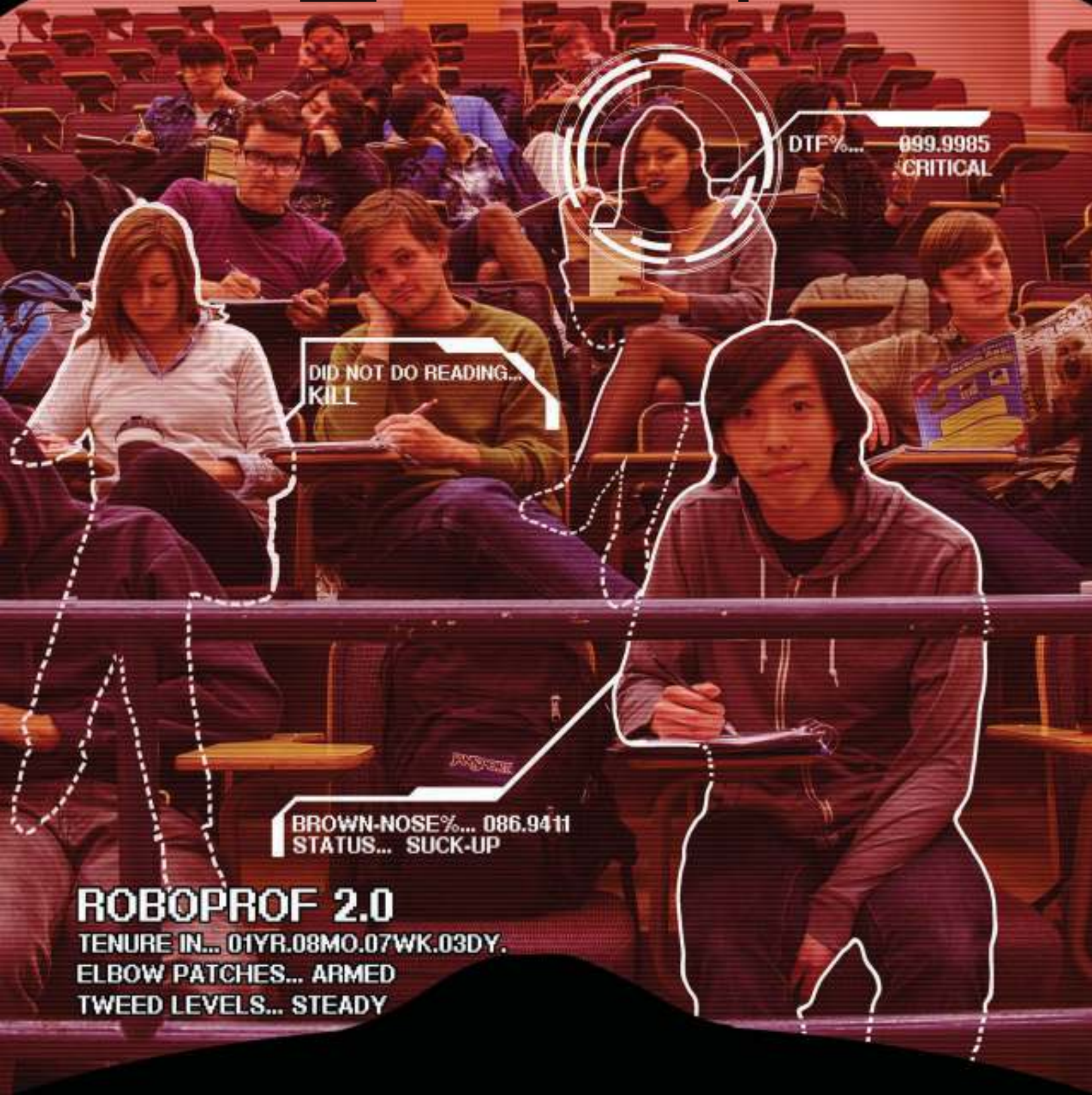


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My Pelican Song

Well, friends, here we are: November. I've had a whole semester to run this magazine, and now it's time for me to leave. So before I go, I'd like to leave you with a little story-- a story of this very university. A story about the Pelican Building.

Y'know Anthony Hall, that building near Barrows with the big pelican statue out in front that houses the Grad Student Union? Well, there's a reason for that pelican statue, and it's not because grad students are notorious for their feverish consumption of live fish. Way back in 1957 that building was gifted to Cal's first humor magazine, "The Pelican," by an alum who knew the value of good old-fashioned dick-and-fart jokes. Unfortunately "The Pelican" eventually sputtered and died, and the building was given away to those fish-mongering grad students.

