let’s clear the air here

by katjarichie

Students smoking cigarettes on the steps of the Bailey-Howe library are as quintessentially “UVM” as watching sunsets from the Williams fire escape, and as commonplace as a plastic water bottle—and now, like both those scenarios, it seems to be a thing of the past on campus. Walking to class last Monday, I looked up to see the front of the library swathed in an aggressively pert shade of blue, with a table manned by two staff members brazenly spray-painting stenciled tobacco facts all over the steps and sidewalk: did you know that “secondhand smoke contains 69 chemicals known to cause cancer?” Could they be serious? But not ten minutes later, a student was physically directed off the steps, half-smoked cigarette in hand.

I met this change to campus prepared with every fiber of my being for an argument: who does our pampered university spent about five thousand dollars on the clean, professional banner and stacks of anti-smoking literature, I was directed to Nancy Bercaw in the Dean’s Office in the library. As spearhead of the “Let’s Clear the Air” project, she was extremely candid and transparent in the intention of the campaign. As it turns out, the major issue this creates falls along no government data itself is safely clandestine—effectively making a statement that the NSA and the Obama administration have come away looking untrustworthy at best, and at worst, laughably big-brother-esque.

Given the importance of these leaks, it is hardly surprising that Snowden has been nothing if not a divisive figure. By effectively forcing the declassification of those pieces of data linking individuals with known threats were being monitored. However, as the months have crawled on, more oversights, oversteps, and disturbing powers have come to light. Additionally, despite all of the “protective” monitoring, Dzhokhar and Tamerlan Tsarnaev still managed to orchestrate the largest domestic terror attack since 9/11, bringing the NSA and the Obama administration have come away looking untrustworthy at best, and at worst, laughably big-brother-esque.

I should have figured that the chosen strategy of a group of librarians would be to kill ‘em with kindness, on who I talked to—most people seemed to only care about entering and exiting the library without having to breathe smoke if they didn’t want to, but some saw a bigger future. Perhaps the furthest vision for the project belonged to the 13-year-old daughter of UVM’s head of custodial staff, volunteering her very own time out of a simple and enduring love for nonprofit work and a fresh-faced hope for a smoke-free public. This was the kind of benevolent naiveté that makes your lighter like a rock in your pocket and want to dart for an exit to continue being a less-than-upstanding citizen in peace. It was rather by chance that my aggressive front towards the campaign was ultimately dismantled. Wondering exactly how much the university spent on the clean, professional banner and stacks of anti-smoking literature, I was directed to Nancy Bercaw in the Dean’s Office in the library. As spearhead of the “Let’s Clear the Air” project, she was extremely candid and transparent in the intention of the campaign. As it turns out, the whole shebang really has nothing to do with anyone or anything further than the steps of Bailey-Howe, and it was never intended to.

Heroes are for comic books: the Snowden snafu

by benberrick

In May, Edward Snowden, a then 29-year-old employee of NSA defense contractor Booz Allen Hamilton, rocked the American public with information about PRISM, the covert and nearly-omnipotent internet surveillance program. While few were surprised that such a program existed, the sheer volume of data monitored and the extent of the program’s reach is stunning.

During the first week after Snowden’s leaks were published in The Guardian, NSA and government officials attempted to implement some kind of damage control. They assured Americans that only the existence of telephone exchanges and Internet history were being recorded and that only those pieces of data linking individuals with known threats were being monitored. However, as the months have crawled on, more oversights, oversteps, and disturbing powers have come to light. Additionally, despite all of the “protective” monitoring, Dzhokhar and Tamerlan Tsarnaev still managed to orchestrate the largest domestic terror attack since 9/11, bringing the NSA and the Obama administration have come away looking untrustworthy at best, and at worst, laughably big-brother-esque.

