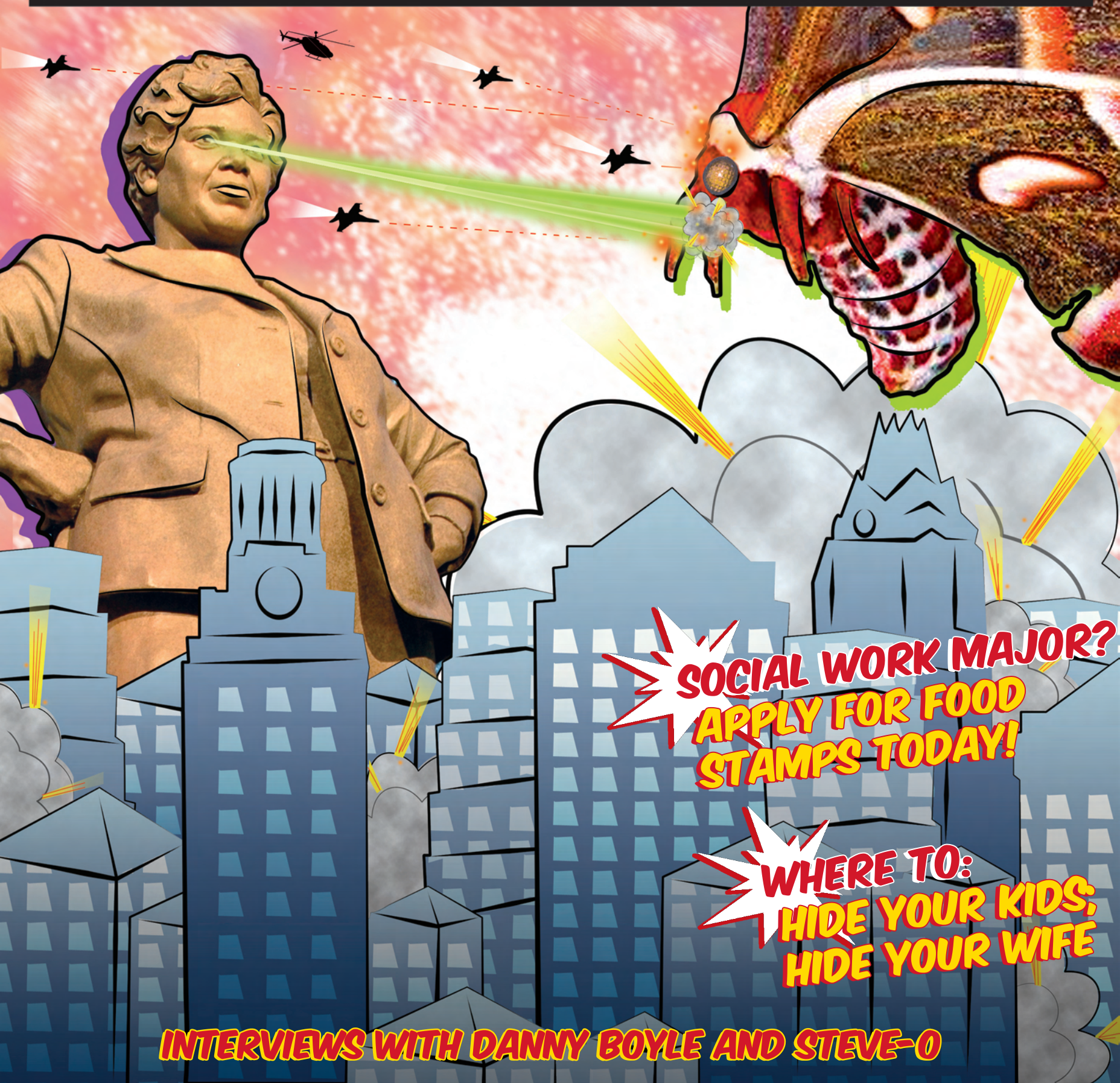


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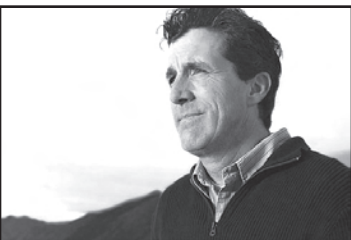
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THIS MONTH IN...

DADS

October was a terrific month for celebrating dads. Who cares that Father's Day is in February or whatever? If you really loved your dad, you'd celebrate him every month!

Tired from driving his daughter to school, Kenneth Kimperman experienced a second wind when he heard his favorite Train song on the radio.



Harry Turner treated himself to two haircuts this month. Who says dads can't be spontaneous?

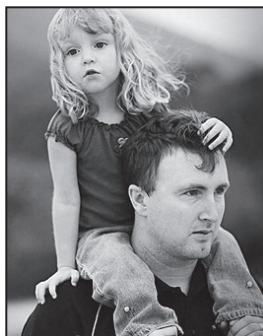
Joseph Kennan put an uncooked chicken leg back on the grill after dropping it on the ground. He just pressure-washed the deck last week!

Frank Dillings chided the family cat, Prissy Nimbles, for not using the litter box. Sometimes dads need to be stern. Stern, but fair.

Uncle Todd tried to act like a dad last Tuesday when he punished his nephew for taking too many napkins from the dispenser in Wendy's. His brother

Bill let it slide, because he knows Todd will never be a real dad.

Bob Willis was this month's "Sad Dad" when his daughter didn't bring home any cheesy biscuits from Red Lobster.



Dad of the month:

Roger Hamilton, after a quick mid-morning trip to The Home Depot, found the crown molding necessary to finish his son Cooper's bedroom remodeling. Then he took his daughter, Linda, golfing on Saturday. In response, his wife Jessica purchased two extra tubs of Roger's favorite Rainbow Sherbet. That's some super-dading, Roger!



around campus

Bro, I'm going to nurture the shit out of **this puppy**.
Hi, person I don't know and wouldn't be able to identify to campus police, could you **watch my stuff** real quick?
More **honest students** will sport an "I did no research!" sticker underneath their "I voted!" one.
That's a **sweet harmonica**. Never play it, okay?
On the bright side, **Blake Gideon** got an A on his Biology quiz this past Thursday.
Remember, skateboarders: We're ALL waiting for you to beef it. **Squid**.

It's not as funny when you realize that the **Bed Intruder** rapist hasn't been caught. Catchy song, though.
Some douchebag is going to mistake some other douchebag for a douchebag he thought he **high-fived** one time back in douchebag.
Oh yeah, I've definitely liked **the Rangers** for more than 10 days. For sure.
The campus was disappointed on Saturday to discover that they had slept through a loss to the second best team from Iowa. **Iowa**.
Male full-body swimsuits will come back into fashion, as will box socials, the Whig party and **tuberculosis**.
Your "**dignity**" amuses Rick Perry.
"Is this a weed-out class or a **smoke-out class**, Dr. Kush?"
Has anyone asked the students who wear the "Physics is like sex" t-shirt **how they arrived** at their conclusion?
On another note, best couple's costume: Lil' Wayne and **Mrs. Parole Officer**.
I like my coffee like I like **my men**: over 6 feet, of a mysterious past, and muscular.

