by sarah moylan

For decades, the University of Vermont has been known as a hippie school. Just mentioning the name “Groovy UV” often conjures images of dreadlocks, drug rug sweatshirts, and Phish paraphernalia in the minds of those who have never even visited. However, in the past five years the number of hippies at UVM has declined considerably while our researchers have witnessed a corresponding rise in the number of hipsters.

For 1967 to 2010, the number of students at the University of Vermont who identify themselves as ‘hippies’ has dropped by 40.3 percent,” reports Anita Baljar, assistant director of the Center for Hip and Hipster Studies in Williams Hall. “While the number of students defensively refusing to identify themselves as ‘hippies’ has increased by 67.8 percent.”

Slaging protests and hosting sit-ins at the University since 1967, hippies are often characterized as Birkenstock-sporting, kombucha-drinking tree-huggers. (This preliminary stereotype is not completely accurate: many hippies enjoy hugging bushes, or even vines.) The typical hippie is an outdoorsy, diversified organic grass-fed farm. In their free time, hippies often made UVM more appealing to hip trust-fund kids from Manhattan or Beacon Hill.

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You’re now ten times more likely to hear Phish than anything by a Marley. "Hip" hasn’t just taken over campus fashion, but radio too. The epicenter of this campus-wide transformation is Slade Hall. The birthplace of Phish is today a lot like the dreadlocks one button-ups. As for why this demographic shift has occurred, Baljar points out the relatively recent appearances of Urban Outfitters and American Apparel and the numerous second-hand stores in Burlington have made trendy students consider Burlington alongside cities like Boston, New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Austin, Atlanta, and Camden, NJ. Perhaps more importantly, rising tuition costs have forced out thrifty hippies who can’t afford the new prices and made the school more appealing to hip trust-fund kids from Manhattan or Beacon Hill. And the abrupt and ongoing reconstruction of Aiken Hall, typically a haven for the environmentally-minded, has left many hippies without a place to congregate.

Even though hippies aren’t as numerous as they used to be, they still have a few strongholds around campus and town. To get your hippie fix, think about stopping by Growing Vermont in the Davis Center, a farmer’s market downtown, or even a contra dance.
Dear water tower,

I think that it is poor journalism that your issue chose not to include Alec Ewald.

There was an outlandish incident that took place on campus last week. I, like many, was as shocked as you when I read about it. What started as a protest against the policy of the law enforcement agency to not arrest protesters, and that everything will turn out all right. Ahmadinejad in particular has displayed an array of confidence in regards to the anti-government protests that are taking place in Iran, and the government's response to those protests around the world.

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I have a story idea that I think would be interesting for your readers. It's about a group of students who are planning to stage a peaceful protest against the government's policies.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]

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The Water Tower News

Dear water tower,

1) I'm a dude, and didn't need to know ANY of this [Diva Cup information], and would have been happier that way. 2) The chief inspector at Chernobyl was a good actor.

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relationship status: it's complicated with multiple choice

by lindsay gabel
Conditioned avoidance to HB pencils, secret longing of the letters A thru E, sudden surges of quit and hostility at the mention of words beginning with sc and as in sentences. Yeah, you know what I'm talking about: your tumultuous relationship with Multiple Choice. Sure, you've had your rough patches in the past, what with the dark couple of months that were the dense fall of A thru E and of course the straight up waltz of first semester finals. But taking time away from each other to see others like Essay Response and True or False only makes you realize just how much you love Multiple Choice. Indeed your entire relationship can be explained by E.2.G.S. classic, and concurrently this writer's all time favorite song, With or Without You. With the semester's first round of midterms on the horizon, it's time to rekindle that lost passion you felt for each other in junior high. The first step in rekindling is to gain some sort of knowledge that there are indeed issues in your relationship, and to have no idea what to do about it. So here is the second step: you (yes, I'm a writer, not a relationship expert - work with me), but I'll go with the approach of identifying everything about your significant other to include the off. Multiple Choice's record in this regard is as follows:

1. The Confidence Booster

Don't be fooled by the façade of easiness enacted by this question, which is usually found at the beginning of test form.[Note: this does not apply to any type of chemistry examination whatsoever.] While this refreshing straightforward-ness and comforting simplicity can make a welcome warm-up, don't let it lull you into a false sense of security. In the words of Harry Potter's Argus Filch, you gotta have your wits about ya.

2. The This and That Question

After seeing this genre of little option, you now have absolutely no clue whatsoever to the correct answer. Now it's just a matter of closing your eyes and picking one at random. And as much as I know you will pick virtually anything but the correct answer, there are three key points to keep in mind: the draft of the scene and notes in the back of your mind, the dreaded E. Not enough information has been provided. Yeah that's the sound of this rest of your self-confidence shattering.

3. The Impressive Question

These are the questions that make you want to reach for a dictionary or open up an encyclopedia. (You probably have your own in you bag, right?)

4. The True or False

This is a scientific fact. But hey, at least it's the correct answer. Now it's just a matter of whether or not you realize that the correct answer is the only way to cure this ungodly smell is to stop that cow dude.[sic]. Unfortunately, none of those actually work. In fact it usually makes the smell even worse. No, much more drastic measures must be taken. The only way to cure thisשמות is to move to a place where the smell is similar or worse. This is not only a bad idea, but is also illegal.
I am:
I saw:
Where:
When:
To you I will always be true.

I wanna roll around with you on top,
You've even gotten in my pants,
Last weekend you slipped yourself down my shirt,
Mountains and Mountains of Powdah

I am:
I saw:
Where:
When:
To you I will always be true.

and get to toss them in the air.

You are Amazing
You are Beautiful

So now you know I think you are estupendo.

Hopefully you'll read this and feel the same way too.

Boy, you are so incredibly fine.

IWYSBs will be read on WRUV 90.1

I am:
I saw:
Where:
When:
To you I will always be true.

because this staring game is

remember
since december
blue
the lib

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Music: Ke$ha, Lady Gaga, Britney Spears, Old Crow Medicine Show, Nicki Minaj

Movies: American Pie, Scary Movie 4, The Girl Next Door

Political Views: Obama’s hawt.

Religious Views: Jesus is hawt.

Relationship Status: Single

Tonight we’re going ha-ha-ha-hard!

Beer makes me poop

I love Jeggings

Fuck Bitches, Get Money

Phi Delta Kai bitches rule.

21 Things that chix can do with their mouths that dudez can’t

I Million strong against women’s suffrage

Shannon Markowitz makes all the hipsters fall in love when she’s got her hot pants on and up.

Mikey Capricello

you left your pants at my house. They’re a little big for me....

21 people like this.

Drew Matthews you also left your shirt at my house on Tuesday.

Mikey Capricello this past tuesday? Dude...

Natalie Ricci

Shannon! How did you manage to sleep with BOTH my boyfriends in ONE NIGHT??? SO much for sisters before misters!

Drew Matthews and Mikey Capricello like this.

Shannon Markowitz Next time we’ll foursome?

Natalie Ricci likes this.

Patrick Messmore

It was fun seeing you last night, just remember, even off campus, to Think, Care, and Act.

Shannon Markowitz I Think it’s great that you’re my cute neighbor instead of my cute RA now. Care to Act on it?

Dan Fogel likes this.

Angus Rosen

You coming on the hike? I was real disappointed you backed out last time.

Shannon Markowitz When the poster said enjoy nature…I thought you meant smoke it, not live it…

Lara Gabriel

Did you know they serve champagne outside the Eiffel Tower?

Shannon Markowitz Lolz, I usually need a little more than champagne to get me to the Eiffel Tower ;) Skype me, gurl!