Confederate History Month is supposed to celebrate everything Confederate, except the institution of slavery. What's wrong with that? Besides the right to institutionally support the mutilating, raping, murdering, and electrocuting of an entire people, the Civil War was, more importantly, fought over forced labor of an entire people, the Civil War to combat the dramatically changed social climate (the fact that the government considered their former property to be real, live people).

Their goal was to restore white supremacy by making sure that the freedmen wouldn't forget their place by assuming the benefit of the doubt. It's a universally considered fact (above and beyond any of this) that McDonnell felt that slavery wasn't owned slaves.

Jim Crow. The KKK weren't the only people who felt that former slaves shouldn't be entitled to important things like the right to vote or to look at a pretty white lady. Politicians also felt the large responsibility to uphold the sentiment of their constituents by instituting this set of laws guaranteeing African Americans the right to have nothing to do with white upper (or middle) class society. It's just as Southern as grits!

Texas. Home of the greatest president in the history of the universe and one seriously badass state. Think Texas wasn't hard-core? By the time of the Civil War, it had already fought a war of independence with Mexico over the issue of slavery. Talk about determined. While incorporating the most wonderful elements of the KKK and Jim Crow into its culture, Texas also boasts a long history of putting innocent people on death row and winning football. Don't mess with Texas.

Making an honorable mention is Strom Thurmond, the South Carolina governor and later senator who filibustered the Civil Rights Act for over 24 hours by himself (that's a record). In 1948 he ran for president on the segregationist Dixiecrat ticket on the basis of uphold states' rights (like the states' right to tell that black guy to get away from that white water fountain). He actually won that election in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and South Carolina, all former Confederate states.

So when you think about it, there's a lot more to "Confederate" culture than just slavery. If Governor McDonnell wants to celebrate that culture it doesn't make him a slimy racist piece of shit at all.
Dear Water Tower...

Hello,

I'm writing in regards to the repeated jokes cracked on Pope Benedict XVI (and the Catholic Church) in regards to the recent scandals. I'm actually quite offended by these as are my friends, and I ask that you please stop. It's very ignorant, rude, and insulting to point fingers when you yourself don't know anything about what's going on and the only resources you trust are the mass media, who distort and corrupt everything and anything regardless of the subject.

From,
Catholic and proud

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

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The shit list

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Tennis
A new report indicates that the use of HGH and steroids are a huge problem in professional tennis. And, naturally, we're all surprised that professional athletes are juicing. One day we're going to stop being surprised when we learn that people who look like they could throw us through the air are juicing.

Facebook
A new study shows that Facebook is highly correlated with failing grades and inactivity. In essence, Facebook makes you fat, lazy, and dumb. The plot thickened, however, when the man who did the study admitted that correlation does not equal causation, and that he furthermore has no idea what the study actually means. He intended on finishing, but instead got lost sending bumper stickers to his 7,400 friends.

Massachusetts School Board
A school in Middleton, Massachusetts has a serial pervert situation on its hands. The alleged sick-minded criminal has been pulling down classmates' pants and threatening to beat them up if they told. He has been pulled from the class because, since he's six, he's too young to have charges brought upon him. This is probably because the charge of being a normal six-year-old bully doesn't exist. In related news, a five-year-old girl is being called a hate monger and a danger to our society for allegedly calling a boy "smelly" in class.

Catholics
Religious groups in Germany are upset over a cartoon on the cover of Titanic magazine depicting a priest going down on Jesus Christ while nailed to a crucifix. Their official position is that the Jesus in that cartoon is way too old for this to be a realistic mockery of the Catholic Church.

US Navy
The navy, in a radical new move, has decided to ban smoking on submarines. I was never aware that smoking was allowed on subs in the first place. Not because of the health reasons, it just seems like a really stupid thing for an entire crew to do when they're inside a cramped, airtight space for weeks on end. At least the sailors still have their trans-fats.

Our generation stands at a crossroads. As we walk through a world ever connected for a transmission of news and reflection, we risk losing the ability to think for ourselves. the water tower is for us non-thinkers. We provide witty and sometimes outlandish opinions so that you don't have to come up with them yourselves. We can't promise that you will agree with everything that we say, but we will respect the honesty we have to say it. Every once in a while we will generate something that is truly thought provoking. We are the reason people can't wait for Tuesday. We are the water tower.