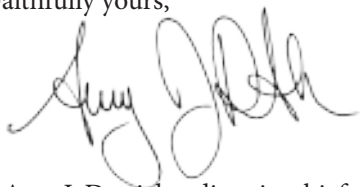
The story of the Pelican was told to me when I first joined the Squelch, and I decided immediately that I was going take a stand. The Squelch was gonna take that building back, goddamnit, and dick-and-fart jokes would be restored to their proper status at UC Berkeley.

What happened, you ask? The usual story. I clawed my way up to head honcho and dreams like that one fell by the wayside. You get all caught up in the glamour of being editor-in-chief, and the next thing you know you're snorting K off of the breasts of a 47-year-old Macy's hand model named Pauline. Things like "taking a stand" and "remembering to publish the magazine" tend to get forgotten in the face of that kind of action.

But now as I stand here at the cusp of my last issue, I'm looking back at those dreams. I'm remembering what it was like to care about things other than guzzling malt liquor from a funnel made of hundred dollar bills. This magazine provided me friends when I was alone, laughs when I was sad, and drugs when I was sober. It gave me a chance to have my work read by people I respected and to shout at people who didn't respect me for hours at a time. So don't be startled if you walk by the Pelican Building next semester and see a single protester out there shouting at the grad students. It's just another sad ex-Squelcher refusing to go out into the real world, trying to help out in the only way I know how: by being really obnoxious.

Arrivederci, my dear friends. It's been real.

Faithfully yours,



-Amy J. Detrich, editor-in-chief

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Computer Scientists Totally Invent Sarcasm Sensing Software

By Tommaso Sciortino, ironically clicking "I accept"

Researchers at Google have announced that they have totally cracked one of the hardest problems in natural language processing: detecting sarcasm.

"It's a problem that programmers have been working on for years, but in the end it turned out to be like, really super easy," said one software developer. "One of our product managers in advertising said it was really, really important to detect sarcasm. So I just had him explain how he personally goes about telling what is and is not sarcasm and I just

programmed the computer to do that." He explained that he then just typed it into his computer "like this," mashing alternating hands on his keyboard in exaggerated up and down motions.

The algorithm, which runs reeeeeeally fast, operates without any human input and doesn't depend on any new discoveries in theoretical language processing. "Who needs all those ivory tower Natural Language Processing researchers?" explained the program's creator. "Detecting sarcasm doesn't require a theoretical understanding of the

problem. It turned out to be a very straightforward application of common-sense notions." He then added, "I mean, when you see someone being sarcastic it's, like, totally obvious, right? So clearly writing a program to sense it must also be, like, super-duper obvious then."

The algorithm is expected to have many applications, and will help computers understand everything from Twitter to disaffected 20-year-olds.

Local Comedian Pleased With New Rape Joke

by Amy Detrich, kill all men

David Shaw, Bay Area comedian and straight Caucasian male, was proud to announce last Thursday that he had crafted an exceptional new rape joke for his open-mic appearance next weekend.

"This is really gonna open their eyes. This kind of joke is an entirely new concept. The subject was just waiting for someone like me who's brave enough to come along and make the points that need to be made," Shaw said, leaning back in his chair at the local coffee shop and Ctrl+S-ing his file. "Hang on to your wig, grandma."

Shaw, who himself has never felt threatened by sexual violence, proceeded to text the joke to several of his female friends asking for their input. When many of them replied

asking if he was aware the joke revolved around belittling a brutal, dehumanizing act of violence that is committed thousands of times of day around the world, the comedian responded, "Yeah, but everybody knows a lot of those chicks are lying anyway."

"Look," Shaw continued as he walked out of the coffee shop, "I'm sorry if I offend some overly-PC feminazi, but this is about freedom of speech. If I don't take a stand here, who will?"

Shaw promptly slipped on a banana peel and fell down.

In Other News8

Edward Snowden: "I am not a hero, I just accidentally checked 'Reply All.'"

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Drug users at an all-time high

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Belgians Surrender to Anyone Who Will Listen

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Cal Students Running Out of Ways to Self-Congratulate

By John Jeong, over that Stanford rejection email

Newly-released polls indicate that the collective narcissism of Cal students, which reached a peak following the explosion and blackout on September 30, have recently dropped to dangerously low levels.

"Nevermind that people were injured in the explosion, it was cool that we did that thing with our cellphones," said undergraduate Jason Keidis, a sentiment shared by 100% of poll respondents.

However, self-aggrandizing levels of Cal undergraduates have been dropping steadily since the blackout, based on the declining self-esteem scores on campus surveys. As a result, UCPD reports that more and more altercations have erupted due to students one-upping each other through common situations such as "arguments about who got less sleep" and "why your study isn't a real science."