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Coffin laws allow the automated license plate recognition systems already being used by police and other law enforcement agencies to identify state, federal ranges and campus police. In light of recent government surveillance cases, the Vermont League of Cities and Towns Legislative Wrap-Up points out that any records will be destroyed after an 18-month period, and may only be retained past that date if a lawsuit alleges the presence of an imputed issue. This is a new law that makes use of the growing trend of criminalizing non-medical marijuana.

Vermont Bill S.18

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Vermont Bill H.38

Whether you want to join our dysfunctional family, are a dedicated reader returning to us for another year (we love you by the way, so come on in), or just want to know about us, we want you to know that we are proud of what we do. We will never be put on a pedestal. This is a weekly student publication at the University of Vermont in Burlington, Vermont. It is to the water tower news ticker: Did anyone see the VMA’s? I can’t believe Miley showed that much ankle.+++ How ‘bout dem Pats? Now they’re left with half a TE and without Jesus’ favorite QB.+++ Guten tag, dog.

The start of the Arab Spring was a major milestone in Middle Eastern politics, in late 2010 and early 2011. Tunisia is an interesting case study for the evaluation of unrest and changes in policy. Egypt particularly has been a military-backed revolution led to the removal of 30-year president Hosni Mubarak. An uprising started in January, and continued for months. The government has faced mass protests demanding Mubarak’s resignation. The government was criticized for creating a government that was discriminatory and repressive. Mubarak won the election in 2012, Mohamed Morsi became the first democratically elected president. Morsi was under heavy pressure from the opposition and some of his policies were seen as a threat to the stability of the country. He was overthrown in a military coup in July 2013, as anti-Morsi protests swelled the streets. The Egyptian protesters gather with a purpose. The Egyptian protesters demand the fall of Morsi, who they consider to be a symbol of the previous regime of Hosni Mubarak.

An organization that has been active in the Middle East is the Muslim Brotherhood, a political party that was established in 1928. The party has roots in the region, and has been active in the Middle East for decades. Its goals include the establishment of an Islamic state in the region. The party is seen as a threat to the stability of the country, and has been involved in several politically motivated attacks. In response to the events of the Arab Spring, the Egyptian government has taken several steps to address the situation. The government has announced plans to hold a referendum on the constitution in March. The referendum is intended to be a step towards democracy and stability in the region.

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Making friends and sharing awesome memories is one of the best aspects of being in college, especially in Burlington where an adventure is never really too far away. Restaurants and the great outdoors are literally surrounding our campus, perfect for grabbing começ de matin or a Bel Giallo slice maybe you've had your eye on and eating a huge bit. But what if she's not really an option just yet, or the semester for you? Maybe you're a first-year who hasn't really met any core group of friends yet. Being around large groups of people makes you uncomfortable and anxious and you'd rather be your own wolfpack without the purse. Sorry, Alan, satchel.

Glad of Wakefield makes it really easy to get your own room and get to know the campus or something new. But now that all the seeds of the semester are planted, you may be wondering what to do now that a steady stream of highly advertised events on campus isn't readily available. Take it from someone who's more than one weekend left to her own devices. There is plenty for you to do, and tons of awesome times to be had. And no matter what your situation is, believe me, wanting alone time is perfectly acceptable. So do yourself a favor. Check out some flyers downtown or look up events online that interest you. And if you can't find anything that speaks to you, consider some of these tried and true favorites.

Shelling Throop

If you're one of those people who can't believe clothes without consulting eighteen of your friends, skip this one. But buying clothes on the good ol' Goodwill.

SASS. Get out of your comfort zone a bit. That's what college is all about. You never know what can happen if you don't give things a chance.

