People are pretty tired of dorm life at this time of the year. The smell of garbage liners in every hallway, your RA is always dropping by unannounced, there's definitely something growing in your recycling bin. Yeah, you're probably about ready to move downtown. Aside from the parking bans, the long trek to campus, and regular exposure to local crazies, living off campus is pretty sweet. But watch out! There are a few things you should know before making the transition.

1. Parking can be a problem. If you're unfortunate enough to have a house with no driveway parking, consider leaving your whip at home. On-street parking is pretty limited in the residential areas. In the winter, chaos reigns in the form of spontaneous parking bans, where all cars on the street must be moved to public lots. What does this mean for you? You'll have to postpone dinner after a long day of class to shovel your car out of two-foot snow banks, park it in the public lot which is already impossibly crowded, and walk home in the freezing, dark night. Oh, and then you have to wake up at the butt crack of dawn to have your car out by 7 AM. And then you have to do it again. And again. And again.

2. Cooking is hard. It can be cool to arrange grocery splits with your roommates, but that doesn't really work out when roomie one prefers skim milk, roomie two drinks reduced fat, and tubby roommate three likes half and half. If you're buying solo, pasta is good, pancakes are better, egg sandwiches with salsa are best.

3. Laundry costs are high. You won't be able to buy a yacht. You can reduce your utility bills by bundling up in the winter and turning off your lights when you leave a room. If you get to know your neighbors, your credit plummets into the depths of Hades and eventually you won't be able to buy a yacht. You can reduce your utility bills by bundling up in the winter and turning off your lights when you leave a room. If you get to know your neighbors, you can save money by splitting the cost of wireless internet.

4. Most UVM students on the north side of Main Street. While the south side defies its perks (August First Bakery, holler at me), living there can easily squash your social life. Sure, a 10 minute walk doesn't seem that threatening, but what about when its -18°? Before you know it, your Saturday nights will be spent watching Lifetime when its -18°? Before you know it, your Saturday nights will be spent watching Lifetime movies with your cat and creepy roommates. If you've already signed a lease on a south side unit (I did!) you'll have to postpone dinner after a long day of class to shovel your car out of two-foot snow banks, park it in the public lot which is already impossibly crowded, and walk home in the freezing, dark night. You'll have to postpone dinner after a long day of class to shovel your car out of two-foot snow banks, park it in the public lot which is already impossibly crowded, and walk home in the freezing, dark night.

5. Pay your bills. Nothing in life is free, especially heat and electricity. Utilities cost a lot, but they cost more if you don't pay up. There's this thing called “credit”, see, and if you don't pay your bills, your credit plummet until the depths of Hades and eventually you won't be able to buy a yacht. You can reduce your utility bills by bundling up in the winter and turning off your lights when you leave a room. If you get to know your neighbors, you can save money by splitting the cost of wireless internet.

6. Noise violations are really, really, really expensive. If you don't have any friends, you could spend the summer in your unit. I did!

7. Don't leave your fetid, stinking food all over the coffee table, and don't use up all the toilet paper without replacing it. Don't get passive-aggressive revenge against your roommate by stealing a tablespoon of his Ben & Jerry's every time he bugs you, just talk to him. And do your own dishes, goddamnit.

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9. Free laundry is AWESOME. Some apartments will have their own laundry machines, but many have communal complex machines that cost real money and are usually located in some sort of sketchy basement filled with cigarette butts and rodent skeletons—sometimes it's best to just cut your losses and go to the laundromat. Better yet, befriend some underclassman who will let you use his swipe card in exchange for party invites.
Dear Water Tower Reader,

Recently, I read an article in the upcoming issue of your publication, in which you discuss the analysis of a recent incident involving the Delta Airlines flight 147. I would like to express my thoughts on the matter.

The incident in question involved a Delta Airlines flight from New York to Minneapolis, which experienced a mid-air collision with two smaller planes in the vicinity of New York City. The collision resulted in the death of several passengers and crew members, as well as significant damage to the aircraft involved.

As someone who has flown extensively, I find it disturbing to hear of such a tragic event. It serves as a reminder of the inherent risks associated with air travel and the importance of safety protocols. I hope that steps can be taken to ensure the safety of all passengers and crew in the future.

I would be interested in hearing more about the investigations into this incident and how the airline is responding to the situation. Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

P.S. My name is Olivia Nguyen, and I am a senior at UVM. I look forward to reading more about this incident in the upcoming issue of the Water Tower.

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Additional Note: I see that you mentioned the staff artists and writers in your publication. As a graphic designer, I am always interested in learning about the creative processes behind the design of a publication. If you ever have an opportunity to discuss this topic, I would love to hear more about it.

Olivia Nguyen

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Inbox

I just read your March 1 issue. As an FYI, you can do Kegel exercises no matter what genitals you have. :) 

http://www.askmen.com/dating/love_tip_59/67/love_tip.html

Diana

Ed. note: thank you, Diana, thank you.

Sometimes reading the water tower makes you want to get naked and fight the power. But most of the time, they just send emails. Send your thoughts on this week's issue to the watertowernews@gmail.com.

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Since the dawn of time (yes, they had cars then), there has been a struggle for social dominance. Politicians have been a major factor in matters of traffic, laws, and rogues. Rival tribes crossed, but all that mattered absolutely nothing to a 30-horsepower bank of metal approaching you at 50 mph. Despite your yosteful delusion of invincibility, you will car 1, pedestrian 0. (Bikers could care less about the proportions and would love to go about their business of getting in everyone's way)

2. Greek Life vs. the non-Greek student population

With all the talk of wild frat parties and bohemian culture, you might be under the impression that one of every twenty UVMers is a member of Psi Upsilon or Alpha Psi Omega. In reality, the Greek Community comprises only one percent of the undergrad population. The truth is, you have a bad rep from their hazing, hard-core parties, and loutish behaviors. If they want to bring down little-dots and triangles, the Greeks are all right.