"We have to inflate everyone's ego again," said an anonymous professor. "Otherwise the whole system buckles under the massive amount of esteem-debt. According to my studies, this esteem-debt is growing at an exponential rate and has a correlation of .8 with one-upping on campus. Oh my God. I found a correlation of .8. Wait, can I not be anonymous anymore? Time to wipe that smile off Randy Schekman's face."

In response to the situation, the ASUC unanimously passed measures to send out a "GPA Stimulus Package," which dissidents have cynically labeled "the self-esteem movement part two."

"Whatever," said ASUC senator Jim Cusa. "They're just saying that because they don't go to Berkeley."

California Resident Celebrates 25th Birthday With Wild Night of Partying, Congressional Elections

By Michael Endick and Maya Garcia, not having sexual relations with that woman

Bay Area real estate agent Kyle Baum celebrated his 25th birthday two weeks ago, sources from Squelch: East Bay confirmed this afternoon. On that night, Baum and his friends took to the streets, drinking, passing out pamphlets on Baum's progressive stance on metropolitan transportation issues, and visiting the Bay Area's hottest night clubs.

"Kyle was on fire on his birthday," claims Chelsea Wright, a close friend of Baum's. "He had a lot of female attention that night, even some guys, too. He really seemed to connect with

them on the issues of environmental degradation and how killer those Jagerbombs were."

Baum's campaign trail started in CA-District 17 with a dinner at the In-N-Out in Milpitas. He then passed through his home District 15, with a stop at the Pleasanton City Hall and ended just across the border of District 5, pausing at the Martinez court house before finishing in a drunken conga line to Martinez's only active night club.

"It was a hell of a night," Baum said to a cheering crowd in Pleasanton

the morning after. "But with your help, we were not only able to rally support for a solution to our water shortage, we were also able to raise the roof off that fucking club!"

Baum's efforts paid off, as he was elected to a seat in District 13, which draws electees from the Alameda county area and includes Oakland, Berkeley, and the city of Alameda.

Baum accepted congratulations gracefully, adding "I can't wait for my 27th birthday, re-election is an excellent excuse to get cross-faded."

Crisis About to Erupt in Area Man's Bowels

By Spencer Nyarady, shitting and giggling

The debate over whether to poop before showering or just pee in the shower has begun to rage in a recently awoken man's skull.

"On the one hand, I don't want to be in the shower, pissin' away, and realize I actually have a mad deuce to drop," the groggy citizen's psyche reported. "Then I'd have to crap once I get out and I'll just feel all nasty, and the shower will have been utterly void of purpose, just like my repetitive, pathetic excuse for a life." The man paused for several minutes to stare into his blank eyes in his filthy mirror. "But

I also don't want to make the decision to get on the toilet beforehand, thinking I'm ready to fire giant logs out my ass like a man, and end up just peeing sitting down, like a woman."

Other internal perspectives on the matter include whether that's sexist, if he should seek psychiatric help for his clearly mounting depression, or if he should just poop in the shower and deal with the issue once he gets home from work.



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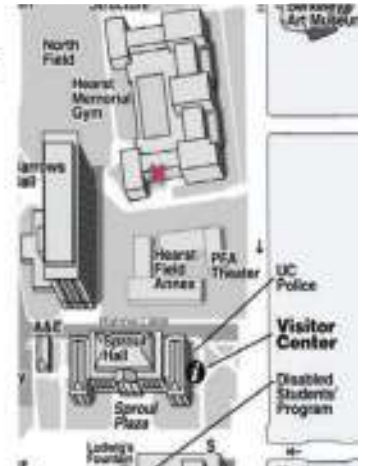
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November 18, 2013

Dear University of California students and faculty,

I hope that you are all having a great year and your studies are going well.

I know that many of you are apprehensive about my appointment as president and are worried that my time as secretary of Homeland Security has not prepared me to lead this university. However, I assure you that for the last few months I have been making an effort to understand the needs of every member of the UC community.

I have been listening.

While I was at the Riverside campus last week, I had an enlightening conversation with Janelle Baker, a history student. She told me that she wants smaller class sizes, and more class options so that she can easily graduate on time. I will take these suggestions seriously.

Another great idea came from junior UCLA Sarah Chen, a political economy major, who, in an email to her brother, pointed out that career planning services are often difficult to find on campus, and that she wished there were more options for non-engineering students. I will work to change this, and I am not only listening to Sarah.

I have also been listening to UC Berkeley sophomore Josh Mann who, in a text to his friend, brought into question the competence of his economics professor, one Felix Martinez. I think you will all be pleased to know that as president I took action on behalf of the students. Dr. Martinez is no longer teaching at UC Berkeley, or living in the United States.

