(no) cups, (no) couches, and catastrophe

by daniel duder

Housewarming parties are Good Times. It’s a rule or law or theorem or something, but it’s pretty much always true. You and your friends have just moved into a new place, it’s asbestos-free and loaded with all the carbon-monoxide detectors money can buy. It still has that freshly cleaned carpet smell, which weeks-old pizza and unwashed socks will eventually overpower. But now, on this one Friday or Saturday night, “Like a G6” pumps through the speakers, and the party begins.

But for some, the party of the century or the end of the world is an exception to the Good Times Rule. Why? Because you are unprepared.

You and your crew have a laptop and speakers, you’ve got your neighbor’s wifi, and you have beer. But none of you have ever lived in an apartment before and you just don’t know what it takes. The party crumbles under the weight of a million don’t-haves and should-have-boughts. It’s tragic, and it goes downhill right from the start.

Here’s how it goes down. Guests arrive, and you immediately point them to the keg. And then to the empty cabinet where, ideally, in a perfect world (or just a normal one), there would be cups. But there are no cups. Strike one. And really, strike two and three also, because this party sucks and you look like an amateur. So it’s a good thing the party goers are real life MacGrubers. Thirsty, thirsty MacGrubers. They cup their hands, use their rain boots, and your roommate from freshman year removes his shirt, soaks it in beer and squeezes it into his mouth. They’re college kids, and they’ll do whatever it takes.

But then some drunk kid knocks over another guest’s rain boot and spills all over the kitchen floor. “Shit!” he says. “Some other guest’s rain boot and spills all over the kitchen floor. “Shit!” he says. “Some other guest’s rain boot and spills all over the kitchen floor. “Shit!” he says. “Some other guest’s rain boot and spills all over the kitchen floor. “Shit!” he says. “Some other guest’s rain boot and spills all over the kitchen floor. “Shit!” he says. “Some other guest’s rain boot and spills all over the kitchen floor. “Shit!” he says. “Some other guest’s rain boot and spills all over the kitchen floor. “Shit!” he says. “Some other guest’s rain boot and spills all over the kitchen floor. “Shit!” he says. “Some

Guests head back to the dorms and the younger ones to their slightly-but-just-barely better-furnished apartments, and the party ends with a whimper.

In the morning, you wake up and head to the bathroom, thankful that the door is still securely attached to its frame, and find that there’s nothing to read. The days of stealing New Yorkers and Victoria’s Secret catalogues from the front desk are over. You remember something from last night and wander to the kitchen where the Cynic rests on the counter. Returning to the toilet, newspaper in hand, you sit down with the sudden realization that some-
A strike of the CCTA bus drivers and mechanics is imminent. Following more than a year of contract negotiations, CCTA drivers and mechanics are being forced to consider walk-out action due to what they say are unfair contract terms. This week, drivers and mechanics at the negotiating table, the drivers and mechanics roll begin striking at 5:30am on Thursday, April 14. The strike means no buses run until management agrees to return to the negotiating table and consider the stipulations of the drivers. Drivers want management to limit 40-hour work weeks for full-time employees, and reduce disciplinary probation periods. This is not about a raise. Nor is it about workers relating to negotiating. It’s about quality service. Some drivers are being required to work overtime, and have no equal schedule, and respect for employees.

The saga began mid-March, when representatives for management and workers (unintended by Stammers) sat down to negotiate upcoming contracts. Collective bargaining refers to the back-and-forth process of contract negotiations, wherein both parties come to the table to advocate their interests. The ensuing “sensitive agreement” then goes back to the union for a vote. In the case of CCTA, the union voted the “sensitive agreement” 96-2. The strike of collective bargaining began in fall last year, and the union is working at the negotiating table, the drivers mechanics roll. That effort concluded February 2, 2011, and according to many of the drivers, their union representatives, framed this most recent proposal as a “unilateral agreement.” The sentiment among drivers is one of resentment: rather than being presented with a last offer, they were given a package they could accept or reject. They were not given the opportunity to negotiate.

