It all started as a small rumor: A hurricane the size of Texas was on a collision course straight for Burlington. Though parts of Manhattan were evacuated and every battery and flashlight vanished from the shelf in both Rhode Island and Connecticut, everyone knew that the inland city of Burlington, Vermont was destined for a harrowing massacre of epic proportions.

As the Sun receded behind massively dark clouds on the eve of August 27, a terrifying sound echoed all across Burlington. It was a sound that could be heard even within the dorms of the freshman class, where awkward get-to-know-you games were slowly fizzling out: a sound produced by a CatAlert. However, this was only one of many that would be sent during the storm. Students pulled themselves away from their intellectual conversations concerning the coming night’s events, or last night’s events long past, and casually glanced at their not-so-smart phones. This produced terrifying yells of panic. Scream so horrifying they could have possibly been mistaken for actual joy. The CatAlert explained the temporary closing of the University of Vermont that had recently been mistaken for actual evacuation, and every battery and flashlight had been forgotten to impart in previous years.

This simple alert forced students to drop what they were doing and commence in the one act they would probably never be able to attempt again due to this apocalyptic catastrophe: drinking. And so they drank and drank some more and then right around 10:27 p.m. took to the streets to track down some of the final parties in Burlington history.

These parties, however, seemed bitter-sweet. Much of the conversations were focused towards what item these partygoers would clench as they were swept up in one of the many tornadoses that was certain to form over Champlain valley.

An official water tower consensus report showed that the majority of Bid-dies chose their Blackberry, the Shreddies (snowboarder/skier) tied between their shredstick (snowboard/skis) or their favorite piece (waterpipe/bowl/chillum). Finally, the bros voted overwhelmingly to choose the biddy to whom they had most recently been showing their muscles.

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How you can help:

While Burlington wasn’t damaged too significantly, many people’s family, friends, pets, homes and lives were heavily affected. Much of southern VT is completely destroyed, and other places along the East Coast are also severely damaged. Here are some ways you can help:

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Study abroad and the great gender divide

by lauradillon

My main motives for study abroad were intellectual: learn about a new culture; challenge myself and my preconceptions; learn a foreign language. That said, a juicy summer romance would have been nice too. When I imagined what my study abroad experience would be like, I figured there would be some kind of whirlwind romance with a guy in my program. Sadly this dream did not translate into reality. When I arrived at my program in Antananarivo, Madagascar, I discovered that there was not a single male in the entire group.

Don’t get me wrong…the all girl group turned out to be wonderful. But two weeks in, when we were getting tired of eating rice for three meals a day and showering with buckets, a casual hookup started looking pretty good.

So where were you guys? Sixteen desperate and lonely American girls would have appreciated a little TLC and you were not there to provide it! Shame on you.

It turns out that our program in Madagascar is not an anomaly; there is a large gender divide when it comes to study abroad. Small, specialized programs like the one I attended, as well as larger study abroad institutions, are dominated by female students. According to stats from the Institute of International Education Open Doors, 65.1 percent of Americans studying abroad were women, and 34.9 percent men. These stats have been the same for over a decade. When I asked other UVM students I knew who had studied abroad (all of whom were female) most of them backed away from their farmers at www.intervale.org.

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Why so serious???

by lindsaygabel

I want your text

by dansuder

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Get inside me:

triple take: watch the throne

by sarahmoylan

by lindsey

by laura

Watch the throne

by sarahmoylan

by gretchen

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by megan

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This is a new low for President Obama...-

Kerrie Kingbly, the executive director of the Center for Biological Diversity, on President Obama’s decision to scrap an attempt to impose new regulations designed to limit the amount of ozone (smog) major industrial producers release into our atmosphere. President Obama cited a struggling economy as the reason why these new environmental regulations could not go through. I couldn't agree more with Mr. Suder. He does have a funny way of getting his point across.

I'm obviously crazy anyway, so I drew on that:

-Kerrie Kingbly, speaking about her last name.

"The purpose of the rally is likely to incite the public to violence..."

-A non-smoke claim made by a Ugandan police spokesman as he said the country has formed a group of activists from humble, poor streets to a high-tech, voter in the capital to a high-tech, voter in the capital. The group's aim is to incite the public to violence in the capital.

WRATH (continued from page 1)

For the two text messages, three phone calls, and six emails that were necessary to tell "I'm really sorry..."

-Jersey Shore: For realizing "train wreck" reaching new levels and explaining why everything that is done is not worthy of any attention. We assume that this is youresy and something along the lines of "I go to Jayne to get more stupid America has to learn..."