An astronomy professor will explain to his class that the universe is just one big **Michael Bay movie**, starting with the most badass explosion sequence ever.
Wake up **sleepy head!** Leslie is horny and he's been spooning with you all night long in the back alley behind Barcelona.
After a shocking **on-campus masturbation**, many politicians are calling for more penises at universities.
Madrigal dinner will stage a flash mob wherein a bunch of people stand around, wondering why anyone would want to go to a Madrigal dinner.
University officials will only extend **guest hours** if you let them watch.
This costume is great because it doubles as either sexy girl scout or "**To Catch a Predator**" lure.
America awaits the new **Sofia Coppola** movie, *Blonde Girl Looks at Stuff to Music*.
I hope Lisa Ling names her son Reese. Is she having a son? This is a **flimsy premise**.

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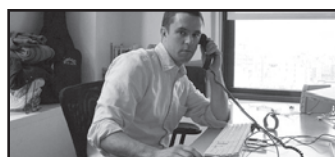
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Union Chick-fil-A limiting customers to two carry on items



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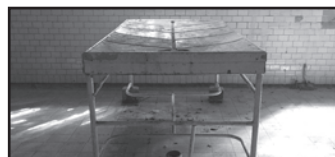
Need for shower competes with need for band-aid on finger



Eyes of Texas currently looking up Maria Femler's mini-skirt



Chipotle Southwest sauce only thing that will save sandwich at this point



Autopsy reveals shrink wrap had not been removed from microwaveable pizza



“Trapped in a basement” demographic likely to skip mid-term elections

Jermaine Affonso
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

WASHINGTON — A Pew research center poll released on Wednesday revealed that as mid-term elections draw closer and millions prepare to pick their candidates of choice, politicians on both sides of the spectrum will likely struggle to garner votes from a key segment of the voting population: those currently trapped in basements.

“While most Americans are disillusioned with the political process this year, it seems like citizens that are trapped in basements are the least likely to show up to vote on November 2nd,” Shirley Moore, a spokesperson for the Pew Center, told reporters. “It seems that they would rather spend their time attempting to escape from their cold underground prisons.”

According to Moore, an astounding zero percent of the unconscious, tied up citizens responded to the Pew Center’s poll.

“Their lack of response could mean that these Americans are particularly dejected with issues like the

economic downturn and government spending,” she said. “It could also mean that they are in the midst of Stockholm syndrome or chained up to some sort of gruesome torture device.”

Moore later clarified that although the Pew Center had not received any direct answers to the specified survey questions, they did receive 50 crum-

“...their extensive psychological damage and emotional scarring make them really easy to convince when suggesting policy changes.”

pled poll sheets from responders covered with phrases like “If someone sees this, please get me the hell out of here!” and “He told me he’d be back in 10 minutes...I don’t have much time! By the way, my vote’s for Dukakis!”

“Some of them went as far as to

list addresses where they needed to be rescued from,” Moore said. “Still, there was absolutely no reference to immigration policies, gay marriage or other election issues, so their notes were largely unusable.”

Researchers say that the “trapped in a basement” demographic consists of approximately 4,000 Americans of differing races, ages, genders and political beliefs connected solely by the fact that they are all currently being held against their will in dark makeshift prison cells.

Despite their small size, the “trapped in a basement” population’s diversity and general vulnerability has made them quite valuable to politicians in past years.

“It’s a varied group of people that needs representation,” said Sen. David Vitter (R-LA) on *Meet the Press*. “Also, their extensive psychological damage and emotional scarring make them really easy to convince when suggesting policy changes.”

This is not the first year that the electoral participation of the “trapped in a basement” demographic has experienced a lull in voting. Since 2000,



■ Americans trapped in basements have struggled to find their political voice in recent years. Photo Texas Travesty

individuals locked-up in damp, inhospitable cellars have shown a steady decrease in voter turnout and have displayed little interest in politics.

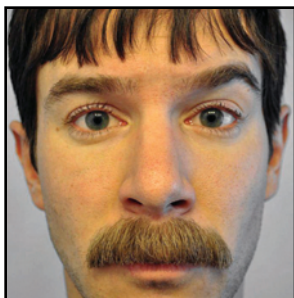
“They’re a challenging demographic to engage with,” Vitter said, “The fact that they’re often blindfolded or bound and gagged with dirty rope makes them hard to actually find.”

Efforts to incite people trapped in basements to vote this year have significantly increased, but with little success. The group is hard to target as it is constantly evolving. Most analysts have stated that there is a high possibility that within 48 hours the current “trapped in the basement demographic” will become the “hastily buried in the woods” demographic.

Mustache grows ironic human

NEW YORK—A mustache in the trendy Brooklyn neighborhood of Park Slope has begun growing 33-year-old electronic keytarist and part-time barista Charles Whitford. “It started because of poor hygiene but eventually, people kept telling me how sweet it looked,” the ‘stache said. “With this human, I don’t

have to work on my personality or social life since I have style.” Growing the ironic human is only one of the many life style changes friends of the mustache have noticed in recent weeks. “He bought a live chicken for ‘organic eggs’ and will not stop talking about Hugo Chavez,” said roommate, Fu Man Chu. “I can honestly say that I really, really hate listening to the Wavves and Clap Your Hands Say Yeah.” As of press time, the mustache is considering growing a girlfriend with dreadlocks.



Man discovers empty gun is functional projectile

AKRON, OH—Reggie Femler was excited to find a discarded Smith and Wesson Model 14 lying on the ground the other day, only to be disappointed when he found out that it was void of any ammunition. He then became elated upon discovering that, when thrown, the gun serves as a functional weapon. “Once the

weapon has used up all its ammunition, it becomes ammunition itself,” said Femler as he thoughtfully considered a new use for his empty can of spray paint. “And my hand becomes the gun.” Reggie was last seen being escorted into a police car for breaking his neighbor’s window.

Unexpected meeting of old friends leads to plans to hang out soon, never

CAMPUS—Juniors Tom Grent and Jerry Niecen, good friends back when they were both in the tenth grade at McMullen High School, ran into each other unexpectedly in the Main Mall this past Tuesday and planned to hang out at some point in the future, never. “Yeah, it sounded like we’re both really busy, but I’m sure we’ll catch up within the next month or never,” said Grent. “I’m sure at some point we’ll talk about getting lunch and then not do it.” When asked about the encounter, Niecen responded, “Wait, I made plans to hang out with who?”