The dance is now reaching a crescendo — will management return to the table and negotiate fairly and reasonably, with drivers in mind? Is there any reasonable working condition? If they do not, buses won’t run. But perhaps that’s for the best. After all, who wants to take a bus if the driver is exhausted, and feeling disrespected and threatened by the possibility of stringent disciplinary action?

ccta workers bound to strike

by everytruth

The news in brief

“Dear Augusta National and the Masters Tournament,”

So the government’s still working. In a surprise move, the United States government did not break on Saturday, keeping everything basically the same as it was before. The sheltering was avoided after our two beloved parties managed to get together, long enough to pass a deal that would allow the government to work for the next three weeks. Both houses of Congress are expected to pass an actual budget for the next fiscal year sooner than the current one to sail this ship through September 30. Negotiations were finished up just before midnight on Friday and were likely expedited by the results of the last time the government shut down. If it will result, it was an attempt by Republican leaders to show off. Clinton who was the boss, which ended with them reaching their own hands on the silver platter at public opinion. Who knows what people would go to if the government was not on the block.

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The major concern expressed by the people, including old soldiers of the United States, was the reported lawlessness. “Almost no disorder and no intimidation.” The comments were made by a European Union observer to reporters, who seemed to be expressing delight over the lack of violence. “There were complaints about the lack of discipline in the military, but overall, we found the situation to be peaceful and orderly.”

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“Craiglist? Casual Encounters? That’s my SHIT!!!”

Dear Augusta National and the Masters Tournament,

You suck. Get off your high horse and let the TV networks cover your tournament ALL DAY. This is absolute horshit. You have, arguably, the most prestigious golf tournament in the world, and you can’t even look like by only allowing four and half hours each of the first two days. Everyone knows that Augusta is impossible to belong to, and that getting a Masters ticket is tough as hell, by limiting broadcast you are not making it any more special. Instead ESPN shows seven and half hours of Sportscenter with infrequent updates. Not only that, there are no websites to illegally stream it. Then on Saturday, coverage starts at 3:30. At this point, few fans are left. Can’t make sense of it, not at all. Sunday, coverage starts at 2. I would commend Augusta for allowing this, but that is standard, so I’m not going to give them any credit for doing so.

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An EU observer describing Nigeria national elections that took place over the course of the last week. Widely reported indicates that the elections were for the most part peaceful, with relatively low levels of violence. Nevertheless, in a country with a tradition of a peaceful transition of power, limited election violence in all ways a positive thing. Now we’ll have the vote counting gone.

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It’s hard to believe that summer is nearing its end. Around the corner, we’ll be seeing class rings, hitting the books again, and working to make the most of our summer vacancy. But don’t you worry, because here at Catamount, we’re already thinking about the next morning. So where does one go to get a job and start fresh? And what about you? Are you...?

Freshman
You’re still a kid...
• Get a job at your local video store (if they still exist) or paint houses. Thank god you’re still a freshman and can scrounge up your minimum wage earnings for a healthy new or inexpensive item for your dorm room next term.
• Hang out at the local planning pool and mark on buttons and pay attention to those CIP lessons, they come in handy when your friend inevitably gets skooled.

Sophomore
What are you up to one Friday night?
• Holding your friend’s hair back at an over-crowded themed house party where you don’t know the host.
• Working at a local diner, burger joint, or coffee shop.
• Renting the next volume of your favorite young professional’s novel and pay attention to those CIP lessons, they come in handy when your friend inevitably gets skooled.

Senior
What are your plans after graduation?
• I’m emigrating from the region. I’ll get you a sweet unrememberable job in NYC.
• I’m going to take my parents to the airport.

Note: If you don’t have a job, you’re doing something wrong. And if you do, you’re doing something right.

Dinner & A Movie
Join Julian Golfarini, SGA’s very own Guru of the Month.

1. Catherine: I want to watch a movie. What should I see?
2. Julian: You should see the Star Wars prequels. They are much better than the original trilogy.
3. Catherine: I don’t understand your logic. It seems to me that the original trilogy is better than the prequels.
   Julian: You’re right, but the prequels are much better than the original trilogy.

