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My Hawaiian Adventure (or lack there of)

By James Schneider

15,337 words. At last, after spending my entire break cooped up indoors. Finally, my honors thesis is complete.

My hands may have been exercising at the keyboard, but my mind wandered. I spent daydream after daydream thinking about how wonderful it would have been if, like every other college student, I had gone to some exotic location. Puerto Rico, Florida, Italy: my friends found themselves tanning among these. My own personal voyage took me to the island of Hawaii for a week-long pursuit of hedonism. In my mind, that is.

While my friends dwindling bank accounts show the damage that a week's worth of real-life profligacy can muster, mine is virtually untouched. I spent about \$7.50 a day, frequenting the food trucks that reside outside Stouffer Hall. It's pretty much the standard pay-out and I can live with that. The real story of my break was a meta-dormlife story, in that my thesis on dorm life was written primarily in a dorm. Pretty amusing, to be sure.

One day in particular stands out in memory. 38 pages in one day. There was no clear blue water. There were no palm trees visible. I did not have an umbrella in my drink, and the drink did not contain any alcohol. I was merely drinking water and typing on my laptop. I can remember it as if it were last week:

A quick survey of the room reveals no sign of anything remotely sandy or beach-like, unless you count my socks. My tussled hair, scarcely-brushed teeth and ne'er pressed clothes are evidence of my dedication. Stacks of disorganized papers are heaped on top of every speck of desk, bed, chairs and floor. A small desk lamp provides the only source of light as nighttime washes over my tired frame.

All I need to write is about 40 more pages and I'll be finished. Why did I choose to study anthropology? Why couldn't I have chosen a normal major, like English? My desire to be a journalist has completely overcome any desire to study something interesting. I want something practical. Not practical in general, just practical for an aspiring journalist. I reflect on my job search and contemplate quitting college. How am I possibly going to get through this paper?

I decide to check my Yahoo! Fantasy Baseball web site and see no change. I check my e-mail for the 400th time today. I peruse a few more internet diversions. All at once, I snap out of my procrastination. Why should I bother wasting my time with these trifling matters? I've got about four days left to write eighty percent of my paper, true, but all of my research is done. I think about how much happier I would be in Hawaii, though I have never been, and would probably burn to a crisp if I did. I decide that once I knock down my paper I can return to the daydream that is Spring Break.

Miraculously I crank out 38 pages in the course of the next 10 hours or so. Even more amazing is that it's not half bad. Sure, it's not going to win a Pulitzer, but throw me a bone and tell me it's good enough for the Anthropology Department Prize. At least that's the goal. Whatever, my advisor will read it and I'll be fine.

I click "Start." I click "Turn off computer" I click "Turn off." Windows powers down and I smile at my accomplishment.

I've got a date with a lei and some girls in coconut bras. Don't tell anyone!



Pictured: Bubba's Bucket o' Boat Trash

EUGENE'S RESTAURANT REVIEW: BUBBA GUMP SHRIMP CO.

Those of you who have been to New York recently have probably seen the rotating Bubba Gump Shrimp sign and wondered "wow, interesting..." But few have probably gone in and checked out the place. Before entering the restaurant, there's a shop below with lots of nice memorabilia from the movie: a shirt with a back that lists all the different ways shrimp can be prepared, the little shrimp mascot, etc. It's nice going in, checking out all the novel signs, and it's got an atmosphere that just makes you smile.

Then you go up to eat. Now it's a big but cozy set-up - and if you get the window seat, you have a nice view of all of Times Square. In addition, the food is awesome, the best thing you can get of course, Bubba's Bucket o' Boat Trash - sounds like a gamble, but you get a small mountain of fish, shrimp, lobster tails along with the chips (potatoes for those not born in England, I am a native of Williamsworthingskinsensen of course), and coleslaw. They even have what I think is a paid happy-man. He goes around, strikes up conversations, quizzes you on Gump trivia. It's really nice.