Astronomy professor asks student if he’s ever, just like, looked at the stars

AUSTIN—On Monday morning, Astronomy Professor Lionel Fulstein posed his latest thought provoking question to student Greg McGuffrey when he asked the sophomore if he had ever, just like, looked up at the stars. “Seriously, man, have you ever just sat back and taken it all in?” Fulstein asked, while polishing his tinted round-lens spectacles. “We’re just like these tiny little ants in this one little ant-pile in this whole park we call a galaxy.” Fulstein’s inquiry was just the latest in his series

of stimulating questions posed by UT professors. Early Friday morning, Geology Professor Lionel Brooks asked his students if they had ever held an igneous rock and lost themselves. Recent university inquiries have revealed an increase in such questions among tenured faculty particularly in the sciences, with most research proposals not stretching beyond “These particles just make me feel.”

Bad dog chews hole in owner’s space time continuum

AUSTIN—Baines, a local miniature schnauzer, was punished Wednesday evening when his owner, Jessica Gonzales, discovered that he chewed a five-inch hole into her space-time continuum. “I guess it’s my fault for leaving him alone for four hours, but I’m still so upset,” said Gonzales as she held the ruined fabric of reality in her hands. “I just got this space-time continuum last week.” Baines clearly realized his mistake when he cowered under the table as Gonzales approached him aggressively and shoved the torn continuum in his face.



College of Education introduces “Foundations of Dougie” course

David McQuary
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

AUSTIN—This week, Manuel J. Justiz, dean of the College of Education, put forth the final touches on a new course entitled “Foundations of Dougie,” which will commence this spring.

The course, summarized by the Registrar’s office as, “a comprehensive examination of the origins, methods and cultural implications of Dougie,” will consist of a twice-weekly lecture and weekly lab session, wherein students will meet in an alleyway and experience the “D-Town boogie” firsthand. The class will be a joint effort from professors C-Smoove and Dr. Nathaniel Hornington, although there are rumored plans to include lectures from guest speakers Jermaine Dupri and Bow Wow.

The idea of a dance-themed course isn’t groundbreaking for

the University. Previous dance-themed classes “Introduction to the Twist,” “Beginning Hustle,” and “Stanky Legg 301,” were considered failures and ultimately scrapped as student interest waned.

However, during a press conference today the Dean Justiz stated, “Due to the overwhelming amount of student requests to teach them how to Dougie, we’ve put forth considerable effort towards establishing a curriculum that will enlighten students and challenge their attitudes towards chewing this bubblegum beat.”

Although the class was just made official, a trial run of the course is currently being offered this semester as a pass/fail elective for honors students. The immediate and across-the-board positive response from the student body marked a major success for the University.

Furthermore, the ground-

breaking research done to discover the proper way to teach one how to Dougie, led by C-Smoove and his “crew” of teaching assistants, has answered questions that have plagued the Dougie education community for some time. In particular, a recent experiment that proved (with 99.65% accuracy) why all the bitches love whoever performs the Dougie correctly was lauded by the academic community.

In his recently published report, C-Smoove and Hornington described the theory behind the step-by-step process, “Put your arms out front, lean side to side. They’re gonna be on you when they see you hit that dougie right.” This innovative, pragmatic approach to the often-complicated subject has garnered international praise.

When interviewed about the major influx of grant money



■ Dr. Nathaniel Hornington be like “Smoove, can you teach me how to Dougie?” Photo Texas Travesty

he was awarded as a result of his research group’s recent successes, Hornington remarked, “I don’t give a fuck, blow trees, get money.”

C-Smoove will receive his

honorary doctoral degree later this semester. After graduation he plans to establish a Dougie syllabus that can be adapted and taught overseas at The Sorbonne.

Woman can’t decide whether sexy cop or sexy nurse costume expresses self-worth more



AUSTIN—Sophomore Stacy Kendall found herself in a state of panic in the aisles of Lucy in Disguise on Monday when she was choosing whether a sexy nurse or a sexy cop costume would better express her self-worth for Halloween. “I just don’t know which costume tells others that I’m a beautiful, yet upstanding woman with high moral standards,” Kendall said, brushing her fingers anxiously through her bleached blonde hair. “The sexy nurse costume suggests that I’m a bit of an academician, but the sexy cop costume says that I’m a type-A personality with a proven love for the Constitution.” Patrons of the store were frustrated by the delays in customer service as a result of the incident. “Personally, I think both costume choices are degrading,” fellow customer Rick Campbell said. “Clearly something as silly as a Halloween costume has nothing to do with a woman’s personality or her self-worth,” he noted while deliberating between a “Blow Me” Kleenex costume and a “Twin Towers” outfit.

Dad can’t wait to tell children about zinger he laid on Arby’s cashier

HOUSTON—Jason Staky, a 43 year-old and father of two, was overjoyed last night to tell his children about the witty line he laid down at a local Arby’s to a cashier who totally set him up. “So there I was, right in front of the cashier, right? And get this – Andy, come over here you gotta hear this – the cashier asked me if I ‘wanted some curly fries with that’ and do you know what I said? I said, ‘No but I sure would like some of your curly hair – seeing as I don’t seem to have too much left – because I’m bald,’” said an excited Staky to his noticeably bored teenagers, “Can you believe that?! I just said it, right in front of everyone and everything! I felt like a young Richard Pryor or one of the Smothers brothers!” As of press time, Staky is thinking of a clever comeback to the H.E.B cashier asking if he’d like paper or plastic.

Asshole once experienced a similar situation to that but better

WEST CAMPUS—Sophomore biology major Ryan Lloyd’s attempt to impress friends at a party by telling them a really cool story was ruined when he was interrupted by an asshole that had a similar experience, but better. After Lloyd recounted the time he found a Dave Matthews ticket, asshole Ryan Thames butted into the conversation to loudly explain his way cooler experience.

“I was telling my friends about how I found a Dave Matthews ticket on the bus, but his story totally trumped mine,” Lloyd said, now standing alone at the party. “Apparently, he also found a ticket, but it was a backstage pass he found on a first class flight from Shanghai, while sitting next to Martin Lawrence!” Thames was later spotted telling a group of party-goers about how much better this party would be if it was at his parent’s vacation house in Rio de Janeiro, as body shots usually taste better off Brazilian strippers.

Senate of College Councils approves minus/minus grading system

AUSTIN—In response to the failures of the plus/minus grading system to curb grade inflation last year, the Senate of College Councils, by unanimous vote, approved an unprecedented minus/minus grading system at their last meeting. The minus/minus system will eliminate all plus grading, ensuring that students will only be able to earn grades ending in a number ranging between 0 and 4. “It’s a great system because it’s going to literally make it impossible for student’s to earn any grades that will garner them a plus grade. No more 88’s, no more B pluses” said an excited Juan Gonzales, VP for Student Affairs. The grading system is expected to lower the average UT GPA greatly, which may results in certain repercussions. “It’s rare that a single bill is able to concurrently reduce the prospects for UT students hoping gain admittance to graduate school while at the same time hindering those eventually hoping find a job,” said a beaming College of Senate Councils communications director Matthew Stevens. “Even by our standards, this is a tremendous screw job.”