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oh, snap, he said what?

Now that health care reform has been passed, Republicans and Democrats are openly speculating that the prospects of future bipartisan cooperation on President Obama’s agenda is about as likley as hearing WRUV play a song you know. Why the animosity? Cue the highlight reel.

“If Obamacare passes, that free insurance card that’s in people’s pockets is gonna be as worthless as a Confederate dollar after the War Between the States— the Great War of Yankee Aggression.”

- Paul Broun, R-Georgia

“I have a message for our seniors. You’re going to die sooner!”

-Tom Coburn, R-OKlahoma

“This bill is an affront to God.”

-Glen Beck, FOX News

“Don’t get sick. And, if you do get sick, die quickly.”

-Alan Grayson, D-Florida

“Nancy Pelosi, I think, has got’em all liquored up on sake.”

-Lindsey Graham, R-South Carolina

“Trying to have a conversation with you would be like trying to argue with a dining room table… I have no interest in doing it.”

-Barney Frank, D-Massachusetts

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america is getting brainwashed!

by america!

By gregfrancesc

If the recent fury over the healthcare legislation passed by President Obama has taught us anything, it’s that people are dumb. Where do people come up with “death squads” and ideas that Barack Obama and Adolf Hitler are one and the same? To answer this question for myself, I donned my giant inquisitor hat and surfed some of the web’s newsiest sites to see what people are saying. What I found was that people act even dumber on the Internet.

More Americans look to CNN to get their daily dose of important news. When I checked their website, the most popular “news” story was “iPad smasher a Y ouTube sensation.” I had no idea why people care about this, so I checked out the most popular “real” news story. “Man pleads no contest in slaying of his alleged molester.” It is about time you admitted that the Constitution is a living document. The articles at all. Is it really necessary for you are. “I couldn’t have agreed with you more, smallbiz240. If you really don’t care about local news because this is Vermont, and as the bumper stickers say, “What happens in Vermont stays in Vermont. Although nothing really happens, “but still want to pretend you do, because of the oil companies, but because they are dumb shit their careers. The article, titled “Leaky Refuses to Delay Hearing for Controversial Judicial Nominee,” highlights the failure of Goodwin Liu to disclose his writings that include assertions that healthcare is indeed a human right and that the Constitution is a living document.

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Smallbiz240 however, doesn’t want an article full of donkey manure; he/she is “pleased that Democrats have acknowledged their de facto role as enemies of the constitution and the intent of the founding fathers. It is about time you admitted it, and I think it will clarify your intent and allow you to express more clearly your opposition to innovation, free market, and progress of the human race (as opposed to progress towards government-enforced social and economic equal outcomes for all).”

Couple that with passing Obamacare against the expressed will of the majority of the American people… increased intrusion into American’s daily lives and wallets… But whatever happens, liberals… please be sure to… call everyone who disagrees with you a racist, because that demonstates how openminded… and tolerant you are. “I couldn’t have agreed with you more, smallbiz240. If you really don’t care about local news because this is Vermont, and as the bumper stickers say, “What happens in Vermont stays in Vermont. Although nothing really happens,” but still want to pretend you do, the Burlington Free Press is loaded with expert discussion. One popular contributor, who goes by the pseudonym “murcat,” is the kind of person that can’t be swayed by the easiest tricks and US Airways Said to Be in Merger Talks, “…consolidation means less competition. Will this mean that air fares, as well as baggage fees, will increase?” and use demoralizing and fragmented speech like “This is great news. Two lousy airlines. Maybe if they merge, they will both go away. Too much capacity ended up ruin ing the industry. Quality of service has deteriorated badly.”

Fortunately, the people who comment on the articles don’t write the articles (so we assume). Unfortunately, people say dumb things when commenting on articles, most of which have no relevance to the articles at all. It is really necessary for credible news sites to provide an outlet for stupid people to say things that really don’t make sense.