Shakes. Never been? Just walk inside and see what I mean. The shop's rustic feel is totally some work done. Get a laptop or a book and your beverage of choice and hang out for and musicians. And while we're on the subject of coffee shops, they're a great place to get

Going to the Movies

Regardless of the original source of the story, sometimes it's seriously worth it. Think about it. You get to be entertained and discover into another world for a few hours without your friends chomping on poppy right in your ear or bugging questions at you under your breath. And you can sit wherever you want! Your significant others also don't lack, but you want to break your neck in the process? Go for it. And no comprendon on food or which movie you see. It all about you, and the two hours you take up while stretching out your legs. The Pierre really cool movie, action block of classics or a documentary. For students, sometimes tree seats are available right on campus. And with the new streaming options you have:

Sit back and relax at The Riony, Palace 9, Majestic 10 or Esort Cinemas.

I'm sure you get the idea. Not everything about college life or even life in Burlington has to be experienced with a big group of friends. And don't let your singlehood or shy nature get in the way of having the college experience you've

Book Events, Lectures and Workshops

Want some great stuff? Phinisi Books downtown has local authors come in and speak about their work, and different coffee shops and bars downtown host music, local bands and theatrical productions. This makes it a great place to get some work done. Get a laptop or a book and your beverage of choice and long out for a while. Finish that paper, do some cuddle sockets, whatever you want.

I personally recommend Muddy Waters for this, and not just because of the Muddy Lemonade. Don't ask, just do it. This is your mission, should you choose to accept it.

Restaurants

In case you haven't noticed, Burlington is a foodie's heaven. For something that's totally unique, and you definitely want to stay inside. Want to stay on campus? Check out a licen-

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Note The Statehouse, Block Four, North Market Street. That's what college is all about. You never know what can happen if you don't give things a chance.
College has forever been labeled as the “greatest years of your life,” yet those who roll away up a whirled of phases, changes, friendships, adversities, etc, and spit you out 4 years later, make you believe that you are only in your first year or just another notch on the list of college bulb "educators" who merely come and go, in the process of confusing your mind and leaving you more bewildered than when you entered. So, what is so different about the treatment you are going through now that makes you feel that way, versus the treatment you received last year, etc? For me, there is no explanation except that some people have a built-in ability to make you believe they are the most knee-deep "educators" out there, and you believe them as soon as you say the word "educator".

"In fact, no matter the class, gender, or amount of participation on campus, EVERYONE feels a little inadequate"

Maybe in fact I was, the denial that anyone would ever find out, maybe I was, but in the end, I’m not even sure why I’m saying this at all. When the day comes to an end, I’ve decided to just keep it all to myself, let it all out as an adult. As we are still in our first weeks of either starting college or starting a new school, let’s take a look at how we quantify the quality of your college experience, shall we? How many friends have you made? How much participation on campus, EVERYONE feels a little inadequate because you're being too hard on yourself, cut yourself and think that these years weren't great because I didn't have any friends, etc? However, my parents still had their feet on the gas and since my future residence was less than a mile away, I didn't really care if UVM was right or not. My parents still had their foot on the gas and since my future residence was less than a mile away, I didn't really care if UVM was right or not. It took time, but I really think that UVM is the best college because it generates this doubt. That may sound weird, but really I’m glad that this school is big enough.

I've been putting some thought into the different kinds of people that I would seriously date after two years that I've been here...

So we all have doubts, but what defines us in how we manage these feelings and come to terms with our selves. College is designed as the “greatest years of our life" because it is where you truly get to do some soul searching, decide what is most important to you and only you, and stick by your laurels proud through the storm. Instead of dismantling or depressingly yourself with self-criticism, reach out and talk to others who feel the same. Freddie to seniors, we've all felt like maybe UVM isn't right, maybe I'm not right, maybe it's too late to start anew and things are hopeless. Does your school to use these doubts as guiding principles?

"College is not all "happy hair" joy sometimes, but bad hair days. At least I'm at my first time at UVM and you're feeling like shit because your roommates are dorms, every class is impossible, and your future seems unsustainable, realize you've just begun. If you hate something, change it. Your friends now aren't fixed; fuck, nothing remains the same even if you are. Without sounding like a total idiot (you, my mouth now just has to believe no one is going to hear it), I have friends that have come to the realization that maybe they aren't going to hear it, I have friends that have come to the realization that maybe they aren’t going to hear it...