NFL to crackdown on rape, for serious this time

Dan Treadway
MANAGING EDITOR

NEW YORK—NFL commissioner Roger Goodell announced Monday that the league is going to make a concerted effort to crackdown on the number of alleged rapes committed by players, for serious this time.

"In recent months, the allegations surrounding Ben Roethlisberger and Lawrence Taylor have given the NFL a bad image," Goodell told reporters at a press conference. "We are determined to move past these heinous actions and rebuild our reputation... but for real now. We promise."

Although the league has made such declarations in the past, Goodell was firm in his commitment to upholding higher standards this time around.

"I'm like, 99 percent sure that this type of thing will probably stop happening with players," he added.

Goodell also addressed the allegations that he reduced Roethlis-

berger's suspension to four games because of their friendship.

"I know some people got the wrong idea, but that was the last time that happens, I swear," noted Goodell. "I mean, how am I supposed to suspend Ben? We golf on the weekends. He's a really nice guy once you get past all of the alleged rapes."

The league offices have been

"We are determined to move past these heinous actions and rebuild our reputation...but for real now. We promise."

fairly mum on the issue in recent months, but felt that now was the time to bring the issue back to the forefront.

"The greater public is beginning to get concerned with the implications of the severe hits

administered in games," said Tom Cambridge, a spokesman for the league office. "We wanted to hold this press conference not to divert public attention, but as a way of saying 'Hey, we screw other things up pretty badly too.'"

While there were no immediate announcements as to how the league plans to curb unruly behavior by players, Goodell did mention during the press conference that he would like the players to just be a little bit more thoughtful.

"I understand we pay these men millions of dollars to act like ravenous animals willing to tear the flesh off of one another for the delight of onlookers, but a little bit of courtesy in their personal affairs would be nice," said Goodell. "I fully expect my players to ask themselves, 'Could I be accused of rape for this?' before commencing any activity. That would solve a lot of problems. We've got to remember, these guys are role models for our children."



■ Goodell most likely going to dole out far more disapproving stares. Photo Creative Commons

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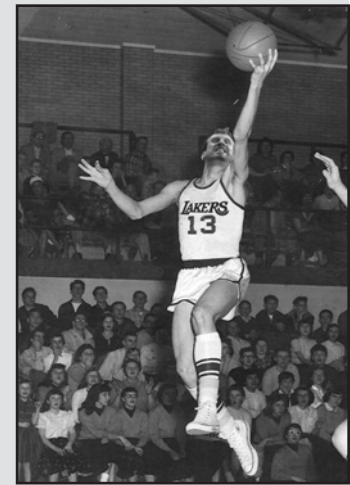
Experts declare Tim Tebow frontrunner to win Heisman Trophy



NEW YORK—Eight weeks into the 2010 college football season, experts are now in near unanimous agreement that past trophy winner and long-time genophobe, Tim Tebow is the frontrunner to win the Heisman trophy for the second time in his illustrious career. Tebow would be the first player to win the award without playing for a NCAA-sanctioned school. “We, as well as the coaches, feel that Tim Tebow is the only candidate truly worthy of the award. He should have won last year, but it was mistakenly given to a better player with a more impressive season,” Heisman Trust President William Dockerty said. Several other players were considered, including former Tebow back-up Cameron Newton, who has set the SEC record for rushing yards by a quarterback with almost half the season still remaining; but still, none could match Tebow’s affable personality and hard-working attitude, which apparently are key factors in choosing the Heisman. “Did you see his dominant five-yard run for a touchdown against the Jets?” asked Dockerty. “I don’t think there’s any question that he’s the best player not playing college football and it’s obvious that he deserves an award as such.”

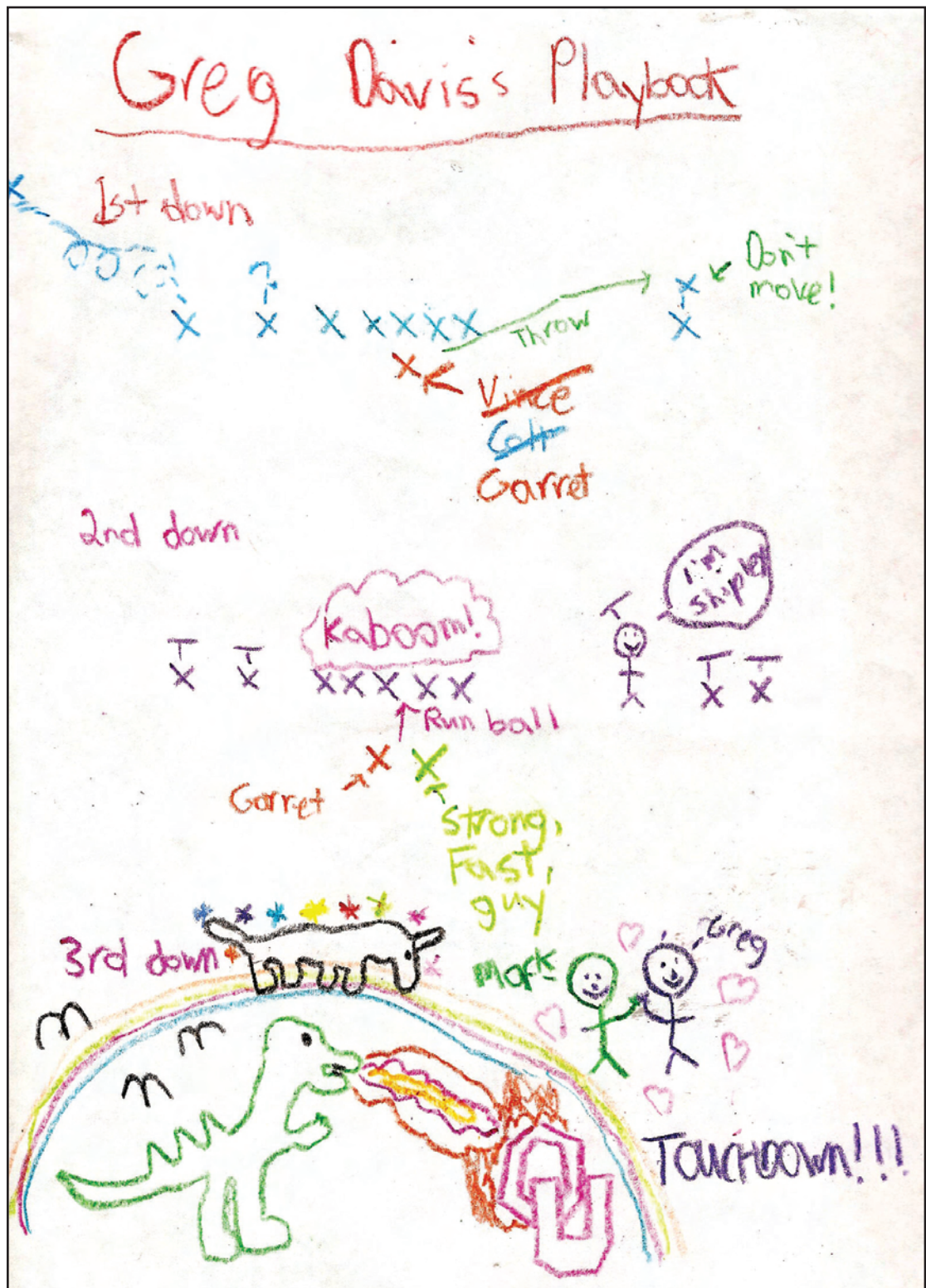
Spurs forward Matt Bonner traded to 1956