I have also been working closely with student groups.

For example, in private Facebook messages between leading members of the Muslim Students Association dated September 21 at 4:37 PM, junior Abdul Ishkah from Valencia, CA, complained to sophomore Hasan Faraj, social security number 987-65-4320, that getting funding for students groups from the ASUC can be a long, drawn-out bureaucratic process. I know that ASUC senators have been discussing this issue, both on and off the record, and I think that they have some great ideas to make the process run more smoothly! I am excited to see how these students handle the situation in their upcoming meetings and personal correspondence.

I will continue to listen to all UC students, staff, and faculty in order to keep the University of California the greatest university system on Earth!

Yours very truly,

Janet Napolitano
President

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4. All my Friendsters are dead
3. Tumblrdownthestairs
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8. Oliver Twisted Method
7. Hobbitstank
6. A Little Primus
5. Jane's Addiction and the Giant Peach
4. Watership System of a Down
3. Tuck Evanescence
2. The Limp, the Bizkit, and the Wardrobe
1. Are You There, Godsmack? It's Me, Margaret

Top Ten Things On Satan's Bucket List

10. See the Grand Canyon
9. Have a memoir on New York Times' Best Seller List for longer than the Bible
8. Quit Googling myself, I'm perfect just the way I am
7. Cash in my shares from Hot Topic
6. Get back to my weight in 4000 BC
6. Return Obama's body
6. Release my EP
3. Listen to Stairway to Heaven backwards - LOL do I really sound like that?
2. Kill all humans
1. Patch things up with God

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There's no question that the choices we make can sometimes come to define us, and the choices we make about who to get naked around are no different. Take a look into the Squelch's sexy crystal ball and see what the people you've been sleeping with reveal about your true self.

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Exes: You know the value of old friends, and how important it is to maintain connections with people even after the point of it becoming a self-destructive habit. You'd rather have a screaming match with that irrational asshole once in a while than go without getting laid for a few weeks, so um, go you.

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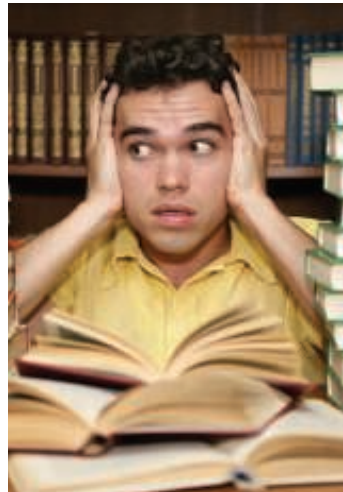
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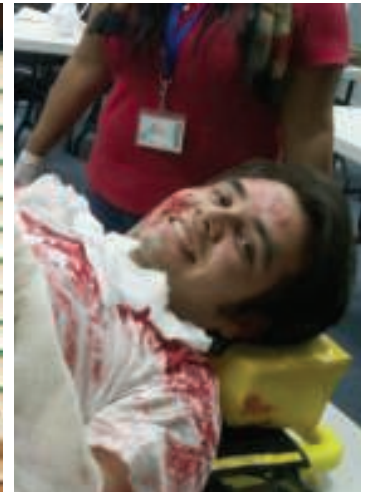
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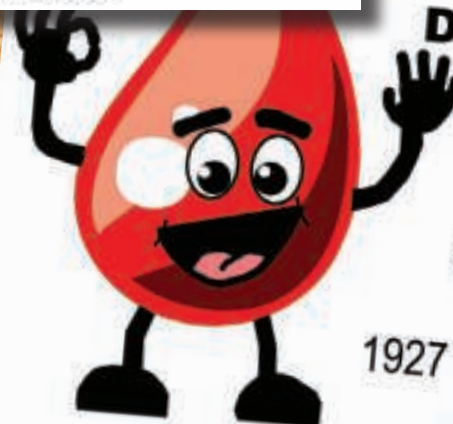
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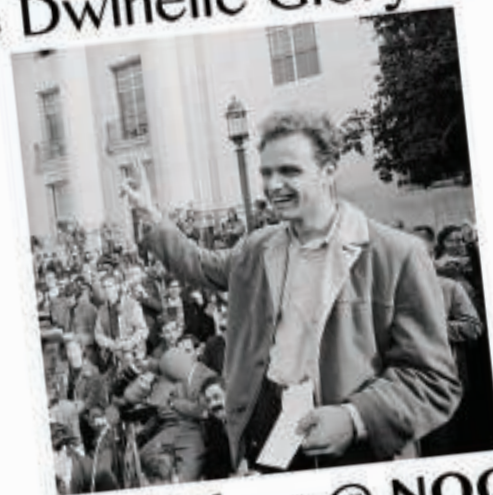


