

Campus Publication Uses Weekend Extension To Turn In Newspaper

JRC- A SPARC-funded campus publication has used a weekend extension to submit its final product, an 8-page newspaper, to the general campus, which should have received the newspaper in the mailroom by around 12:30 PM on Tuesday, December 15th, four days later than the original December 11th deadline.

There has been some dispute as to whether the publication received permission to push back its due date. Several students have expressed a desire to confront the publication about its failure to adequately request the extension.

"You know, I'm all about understanding publications' needs," said Bobby Bright '13. "Publications have lives too, and I know I

should remember that."

"But as I clearly state in my guidelines for publications, I require at least 24 hours of advance notice for any publication choosing to take an extension, and I'm afraid the publication in question failed to provide that information. Am I supposed to just look that over and pretend the publication was submitted on time? I don't think so."

Other students have noted that while the publication did not provide the standard notice that it would be taking an extension, this was the first time all semester it had resorted to turning work in late.

"I mean, give the publication a break," said Amy Julian '11. "It's been doing a pretty solid job all semester, and I don't

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Above: Students riot when the publication is not delivered to the mailroom on schedule.

Level 80 Senior Beats Finals Week On Hard Mode

NOYCE- After four months of training, Jeff Reno '10 finally defeated Finals Week after a three-hour long showdown in the basement of the Noyce Science Center on Wednesday morning.

"I knew that I was running low on coffee, but I had just enough Red Bull left to cast one All-Nighter. Before I knew it, Finals Week was toast and the staff directory started rolling," Reno stated.

In preparation for the ultimate battle against Finals Week, students are forced to endure a snowy, treacherous labyrinth called Hell Week, a test that forces many students to deplete their sleep and vodka supplies before the real battle has

even begun. Students must manage deadly classes, furious blizzards, and frequent study breaks just to stay alive.

After the fight, Reno divulged some of his best-kept secrets. "I spent days leveling up on Burling 3rd and accumulated a huge stash of Medicinal Herbs from Cleveland," Reno added. "The Mega Motta Mustache also helped, especially to ward off the Drunk Drones around the Harris Center. Man, that level sucked."

When asked about his choice of major, Reno replied, "I went with the Economics major because of the big Intelligence bonus; the Charisma hit wasn't that bad. The English majors all went

down when they got to the Career Development Office, and the Chemistry majors started spontaneously combusting when they went into Burling. It was crazy out there."

Reno said that his greatest test occurred during Introduction to Sociology, where he had to do battle with the Social Constructs in a loud, quarrelsome environment.

"Gender was a bitch," said Reno.

"I'm really impressed that he was able to beat Finals Week," said Amanda Tseng '12. "I mean, I know people in Harmony that got owned by Midsems Week and had to go back to New Student Orientation. And

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Meeting With Professor Prefaced

MEARS- Already eight minutes late for a meeting with English professor Alicia Morrow that was scheduled for 10:30 last Thursday morning, second-year student Cameron Taylor rushed up the stairs of Mears Cottage, entered Morrow's third-floor office, and proceeded to deliver over five minutes of unsolicited prefatory comments to the individual meeting that had been planned.

Though Taylor's preface likely stemmed from his tardiness to the meeting, it covered a host of random topics. Morrow described the comments as "highly incoherent, lacking logical connections as well as any over-arching thesis," much like his last paper.

According to Mor-

row, the meeting had originally been set up to talk about Joseph Conrad's *Heart of Darkness*, the topic of Taylor's final paper. However, before taking the time to "even sit down or just say hi," Taylor began explaining why his paper wasn't as far along as expected, the circumstances that led him to get behind, and something about how this behavior wasn't normal for him, but he was just going through a tough time.

The tenured professor admitted that despite her sympathy for Taylor's predicament, she had a difficult time making sense of his speech.

"First he's late and giving me a rundown of the work in his four major classes. That's bad enough, but when he

took the time to explain to me how a few ideas from my class sort of relate to one of his other classes—you know, if you stop and think about it for a second," Morrow said, impersonating Taylor's nonchalant way of communicating miniscule connections.

"It was then that I realized I might have to call my husband and tell him I wasn't going to make it to our lunch date," she added.