Now the drawbacks: of course, it's a little pricey since it's in Times Square, but it's not a bad bet, starting price is average \$13 or so. Definitely a nice place to take someone out, because it's guaranteed you both leave smiling and thinking about buying that tape of Forrest Gump on your way out.

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-Eugene Kim



Dictionaries Are Fun Especially When You Can Win Free T-Shirts

Corey “Pulse” Hulse

8:10 PM - I walk by the Mayer Playroom only to find the masses to play a game of “Dictionary,” hosted by Endel and Shannon. The free chocolate cheesecake tempted me, and so I stayed to play. Hilarity ensued.

Rules of the game: Take huge dictionary and Player A picks a word. Player A makes sure no one knows the definition and writes the correct definition on a piece of paper. All the remaining players write down a fake definition, all the papers are gathered and read out loud, and the people vote on the real one. Points were awarded, and first and second place won t-shirts. Credit is given to those who put their initials down on the little sheets of paper. Try to guess!

1. cil'ice \Cil'ice\, n.

- A. “A kind of cloth undergarment made of goat’s hair.”
- B. “An 18th century war pike.” – Aparna Chandrasekhar
- C. “A special group of people from Sicily who uses this act to please people.” – GA Keshav
- D. “A lemon custard dessert of French origin.”
- E. “The archaeological term used to describe the shards of a chalice.”

2. gabelleman \Ga*belle'man\, n.

- A. “A merchant in a gabella, or a traditional outdoor marketplace.” – Corey Hulse
- B. “A tool operated by a hand crank, that is used to clean wood-burning stoves.” – Shannon
- C. “A tax collector.” – Emily Cohen
- D. “A little man who chases gabelles, which are related to gazelles.” – GA Emily
- E. “A really, really ridiculously good looking bellman” – GA Endel

3. uxorious \Ux*o'ri*ous\, a.

- A. “The euphoric state obtained by oxen when they accidentally consume leaves from the marijuana plant.” – GA Emily
- B. “Ample in size and girth.” - Shrihari Santosh
- C. “Excessively fond of one’s wife.” – GA Endel
- D. “Euphoric; lascivious; often used to describe the mental state achieved after intercourse.” – Aparna



I came in first and won this FINE vintage Stoutter t-shirt. Props to Emily Cohen for a close 2nd.

4. caoutchouc \Caout'chouc\, n.

- A. “Vodka and orange cocktail.” – Amal Mahadawo
- B. “Of or relating to cat vomit.” – GA Endel
- C. “One who creates a chaotic ambience.” – Emily C.
- D. “Sap of the rubber tree.” – GA Keshav
- E. “A casserole native to France made of chicken and vegetables.” – Anne
- F. “A thorny bitter fruit found only in the Deccan plateau region of India.” – Shrihari

5. jougs \Jougs\, n.

- A. “An instrument of punishment formally used in Scotland, consisting of an iron collar fastened to a wall or tree by an iron chain.” – Shihari
- B. “French word describing alumni from le Grande École de Commerce à Jougié.” – Amal
- C. “Units of electrical resistance.” – Phil
- D. “A disease found in prairie dogs that causes them to chase buffalo.” – GA Emily
- E. “A rare hereditary disorder found in men, in which they become obsessed with enormous, floppy jugs.” – GA Endel

6. zymurgy \zy*mur'gy\, n.

- A. “The hardened particles of dung found on the rear of stanky-ass donkeys.” – GA Endel
- B. “The study of rainbows.” – Anne
- C. “The synthesis of chamber groups into a large orchestra.” – Emily C.
- D. “The process of a zygote combining with another zygote.” – Brenna Kelly
- E. “The chemistry of fermentation, as applied to winemaking, brewing, etc.” – Shannon

(1.A) (2.C) (3.C) (4.D) (5.A) (6.E)



Congratulations to the so far UNDEFEATED Stouffer and Mayer IM softball team. Thanks to all who came out, braved the wind, the stiff competition and finding B field, and helped make it such a good time. Our next games are:

Saturday, 3/27 4pm

Sunday, 4/4 3pm (assuming win on 3/27)

See you then!