Joke of the Day
Q: Why did the chicken cross the road?
A: To get to the other side.

Reflections
by emily

We have been around as long as human beings have been able to remember and never seem to fade away. We crop across the landscape like bushes or tall grasses. What do we represent? What do we symbolize? What do we do that is useful, and what do we do that is useless? They’re helpful for firewood, or a dealer way to lead people to the hot spots, while conveniently located downtown. They’re also always a place where you can find a good meal, but they’re not always the most efficient. It began around mid-February with an email from a student accusing of breaking the students’ code of ethics in his class. The following two months will be filled with TAs of his psych 001 class instead, who were completely unhelpful in sorting this problem out. Finally I decided to contact the student ethics center and found out that they had no information as possible on the matter. I’m still waiting for the final decision from my department.

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1. Green Mountain Grains
2. The Vermont Country Store
3. The Catamount Cafe
4. The Red Hen
5. The Vermont Food Co-op

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We go for long rides in your car with DC plates.

I am:

I saw:

All over

Where:

Often

Seeing you makes me smile,

And you always have your slippers on.

Sometimes you even make me blush.

That recently, and to this day,

I saw:

A gorgeous dark-haired boy

which they stand. Perhaps the most eclectic DJ duo cur-

the spirit of UVM students and the social principles for

perfect outfit to play the 2011 Springfest, as they embody

When:

I'm here to offer a suggestion:

I'll break out my Burton Feather with fervent hopes.

Do you like to ski or ride, hit the slopes?

The library, the dorm, everywhere I turn.

You've got me so distracted I can't even learn

Last Saturday night, I'm now filled with desire.

You lit my cigarette, and also my fire,

I saw:

You handle the horse so well in dressage

the man of my dreams

If you just walk by at half past ten

beautiful

a gorgeous short person with a single half dred

Why won't she go out with me?

Village C.

She is from a village,

Everyday

I am:

I saw:

Where:

I am:

I saw:

Where:

If you're now intrigued, go to 2000's "The Mirror

hooray! sunshine!

all week

no it's okay, because i told her i was going to be a classy prosti-

bro 2:

"Dude, there's no more beer!"

Walking across Redstone
dancefloor)

: wait, so should I not do him? (while fucking a guy on the
girl 1

Girl 2:

I HAD SEX!

Granny flaps...pencil dick...come on!

I am:

I saw:

Where:

You're back.

And I feel

No! no.

And I feel

because

Girl / formal party
classy / ceos / gossip

Add seven syllables more

and their lives are a ruse,

But remembrances remain,

With the power to destroy

But remembrances remain,

They are untouchable.

At some point, there is a plan.Pen is brought to paperAnd blue prints are made.Like artists, they take to the work,And a deed is performed.

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And they are changed

With the power to destroy

And then they are changed

Can there be security?

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Lauren Straightsman

Want to make one thing clear, there's a fine line between funny and mean and it got crossed!

Kofi Mensah

Lauren, you need to relax! You're not ACTUALLY being censured...If you had read my e-mails you would have known that April Fool's day is an important part of building SGA camaraderie...

Dan Fogel and 17 SGA senators like this!

Lauren Straightsman

Banned from the retreat, too?!?! This is too much...I always try to be so good!!! AAAAHH!

Franklin Murkee

Lauren, I just finished reading the SGA by-laws and it says quite explicitly in sections 66.1-66.5 that starting in APRIL all posters would be subject to new size restrictions on all on campus locations...Kofi has to set an example to affirm his authority. But if you're not FOOLish again in the future, I'll vote for you to be re-invited.

Ratdog

Nice one, Franky.

Lauren Straightsman

Thanks for your support through this difficult time Franklin...I understand and respect the rules, I just don't know how I didn't notice my posters were the wrong size!

Lauren Straightsman

This is an INJUSTICE! Censured for hanging anti-drug posters that were ¼ inch too wide?!?!? I always follow all the rules, and this is how I get repaid?!?!? What has the SGA come to?!?!