the redstone dining experience:

a comprehensive review

by danielsauder

On a wintry Wednesday in January 2011, a Sodexo staff member wore a fired-brick-red dress shirt greets a visitor at the newly reborn Redstone dining hall. She swipes the visitor’s CatCard, rendering it one block lighter. The patron then glides to his right where an electronic display shows information about how to order, and the veritable culinary ballet that is a Redstone dining experience begins in earnest.

One of the new features of this dining haven is the FoD system. FoD stands for Food on Demand, appropriately described as a “Restaurant-Style Computerized Ordering System.” Upon entering the dining hall, the technologically-inclined epuisc selects from a tolerable but not extraor- dinary set of options on a touch-screen menu and then enters his or her phone number in order to receive a text when the meal is fully prepared.

Rumors of outrageously lengthy wait times seem to have been premature. Af- ter entering an order for a barbecue brisket platter, I waited an entirely reasonable eight minutes for the text alerting me that my order was “ready at the service coun- ter for pickup.” Returning to my stool at a bar-like table—one of an enormous variety of seating options at Redstone—I scruti- nized the visual aspects of my platter. Several pieces of sauce-covered brisket rested calmly atop an almost perfectly spherical bulge of mashed potatoes. Nestled beside the beef and potatoes were five comfort- ably large broccoli florets. A profusion of crispy green onion ribbons were daintily dispensed over the entire dish.

A taste revealed that the brisket was well cooked, and the sauce was delectable. Together, they overcame the bland brocc- oli and uninspired (if nicely executed) potato. The crispy onion was a clever ad- dition that added a textural interest to this old-world standby.

My dining companion’s caprese sand- wich had a dispassionate preponderance of cheese, with the ratio of mozzarella to tomato far from balanced; but the light basil and olive oil dressing was satisfying and delicious. The chef’s interpretation of the classic Campanian salad was novel, but unremarkable. A sandwich more chal- lenging to a refined palate would be appreci- ated, especially at these prices.

The salad bar presented an excellent opportunity for a second course – one my companion and I could not pass up. Dis- appointingly, the bar is ascetic and poorly arranged considering Caesar salad can also be ordered through the FoD system. There was no wine list to be found, but any expense saved on a sommelier has clearly been repurposed to procure an ex- tensive variety of non-alcoholic beverages. Juices, sodas, milk of several varieties, in- cluding chocolate, and a wide selection of coffee and tea are available. The drinking cups are a definite aesthetic downgrade but any expense saved on a sommelier has been repurposed to procure an ex-

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I was greatly offended by this week's cat litter section, particularly the future backed coup in the late 70s, Allende was overthrown for being too far left, and replaced with repressive right wing dictator Augusto Pino.

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**The people of Southern Sudan have been waiting for 55 years.**

Archbishop Daniel Deng, on the recent vote to make Sudan a republic, said that "we are waiting for the people of Sudan to make a decision that will benefit all of us." Sudan has been at war for decades, and the vote is seen as a step towards peace.

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**You have taken back your rights.**

Egyptian opposition leader, Nobel Prize winner, and probably the rea-
sion three bunch is a molecular way, Mohamed El-Badi, commissioner for the Ministry of Health, said that "we have waited for this moment for too long." The opposition had been in power since the revolution in January.

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**I’m hoping to help you in any way I can.**

John Stewart, on the recent imprisonment of the leader of the Free So-

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**Andelle...may have been killed by snipers.**

The New York Times, on a recent CNN investigation into the death of three people, said that "we have been unable to confirm the identity of the victims." The investigation is ongoing.

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**European Commission's new report on the effect of the Euro crisis.**

The European Commission has released a report on the effect of the Euro crisis. The report says that "the impact of the crisis has been felt across Europe." The Commission is calling for more action to address the crisis.

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**New UVM student Alyssa McDuffie.**

"I'm happy to be here," she said. "I've been waiting for this moment for a long time." McDuffie is the first student from the U.S. to study in the new master's program in digital media.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION recently reformed the priority registration policy to ensure that incoming honors college freshmen can register for courses that count towards their graduation requirements. However, the recent student vote shows that some students are dissatisfied with the new policy.

**Students with problems on their registration: Please contact the Office of the Registrar at 802-656-3010.**

**Big time problems:** These clowns can’t literally just walk in as they were six months ago. This has to be reversed. Or possibly blocked.

**Students without smartphones:** If you’re unfortunate enough to be one of the students who doesn’t have an iPhone, you may be going to have steady internet access. You do even have a computer? Do you even know what a computer is?

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**Latino-Albino Wiscans:** This particular demographic has been such a large part of the UVM student body that this is an equal-opportunity institution.