This was not the first time Taylor had stormed into Morrow's office with preliminary concerns. In the introductory meeting Morrow requires of all her students, which, according to Morrow, "is only supposed to last about ten minutes," Taylor spent the first three

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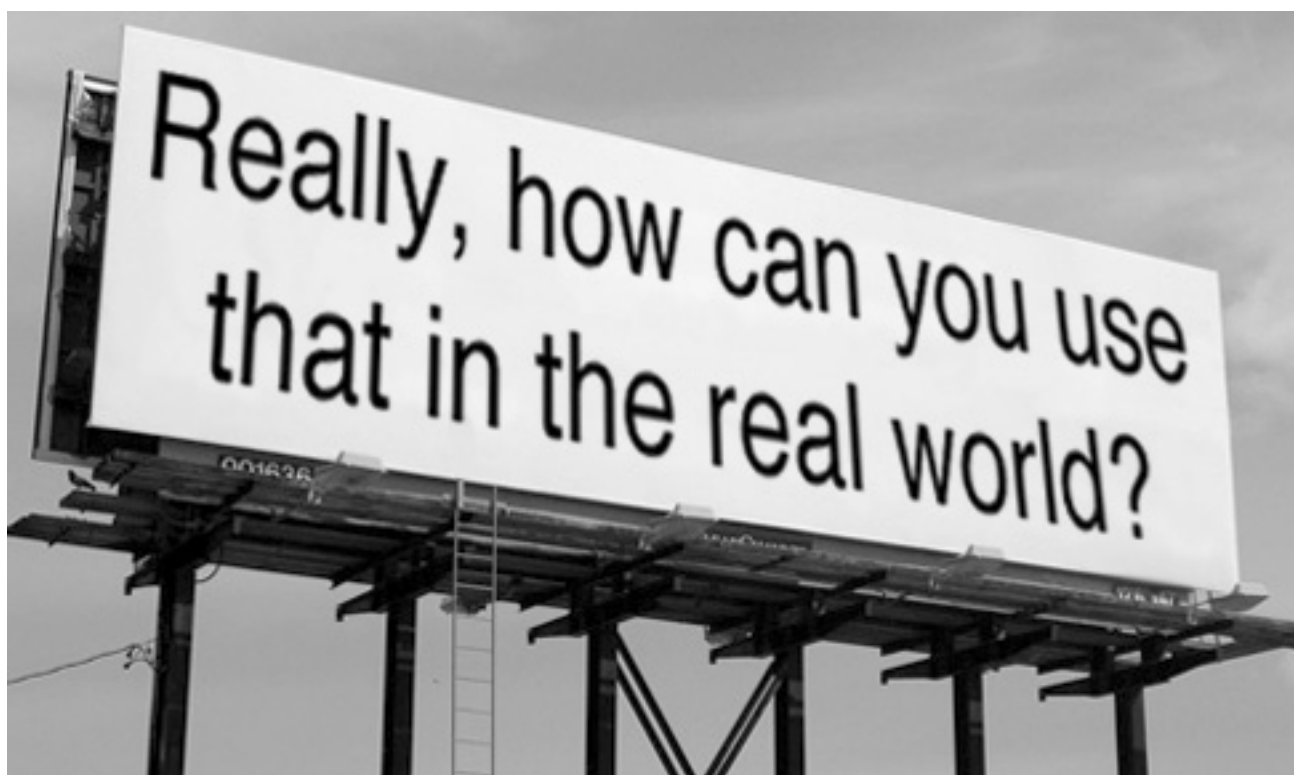
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Editorial: So What Are You Going To Do With That?

by Family, Friends, Acquaintances, and Random People on the Street



I know Grinnell is a great school with a great reputation, but you're still going to a small liberal arts college in the middle of nowhere and you're going to graduate with crushing debt. And your major is—how can I put this lightly? It's just not in the most sought-after field, you know. I

mean, what are you going to do with that? Teach?

Following your dreams is great and all, but in the real world, doing what you love just doesn't pay the bills. I've been around the block a few times and trust me, it doesn't work that way. Maybe you should've majored in something

more marketable like I so kindly suggest every time it comes up. Or double-majored. Or triple-majored! Did you think about that? You would've had time to do that, right? But now you're just stuck with that degree. Have you thought about going into the business side of that?

I have this friend who majored in something marginally related to your field. Maybe you two should have a chat.

I'm just worried that you're going to graduate and it will suddenly hit you that you won't be able to find a job and you'll end up living in the basement again and with

the economy and all... I mean, how are you going to feed yourself? People with your skills are a dime a dozen nowadays, and that class you took over the summer won't raise your salary as much as you think. What's your Plan B? Do you have anything to fall back on?

I know service and activism and all that are big at Grinnell, and the Peace Corps would be a great experience, but I think you would come back from that just two years behind everyone else who stayed in the country to make money. What could anyone possibly learn from two years helping people in some godforsaken country that could apply to a real job when they get back? Sure, it's clear that you've developed a great "social consciousness" at Grinnell, but maybe all those poor and disadvantaged people just didn't get business degrees and that's why they're so screwed. You ever think of that, smart one?

