionship and self-confidence," sophomore Mike White said. "I have witnessed many students across the campus lighting up joints, which are marijuana cigarettes, and hookahs, which I have been told usually have marijuana mixed with opium. These dangers are not only continually overlooked by campus residents, I think we need to start holding each other accountable. You never know what will happen if someone who is high is left loose on a group of people...they are a danger, as long as they are under the influence, to themselves and others.

And it's not just stop with dope, it has been reported that some students have been illegally purchasing Adderall. You know, Adderall, the pills they give to people with learning disabilities to help them achieve like you and I? Yeah, those pills. Adderall is in your mind produces the same effect as speed! For those of you that don't know what speed is, speed is an amphetamine, also known as crank, devil's dust, and Ann Coulter. And although most of the time Adderall is bought through a friend, you can still get for about $20 per mg from just about anyone in Bailey-Howe. Margaret Ulrich said. Adderall is called the magical, fix-all pill, but I shun the users. Get real. Drugs are wrong, especially when they unfairly allow you to use your brain. It’s not just that it's illegal to use them, it’s a moral problem. You wouldn’t let brain steroid users get to the hall of fame, so why would you let brain steroid users get the same respect?

Because no one else knew this was happening, I am glad that I was able to be the one to have shed some light on the back campus. I think we need to start holding each other accountable for surviving the Second World War (with an ounce of help from good ol' America, of course). Some say the war decimated the UK’s economy, but they’re wrong. Almost immediately following the end of World War II, the UK passed its National Health Service Act (1946) that spelled the end to UK hegemony. Unable to maintain a balance between healthcare and military spending, their power began to wane. Other once-great European powers followed and soon, Europe maintained a fraction of its diplomatic influence that it once had. Does the same future hold true for America? With Obamacare existing in our land of the free, it will surely spell the decline of America's already declining hegemony. Does the same future hold true for America? With Obamacare existing in our land of the free, it will surely spell the decline of America's already declining hegemony.

Sarah Palin, the face of the new conservative movement, has urged her followers on Facebook to do whatever's necessary to vote out those who voted in healthcare. She specifically outlined 20 districts that she and Senator McCain carried in their noble quest to the White House in 2008. Ms. Palin urges followers to "...be working to make sure that those who replace them are Common Sense Conservatives..." Although this has translated to violence against some of these senators, it is important to understand that Americans gained their independence from a previously oppressive regime not through peaceful means. Other Common Sense Conservatives have also echoed Ms. Palin's urging. Georgia Senator Paul Broun said that as a result of Obamacare, "the free insurance card that's in people's pockets is gonna be as worthless as a Confederate dollar after the War Between the States — the Great War of Yankee Aggression." So what can we expect the new, socialized America to look like? Probably a lot like our weaker neighbors across the Atlantic — Europe.

Before the first two World Wars occurred in Europe, there was no other power like the United Kingdom. A dominant hegemonic power like the United Kingdom was prepared for surviving the Second World War (with an ounce of help from good ol' America, of course). Some say the war decimated the UK’s economy, but they’re wrong. Almost immediately following the end of World War II, the UK passed its National Health Service Act (1946) that spelled the end to UK hegemony. Unable to maintain a balance between healthcare and military spending, their power began to wane. Other once-great European powers followed and soon, Europe maintained a fraction of its diplomatic influence that it once had. Does the same future hold true for America? With Obamacare existing in our land of the free, it will surely spell the decline of America's already declining hegemony. Does the same future hold true for America? With Obamacare existing in our land of the free, it will surely spell the decline of America's already declining hegemony.

"Stand tall, America. Real change is coming!" Greg is The Mymic's token conservative idiot. We publish his articles to make it seem like we are "considering the other side." Everybody hates him.
Without even touching on the idea of whether or not Obama's health care plan is a pinko conspiracy, I can tell you one thing for certain. The health care plan that Obama signed into law is blemishing with racism, classist undertones. What am I talking about?

One provision of the health care plan that was probably cunningly and deviously snuck through in some Anti-Catholic, leftist committee is a 10% tax on all tanning sa...
**Culture careless to culture conscious: one woman’s story**

By Winifred Humpus

Culture conscious versus culture careless—something changing my life completely. No, I’m not talking about the new menu at Bremarts. This year, I was fortunate enough to spend a semester abroad in a foreign country... especially Vermont! During those few short months overseas, I was immersed in new customs and experienced things that I never did in the United States—America really blew. But there is one lesson from my trip that I will always remember: the value of culture consciousness.

Sure, you probably grew up in some po-dunk, washed, closed-minded town where Jesus Christ walked with 2.5 children and 4 cars just like that. But does that mean you shouldn’t care about diversity? No. It is a shortcoming of this institution, and even of this country, that we the youth don’t know or care about different cultures and perspectives around the world.

It’s not your fault that you have no knowledge of the importance of diversity, just as it’s not the fault of America for not teaching you anything beyond white Protestant polices. But I will take a bold stance: I think it’s greatly empowering and enlightening to appreciate the diversity we are presented with. As a university, we are a culture ourselves. As a unique culture, we need to branch out and explore other cultures. Yes, we are so fortunate to attend a university with such a diverse student body. But can you imagine if we attended a university with a higher rate? Can you imagine how much the world would be different if we were all the same?

**Maple, my maple why we must protect and respect Vermont’s most precious resource**

By Lea McLellan

Local Crazy

I have always felt blessed to grow up with a maple tree in my backyard. Not only did it provide shade and fresh, sweet sap, but it also taught me lessons about the importance of the environment. A maple tree is a symbol of endurance and resilience, growing tall and strong even in the harshest conditions. The sap of a maple tree can be tapped and used to make syrup, which is a delicious and healthy treat that can be enjoyed year-round.

**Tunnel travel tells all what sheep-bunnies teach us about love, pain, and climate change**

By Laura Dillon

Walking through the Davis Center’s tunnel, my eyes are met with a plethora of vibrant colors. The mural looming ahead of me is a maze of bright hues, dramatic shapes, and expressive lines. The scene sweeps around the walls, starting with the blooming burst of an enormous tree, the dark silhouette of a young girl swinging from its branches, and then transitioning to a jumbled scene of sheep-like figures being whipped into a dark tunnel. To an unrelated eye this mural could be mistaken for the product of some really good weed and lots of spare time, but to the art savant, it is clear that there is much more to this piece of fine art work.

This piece is crying out to be heard. The leaves of the tree weep for the destruction by human hands, random touch, or does it? It echoes the pain and waste. The young girl on the swing is swelling with the weight of a world so great she will not be raised to a sterile, heartless world of modern capitalism. With the loss of the trees, the innocence will be stripped away to expose the gaudy screaming ad Euro-youth. Even the sheep in the center of the mural are baa-baaing in despair as they are ushered into the tunnel of conformity and consumerism, much like the students that walk past this mural everyday. Hidden in an obscure corner, the mural looks like a huddle of multicolored sheep-bunny hybrids. Is this simply a colorful, whimsical scene depicting a world... or can we take a closer look? Is it simply speaking to those who have taken care of sheep? Are we all baa-baaing about the same thing? Is this truly a case of art for art’s sake? Is it simply a commentary on the world today?
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   12pm. outside bailey/howe

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   8pm. brennan’s

fri. 2: R & B ARTIST - JAVIER
   9pm, brennan’s

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