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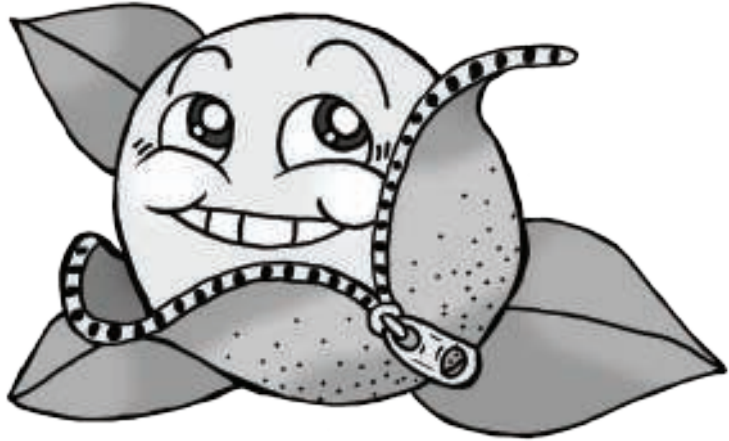


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Make sure to get the most expensive bike possible so you can laugh at other bikers. You need to make sure people at Critical Mass know you can afford a car, you just care about the environment much more than they ever will.

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Do not wear a helmet. Not only will you look like a complete dork with one, but studies have shown that traumatic brain injuries don't actually exist.

Visibility

It may sound counterintuitive, but you should always wear black. Black absorbs light the best and causes you to be seen with higher visibility. This is called the doppler effect and is a very important concept in the field of astrology.

Hand Signal

To navigate the car-dominated streets safely, you need to learn basic signals for turning and stopping. Take your right hand out and make an L with your arm. Close all your fingers and extend your middle finger behind your head. Do this for your right turn, left turn, and when you run a stop sign. Don't forget that this is also how you greet fellow bikers as you pass them!



Rules of the Road

Remember that under CA law, bicycles are legally street traffic too. If a car honks at you, just ignore them and shrug it off! If you feel uncomfortable riding in traffic, just hop on up and ride on the sidewalk. Pedestrians will be sure to understand.

That's pretty much all you need to know to become an expert cyclist! Happy trails!

Batman Rom-Coms

The Dark Knight trilogy may have come to a close, but there's no doubt that Americans crave more Batman! Well, we at Warner Brothers' Entertainment have been listening, and we're prepared to bring you more Batman than you ever knew you wanted. Check out these quirky new Batman rom-coms, coming soon to a theater near you!

Eat, Pray, Batman

Julia Roberts was just a youngish cougar on a quest to find herself. She traveled the world, stretching and having sex, but she still felt like something was missing. What she was looking for was inner peace--what she found was Batman. Will Roberts remember her original intention of attaining nirvana? How will Batman look in yoga pants? These two questions and maybe a couple more are answered in a running time of 93 feel-good minutes, plus 10 minutes of exposition.

50 First Dates with Batman

Batman and Adam Sandler had a wonderful first date. Adam Sandler made crass 90s jokes, and Batman had the salad. The Caped Crusader was elated when Sandler invited him in for a "dark night" at his apartment after drinks. The next morning, though, Sandler woke up with no recollection of the date, or even ever meeting Batman! A hurt Batman begins to choke Sandler out while snarling through his tears, "you either die a hero, or you remember the times we had together." This one's more of a feel-bad comedy than the others.

When Harry Met Batman

Billy Crystal was just so sassy. The sassiest, really. But one night when he was driving from Chicago to New York, his sass failed him. When he looked in the rearview mirror, he was startled to see Batman in the back seat. "Where's the girl?!" growled Batman, and he lunged for Crystal's throat. That night, only one man made it to New York to marry Meg Ryan. Hint: their kids are half-bat.

500 Days of Batman

This is a story of boy meets bat. The boy, Joseph Gordon Levitt, was from New Jersey and believed in a one true love. The bat, Batman, did not share this belief. Since the disintegration of his parents' marriage due to bullets killing both of them, he'd only loved two things. The first was his long dark cape. The second was how easily he could cut it off and feel nothing. Joseph Gordon Levitt meets Batman on January 8th. He knows almost immediately he is who he's been searching for.

And keep an eye out for these other exciting titles, coming soon from Warner Bros!