I have experience and I'm bitter about my

career, so I know what I'm talking about. Money makes the world go round, you know. Does anyone make a living outside of academia in your field? Does it even exist outside of universities? Is it even a real discipline? Look at your cousin: he got his degree in a practical, professional field not too long ago, and now he's making six figures. Sure, he hates his life, but at least he'll be able to send his kids to college so they can major in something artsy like you.

Where do you think you'll be in ten years? Have you thought that far ahead? I didn't think about those things when I was your age, but those were different times. You're still young and naïve; you don't need to have thought about what you're doing with your life, yet. I don't blame you. I'm sure there are so many other things on your mind that seem important right now.

I guess you could always go to law school if things don't work out.

B&S News in Brief

Liquor Department Develops Theater Problem

BUCKSBAUM- Faculty members in the Liquor department have recently expressed concern that a number of its students have shown repeated interest in excessive amounts of theater, gathering in small groups to discuss various playwrights and impressive theater locations.

"It's clear all the kids want to do is talk about theater," said Shirley Nellenbach, who teaches classes on Eastern-European liquor contributions. "What's worse, they even want to write their own plays and perform them. It seems like every night I hear about some student passing out in Bucksbaum after a long night of theatering."

According to Nellenbach, the Liquor department has always warned

against the dangers of theater, especially when thinking about trying to get a job. Though very much an integral member of the Humanities academic sub-division, Nellenbach says that "students from all academic disciplines" can benefit from study in the Liquor department.

Student Probably Should Have Just Skipped Class

NOYCE- On Wednesday morning, Justin Mills '12 attended his 9 AM Intro to Physics class in spite of the visible fact that he lacked the requisite sleep to present himself as a functional human being. Classmates say that Mills entered the lecture hall ten minutes late, noticeably listening to his iPod without any regard whatsoever for his immediate environment.

After arriving at his standard back row seat, according to Amy Monroe '13, Mills "pulled out his notebook and two Japanese text books, immediately getting to work on what I'm assuming was some last-second homework. He was like a ghost."

Teaching Assistant Sean Juchovsky '10 was able to provide a precise minute-by-minute breakdown of much Mills' odd behavior. "Within fifteen minutes, the kid was fast asleep, sprawled out across three chairs, lying just below the professor's sight-line. With twelve minutes remaining in class he awoke, packed up his books, and fell back asleep, this time with his head on the desk in a more traditional pose."

When the lecture ended, students reported that Mills got up, smiled, winked at his

astonished classmates, and exited the classroom before anyone else.

Final Art Project Originally Sketched On Burling 3rd Bathroom

BURLING- Samir Khan '12 recently turned in his final project for studio art, which Khan says was originally inspired by the wall of the Burling Library third floor bathroom.

"For our final project, we had to create an original piece of artwork, that was supposed to sum it all up. I really was blanking on anything I could do. Then, I took a dump in Burling and started sketching on the wall. I really liked my sketch so I traced it and turned it in," said the second year art major.

Several students were upset at the twenty minutes that Khan

occupied the main bathroom in Burling.

"I don't know what everyone's problem was. Had I gone with my original plan of copying those hands it would have been at least another fifteen minutes," added Khan.

However, Khan's professor, Yuri Menshenko, was very receptive to the picture, giving the project one of the highest grades in the class.

"This was definitely one of the best projects I received this year. It's really quite rare that you see a penis that well-drawn," said Menshenko.

Student Would Like To Take Issue With That Assertion

ARH- Considering a variety of intriguing arguments, second-year Nina Purefoy injected her own critical voice into a contemporary discussion of a

hotly debated issue, and according to students in her Intro to Political Science class, even went as far as to suggest that she would like to take issue with the previous assertion recently articulated.

"While I realize there may be different viewpoints and/or perspectives that attempt to address this crucially significant question, I subscribe to the belief of a contrarian ideal in matters pertaining to these kinds of perceived tensions," Purefoy conveyed, in a general summation of her central point.

Additionally, Purefoy made effort to note that it was only her intention to provide students with a possible deviation from the established paradigm surrounding said debate, and that if she had misappropriated any portion of the previous contentions, she is

Students Anxious To Go Home, Miss Grinnell

HOME- An intense workload has left Grinnell College students craving a break in which they can quickly reminisce about the very place that plays host to their intense workload.

"Man, I'm going to miss Grinnell," said Naomi Tapenga '12, who will return to her home in Cleveland, OH for five weeks before returning to Grinnell. "This place just grows on you. I won't be able to forget the

memories I just had here."