That asks where murcat’s been hiding. “AudacityOfDolts” says that murcat’s full of cow shit and has been at “Maple Leaf Farm’s 12 step put-the-Bong-behind-you program.” Take that and smoke it, big oil! If you’re looking for quality news but don’t want to get newsprint all over your well-manicured hands, head on over to the New York Times’ website. What you won’t find, though, are the cunning, well-informed comments that are ubiquitous on the previous websites. People who comment on articles from the Times are simple-minded. They are confused and ask stupid questions like, for the article, “Unit ed and US Airways Said to Be In Merger Talks,” “…consolidation means less competition. Will this mean that air fares, as well as baggage fees, will increase?” and use demoralizing and fragmented speech like “This is great news. Two lousy airlines. Maybe if they merge, they will both go away. Too much capacity ended up ru ining the industry. Quality of service has deteriorated badly.”
S o you're waiting to buy a pint of Ben and Jerry's Cherry Garcia Ice Cream at the Marche, but there are 25 people ahead of you in line, and five of them are paying with credit cards. You're bored out of your mind and wondering if you're going to be waiting there all day. Have no fear! I just invented the best way of passing time while you're waiting in line: to check out at the Marche. It's called "Blirpit".

How: It's easy. You just creepily observe the people ahead of you in line, and make up all kinds of assumptions about who they are, what their future might look like, and why they're buying specific items. Here are a few examples:

- Hummus and pita snack, vegan soup selection, Odwalla (the flavor? Unclear). Clearly, you're standing behind a vegetarian. But upon closer examination, we could be looking at a hippie vegetarian!

- The T-v's turned vegetarian so I can feel superior-to-all-you-burrito-eaters' vegetarian! Although he secretly craves the taste of juicy and delicious meat, he would never be caught dead sucking his teeth into a hot dog or chicken fingers because it would tarnish his sophisticated image. Being environmentally friendly and Blackberry.

- If I was headed to class and needed to catch a bus right now, how would I be able to get that information? To answer this, you have to sign in using your UVM net ID and Blackberry. Have no fear! I just invented the best way of passing time while you're waiting in line: to check out at the Marche. It's called "Blirpit".

B: How exactly does the system work? I decided to see for myself. I logged on campus, free of charge. How well does it Ally work well, and if you do have any issues or comments, there is a ton of contact information on the website. I just have to sign in using your UVM net ID and Blackberry. We are currently working on potential applications for both the iPhone and BlackBerry.

Wt: How many routes are there? There are the three normal routes, on-campus, off-campus, and Redstone express. Sometimes they get thrown off a bit when there are special events like hockey and basketball games when the buses are used for.

Wt: Off-campus, really? So on a Saturday night at 2:00 am, I can just shoot Blirpit a text and you guys will hook me up?

B: Yes, exactly.

Wt: What do you feel is the best part about Blirpit?

B: It is great, because it eliminates the need to stand outside unnecessarily in the cold and dark, and can really make a night out, or going to late classes, safer.

We now know Blirpit is available, here on campus, free of charge. How well does it work? I decided to see for myself. I logged onto the website and signed in to check it out. The site was very easy to navigate, and I had no problem bringing up the bus routes. I watched the on-campus bus move around UVM in real-time. It seems to re- sult work well and of you have any issues or comments, there is a ton of contact information to let them know. I know next time I need to check the UVM bus down to Pearl, I'll be sure to Blirpit first.
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Bailey Howe first floor:

Guy yelling across library: "I feel so violated, you stuck your finger up my butt!"

Outside greenhouse:

Guys playing frisbee outside greenhouse: "Dude, that almost landed in the compost bin!"

Living & Learning Center:

Girl 1: "I hate giving oral presentations"

Girl 2: "I hate giving anything oral"

Tupper ground:

Someone: "Don't worry, I had sex to pat benatar last night."

Outside WDW, 9pm Wednesday:

Girl 1: "I wanna be a hot whore! I wanna be a hot mill!"

Living & Learning Center:

Girl 1: "Have you ever thought of when diseases originated? I mean, what if Jesus had multiple sclerosis?"

Girl 2: "Um..."

Girl 1: "I mean, think about it...why do you think he died so young?"

Living & Learning Center:

Girl 1: "Oh my God, what would you do if you were pregnant?"

Girl 2: "I'd be so excited!"

Girl 1: "What?!

Girl 2: "Well I'd be having the next Jesus. You know, the child of immaculate conception."