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of papercraft. From the most diligent guy could be discouraged by that. Seinfeld, alternate between application forms and wouldn’t picture of Fiona Shirley on Ferris Bueller depending on what font you have.

3. It is heard for American college and events to arise of the Euro- malfunctions. Some (not much) reality for the cape pants, scarves, and man-purses that run rampant on the continent.

4. They don’t want to spend the money because they are saving up for a really awesome video game, motorcycle, quality hooker eat.

5. Too sacred... OH SNAP!

With the exception of point 1, which is actually very ac- curate, I generally give guys more credit than that. Maybe they just need a little motivation. So here are some rea- sons that guys should get on the study abroad trend.

1. Knowing a foreign language is hot. Probably one of the Romance languages unless you have a darker side in which case Russian or German is your best bet.

2. If someone needs us to get in touch about my job? What if my friend

3. If you have ever had a desire to wear a scarf, now is your chance. Even if you aren’t in Europe you will still have the opportunity to explore exotic fashion choices I won’t, who doesn’t love a scarf in the winter?

4. You can always be and say that you did hook up with a hot foreign woman.

5. Intellectual and Personal Growth

STUDY ABROAD - continued from page 1

I am becoming to think, especially as school starts back up, that it may be im- possible to live “off the grid.” I don’t mean living in the woods with noth- ing but a handful and some racial identity. I am thinking about the grid in the sense that connected cell- phone and Facebook sense of the word. I hear a lot of people quanto “about technology” and the intern- et kills our attention spans, makes us dumber, and is killing our gen- eration and bringing America down.

This summer, though, I had a prime opportunity to escape from a while. I had no job, no set obliga- tions, and lots of summer weather. I had the option to turn off my laptop and my cell phone, to go swimming and hiking, to read some books. So, for like 25 minutes, I give a shit. I went like this:

10:10 AM: 1. I’d be a variation in my dinner plate. But my phone is off. What’s happening?

10:15 AM: 1. I move my finger across my palm, launching non-existent text messages and events.

10:17 PM: I look at shadows in an at- tempt to figure out what time it is. My Boy Scout career fails me entirely.

10:30 PM: When I open my laptop to figure out the time, I come to the calcula- tion that my reliance on technology is em- bracefully through.

And so I was able with this school year’s approach. I can’t even in- terpret another, can I? What if someone- needs to talk to me about the

Merica tries to Skype before she leaves for her Winter Break trip for the year? What if Monica stays in Cali forever and I didn’t even say goodbye because my MacBook war- ed off? I turned my phone off or logged out of Facebook. And then there are the notifications. Dear God. And the FRIEND REQUESTS? And my Facebook, how will I know how many friends I have? Or even who they are? Plus the events! My friends wouldn’t bother inviting me to things in poison, through, and when’s the fun in that?


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Reflections

First year tweets

dirty on
dining

VUMSlife (Friday, 11:30 PM): Remember, Friday at all UVM Residence Halls are alcohol and substance free. Have a safe and healthy weekend!

Tar-a-not-ta-ra2011: win $2 off your next textbook at the @CatamountStore! me if you want to smoke! #UVM tonightttt!!!! #college my entire floor!!! 2nites gonna b gr8! ;*

Luvnotwar: rite now? #bored

Dear pound, We're sorry Twitter stole you from us and made you its dirty whore. We're

why so serious???

by lindseygabel

Occasionally, the water tower can be a tad hot to have around. Like many of the many readers from your past, you prob-
ably know that this is a great summer read, and we hope you'll

Dr. Seuss's Cat in the Hat to its

CIO you have what it takes to be a top cat?

by robotnucker

Maybe you can sing and be hátful, but are you prepared for everything else that comes with being a member of this testosterone fueled a cappella group? Are you cut out for a life of fame? Do you work well under pressure and stress? Do you like wearing orange robes and glasses at night just so you can eat your b-pie like Mr. Mike’s in peace? Are you ready to be a top cat?

Take the quiz and find out...

1. So it’s the start of a new school year and the su-hcriptors are commencing without

a) Learning to jet ski and maintaining a consistent skin color from the back of your top to your shoulders (i.e. a tan bottom)

b) Making bank at your full time summer job by picking up clones for next semester

c) Selling up a fish tank including shrimp and fish tanks sherry, and complimenting Red Devil Redmond (aka, Top Cat, Tom, and Lava's productive summer in Barstool)

2. If you had it made to the final six-
n) Playing the song list and the lyrics, practicing

b) Reviewing the song list and the lyrics, practicing

c) Back to basics: Drink some water. Take necessary (you're responsible and b-o-r-i-n-g).