Though some students may vacation or travel to a friend's house, a PioneerWeb survey assessing students' projected attitudes over Winter Break revealed that approximately 55% of students would begin missing Grinnell by New Year's. Overwhelmingly, students selected the answer, "This is kinda fun, but I'd rather be at Harris." The next highest answer related to sleep,

as 18% of students said they, "Will have no defined attitude since the majority of the day will be spent sleeping or recovering from recently being asleep."

In a related story, the Center for Off-Campus Study estimates that two-thirds of the students studying abroad next semester can't wait to live in a new culture that isn't as fun as Grinnell.

First-Year Stressed Over 3 Page Tutorial Paper

NOYCE- First-year Megan O'Neil is currently enrolled in the tutorial "Icelandic Sagas," an exploration of some of the most famous sources of Icelandic folklore.

For most of the semester, the tutorial has been a great experience for O'Neil. However, at the current time, her attitude has changed, and she is generally "stressed out" about it.

"It's unrealistic how much work we're being given. We have to turn in a three-page paper by Friday of Finals Week.

That's only enough time for maybe two writing lab appointments. Tops three. To make matters worse, I have an Intro Stats final on Tuesday and a take home final for Introduction to Anthropology. I don't know how I can do all this," O'Neil said.

O'Neil added that she was "lucky as hell" to have finished her Intro to Psych class, which tested students during Hell Week. The test was not cumulative, and gave students the option to use their textbooks

as well as a sheet of notes if they so desired. According to a report from her classmates, O'Neil so desired.

The paper that O'Neil has to write is supposed to be a three-page analysis of a story that she read and talked about in class. She is allowed to meet with her professor to discuss the topic as well as consult with her classmates. As of press time, it was unclear whether O'Neil will be able to finish.

Registrar Releases New Course Titles

Due to repeated requests from SGA to provide more accurate descriptions of the courses that students will register for, the Registrar's office has released a new course catalogue containing new course titles written by professors. Registrar beat reporter Umberto Phillips '11 has recorded a list of some of the more notable changes.

Old Course

New Course

<i>CHM-363</i> : Organic Chemistry II	The Seventh Circle
<i>PHI-106</i> : Contemporary Ethical Issues	Gay Marriage: Great or Fabulous?
<i>HIS-242</i> : Rise and Fall of Soviet Union	The Slightly-More-Evil Empire
<i>GRM-372</i> : Recent Trends in German Lit	Recent Trend in German Lit.
<i>ECN-229</i> : American Economic History	The Fall and Fall of the Poor
<i>PSY-248</i> : Abnormal Psychology	How To Diagnose Your Friends
<i>ENG-290</i> : Literary Theory	Ready for a Mind Fuck?
<i>CSC-232</i> : Human-Computer Interaction	Studies in Imaginary Friends
<i>NRS-495</i> : Neuroscience Seminar	You Mean We Don't Get To Operate?
<i>POL-305</i> : Transnational Legal Institutions	That Class Osgood Teaches
<i>MAT-220</i> : Differential Equations	Fuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuck.

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INFOGRAPHIC

Hell Week and Finals Week are full of schedule conflicts and impossible deadlines. What are some reasons we're asking for an extension?

Professor's an asshole.

Worth a shot, right?

Too busy with National Novel Writing Month.

Too busy with DOTA.

Would prefer feeling anxious and underprepared forty-eight hours from now, rather than now.

Oh shit, totally forgot about that one thing!

"Demolition Man" was on TNT at 9:00. And 11:30.

Still hungover from "Reading" Day.

Didn't realize the bibliography was annotated.

Would normally hate to ask, but it's just so stressful with three papers and a take-home test right now, and could you maybe, possibly, help me out just this one time?

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Write for us so we don't have to make up some article about a publication getting an extension. That concept won't last us a whole semester. And it hit too close to home.

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know, I think I'd prefer to see it fully polished and copy-edited late, rather than sloppy and on time."

The publication cited an exceptionally treacherous Hell Week—in both the academic sense and the "it's fucking snowing" sense—as reason for the extension.

"Yeah, everything just felt a bit overwhelming," the publication began in an eighth paragraph quote of a front-page piece addressing the extension itself. "Coming out on time would have meant even more stress, and why risk suffering academically to put out a newspaper that not everyone even takes seriously?"

"It's not like we're the S&B," added the publication.

The publication originally began considering the extension

remain anonymous until the Credits section appearing on page 3.