SAN ANTONIO—During a press conference last Tuesday, R.C. Buford, the General Manager of the San Antonio Spurs announced that Matt Bonner would be traded to the year 1956. Buford, who has been praised for his thrifty personnel choices throughout his tenure, looks to clear over \$3 million in cap space in the deal, which will net the Spurs Hall of Fame Minneapolis Lakers Center George Mikan in exchange for Bonner. Bonner, who at press time was combing pomade into his red hair, feels positive about the trade. “I’m happy to go back to the fundamentals,” Bonner said just prior to entering the time regression chamber. “I’ll get a chance to be a bigger part of the offense and the property taxes are really competitive from what I understand.” Buford ended the brief press conference, saying, “There were some obvious questions prior to saying yes to the deal, but we have every reason to believe George can adapt to the 24-second shot clock and, you know, integration.”



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Bill White has a bad hairs day

AUSTIN—Texas Democratic gubernatorial candidate Bill White awoke on Wednesday to discover he was suffering from a bad hairs day. “No amount of combing or hair gel can fix this,” White said, standing in front of a mirror. Later, at a press conference, White asserted while wearing a 1970’s era Houston Astros baseball cap that despite the temporary setback, he was still the best man for the job. “I assure all potential voters that my policy decisions are far more reliable than my hairs.” Sensing weakness, the Rick Perry campaign has already launched six attack ads against White and his failing follicles. “This just shows the citizens of Texas that White has neither the ideas nor the hairs of a true leader,” wrote the Perry campaign in a press release. “Rick Perry has the experience and most importantly, the hair, that Texas deserves.”



Man sheds pounds by carrying emotional burden

BURLINGTON, VT— Coach of the Burlington Bandits T-Ball team, Gary Fields, caught the attention of friends and neighbors last Saturday with a trim new figure he acquired after not telling anyone that he accidentally ran over and killed the team’s mascot, Ricky the Raccoon. “The isolating, crippling guilt allowed me to lose fifty pounds,” Fields said. “Looks like someone’s getting rid of their P90X DVDs.” Fields’ colleagues were dumbfounded with his recent weight loss. “He was really depressed after Ricky ran away,” said assistant coach Sonny Sanders, who was still ignorant of Fields’ transgressions. “He looks terrific though!”

PCL guard wonders if it’s okay to start playing Minesweeper again

MAIN CAMPUS—After a month of careful surveillance during his daily shift at the security desk of the PCL, security guard Larry Meldon wondered if it was alright to start playing Minesweeper again for the first time since the recent tragedy. “I’m not sure if it’s appropriate to get back in the game,” Meldon quietly said, as he fondly recalled his usual daily routine of avoiding strategically placed mines on a graphic grid. “I want protect the library and all, but I think it would be alright if I played it a little, just like old times.” For the past four weeks, Meldon has done little beyond sitting at his post and carefully examining the library’s entrance. “I’ve put a little more pressure on myself to keep my eyes open,” he added. “And what do you know, I’ve already prevented 35 thefts!”

Stupid idea gaining traction amongst really dumb people



WASHINGTON—According to sources, a very stupid idea continues to gain momentum amongst dumb people across the nation. The idea, which experts are classifying as “infectiously moronic,” has caught the imagination of the American people and has reached a level of popularity greater than even the George Foreman grill, though it is not as dumb as doggie clothing. “We have been tracking the spread of the idea,” social anthropologist Carmen Sinterklaas told the media on Friday, “We fear it is simply too stupid for idiots to ignore.” In spite of expert consensus on the idea’s historic dumbassery, it has continued to rise in popularity. The idea comes on the heels of several others that have gained attention from America’s healthy dipshit population, including a spaceship propelled by rainbows and, most recently, a political movement to replace all incumbents with middle-aged Republicans.



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AUSTIN—Halfway through her junior year, Katie James, a member of the Kappa Delta sorority, has successfully graduated from UT after receiving an engagement ring from her longtime boyfriend Allister Clay. “We knew she had been putting a lot of work into this project, we just didn’t expect success so early,” said friend and fellow Kappa Delta sister Ashley White while admiring the four karat, princess cut engagement ring. James astounded both her boyfriend and sorority sisters with her brilliant honors thesis, “I’m pregnant with your child, now what are you going to do about that?!” The couple will be registered at Macy’s, Neiman Marcus and Mercedes-Benz.

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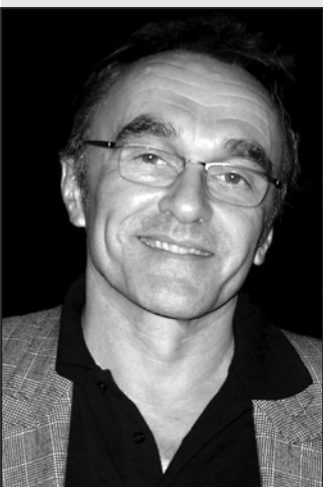
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Texas Travesty Interview

Danny Boyle



Danny Boyle, director of such hits as *Slumdog Millionaire* and *28 Days Later*, took on the story of mountaineer Aron Ralston for his newest movie, *127 Hours*. The title of the film signifies the amount of time Ralston, played by James Franco, spent with his arm jammed underneath a boulder in a canyon in Utah, culminating in Aron cutting off his own arm in order to survive. The Texas Travesty had the honor of getting to interview Boyle about the production of the movie and other projects he's got in the works.

Texas Travesty: *An admirable dimension of your filmography is the breadth of different cultures upon which your movies are structured. Do you have any new cultural territory in mind for an upcoming project?*

Danny Boyle: I'm sorry repeat that last one again?

TT: *Do you have any new cultural territory in mind for an upcoming project?*

DB: Well, very weirdly and very significantly I'm doing a theater play next. I'm doing an adaptation, a new adaptation of *Frankenstein*, the Mary Shelley book that began the whole myth. I'm doing an adaptation of that for the National Stage in London. So that's a big, significant cultural shift for me. I started off as a theater director many years ago, but I haven't done it for a long time. It's a

bit of a challenge to myself, really, to see if I can still do it. You don't have all those luxury items you get with movie making, you know?