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The new album is slated for release this fall in the hopes that it will become a classic. A great majority of fans are looking forward to its arrival, and the album is expected to top the charts, further solidifying the artist's status as a legendary figure in the music industry.
fork it over.
crazy ass cooking
by megankeith and greentoth

There comes a time in our lives when we can no longer rely solely on mom’s cooking for our daily sustenance. High school and college life is filled with late night study sessions, new friends, parties, and the newfound freedom to order takeout. But what about the time when you can’t order takeout? When we move out of our homes and have to – GASP – feed ourselves? Or when we suddenly get stuck doing dinner food that the thought of eating one more University Marché chicken tender makes us cringe? This is when you need to be prepared.

Food of the week: Corn!

Hard rains in the spring can cause a later growing season in Vermont this year, which means corn will not be brought fresh locally. For the best eaters, find your local market (in southern Vermont) between 2-5pm or City Market. Heck, even the Price Chopper in South Burlington is offering corn. The round-up below lists the best and worse of corn products you might find outside Vermont. The key lesson here is to never peel… or should we say shucked!


down. Keep it simple with a bag, but get that smoky flavor
by breaking out your grill. If you’re growing tired of your
tattoes, no lie! The possibilities are endless, which

creates something
by joshuawave

Why is typography
right?

Why is typography right? It’s a forum for the flaneur, the gentleman
husk (think Carthage), and the overall wearin’ farmer woman. Let’s be honest, none of these opinions are what one might consider high fashion. Yet still, think that the vibrant, in

text.

My advice to everyone out there is to go to Goodwill, throw on some sweatpants now instead of a denim vest. But she feels comfortable in the vest, and can pull it off quite

to understand the murmurs and the

each

universe

and the universe

Small and green bigger than a pin head

and I didn’t feel like dying just yet

I was probably sitting under her tree,

I want to feel the knowledge, monsooning

I want to find the angels making war with

I want to find the hallways where they

I want to find the ghosts that whisper on

I want to feel the wind.

To hit the floor.

My wooden horse reveals

built with poise,

the bass drum kicks.

flows the count,

pumps out licks.

Up, down, left, right

As sound waves hit

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their heads like bricks.

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So you’ve already been here for a week or so. Hopefully you’ve noticed that there is a shit-ton of people to meet and make friends with. If not, look harder. Anyway, you have had floor meetings, orientations, meet and greets, random knocks on your door, drunken phone number exchanges, impromptu Frisbee games, maybe even intimate Cook Dining Hall dinners.

The following graph is here to help you understand a little bit about how many of these great people you meet will actually affect your life. College may be one of the most important stages of your life because it’s here where you will learn that there are people that you cannot be friends with. This graph classifies the people you have met in the first week into categories pertaining to the length and depth of your relationship:

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Your future roommate.

0.9999% - The Homies
Finally, the group of people you will eventually call your own. They’re kids you have spent months and months picking out of the crowd. These people will establish you as a meaningful part of their gang. This group will allow you to feel like you stand out among the 12,000 other kids just like you.

88% - The Even-Though-We-Both-Share-Similar-Music-Taste (i.e. Bob Marley, Dubstep)-We-Will-Never-Last-ers
This group of people you literally met within the first week and unfortunately, though some of them are very pretty, you are going nowhere with them. It may feel like you guys really connect because you both like the color green or you both have a Bob Marley poster on your wall, but it is just not going to last.

6% - The Wino Friendos
This is the group of people that share very little in common with you except maybe a similar weekend agenda, also known as a similar drinking tolerance. These are the kids you will greet with a loud yell in the street at 2:30am on Friday nights, the people that you will allow to sip from your plastic handle in a dingy basement. The people that you see the next day sitting at a library desk and wonder to yourself: “Why is that person from my dream sitting there”, until you realize you were just in a rather strong substance-induced haze when you met them.

3% - The “Friends”
This is the group of people whom you will quickly learn are far smarter than you but luckily have taken a liking to you. Therefore, they will become your friends especially around midterms and finals. But remember: do not try to mix these friends with your party friends because both sides could be easily offended that you would associate with the other.

4% - The Kids that Obviously Never Should Have Gone to UVM
Though life may seem to be more and more pessimistic as it goes on, this group will actually become people you not only don’t develop a friendly relationship with, but you in fact learn to despise. Eventually they will force you to physically inflict pain upon them or just question their parental upbringing. Fortunately this will allow you to have a renewed faith in your parents’ childrearing because they didn’t create devils like these ones.

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