In an attempt to assuage its reader base, which the publication considers a pretty decent bunch of schmucks, the publication issued a 500-word justification beginning on its front page. Towards the end of the justification, the publication noted that the justification as well as

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as early as 8:30 PM on the evening of Tuesday, December 5th, when two of the publication's editors were reportedly "too busy" with schoolwork to show up at the office, while an additional editor was relatively free but found leaving home to be a quite arduous task. The editors wished to

the entire publication could be found online, for those readers intelligent enough to access the worldwide web.

The publication added that if readers were still upset after the justification, it can be reached at [newspaper] to answer any questions.

Student Declares Major Pass/Fail

CRYSTAL CENTER- Junior Philosophy major Wyatt Simpson has surprised many with his recent decision to take his major pass/fail.

"Throughout high school, I got A's and a couple B's without too many problems. Once I got here, that got way harder and I started having to do things, like the reading for class if I wanted to keep up those grades. I really hate seeing grades that aren't A's or B's but I didn't want to keep up with all the work. Then, I thought of a way where I could finish my major and not see those other letters, take everything pass/fail. Genius if I do say so," said Simpson.

Thus far, throughout Simpson's two and a half years at Grinnell, he has not taken a single class for a real letter grade. He has merely had to not fail the course in order to receive credit for it.

At first, the Registrar's Office was very hesitant to give into Simpson's request. However, upon further review of the school charter, they realized that he was well

within his rights as a student to declare a major pass/fail.

"We all kinda just laughed at him when Wyatt told us his plan. Then he cited section 8-B sub-clause three that states that a student may earn a degree from the college while taking all classes pass/fail if they can show just cause. Wyatt then gave an hour and a half presentation and turned in a 60-page paper as to why he should be able to take all his classes pass/fail. It was very convincing," reported Associate Director of Academic Affairs Bridget Ryan.

Not everyone is responding positively to Simpson's decision. The Philosophy SEPC has publicly denounced his choice, saying that it "cheapens the major." They added, "Wyatt's lazy choice has made a mockery of the hard work we all put in to get our degrees. The worst part of it is that we didn't think of it. Do you think I would have spent four straight all-nighters on my seminar paper if I could take it pass/fail?"

Others worry that his

degree will not allow Simpson to be competitive in the tough Philosophy field. Simpson, however, assured us that he has talked to multiple Barnes and Noble managers and was reassured that it will not hurt his chances for future employment.

Simpson's decision has seemed to incite a trend of laziness across campus. A record number of seniors are taking introductory classes and the college is currently working on creating a tutorial major.

When asked how his final two weeks of the semester were going, Simpson responded, "Just fine, thanks. They've been quite relaxing."

Editor's Note: Simpson's use of section 8-B sub-clause three is correct, and The B&S would like add that the footer to section 8-B sub-clause three declares December 16th as the final day any senior may change their major to pass/fail.

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Above: A screenshot of the intense final boss of the first level (Right inset: the game's promotional cover)

200-level classes don't even have save points."

John Rude '81, professor of Economics and Reno's advisor, had equal admiration for his advisee's accomplishments.

"Jeff has always been one of my worst students,

but it looks like his exceptional skill in Procrastination and Truancy has really paid off."

On Friday, the creator of the game commented on the upcoming sequel, saying, "In the next installment, stu-

dents will be forced to endure eight straight weeks without a break, which should tax even the most skilled student. We're also planning on making the first two months brutally cold and icy, which will add to the challenge."

The sequel will become available on January 25, with a price tag of \$18,238, plus room and board, books, supplies, and travel expenses.

Students Recycle Economics Professor

NOYCE- A class of sixteen students taking ECN-240 "Resource and Environmental Economics" decided to recycle Glenn Procter, Economics, citing his annoying habit of discussing why he thinks recycling is bad for the environment with little provocation or relevance to the class.

Students felt that Procter, along with several colleagues in the Economics department, has a habit of randomly beginning a diatribe

about how recycling is bad for the environment, citing unnamed studies to support his case. Analysts are unsure why he feels the need to support his case in front of his students, whose opinions on the subject obviously don't matter to him.

"We'll be talking about formatting the next paper, and without warning he just starts ranting about how recycling is the dumbest idea ever," said Michelle Lyter '11. "It's not even

mentioned on the syllabus."

"It's especially annoying because we don't know what studies he's talking about. He shoots all our questions down when we're skeptical," added Jamal Wurfel '10. "It's almost like he's terrified of being wrong after being such an ass about it for so long."

Procter defends his position as supremely logical and unassailable, repeating, "There have been studies," and "It's so obvious," several times and dismissing

students' complaints as a predictable response from college-age liberals.