On the steps behind the library:

Loud Girl: And now all of a sudden my life sucks because I have a STD!

SGA Office:

Girl 1: "I think I want to be a sex therapist, I mean I think I'd be pretty good at it."

Girl 2: "Yeah you totally should be. I'd be a little concerned if you didn't become a sex therapist."

Friday Night, Chatty 1 Hallway:

Drunk Bro #1: You tried to make out with me!

Drunk Bro #2: No! I tried to lick your ear.

Drunk Bro #1: Oh, okay.

I know it's wrong, but I love your sexy, sexy lacrosse and square-rimmed glasses. Your biochemical tests get me all hot and bothered. I'd take a lab practical with you, anywhere. You may be a scruffy brewer on the side - but that's the side I wanna get to know. Brew me something sometime?

When: the longest days of the week. Where: bio-safety level two. I saw: an authority figure. I am: into brewing rules. I like that green bandana you wore, damn! I just wanna make you sway, I can imagine you walking through my door, can you, will you come my way? Because for you, I wanna be that humble. Where: Free Cone Day (8 and 9) Where: Davis Center Marketplace I saw: A real woman I am: Mexico

We met at 99 Loomis before they showed everyone the door. We rendezvoused to a birthday party then to your place on Loomis. Remember I couldn't (and still can't) pronounce Zach Galifianakis' name! I put my key on a hair-tie on your table and without it I am so lost. Please find me.

When: Saturday Night Where: Loomis Street I saw: a man whose name I can't seem to remember I am: (was) wearing a red birthday hat the whole time.

As you guzzle your chocolate milk I awkwardly stare from my comfy chair As I eat my seven plates of food. Puddle my kayak please?

Where: a beautiful day Where: the view I saw: a thirsty track star I am: hungry I first noticed you on the internet your youtube videos are something I can't forget Seeing you in the patty lounge seems to be the trend. we should be "lovers and best friends"

When: sometime last week Where: Patterson Hall I saw: a classy dude I am: a big fan

I feel so violated, you stuck your finger up my butt!"

From the stylish clothes you wear I believe you work at Brennans. You normally have a fantastic hat, accompanying the most mesmerizing smile and hypnotic brown eyes. Every-time you ring me up for an ice-cold Switchback & Mamas Maple & Chipotle Kettlecorn, I wish that I could sweep you off your feet and over the counter. Maybe someday we can partake in each others company. On keeping be radiant no matter what you do.

When: wednesdays & thursdays Where: Brennans I saw: Stunning Female Beauty I am: Awestruck Man you serve on sga and you fucking hate the tri i'm your york stud When: every tuesday night Where: davis center I saw: man

You didn't realize it but your skirt was at your waist I wanted to tell you, but I was laughing too hard.

You in the middle of the road with your ass for all the world to see.


Oh dear one, will you lend me your ears, For I have had the revelation of a time. I know that in fact I have ground your gears, but if you'll listen, for now, I will wipe away the grime. If you could, think about, how at one point, that night last weekend we had made me fall, Out of everyone's respective joints.

And this is, in turn, what made you appalled. However, now, if you'll listen till the close, I will say how I will not be doing that for a bit. And in effect I'm telling, that through my prose, I will not be trolled, and definitely just at! So now can I say, my cute brunette beauty, That it would be, in reality, a complete shirk of my duty: To ever unconditionally leave you alone!..."

"Damn, that was the rankest deuce I've ever dropped." -Dakota Fanning

fashion five-oh.

dressing for the bailey howe

with colby nixon

Much like a cross-country flight, students will find themselves in a sitting position for several hours, getting up only to go to the bathroom or get food. Sitting for such a long time in hard chairs can be quite uncomfortable, so it stands to reason that it would be a good idea to just throw on some sweats and a casual tee. Not so fast. There is actually a little more to library fashion than sweatsuits and old t-shirts. If you look carefully and take notice, what a person is wearing to the library can indicate what floor they plan on spending most of their time.

On the first floor, you will see students sporting, "Normal clothes" - typically these will include jeans and a zip-up pullover. Essentially these look like street clothes that someone might wear to class. This outfit indicates the student for anyone who might be spending a couple of hours on the less serious of the two silent study floors. The second floor is relatively well heated, so the t-shirt is necessary, and the shorts and sweatpants are interchangeable depending on the season.

