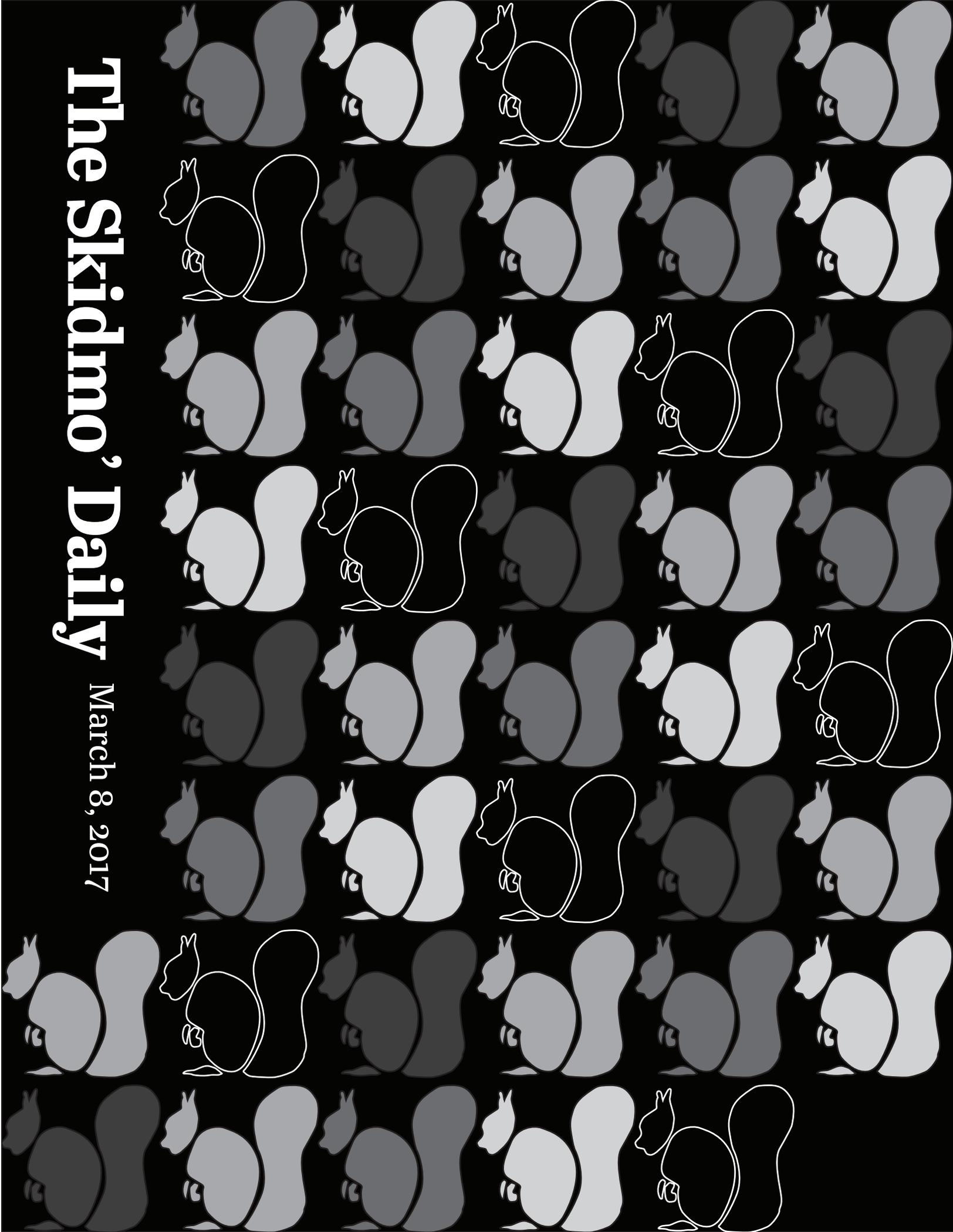


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# **Letter From the Editor...**