Friends with Batman

Ten Things I Hate About Batman

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? It's Batman

Easy B



Giannini Hall



The walk (or hobble, depending on how bad you gotta go) up the stairs and down the seemingly endless hall to the second floor men's room is harrowing, but this bathroom absolutely worth it. If you open the window just before the hour, you can hear the bells of the Campanile chime as you make sweet music of your own on the toilet. The white, blue and turquoise tiles have a calming effect on your mind and your lower bowels. Go ahead and skip the spa next Sunday afternoon and treat yourself to this masterpiece of a bathroom instead.

Basement of Dwinelle



The unholyest of unholyest, this is what Dante tried to describe in his *Inferno* but could never quite capture with mere words. The hatred and pain that festers down here is unfathomable. The word "fuck" is etched into one of the stalls. The word isn't part of a statement trying to prove a point, like "fuck capitalism"; it is just "fuck." Some poor soul scratched that word into the stall to try and express the inexpressible sorrow one experiences in this shithole. Try to wipe it away all you want, the piss on the toilet seat isn't going anywhere. It will re-generate the moment your butt touches the seat, just as Satan, the lord of this bathroom, wills it to. There is no hope. There is no way out. Also, it takes like 15 seconds to get some warm water from the faucet.

Barrows First Floor



I always have a good time here at 2:00am on Fridays if you want to join me.

South Entrance of Doe



This doesn't have two stars because there's anything wrong with it, it just isn't anything special. This is where I go when I gotta shit. No bells chiming, no windows that let sunlight in, just clean porcelain bowls that'll accept my poop and then take it away. On a campus with so many more elegant bathrooms to choose from, pooping here is a bit like going to a French restaurant and ordering a cheeseburger. There are better things on the menu, but dammit, sometimes you just want to get the job done without any extra frills.

University House (Dirks' Bathroom)



Sneaking past the guards and dogs to use this Holy Grail of toilets is damn near impossible, but there are other ways in. If you go to Kip's before class most mornings, you'll see Dirks slumped next to the juke box, hiding from the light. Offering to buy him a pitcher won't get you anywhere, but if you show up to his table with one, he can't say no. After a couple drinks, he's going to ask if you want some blow. You don't. Trust me, you don't. Just try to get invited back to his place to take a dump. You'll thank me later.

Eucalyptus Grove



For those of you who want to become one with nature, this is the place and the way to do it. I can't tell you how many times I've stopped by here between classes to relieve myself. After a few dumps the squirrels start to trust you, which is kind of cool, but it can also be kind of weird, since they insist on looking at you while you're taking care of business. That reminds me, make sure to avoid making eye contact with children.

Top Ten Dirty Sherlock Holmes Mysteries

10. The Sign Of The Four-Way
9. The Five Orange Dicks
8. A Scandal In Blow-hemia
7. The Engingeer's Schlong
6. The Red-Headed Sluts
5. The Adventure of the Second Cum Stain
4. His Last Blow
3. The Speckled Hand Job
2. The Anal Treaty
1. The Pound Of The Asskervilles

Top Six Stoner Friends

6. Rosstafarian
5. Phoebe Buffaded
4. Joey Trippiani
3. Chandler Bong
2. Chronica Geller
1. Rachel Green

Top Seven Shittiest George R.R. Martin Books

7. A Deuce of Spring
6. The Passing Winds of Winter
5. A Dump with Dragons
4. A Fart for Crows
3. A Storm of Shits
2. A Crap of Kings
1. A Game of Porcelain Thrones

Top Ten Little-Known Spice Girls

10. Old Spice
9. Eleven Secret Herb and Spice
8. Man Spice
7. God Emperor Spice
6. Conjoined Spice
5. Invulnerable To All Metals But Platinum Spice
4. Toes-for-Fingers Spice
3. Personal Space Spice
2. Hepatitis Spice
1. Spice Girls Spice



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Dear Sir,
[[Please put on bifocals now]]

If you are reading this, you have lived through 50 rotations around the Sun and gathered enough Life Experience Points to enter the Secret Society of the Geriatric Coven (known to the Youngs as the "American Association of Retired Persons"). Now that you are Ripe with Age and Bitterness, the Secrets of Oldness shall be revealed to you. With Great Age comes Great Responsibility, and thus we have prepared this Official Guide to ease your entrance into the Coven.

You have likely noticed that as you age, certain activities and tasks become harder to perform. This is because Death is creeping ever nearer. For instance, you may be finding that your Genitals are non-functioning. While it is unfortunate that this prevents you from Reproducing, it also means that it is no longer necessary to listen to women speak. This will save precious hours of your rapidly dwindling Life. Soon, other body parts will also begin to fail you. Do your knees Hurt? Replace them. Do your hips Hurt? Replace them. Continue this process until you are at least 60% Metal and 100% Indestructible.