TT: *Yeah, definitely. Did you approach 127 Hours differently than your other movies?*

DB: Yeah, I did actually. Obviously each film has its own identity, but most especially with this one would be, which I noticed—because there could only be one actor in it I had to work differently with an actor than I normally do. I work in a pack of actors usually, and that gives the director a lot of control. You control the dynamic, especially in editing; it's just the way you work with them. And this difference, I thought that I'd have to relinquish obvious control a bit more than I would normally do. You have to let the actor dictate much, much more of it. The focus on them is going to be so microscopic, so intense, that the audience will spot any manipulation that's going on from the director. The film, the ordeal, everything has to organically flow from James [Franco], you know?

TT: *Right.*

DB: And it's not a biopic, in that sense, so it's just a totally immersive experience. I mean, Aron does turn up in the end, but it's when we hand the film back to him. We give the story back to him, having told our

version of it. So it was very important that it was James that dictated everything, and that made me a bit distanced as a director. Yeah, for sure it made me less controlling and a lot more inventive, really.

TT: *And I guess that leads into my next question. James Franco had never really opened for a movie on his own, having only done smaller parts and roles in buddy comedy type movies; but he really did a spectacular job in this movie. What led you to James and convinced you that he was right for the role?*

DB: It's very funny. It was *Pineapple Express*, actually, because what's incredible about *Pineapple Express* was that—I had seen him before, he's a very, very talented actor—but when you see him do high comedy like that, it does tell you that they're a fully rounded actor, you know, with range. And what we needed more than anything was variety and change, the ability to keep the sense of movement going in the character, in the voices that he uses—and he really does that most extraordinarily when he does that [reception cuts out for three seconds] on the talk show, or on the radio, or taking callers—and we needed that. There's no organic hero that will come in, or villain that will come in. It was always going to be James, every time, and he needed to create the changes

himself, really. So I didn't know it at the time, but seeing *Pineapple Express* was a pivotal moment for me, in retrospect.

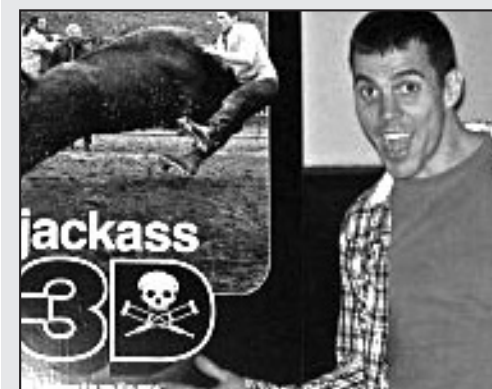
TT: *So what sort of a role did Aron Ralston play in the adaptation of his story?*

DB: Well, Aron was—we involved him in the script stage—honestly I had just met him in 2006, but when I had read his book and I wanted to adapt the film, he didn't really want to do it as a drama, as a feature like I wanted to do it. He wanted to do it as a documentary, which I can understand. He had written the book, and he wanted to keep control of the facts, and he wanted to keep absolute control. We met again after *Slumdog [Millionaire]* was a big hit, and I think that made him feel a confidence in me. And he approached us, which I think was a big leap for him, a big leap of faith to give it to us, you know, in those circumstances. We involved him in every stage. We sent him every version of the script, and took plenty of nods from him—we didn't obey all his nods, because I told him, 'You know, this will be very factually correct but it is our version

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Texas Travesty Interview

Steve-O



Steve-O has made a career out of swallowing whole live goldfish, sticking a hook through his face, getting hit in the balls, catapulted into the air, and generally doing ill-advised things in front of a camera. As the third installment of *Jackass* is released, Steve-O talks about sobriety, the stress of having a movie released, and the one stunt he's always wanted to try. The third movie is being released in 3-D, so if you want to watch Steve-O and all his buddies vomit out of the screen buy tickets now.

Texas Travesty: *Last night we watched you bungee in a port-a-potty right after you explained that bungeeing and roller coasters were one of your biggest fears. So how do they talk you into these things?*

Steve-O: I don't need much talking into, like, my approach to this movie was I wanted to personally avoid doing things that really risked paralysis or death. Those are the only two things. I was like, you know, I wanted to prove that I'm not boring and lame, I wanted to really make a great movie, but I made it really

clear, I was like "paralysis and death, those are the two things that I want to avoid" and that was kind of my formula for deciding what I did for this movie. If I didn't perceive a real risk of paralysis or death then I was in. And I pretty well stuck to that. There's one point where we were doing something and you hear me say "I'm going to pass out" I really felt like I was so uncomfortable, afraid, and overwhelmed having to do something and I thought I was gonna pass out but then I did it.

TT: *How is it hard doing this clean and*

sober?

Steve-O: It's not easier. But, I don't anticipate anyone calling me lame. With the craziness surrounding this, I feel a lot better equipped to see this movie come and go. I've got a life separate from this. I love just waking up with my little crazy dog. My life is pretty simple. It wasn't very simple last night though (laughter). I had a really wild night last night. I was sitting around drinking my water at the Highball place and I wound up asking this one girl to give me a ride back to the hotel and then she had

two friends come along. So I wound up going back to the hotel with three girls. Never had anything like that happen to me before.

TT: *What's been your most awkward injury to explain to paramedics?*

Steve-O: That's a cool question. Let's see here. On the this movie I got hospitalized twice and I showed up to the hospital with a broken nose and a bee-bee in my nipple, from a bee-bee gun, but that wasn't terribly awkward, I don't think. I guess on the last movie I showed up to the hospital wearing a pretty wild suit. I think everyone on *Jackass 3D*, I was hospitalized twice, I think everyone went to hospital, maybe multiple times, we had more hospital visits during *Jackass 3D* than with any other movie, and I think when we get there, we're past the point of it being awkward. It's like, "Aw there's a Jackass guy, there's a Jackass guy in a jock-strap." I don't even think it's awkward anymore.

TT: *Inbetween movies you did a lot of TV work, how was that?*

Steve-O: I did do some TV work in between. But right now I'm getting into some more stand-up. Stand-up comedy is something I've done in the past, but I'm really jumping into it now. Like, I've got an idea for a TV show where I would go out on a comedy tour, doing stunts and stuff. Last night I was joking around with

the audience a lot and I did a stunt, so I could really picture putting together a comedy stunt show and going out on a tour with that and make a television series that would follow me on the tour and using my tour bus as a control room to do hidden camera pranks and stuff. I have a ton of great ideas, and at this point I'm meeting with different production companies to talk about shooting it. Nothing is set yet, but it seems like I'm in a pretty luxurious position to be able to choose who I work with on this TV show idea, and all the people I'm choosing from are all interested. I'm confident and I have some more work to do and, like I said, I'll stay faithful to the brand. The idea is to be more focused on comedy. I think that's what people want, they just want to laugh.

