On June 30, 2012 the current contract with Coca-Cola expires. On July 1, 2012, a new period at the University of Vermont begins. We will hear more details from the administration in the next few days, but one thing is now clear: the sale of bottled water will no longer be acceptable at this university, and will end within a year. This will make UVM the first public university in the United States to take such a step, a feat that has already occurred at smaller private universities.

For most, going off to college is the first time we have ever lived outside of the complete control of our parents. To some, this means lounging all day in sweatpants not washed since the last trip home, while others use this newfound sense of freedom to question the political and social views imparted to them by their parents. For the latter group of students, many, myself included, turn to activism.

Just over four years ago, a small group of activists, working as VSTEP (Vermont Students Toward Environmental Protection), challenged our University community to live up to our “Common Ground” mission statement. For them, respect, innovation, responsibility, openness, justice, and integrity were not just words hanging on banners in the Davis Center Atrium. These words were, at the very least, a way to demand accountability for actions of the university community. Those early VSTEP activists proposed a controversial ban of the sale of bottled water on the campus of UVM.

Bottled water, they argued, was unnecessary and wasteful. Why would we ever pay for something we could get for free? Just twenty years ago, people believed that the idea of bottling tap water and selling it at 1,000 times the original cost was as ridiculous as bottling and selling clean air. Profiting from a natural resource as essential as water probably isn’t in accordance with the mission statement, right? The activists argued that a bottle of water sold on the Davis Center’s inaugural day in 2007 would not fully decompose in a landfill until at least 2,407. For the savvy environmentalist at UVM, the answer to this issue seems obvious, but if there’s anything I’ve learned from this campaign, it’s that most people at our school aren’t savvy environmentalists. When I joined VSTEP I was not prepared for the campaign that followed, but I soon learned what it took to be a successful activist.

The first thing I learned was that not everyone feels passionate about the same issues I care about. College campuses may be a star: go far!

why you should study abroad and not be a loser like me by liz cantrell

Studying abroad is quickly becoming a quintessential college experience. Some see it as an opportunity to experience another culture and put their education to work in a new setting. Others view it as a chance to do everything they do in America, only with an accent and a couple of Euros in their pocket.

I, too, had grand ambitions of “going abroad,” specifically to the most cliché of study abroad locales: Paris, France (I know, you were thinking Paris, Texas! I, too, was bummed that UVM didn’t have a program there). I asked for recommendations, crafted a few personal statements, overpaid for my application fee, and was accepted. I was ecstatic. I imagined myself being sophisticated and worldly, nibbling baguettes at streetside cafes and strolling by the Seine... until my program got cancelled and my dreams deflated faster than hopes of getting to dance with your middle school crush. I didn’t want to be in Burlington for another four months; I wanted to be drowning in croissants and culture, dammit!

Instead of just accepting my fate, I could have pushed myself and said, “no, I WILL go abroad!” I could have applied to another program or tried for a different semester. But I didn’t. I chose to stay at UVM for the whole four-year show. At first, I consoled myself by thinking, “well at least I don’t have to go through all that paperwork,” but even being spared the burden of endless forms wasn’t enough to quiet my frustration and resentment.

Naturally, the study abroad gods had to spite me even more, so they made sure every single person I know is currently, or has just returned from, abroad. Just this semester, I’ve got friends in South Africa, Ireland, Italy, and Spain. All of those places are looking pretty good every time I check the Burlington weather forecast or my syllabus for class. I find myself obsessively stalking their blogs and jealously observing their latest Instagram photos of Machu Pichu, the Eiffel Tower, the Coliseum, the Great Wall, or some drunk flat-mates. Recently, I’ve taken to watching “how to have a hot foreign accent” videos so I can feel part of the club. I instinctively cringe when I overhear some-
In Bavaria this week, a German businessman was on trial for

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far as they pertain to race and racism in the U.S.). Our cause would be greatly helped

who is currently teaching, D1 courses during the 2011-2012 school year. These e-

would be more than happy to push for it. However, I have been working under the im

I’ d like to comment on the article, “Diversity Requirements and Rape (Counter)

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Cleon was a terrible ruler and his speech goes on to demonstrate why

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“Where they make a desert, they call it peace.. ”

I have a fundamental belief that old things are worth reading. Here are some.