Those second floor dwellers will be wearing sweats (or shorts) and a tee shirt. This is a really comfortable set up for anyone who might be spending a couple of hours on the less serious of the two silent study floors. The second floor is relatively well heated, so the t-shirt is necessary, and the shorts and sweatpants are interchangeable depending on the season.

If you venture to the third floor, you will see a full on winter set-up. It gets really chilly up there, and because everyone is at least ten feet from each other, the area is completely devoid of body heat. If you're near the windows at the third floor, you will see students sporting, "Normal clothes" - typically these will include jeans and a zip-up pullover. Essentially these look like street clothes that someone might wear to class. This outfit indicates the student for anyone who might be spending a couple of hours on the less serious of the two silent study floors. The second floor is relatively well heated, so the t-shirt is necessary, and the shorts and sweatpants are interchangeable depending on the season.

In the rare circumstance where you might find yourself in the basement of the library, an explorer's outfit - characterized by a coon-skin, Dary Crockett-style cap, is an absolute must. This is especially true if you are planning on visiting the map room.

As essay deadlines and final exams approach, most of us will find ourselves camping out somewhere in the Bailey Howe. When you are getting dressed for a day of studious studying, remember this article. You are going to feel like a real tool if you accidently wear your Dary Crockett costume on the second floor.
You can't go out tonight, dude," I told him, "You're way too sick.

"Dude, I need to go out. I've never missed a weekend. This shit is important," Frank told me.

I looked around the hall and saw Mike and Dave heading out for a cigarette and I went with them. We were talking about whatever, you know just shooting the shit for a little while. When the conversation died down, the clouds rolled in and I noticed how big the moon was tonight. It was full and blood red. I think it's called a Harvest Moon. I looked down the street when I heard an old van's brakes screech to a halt. It was an unmarked black van with no windows, the typical "Free Candy" kind of van, if you know what I mean. The side door slid open and six or seven little dudes in robes hopped out. One of them was holding a huge book, bigger than his head. He could barely lift it. They wandered away towards some trees and the van pulled away. People do a lot of weird shit in this town.

We went back inside.

Mike suggested we order some pizza. I was down and I went to see if Frank had woken up. Maybe he was hungry. When I opened the door, it flung itself shut, throwing me across the hallway. Confused, I printed it out and fell over myself in the room before the door could shut again. It was freezing. The windows were smashed open and I swear a hurricane was blowing in. Frank wasn't in his bed.

I forced myself against the wind to the window to look out. I saw Frank on the ground. The little dudes in robes were walking towards him. I couldn't tell what was going to happen but I knew it was bad. I ran outside. I'd packed a bowl and soon enough he was high. Then I put on South Park, the World of Warcraft episode. Frank was passed out before it was over. Pussy.

I got to the middle school years my crush was so obvious through some of my old journals the other day and when I went. I wonder, did you notice?

Did I really have a crush on you, Joan? Was I maybe... you know, a pervert? I think you know what I meant. It might as well have been a bright, flaring (flaming?) beacon for me. I was so close. I still miss that girl, but I'm glad that in a way we never got to know each other. I still miss that girl, but I'm glad that in a way we never got to know each other. I still miss that girl, but I'm glad that in a way we never got to know each other. I still miss that girl, but I'm glad that in a way we never got to know each other. I still miss that girl, but I'm glad that in a way we never got to know each other. I still miss that girl, but I'm glad that in a way we never got to know each other. I still miss that girl, but I'm glad that in a way we never got to know each other.

I'm going to keep trying to figure myself out for the next time you read this letter. I think you know what I'm talking about at this point. It's nice to imagine that you've been listening to every word I've just written. I wish you were out of my mind. (Though I wasn't so sure of that when you got to the middle school years. I'm especially glad that I wrote this letter. It became clear that after you moved and you were so close. I still miss that girl, but I'm glad that in a way you were here for me one last time.

I need to get going now. My regular life exists. Since no one ever wrote this letter, I'm glad that I didn't. I see some bad habits rubbed off on you. Is your mom still a total nightmare?"

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straight from the statue of marquis de lafayette

by alexpinto

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