GA Leslie



If you have any interest in a woman's right to reproductive choice, you need to read this article!

By GA Lisa

Many people are not aware of the president's blatant attacks on reproductive freedom, and how his desires to satisfy the religious right may have dire consequences not only for our own generation, but for generations to come. During his administration, President Bush has made it his goal to stack the federal courts with right-wing anti-choice justices. Right now, the Supreme Court narrowly supports a woman's right to make her own reproductive decisions. By appointing conservative justices to the lower courts who are certain to vote against a woman's right to choose, it becomes a real possibility that a case challenging *Roe v. Wade* may reach the Supreme Court in the near future. By the time the challenge to this law reaches the Supreme Court, there may be one or two new justices who do not believe in a woman's constitutional right to choose, thus causing *Roe v. Wade* to be overturned. Considering that Supreme Court justices receive lifetime appointments, this restriction to women's choice may last 40 or more years, thus not only affecting you, your friends, and sisters, but also your daughters who will be born during this period. As history has shown us, women will continue to attempt to control their reproductive lives by seeking abortions regardless of their legality, thus causing the needless death of thousands due to unsafe, unregulated abortion procedures. Bush's attacks on reproductive rights will not only eliminate access to safe and legal abortions, but will almost certainly erode many other rights and services we often take for granted in our country, such as access to birth control, right to privacy, and the availability of effective sexual education.

If you feel any concern about these issues, there is something you can do! On Sunday, April 25th the March for Women's Lives will take place in Washington, D.C.. This is expected to be the largest gathering of the pro-choice majority in history, with a projected 1.5 million people in attendance! When we march on our nation's capital, we will make our voices heard, and remind politicians that these issues are of great importance to millions of voters...and that we will remember in November!

The voices of Penn students need to be heard, which is why several campus organizations, including Penn for Choice, Penn ACLU, Women in Thought, Penn Democrats, Penn Med Students for Choice, and Penn Law Students for Choice, have joined forces to create the Penn Coalition for the March. This group will be selling \$20 bus tickets to the March to Penn students or anyone else (bring your non-Penn friends!) who is interested in participating in this historic event. These bus tickets include transportation to and from Washington D.C. on the day of the March, as well as the cost of D.C. Metro passes.

If you'd like to know more about the March for Women's Lives, check out their website at <https://www.marchforwomen.org>. To purchase your ticket, contact me at lisamk@nursing.upenn.edu or look for us on Locust Walk. You can also check out the Penn for Choice website (<http://dolphins.upenn.edu/~p4c/>) to find out about upcoming events where tickets will be sold (as well as those popular "My Bush is Pro-Choice" t-shirts!).

This march may very well be a life-changing experience, and something you will tell your children about! Please show your support for this important cause and consider marching with us in April.

Hi James,

Can you include something like this?

Congratulations to our Managers for 2004-2005

Communications - Corey Hulse
Computing - Nicole Li and Natalie Ward
Facilities - David Dai
Finance - Pan Wong
Office - Rebecca Berkowitz
Special Events and Recreation - Brian Rosenwald

Thanks,
Anne

Dear Anne,

Why, yes, I can. You may have noticed that I took this opportunity to put myself on the front page. Hopefully Corey Hulse will do an excellent job of running this operation. Also, I hope people feel his pulse as much as editor as when he was a lowly writer. I wish him the best of luck. Congratulations to the rest of you for your future earnings.

Future editor emeritus,
James

STILL TAKING SUBMISSIONS:

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A lot of new people have submitted to the Stouffer Tribune and that makes me happy.

Just because I'm going to San Antonio, TX this week does not mean that I will not take submissions.

In fact, if you send anything to me via e-mail, I will probably read it.

That is...

All.

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