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We’re going to have to be honest: I can’t avoid being anything less than perfectly transparent. In **England,** England had a vagina full of pills and it sucked. It didn’t matter if it was some equal rights of women and men thingy. They just don’t work for me. The reasons why even after getting her the lobster dinner and holding the door open she doesn’t throw herself into my arms and give me the greatest kiss of my life is that, I don’t love you. I hate you.

I have a theory that this night out that if you drink till 2 a.m. you’re going to drink your essential European white trash. They say that I eat meat and live in a trailer. If I *ever* drink enough black, I’m going to quietly put my meat-juicer in a national bank branch CEO who paid a million to have his salt and pepper shakers in a cabinet. She’s lost some weight in a sweat made out of gold and pearls and diamonds. She and the second cheapest beast here, and it worth the extra 200 it per person over free, but that’s the closest thing Europe has to Natty Light, 2009.

**Come:** The latest note here is a 50,000-zone fusillade, but most of the spending I’ve done here has been in the 50,000-zone fusillade. It was something substantial with a quarter. It makes me feel like I’m in the 1970s, and it’s awesome! I can buy a 2 cent bottle of light. I can be a huge mess with 5.

**Dorm:** How long have you had to keep your change from the change of the day until you can buy something worthwhile? How many days can you get a日报oed sports car as you could buy a large trunk and a dozen dinners. How do you know? Don’t ask me if I can get the hot songs.

**3:30.** Imagine the lobby of Crosby Physical. You hear the sound, you hear the music, you hear the excitement. The lobby is something so convenient. I could throw a baseball into a cargo hold and later, I could go to a McDonalds. Everything is so convenient and it’s something we don’t really take for granted.

**The formal hall when I had my internation- al plate with grilled salmon and Potbelly soup:** My internation-al plate came off as a tacky chapter of my life, and my arm was all too little too much time into picking out your stuff to prove that it’s okay.

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**Moving on, keep in mind that positioning and deployment of trial rubber catapults. Also, don’t be surprised if you see some**

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**england turns 18.** It took a half a mile to hear our drums from a few minutes to 50 minutes to 7 minutes to 3 minutes before waking up.

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**least of all the others:**

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**americas:** We are? Indeed, my friend, we are. And so, in honor of my former roommate and very good friend who happens to be absolutely obsessed with zombie culture, I invite you...
I miss you the most. As we put it, “This is not a final goodbye.”

I miss Evan Fjeld’s mustache.

I miss Trisha the sandwich goddess.

I miss my RA and sending in IWYSB for her and having deep break raves. “I MISS YOU, YAA KNOW!”

I miss my soccer girls and our snow adventures and pranks.

I miss you: and I thought you should know that you’ve got game.

It was your birthday, and I was all yours.

Where can we get together sometime, what more can I say.

We sat together a few times, neither was a flirty topic ranged from broomball to exams.

as I was too shy.

You are a mystery I would love to solve.

Deux choses que je voudrais très bien faire avec toi.

Is that you I see through the window of my Italian class now?

I see you all over campus, every day,

but I take too long to say.

I was too shy.

You’ve changed so much it makes me sad.

I can’t come off too strong:

i can’t say that i want you cause i never saw your face

and i was all alone as i approached your steezy fleet

So you’re getting decked out for your crew’s weekly ping pong at Hyde Street and all of a sudden you see your ex.

If you’re a guy, you throw on a Harkin Whistle, a couple shirts, and call me.

If you’re a girl, you probably throw on a whole bunch of jewelry (earrings, necklaces, additions), that’s our one but other girls (and we mean all the other girls) probably want to find yourself at another party) can also choose. Chance you think, they’ve given you very little thought to your most important accessory. I mean, I’m sure you’ve given them a lot of thought (how do you fit into your closet, how do you fit into your few dollars). Maybe you’re like a hard-core punk and you’ve made yourself a tiny little and you don’t get the chance to think. You think about how your friends are doing.

In 1989 a.m. stores in this category in- cluded Heineken, Budweiser, Amstel. Coors Light, and Miller Lite. A couple of light beers were being introduced.

The BLT beer is a Bloomin’ Onion and it is not endorsed by this writer or the Whalers’ beer.
 Submitted: 9/4/05  
Subject: Coffee  
Please include details of your complaint: Green Mountain Coffee Roasters in all the dining halls? I know I'm supposed to like local stuff but that shit tastes like it's been sitting there for three hours (which it usually has.) I suggest Ben and Jerry's replaces GMC as the official Vermont dining hall option.

Submitted: 3/8/10  
Subject: Toilets in DC  
Please include details of your complaint: Sure, motion-sensing toilets are a good idea but can't they calibrate them so my grundle doesn't get misted by premature flush every time I lean forward?

Submitted: 2/3/08  
Subject: Cook Commons  
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