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I have often before now been con-
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of empire....

“From the Founding of the City

Livy, in his masterly history of Rome, frequently makes forward little

gems such as this. The sentence is one that has remained true for
two thousand years, just look at the Cold War.

“Join me on a journey of
colleagues....

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of adverse weather or any other event that
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been asked to play in. He was

pinned in the game winning field goal, rolling over,

to them by San Francisco’s punt returner's

returns turns out to be an important thing
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smashing into one another at ludicrous

All clichéd storylines that will be beat

great quarterback.

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I am bound to tell what I am told, but not in every case to believe it....

Heraclitus, the father of philosophy

Heraclitus is called the Father of History for his writings on the Persian war, but also the Father of Lies for the frequent occasions where his sto-

rhetorical gets the better of him when he passes on unreplied information. This is him acknowledging it, which is a staff. He also has plenty of
good quotes about war in general, such as, “In peace sons bury fathers, but in war fathers bury sons, “  “force has no place where there is need

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eothers, the Greeks have already tried their hand at ruling Europe in the past hundred

years, and I am not entirely sure the rest of the world is ready to let them try again. On

the other hand, it is important to remember that it isn’t actually the Greeks’ money that

they are spending and that if there is one thing that the international community has

learned is that Athens is really good at having no money.

The Venezuelan leader has accused the American government of pos

sessing a secret weapon which is being used to give cancer to Latin American leaders.

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ever done in the history of the world that has been as ignoble as trying to understand why

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When I first set out to review this document, I thought it might be a review of coffee and cookies, but as I delved deeper, I found that it was a reflection on the author's experience of being propositioned on the street. The author describes feeling unprepared and scared, not knowing what to do in a situation where they were unable to find a familiar person to turn to. The author also reflects on their own behaviour in similar situations, feeling guilty for not remembering to say something to the person asking for a hug. Overall, the document serves as a cautionary tale about the importance of being prepared and having a plan in situations where one might feel vulnerable.
One day he wakes up and finds himself in a small village surrounded by giants. He realizes that his parents must have been giants all along, but he never noticed because they were always carrying him. He decides to explore the village and meet the other giants. As he walks through the village, he sees that everyone is eating soup and singing songs. He joins in and discovers that the giants are celebrating the end of the snowfall season.

The giants tell him that they are holding a festival called "Soup-a-rama," and he is invited to join in the fun. He eagerly accepts and helps to prepare the giant soup. As they mix the ingredients, he realizes that the giants are using a special blend of herbs and spices that he had never seen before.

The festival持续了一个星期,并且充满了欢笑和友谊。每个人都在这里找到了自己的归属,并且共同创造了一个充满爱和欢乐的世界。这个小男孩意识到,他其实一直都生活在巨人中间,而他父母一直把他当成一个婴儿,因为他们的爱和保护让他从未意识到这一点。
I'm thinking of you so much. I know you're in our same class. I saw you yesterday after class, and I can't stop thinking about you. Please, please, please say hi. I know you're busy, but I just want to talk. If you're feeling overwhelmed or stressed, I'm here to listen. I care about you and I want to help. Our class is small, so I hope we can become friends. Please, let me know if you're interested. I would be honored to be your friend.
The night is upon you! Enjoy it.

[Text continues]
"Burlington Police are so nice."
"I can't wait for our third roommate to get here!"
"I hate the Red Sox."
"What's a spork?"
"I just love BU!
"I just wish this class was a little more challenging."
"The library is my favorite place.
"Macadamia shindig for clandestine herrings.
"Don't you just love the new changes to Facebook?"
"This gym is so easy to navigate."
"I think Sodexo is making me constipated."
"No, I can't smoke, I have class in 5.
"Kale sucks."
"It's too hot to go outside."
"I just love BU!"