Ultimately, Procter explains, recycling is bad for the environment because it results in fewer trees being planted to replenish forests and tree farms, but encourages more consumption of paper products. As of press time, he did not respond to questions about the idea that recycling reduces the number of trees cut down in the first place.

History Major Fails To Learn From Past Hell Weeks

ARH- History major Ari Cohen '10, has pulled two straight all-nighters in order to finish his work for finals, much like this time the previous two years. This is because the history major has failed to learn from the past.

"I tried spacing out my work over the past two weeks, but then I

convinced myself I could write two ten page papers and my seminar paper in three days. I know in the past I've had a problem putting my work off, but this semester it seemed like my papers would write themselves. I actually was wrong about that," said Cohen.

Fellow History major

and friend Toby Breen '11 provided possible historical interpretations of Cohen's plight. "Are we to see Ari as a great man in history that has tragically fallen? How will history make sense of this?"

This past week, Cohen has been to 3 A.M. pancakes every night. This is eerily similar to

this point last semester when he went to 3 A.M. pancakes every night and had a total of six hours of sleep, which was also reminiscent of this point last year when he went to 3 A.M. pancakes and had 7 total hours of sleep, which was exactly like every other semester he has had at this college.

Also In The News

Student Pulls All-Weeker

Biochem Major Realizes Mistake Too Late To Escape His Fate

Philosophy Major Condescends, Gets High

First-Year In GWS Class Still Waiting For The Whole "Sex" Part He Heard About

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Administration Responds To Stupid Week: "That Was Fucking Stupid"

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200-Level Class Thoroughly Prepared To Discuss Optional Readings During Hell Week

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Osgood's Finals Week Not Looking Too Bad

Independent Majors Feeling Left Out Of This Paper

SECURITY BLOTTER

Wednesday, 7:56AM - Officer responds to noise complaint on Burling fourth. Upon arrival officer finds only three students studying and what they insist is a cranberry juice stain.

Saturday, 3:03PM - Officer questions second-year student about alleged "murdering" of Physics exam.

Sunday, 5:16PM - Officer responds to call about a third-year student acting strangely. Officer then finds the aforementioned student well-rested and relaxed. Officer immediately brings the student in for medical treatment.

Tuesday, 1:15 PM - Officer slated to work the crowds for the BIO-251 final exam, which has historically been known as one of the most rowdy, out-of-control exams in the College's history.

Wednesday, 4:24PM - Officer wondering whether students will notice his record-setting attendance at food-related study breaks. Officer ultimately concludes that no one will.

Had you a clue? ~Christmas is in ten days. Count 'em. Ten. Like, holy shit, man.



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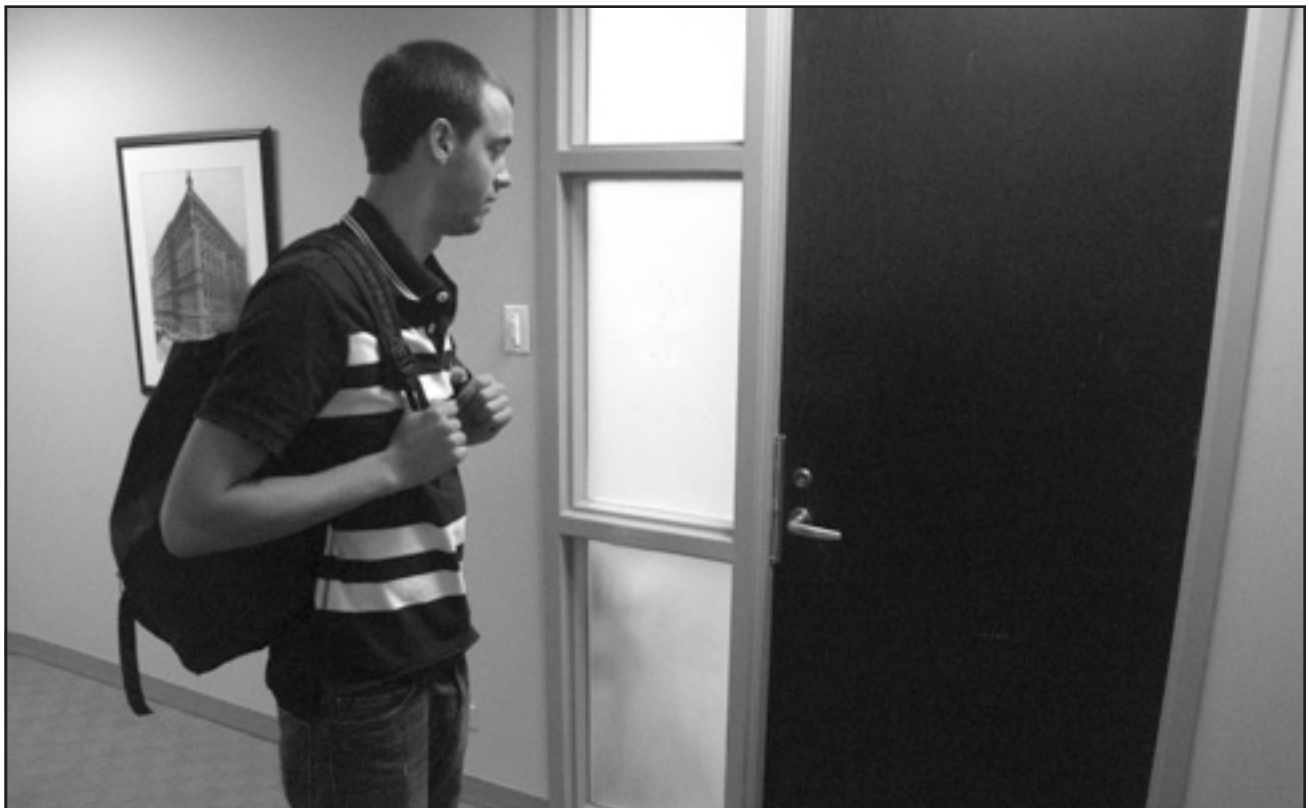
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Above: Cameron Taylor '12, just moments before entering Professor Morrow's office and uttering something vague in order to avoid talking about his paper for as long as possible.