TT: *Have you faced any challenges in entering the comedy world?*

Steve-O: Sure, yeah, like I'm pretty lucky, Dane Cook has been really encouraging me and he's been there at some of my performances and stuff. I've prepared a lot and sat around writing and bringing different comics over to help me go through what wrote and tweak it

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Oh no! Jeff had a pretty crazy night on 6th street for Halloween. But his toga costume got spilled on and now Jeff will never get his deposit back from Lucy in Disguise! Join Jeff as he pieces together his night in order to figure out “who done it” in 6th St. Clue!



Jeff’s only clues are his camera phone pictures, some texts from his friends, and a few very fuzzy memories.

Green w/ Envy

I told this douchebag that he was a year late and he was pretty offended. He probably had a motive to spill something on me. Tears? Maybe.

Beauty Bar

Was it me when I tripped and fell into the urinal at The Aquarium?

Peacock Girl

I remember trying to talk to this chick, but she was wasted and kept turning around and frilling her feathers at me. She scratched my eyes, threw her drink and grabbed my ass before she left.

Cheers Shot Bar

Was it the Cab Driver with the Mild Taco Bell sauce while throwing me on a curb at IHOP?

Cab Driver

This guy talked funny. He was pretty shady, and his hands were covered in some taco sauce. It's quite possible that he had to carry me back to the house...?

Maggie Mae's

Mrs. White

Me and a bunch of the guys went out and Reed's Mom, Mrs. White, was at the same place! She drank all of us under the table. In fact, last thing I remember she was gulping whatever was under the table.

Prof. 2 Plums

Oh, I met her outside of...I don't even remember. She calls herself "The Professor." She taught me how to pay \$60 for...I mean...I really don't want to get into details. There may have been fluids involved...

Scarlet Devil

This girl was the life of the party. I remember doing some shots with her. I'm pretty sure that we were drinking Nyquil. I don't remember much after that, but I do recall her swaying all over the place like she was about to puke.

Dr. Rooster

Was he even from last night? I could have sworn he was a figment of my imagination.

Mr. Mustard

This dude is the BEST. We were chugging some of the stuff I had with Ms. Scarlet earlier, and he even did a shot of sauerkraut! It was pretty fun until he broke a ketchup bottle in half on the bar and started waving it everywhere.

The Library

Was it Professor Plum with the blowjob in The Library?

The Aquarium

6th St. CLUE

MESSAGES

REED
Duuuuude wherre r U?
1:23am

REED
mom's drung me bck 2 teh appartmnt. assshole!
2:45am

I H O P

What the fuck is this stain?

Guesses:

- Watermelon Four Loko
- Miscellaneous barf
- Jungle Jizz'm?
- MD 20/20
- Tomato Basil soup
- White out
- Drool
- Shots-Shots-Shots-Shots-Shots

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tip THREE

3 If he begins to **cry**, wipe his tears. His **tiny arms** cannot reach his head.



tip FOUR

4 Stay on topic. Don't let him change the subject with a blood-curdling roar.

5 If there is another man in the picture, don't mention him so as to avoid a confrontation between the two. Especially if he is a more evolved form of your boyfriend.



tip SIX

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The Winter Ballerina

Equal parts creative and frilly, this winter ballerina is fierce and ready for another spin cycle.



The Leggy Gentleman

Not afraid to show off his feminine calves, the leggy gentleman has the type of confidence usually reserved for tacky golf outfits.



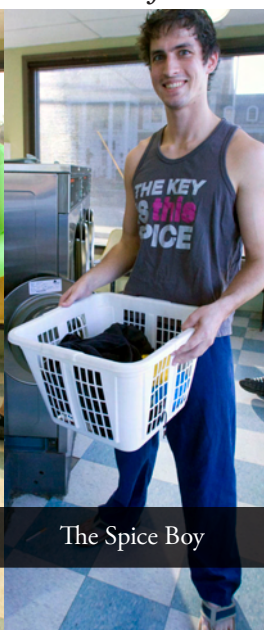
The Cutie

Fresh out of ensembles that display her personality through fabric, this cutie is comfortable just straight up expressing it in words sewn on denim.



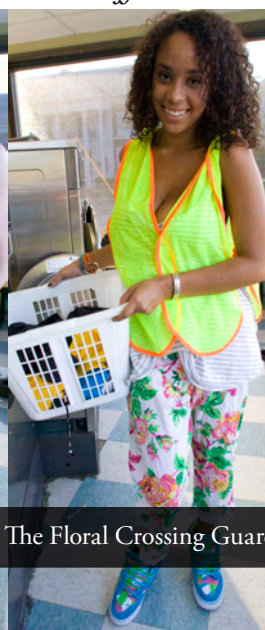
The Green Man

Oxygen be damned, this go-getter doesn't need pants, underwear or dignity, just a jumpsuit. Perfect for the fashionista wanting to sneak up on a weather man.



The Spice Boy

Having extinguished all of his meaningful or otherwise witty t-shirts, the spice boy opts for je ne sais quoi. Even Rachel Ray won't touch this spice!



The Floral Crossing Guard

Do I wish to express my fondness of plumage or my desire to direct traffic? This bold fashion diva says "Why not both?"



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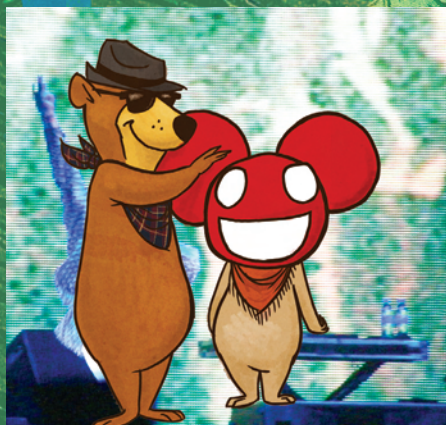


Blogi jumped the turnstyle to get into Zilker Park. Bouncer Smith was none too pleased.



"Hey, hey, check it out Yoo Hoo, I look like a beatnik."

"You're a regular Kerouac, Blogi."



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WOMP WOMP WOMP WOMP*



Did somebody say Phish?
It smells bad and I'ma starving all of the sudden.
Let me get a little closer to the stage!



By the time The Eagles set was finished, the ecstasy began wearing off. Blogi was bored into hibernation.

Lady Bird Lake



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Democrats

IMMIGRATION

America is a nation that's always been inclusive. Immigrants have only positive things to offer our country.

Topics to avoid: Jaurez, Mexico

EDUCATION

The State government has led to the demise of education in this state.

Topic to avoid: Federal government

TAXES

Taxes are a necessary component of a fruitful society.

Topics to avoid: The broken (insert government program) system

HEALTHCARE

Our founding documents clearly grant a right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Uninsured Americans are hindered in their ability to pursue these ideals.

Topics to avoid: Canada

GAY MARRIAGE

Marriage is a not a privilege that should be granted by the government, but a right that should be granted for any person in any society.