I wish we could all start the day with self-love and end with some corner of the school I haven't explored by laura

It's time that you and I begin back to school haircuts. If you find hairstyles to be a completely emotionally experience, then do it your way. That is fine, because I'm not saying “it's okay to have hair” but it will always grow back. If you're not used to being without your bangs, then you are my mother and you should stop reading here. I'm not the first one to admit I have an emotional attachment to my hair. I like it, but I'm not the first one to admit I have an emotional attachment to my hair. It is that time of year again: back to school haircuts. If your hair dresser is saying how great the lady’s ghost-hair looks to me, you meet lots of new people? Unfortunately, a lot of these superficial checkpoints completely consume our minds, they add a load heavier than your new text book to assert you've met lots of new people? Unfortunately, a lot of these superficial checkpoints completely consume our minds, they add a load heavier than your new text book to assert you've met lots of new people? Unfortunately, a lot of these superficial checkpoints completely consume our minds. So much is there to do in college; books is as to how you quantify the quality of your college experience, shall we? How many friends have you made? How much participation on campus, EVERYONE feels a little inadequate because you're being too hard on yourself, cut yourself and think that these years weren't great because I didn't have any friends, etc? However, my parents still had their foot on the gas and since my future residence was less than a mile away, I didn't really care if UVM was right or not. It took time, but I really think that UVM is the best college because it generates this doubt. That may sound weird, but really I’m glad that this school is big enough.
miley rocked two outfits in one performance! Not only did she wear an exquisite one-piece teddy-bear bathing suit with its tongue sticking out, but she also wore a two-piece flesh-toned bathing suit. What inherent fashion sense!
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yeezus, summer's strongest album
by dylanmcarthy

Once upon a time he was a: Cap-pee. Kanye West has evolved into a pop culture icon in the world of music and fashion. His work has been praised for its innovative sound and creative visuals, and his public persona has been described as "self-destructive" or "mercurial." This being said, this last release was the last thing someone expected to see: a no-nonsense, unapologetic, and highly stylized hip-hop record that defies everything he's touched.

As he's done in the past, Kanye delivers a highly polished and cohesive album that stands on its own. In fact, this album has been described as "a report card from a student who never showed up on time." The album doesn't hold back and is unapologetic in its themes and delivery. Kanye is not afraid to tackle controversial topics, and the result is an album that is both provocative and powerful.

"Black Skinhead," the lead single, is a powerful and raw song that addresses issues of race and identity. The lyrics are straightforward and unapologetic, and the delivery is intense and emotive. The song is a testament to Kanye's ability to tackle difficult topics and deliver them in a way that is both accessible and thought-provoking.

"Blood on the Leaves," the second single, is a slower and more introspective track. It is a reflection on past relationships and the pain that comes with them. The lyrics are personal and raw, and the delivery is intimate and emotional. The song is a testament to Kanye's ability to express his feelings and emotions in a way that is both powerful and moving.

Overall, "Yeezus" is a strong and powerful album that stands on its own. It is a testament to Kanye's ability to evolve and adapt as an artist, and it is one that will be remembered for years to come.
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Ever feel like your bein’ ignorant and don’t know how to stop, well then, here’s the new and improved Check Yourself 3000 — built to humiliate you whenever your privilege shows through. For example, you can use this handy device while driving so when your cruising in your Mercedes SLK and you get a little road rage built up, the Check Yourself 3000 will go off to prevent you from saying anything that might be stereotypical or, let’s admit it, flat out racist. Or you can just wear it as a hat and have it regulate your days. It is guaranteed to make you the most socially PC person you know and allows you to feel all the superiority that comes with that knowledge. It also makes a great gift for that special someone that you like but feel uncomfortable around in mixed company.

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