Because not everyone can afford these procedures (due to Obamacare), here are some alternative methods to keep Death at bay.

Sleep Schedule: With Night comes Death. Go to bed as the sun sets and wake as it rises. Wake as early as possible and walk around the block to keep your blood from stagnating.

Diet: Butterscotch candies are to death as garlic is to vampires. Make sure to always keep a bag of hard candies close at hand. To gain Power Points, only eat foods that resemble you (e.g. prunes, raisins, oatmeal, fruit leather, mashed potatoes).

Recreation: To fight Senility and the inevitable Depression that comes with Age, engage in Fun activities from time to time. If you miss the Old Days of hopscotch but find that your bones crumble at the slightest Touch, try shuffleboard, which is hopscotch with minimal movement. If you are feeling particularly vigorous, harass any skateboarders and/or minorities you see on the streets. When your Shadow is at its smallest at high noon, your Powers are strongest -- this is a great time to taunt Death by crossing the street as slowly and obliviously as possible.

Interaction with The Others: It is important to maintain contact with the Younger Generations. The Youth will uplift you with their Energy, spunk, and Healthy Organs. If your own grandchildren refuse to call you, feel free to find other children to interact with. Pinch the cheeks of Young People to squeeze out their Vital juices and absorb their Youth.

Although the Coven has been in the process of creating the Elixir of Eternal Life, we are short four female Virgins (due to Obamacare). In the meantime, we recommend these methods to help preserve your legacy as your Human Body decays.

ALWAYS use checks, never paper currency or credit cards. This will ensure that you leave a paper trail of your Human Name on Earth. Writing checks will also keep your arthritic wrists strong. Another good way to be remembered after your Flesh begins to decompose is to vote disproportionately against the interests of young people, leaving them with many political knots to unravel long after you have left this life.

Please keep this letter in a safe place and refer to it frequently. On May 17, 2029, when the Conch Shell sounds six times, go to the nearest Denny's and await further instructions. If your Physical Body fails you before the date of the Uprising, you will receive a second letter from the AADP ("American Association of Deceased Persons") with a guideline to Haunting.

Your Humble Leader,

B4B

Robert "Bob" Barker
High Priest
Secret Society of the Geriatric Coven

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Frank the Obsessed

Passive Ability: Frank's mouse is ten times louder and more annoying than an ordinary mouse, giving it +50% to its ability to annoy Frank's roommates.

Active Ability: Drinking a Red Bull allows Frank the ability to play for 4 hours longer than normal. Additional Red Bulls extend the effect at the cost of 15% of his circulatory system.

Lore: Ever since Frank got his first "Victory" screen, he knew that LOL was the game for him. Sleepless nights, unfinished homework, and no appreciable social life are all acceptable sacrifices for the glory of online combat.



John the Watchful

Passive Ability: When sufficiently bored, John can watch two streams at once.

Active Ability: John has no active ability because he doesn't actually play LOL.

Lore: Despite "not having the time for video games", John ends up spending most of his waking hours watching the professionals stream on Twitch. John bides his time studying the mechanics and metagame of League of Legends, but will he one day terrorize the MOBAsphere with the knowledge he's gained? Probably not.



Christie the Indifferent

Passive Ability: Usually does whatever her boyfriend wants to do, which is play League of Legends.

Active Ability: When complimented by her boyfriend, Christie can keep pretending to be interested in League of Legends for 15 minutes.

Lore: Christie doesn't dabble in video games much, but when her boyfriend brought up his newfound obsession she thought she should give LOL a try for the sake of their relationship. Christie is capable of having fun even when she's losing, a rare find among LOL players.



Spike the Overcompetitive

Passive Ability: If Spike's team is losing, Spike complains about an aspect of the current game (his champion, lag, teammates, game balance) every 30 seconds, giving him a +3 bonus to Focus (stacks up to 7 times).

Active Ability: When activated, Spike begins relentlessly taunting his opponents over game chat. For every response he gets, Spike taunts twice more and his Ego increases by 7 (stacks up to 30 times).

Lore: It doesn't matter what game he's playing-- Call of Duty, Magic the Gathering, Connect Four-- Spike only cares about one thing: winning. Well, winning, and making everyone else feel like shit.



Andrea the Beleaguered

Passive Ability: Capable of withstanding the sexist pressure of a gaming community that is pretty much a huge sausage-fest.

Active Ability: When hit on over game chat, Andrea can contain her rage and continue playing the game because it's just something she fucking likes to do, goddammit.

Lore: Andrea heard about League of Legends and decided to start playing it because it looked like a cool game. No, she's not interested in dating you. She has a boyfriend, and she's better at LOL than him.