Dana Medical Library vs. Bailey Howe

Even the most remote nook on the third floor of Bailey Howe can't begin to compare with the pure and unadulterated intensity of the academic atmosphere of Dana Medical. For those of you who have yet to step foot in this sacred study environment, I believe its best parallel would be a mosque, except less loud.

Winter vs. Spring

The months of March and April are the battleground for this annual slushfest that divides the sea-and the snow-and the sun.

Sedona vs. Students' DIstinguished Systems

It's never a good sign when the top ten awards listed on the website of the company responsible for all of UVM's campus food are with promises like "No more cycle plies aren't around anymore. Experts report that the Days of March and April are the battleground for this annual slushfest that divides the sea-and the snow-and the sun.

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I am a girl with a big eye.
Though sometimes my intentions seem derelict
That every time I see you go
I'm reduced to a cold stone in the ground:
Your words were acid, my hopes were dissolved,
But when you, unbidden, still come around
I am: a man of few words
I am: in your bed
Though I am: Gosfield
I am: the etiquette dinner
Though sometimes my intentions seem derelict
That every time I see you go
Twice in drunk darkness we've met already,
I am: Gym playing volleyball
I am: to bask in the glory of your passage,
in their momentary gaze in my direction.

Your blonde locks and cute smile had me hypnotized.
I want you so bad cuz boy you so fine.
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WHAT UP DORM FRIENDS?

Before you bang: the five steps to semen:
1. Check for nonfunctioning or absent body parts. It is not consensual if she has 1 leg.
2. Outline the dangers of sex. Explicitly mention AIDS, premature pregnancy, and walk of shame.
3. Administer a field sobriety test. It is not consensual if he is unable to touch his finger to his nose while standing on one leg.
4. Engage her in a conversation. It is not consensual if she fails to reach 80% coherency.
5. Agree upon a safe word in case the pleasure becomes too great!

Interference: Black Eyed Peas

Sure, you say Rebecca Black is the worst thing to ever happen to music... But I argue this: what on EARTH makes "The Time (Dirty Bit)" possibly ANY better than "Friday"? At least "Friday" tells me the days of the week and how to look forward to the weekend. What does "The Time" do? Nothing. It's just a confusing cover of "I've Had the Time of My Life" from Dirty Dancing with superfluous beats and loud grunting from Fergie's posse of carnies. WHY WOULD YOU EVEN COVER THAT SONG?

Now they've come out with something even worse—a thing I never even dreamed possible. "Just Can't Get Enough" is the worst piece of shit I've ever been exposed to, and even MORE upsetting is that it's ANOTHER COVER of a song that DOESN'T NEED TO BE COVERED. Depeche Mode didn't do a very good job with this tune (not to hate: "People Are People" and "Personal Jesus" are classics), so why even bother remaking it with your strange "hip-hop" grunting? I hate you, Black Eyed Peas.

Years ago, they didn't even have furry Fergie. They were just three strange dudes in non-futuristic outfits that opened for No Doubt on the U.S. leg of their 2000 tour. Later on, furry Fergie came in and began the custom of wetting her pants on stage (just kidding, that was only once). All hating aside, there have been a few decent tracks by the group: check out "Hands Up" from back in the day, and the recent "Imma Be," which has their most adequate rapping. "I Gotta Feeling" was passable, but only because it was produced by David Guetta. And we can't forget "My Humps," but let's face it, that was ALL Fergie— and The Duchess was ill.

But somewhere along the line, something terrible happened. Will.i.am decided to get involved with everything (Obama song?) and be awful everywhere he went, and those freaky sidekicks did less and less in the background. By the way, their names are apl.de.ap (what?) and Taboo, and the latter is my boyfriend, so please back off. "Boom Boom Pow" actually makes me want to die, "Rock That Body" makes me want to do exactly opposite that, and "Let's Get Retarded" makes me feel just as such. And that's just offensive.

Please, Black Eyed Peas, listen to me here. This is an intervention. You aren't good at being a band. You just yell and jump and wear futuristic outfits. Please die—collectively, that is. I'd never want you to individually die, because I want Fergie to have a career, but collectively you just need to fall off the face of the planet. It's been real, B.E.P. We've come to the E.N.D., we've plunked around and done a little monkey business (that's for sure), but we're all kind of tired from pimpin' it and we want you to just shut up, shut up. Bye! Please?

reviews by joeyussman

Spector-esque drum beat and dreamy vocals, "Sleepwalkin'," a minimalist choral driven song reminiscent of Yo La Tengo, and "Devils' Hearts Grow Old," which sounds like a Pixies song. Which is of course, totally awesome.

If You Like: Vivian Girls, Dum Dum Girls

Play: "Never Come Around," "You're Going to Cry" "Sleepwalking," "I Promise You"

Puro Instinct— "Headbangers in Ecstasy"

Puro Instinct is the culmination of two sisters bent on dreamy pop. The eighth track, "Stilgyig," features Ariel Pink, whom they've toured with in the past year. Though the record is similar to Pink's latest album, Headbangers in Ecstasy retains its own sound. You can definitely hear some 80's English pop influence within their brand of swirling bliss pop music. The guitars truly stand out, beautiful and extremely well crafted. Noteworthy tracks include "Lost At Sea," which is driven by celestial melodies, and "Silky Eyes," a simple, catchy dance song.

If You Like: Ariel Pink's Haunted Graffiti, No Joy

Play: "Everybody's Sick," "Lost at Sea," "Silky Eyes," "Slivers of You"