minutes providing a detailed answer to Morrow's standard conversational opener, "How's it going?"

"At that point, I just figured he was pretty talkative and that I would have to pay a little extra attention to him during class, just to make sure he was on the same page as everyone else," Morrow recounted.

"But I can honestly say that after that meeting we had last Thursday,

he's not reading the same book as the rest of us. How that bodes for his paper on the book the rest of us have been reading remains to be seen."

Other professors in the English and History departments with offices on the third floor also provided a description of a student talking loudly about a variety of seemingly unrelated things. These descriptions match the report on Taylor's

shambles, though the frequency of bizarre, difficult-to-follow rants that all of these professors say they have dealt with recently makes it difficult to be positively certain.

When Morrow was finally able to convince Taylor to talk about his paper, it became clear that part of the meeting's function was to ask for an extension. "He would keep talking about Heart of Darkness in really

weird ways in order to suggest the extension. Like, he pointed out that we started reading it two days later than planned on the syllabus, and then just kind of winked at me."

According to friends, Taylor was encouraged to take all the time he needed on the paper and not go back to Morrow's office for at least 8 months.

Mush Study Break Poorly Attended

HARRIS- As part of its endless parade of study breaks, Grinnell recently played host to a mush study break. The event was reportedly only attended by fifteen students, most of whom thought that they were going to an extension of the pancake study break.

"It was awful. The signs for it read "break-fast food study break in Harris". I was pretty sure they meant pancakes but when I got there and there was just Houston menacingly ladling out mush to students," said Allison O'Grady '11.

The study break intended to capitalize on the popularity of the pancake study break and was held directly after the pancakes. But in contrast to the pancake

study break, the mush break had far more rules.

"We had to silently wait in line until it was time for us to receive our mush. If we made any noise we were forcibly removed from Harris," reported attendee Ricky Chavez '12.

Lilith Hawley '10 added that "they were real strict about one portion per student. I missed dinner so I asked for a little bit extra and they threw me into a work house."

Apart from waiting quietly for their one serving of mush, students got to make shoes while enjoying their mush. In fact, students were forced to make shoes, and anyone who refused to make shoes was immediately taken away.

"I made shoes un-

til my fingers started to bleed. When I stopped to nurse my wounds, they whipped me. Still, it was less painful than writing my research methods paper," said Taylor Cyrus '11.

There were some similarities with the pancake study break and the mush break. Both study breaks had dogs present, though the dogs at the mush break were considerably less friendly. They were underfed guard dogs who attacked any student who tried to leave the study break before they filled their shoe quota.

When pressed for comment on the unusual break, Houston Daugherty replied that he was, "only trying to give the students a little break from their work."

Daugherty added, "I thought this would be a nice change of pace from your standard, run of the mill study break. It's also a pretty tough economy out there, so any extra money we make on the shoes will be great."