The Heuristic Squelch *Writes Your Thesis*

We here at the Heuristic Squelch know that writing a thesis is a daunting challenge. After all, it will probably define your entire undergraduate career, as well as the rest of your life after college forever. Here are some guidelines to get you on track for an A+ thesis!

Squelch Pointer: Theses in the math and sciences are trickier than the rest. Your title definitely needs to reflect the groundbreaking nature of your natural genius, you perfect little scientist, you.

Example Thesis Title: Outside Looking In: Why Squares Are Really Just Sharp Circles, If You Think About It

Squelch Pointer: You can do a gender analysis of anything. Seriously. Anything. Just put the word “gender” in the title and you’re practically done.

Example Thesis Title: Who Has the Balls: Deeper Themes of Classism and Gender in Dragon Ball Z

Squelch Pointer: Theses in Philosophy require rigorous literature reviews, clever original analysis and impeccable prose style. The titles are no different. Make sure your title reflects your mastery of philosophy!

Example Thesis Title: The Philosophy of Writing a Thesis: A Thesis in Philosophy

Squelch Pointer: Are you ISF? Did you create a research program that was just all of the shit you wanted to study without any rhyme or reason to it? Not a problem! Just find something superficial to connect it all and slap it into the title!

Example Thesis Title: CS³: Defining the Intersection of Computer Science, Cognitive Science, and Celtic Studies

Squelch Pointer: We all know Berkeley has a liberal bias, and that means challenging the status quo. Controversial titles are an easy way to get your grader hyped for your forty pages of hard work!

Example Thesis Title: Just Quit Whining Already: A Review of Human Rights Abuses in Sudan Since 2003

Squelch Pointer: History majors, we know that you’re one of the few majors out there for whom theses are mandatory. But no worries! Break the mold of your department by deigning to study something other than World War II. Be sure to mention it in your title!

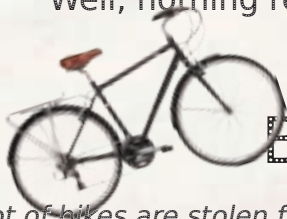
Example Thesis Title: The History of History throughout History: The Historicization of Historical Historiography

Well, it turns out we can’t actually help write an entire thesis. But as they say in showbiz, the title is everything! Maybe having a killer title will help compensate for the rest of your writing? Maybe? I dunno, it’s not really our problem. Good luck writing that thesis, nerd!

👍 Tips for Avoiding Theft 👍

It's a fact: Campus is being completely overrun by violent crime! What can you do to protect yourself?

Well, nothing really, but you can try out some of these great tips!



Bikes

A lot of bikes are stolen from campus every minute! Here are some tips to help keep your bike -- and your life.

- » Take your bike apart and lock each part to a different campus bike rack to confuse potential thieves.
- » Quick-release bike tires are easy targets for potential thieves. Carry your bike wheel with you everywhere, even when riding your bike.

If your bike is stolen, follow these easy steps to recover it:

1. Infiltrate the bike thieves' headquarters to take them down from the inside.
2. Start stealing bikes to gain credibility.
3. Accidentally kill a guy on a job.
4. Go on the lam, suffer a mental breakdown.
5. Realize you were just a pawn in The Man's game.
6. Plan your bloody revenge.



iPhones

iPhones are like magnets for potential thieves, but if you take the proper steps, you can avoid being brutally beaten for your precious smartphone(s). Try these tips:

- » Smear fecal matter all over your iPhone to make it undesirable to potential thieves (do not sanitize!).
- » If you have filthy enough hair, hide your iPhone in your filthy hair. It will be difficult to access amongst the sporadic dreadlocks, lentil soup bits, and bird's nest.
- » Walk boldly into traffic while using your phone. This will make it hard for potential thieves to follow you, while also making you look hella tough.
- » Just get an Android instead.

General Safety Tips

- » Ask people to watch your stuff when you have to go to the bathroom. You don't know who you can trust, though, so ask someone else to watch the person watching your stuff. You still don't know who you can trust, though, so ask someone else to watch the person watching that first person. Continue until you reach the bathroom.
- » Password encrypt everything you own: bikes, textbooks, shoes, passwords, etc.
- » Zippered pockets fluster pickpockets! Always wear zipper pants and zipper jackets-- zipper underwear and zipper shoes, too.
- » Don't trust *those* people. You know who we mean.
- » The best way to avoid being mugged is to appear intimidating to potential attackers. The best way to appear intimidating is with tattoos. Lots of tattoos. In highly-visible places on your body. For instance, Steve Buscemi's face on the back of your shaved head is sure to drive away any mugger. Plus, you can grow back your hair and shave it when necessary to intimidate potential thieves.

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