Topics to avoid: Perez Hilton

OBAMA

Try not to talk about this guy too much.

Republicans



IMMIGRATION

We have the strongest economy in America and they want to take our jobs.

Topics to avoid: Why we have the strongest economy in America.

EDUCATION

The Federal government has led to the demise of education in this country.

Topics to avoid: State government

TAXES

More taxes, less freedom, blah blah blah.

Topics to avoid: Your corporate tax evasion.

HEALTHCARE

"Bogging down the healthcare system with more government bureaucracy would be a disaster."

Topics to avoid: Getting sick

GAY MARRIAGE

Marriage is defined between one man and one woman. Period.

Topics to avoid: That you're gay

OBAMA

Muslim.

Topics to avoid: He's not a Muslim.



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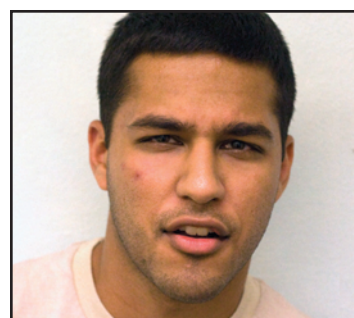
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I don't care if you're going into anaphylactic shock, quit cockblocking me



Jason Boutier

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Whoa, whoa! What are you doing, man? Dude, stop swaying! Oh no, not this shit again. I'm about to pound some chick, so I really need you to stop being such a douche and cockblocking me by going into anaphylactic shock!

Okay, okay, maybe I shouldn't have spiked your drink with peanuts, but that was like, what, 20 minutes ago? Get over it, bro, it was a joke.

Oh Christ, here come the theatrics. Get off the floor and stop rolling your eyes into the back of your head. You're embarrassing me.

No, I don't know where your goddamn Epi Pen is! I could care less. All I know is that I'm hard and need to tap this bitty. Just deal with this debilitating seizure yourself.

I don't need a charity case—I need a wingman. If you want to be a true

friend, you'll find another way to solve your problem, especially when I'm so close to scoring.

Are you still pissy because I forced you to tag along and be my DD? Is this some sort of payoff? God, you're such a shallow drama queen. You still have to drive my lady friend and me home. At least cover your face up. It's all purple and swollen. I don't want you to scare away this fine piece of ass.

Oh damn. Get up, motherfucker. Get up! So help me, dude. If you don't get up and screw this up for me, I'm going to start tossing more peanuts into your foaming mouth.

Look, I know anaphylaxis requires urgent medical attention and can result in massive cardiac arrest, but that ship has long since sailed, bro. It's either my dick or you. And I know for sure that I'm getting some ass tonight. Whether you make it to a hospital or not is up to you and your own resourcefulness.

Oh shit, she's starting to leave. I can't believe you're blowing this for me. Quick, set me up with something. Start talking to her friend or something. I need this. Man up and take one for the team. Get up!

Well, shit. She's gone. You son of a bitch.

I can't believe you could be so selfish.

LOOK AT ME! LOOK AT ME! LOOK AT ME!

Will Myers
STUDENT ON UNICYCLE



Hey everyone! Can you believe what I'm doing right now? I'm cruising to class at breakneck speed on a unicycle. Most of you squares get to class on foot or on a bicycle, so I bet you're all super impressed at how well I'm riding this thing. There are no handlebars, and there's only one wheel! LOOK AT ME, LOOK AT ME, LOOK AT ME!

Yeah, that's it. Turn your head. You know you want to. Ignore the conversation you're having on your cell phone. The person on the other line isn't on a unicycle. I am.

It's not every day you see a guy riding a unicycle, unless you're a member of the circus, or in my 2:00 lecture.

My unicycle isn't the most efficient mode of travel. In fact, it's

probably going to make me fifteen minutes late to class. But if that fifteen minutes is filled with people staring at me, then that's fifteen minutes well spent. Higher learning can wait; my neediness can't.

I think I might just skip class altogether. I could just ride this baby downtown and REALLY start turning heads!

Riding a unicycle is a much better workout than you'd think. I have to continually use my core to make sure I'm balanced correctly.

I even know a few tricks! Watch me do a few 360-degree spin jumps on this thing. Did you see that?

Let me try risking my life again for the approval of another passerby. I bet I could go down these stairs backwards. I can wait until you're done texting. Are you ready?

Some psychologist may call this overcompensation to make up for a lack of parental love as a child, but I call it good old fashion fun.

"I'm a unique and exciting individual, and my mode of transportation needs to reflect that."

Uh-oh, I almost lost my balance for a second. I could have taken a gnarly fall. What if I had broken my arm? That would have been terrible, but not as terrible as you breaking eye contact with me. Come to

think of it, if I did fall down, people would probably turn their heads to look. I can only imagine how interesting I'd seem when bone is sticking out of my arm. My eventual cast would probably be neon pink and really noticeable.

Let's face it, I'm a unique and exciting individual and my mode of transportation needs to reflect that. Some days I go to class on roller skates. Other days, I'll ride my baby elephant, Herbert. I put a top hat on his head whenever I take him in public. It's really cute and attention-grabbing, which makes ME really cute and attention-grabbing. I can only imagine how cute and attention-grabbing he will look when I teach him how to ride a unicycle. That would really fill my void!



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So, today's the day I turn 42. It's been a hell of a run, if I do say so myself. I've certainly had some good times, but in all honesty today is sort of bittersweet for me. After

this important milestone, I guess it's the right time to come to terms with the fact that I can no longer play in the McDonald's PlayPlace without being arrested.

Yes, its nice being mature and not incarcerated, but I have to admit that I'm really going to miss jumping into that giant pile of play balls after eating my five-piece Chicken McNugget meal. I can't imagine walking into a McDonalds restaurant and not being able to crawl through the brightly colored, urine scented tunnels.

Who am I going to show off my happy meal toys to now?

It's alright though, I've moved past my need to play in the PlayPlace. After the fifth time the police took me away, it seemed pretty clear that I couldn't return to that vivid wonderland. Oh, the fond memories I have of climbing up those plastic ladders and sliding down those super spiraly slides!

And before you even ask, of

course I've tried dressing up like a little kid to avoid detection. Some of the parents didn't appreciate my short shorts and cherry lollipop, but I found it quite tasteful.

You may think that Chuck-E-Cheese would be a great alternative for a guy like me, but to be honest, I've never been to a playground as carefree, honest, and filled with badly fed six-year-olds as the ones at McDonalds.

I have no idea what I'm going to do in my spare time now. My wife left me after the second "wrestling" incident, so I've been searching for hobbies that don't involve McDonald's. I guess now I'll have time to stay home with my Barbie dolls and Sprite can tower, dreaming of the PlayPlace I called my bed on five separate occasions.

Well, this is certainly a sadder day than I expected. Oh well, there's always the children's book section at Borders, I suppose!

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