The administration has apparently not learned their lesson from the mush study break as many similar study breaks are in the works. This Monday, there will be a root canal themed break in Younker, and on Tuesday, Norris will host a cough syrup tasting. The study breaks culminate in the Russian roulette break in the JRC Thursday night.



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What Do You Think?

A recent trend in the S&B Random Rants section has had students responding to past rants, often directing intense debate at past ranters. What do you think?



Ga-ret Rogers
Loves School!
Let’s just replace it with more of Gary Kahn’s blog.



Hailey Brinks
Listening Room Assistant
Dear Ga-ret, you are blatantly wrong. You have no respect for self-gov. Stop going to my school. I question your right to exist as a human.



Darwin Kinch
Privileged Majority
As a straight, white, Protestant male, I still think we’re too PC when it comes to bitches and faggots and “multicultural” bullshit.

MAKE MORE SHIT UP.

Write for us.
Yes, you.
Seriously.
You’re funnier than you think.
We’ll pay you and everything.
With the college’s money.
Well, technically it’s from SPARC and your Activities Fee.
But that’s just one way of looking at it.
Really, it’s a sweet gig.
You don’t have to interview people or get your facts straight or anything.
And did we mention we’ll pay you?

GET PAID MORE.

Where To (Sort Of) Do Work On Campus

By Ross Preston

Unlike high school, I think most Grinnellians would agree with me that our work is too different day in and day out to have one homework routine, like we might have had four years ago. Some work requires our complete, undivided attention, while other things can be incorporated into a more relaxed atmosphere.

For this second kind of work, location becomes a crucial variable, and as a senior who has enjoyed stretching the possibilities of where work can most enjoyably be completed for almost four years now, I hereby submit a top 10 list of places to casually get stuff done on Grinnell's campus.

10. Fireplace Lounge (JRC): This cozy, centrally located haven is the undisputed place to bring a reading, do a little bit of it, then wake up wondering where you are and what day it is. Just make sure you actually get the reading done and make it to class on time with this option.

9. Dorm lounges: If it's the lounge in your dorm, this is a nice half-

way point between your room and the rest of campus. Dorm lounges can be reserved/occupied, though, so you can't always count on them being available. Main Lounge on South Campus is notable since it is more spacious and does not have a TV.

8. Dining Hall: This definitely doesn't appeal to all students, but entering the Dining Hall with some work can often be the perfect way to squeeze in a meal and be prepared for class. You can go solo upstairs or in the Intimate Dining section, or you can even venture into the main seating area with some food and some work, as long as you can avoid getting too distracted by your friends.

7. Your Room: Sometimes, it's good to get some things done on the home front while mixing in some academics. Having friends over with similar intentions of doing some mild work and hanging out is a great choice as well.

6. Noyce Common Rooms- Throughout Noyce, there are lots of spaces that are out in the

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open while still providing a somewhat intimate feel. These "commons" are especially nice for group meetings/ study sessions that require conversation as opposed to the utter silence of other parts of Noyce and the library.

5. Bob's Underground Cafe- Located in the basement of Main, Bob's is a Grinnell staple, hosting Open Mic nights as well as some smaller concerts. This a great spot for an evening cup of coffee and hanging out

with people that have just a little bit of work to do.

4. Creative Computing Lab- Hands-down the best place to do a little bit of work if you need a computer. All of the computers are top of the line and rarely are all being used. Located in the Forum, this is also where students used to go to the Grille, which leads me to number 3...

3. The Grille- Also in the JRC, the Grille is the premium spot on campus for socializing with the

pretense of doing work. With lots of food options as well as decent coffee, this is often the answer for informal meetings with professors, group meetings, and generally "Grilling" some time.

2. Saint's Rest- Though not on campus, this wins out over the Grille for me because of the fantastic coffee and college-friendly atmosphere. Some people go to Saint's Rest everyday to do work, and if you don't mind

the 2-3 block walk, it's not hard to wonder why.

1. Outside- Weather permitting, there's nothing like being outside on a gorgeous day. While it may feel a little bit tainted by doing work, some of my best memories of doing work at Grinnell are outside, whether at the wide-open Mac Field, the bench outside Younker, or the questionably named "Cleveland Beach." For some reason, work just seems to feel better outside.



Isn't it nice to have made it to the final page of the final issue of the final volume of the *B&S* this year? Final final final.

We hope this has, in one way or another, helped you through Finals Week, and we invite you to show up on **Monday, February 1, at 9 PM in ARH 312** to share what memories you may still retain of it. If you'll have no memories by that point, that is okay as well: just don't forget that you won't remember this advice.

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Your questions, comments, and concerns are appreciated and can be addressed to:

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