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Hey There,

Have a good break,

George Lubitz  
Editor-in-Chief

## **Top Stories Of The Week**

*Betsy DeVos Proposes Allowing Dodgeball in Schools*

*Quiet Solidarity: These Employees All Took A Smoke Break At The Same Time To Stand Up For Personal Liberties*

*Anxious Partygoer Builds Up Courage To Ask For Glass Of Water*

*Love Is Hard: This Student's Girlfriend Goes To A Different School*

## Actual Bear Rejected from Bare Club for Not Having Enough Sex

By Hannah Kotler

**LADD 206-** Bare, the club on campus known for discussing all things sex, sat down to its weekly meeting this past Wednesday at 9pm. Barry Berenstein, transfer student from Ursinus College and actual bear, decided to attend, thinking this was the perfect club for him to join. “I knew I’d have a hard time fitting in at a new school, but when I heard they had a club specifically for my species I thought this was finally my chance to get involved and make friends,” Barry tells Skidmo’. Unfortunately, Barry’s hopes would be dashed that Wednesday night. “The first question they asked me before I came through the door was how many people I had banged last semester. The answer is none since I was hibernating, but they said that wasn’t a valid excuse. Apparently every member has to meet a sex quota before they can join. I thought this club would consist of trips to Northwoods for foraging, an arts and crafts night to build some sweet den décor, and the occasional salmon dinner, but I guess I was wrong,” Barry recalls. The E-board at Bare backed up their decision to not let Barry in by saying, “At Bare, we respect everyone’s sexual decisions and activities, except for prude-asses like Barry. I mean who skips out on months of sexual escapades for sleeping alone in a den with no action? Lame.” Barry said he “feels embarrassed” by the events and that he will need to go into a second hibernation to deal with the pain.

## California-based Senior Excited to Utilize Lifetime CDC Connections in Saratoga Springs

By George Lubitz

**With graduation quickly** approaching, many Skidmore seniors are scrambling to find work after their scholastic careers come to a close. Student Ashley Higgins, who hails from Cupertino, CA, has found great stock in the Career Development Center and their wide array of connections in the capital region, with internship opportunities in places like Albany, Saratoga, and Gansevoort.

The school offers all of its services to any current or graduated student for their entire lifetime, making the CDC a uniquely useful tool for any student who lives within the state of New York.

Said Ms. Higgins: “All of my family lives in California and the Midwest, and I don’t really have the luxury of packing up and moving to wherever I can find a job, but regardless—I’m really happy to have such access to these extremely local and otherwise totally useless opportunities.” Ms. Higgins added that “while their help with navigating the alumni network and reviewing résumés comes quite in handy, their most helpful resource is hands-down the network of employers based solely in New York.”

Another senior, Matt LeSerno, who’s hometown is Cooperstown, NY, is equally as excited about the CDC’s list of wide-ranging jobs in basically only Albany or NYC, but noted that “Even though I have no interest in working for an insurance company or bank, the CDC is starting to make me think perhaps I oughta!”

## Fragments: Review

By Max LoSardo

**Thursday, March 2nd.** 8:00pm. I walk into the Janet Kinghorn Bernhard Theater to see the Black Box production of Edward Albee’s *Fragments*. As I make my way into the lobby I notice all of the ushers resemble my aunts and uncles. Slightly phased but not deterred, I am handed a program by someone who resembles my Uncle Billy and make my way to my seat. I open the program and see a distorted version of myself. Quite literally there are two tiny carnival mirrors on each side of the program.

As I look for my seat I notice there are no seats. I look around and find that the doors of the Black Box are gone. I then realize there are no other audience members. It is pitch black. A cool breeze drifts in from an unknown location. I peek at my feet and see that I am falling into a hole of darkness with a shimmering light coming from the bottom. Slightly concerned, I take out my cell phone to make sure the confirmation email is for the right show, but when I unlock my phone my right hand along with the phone turns into dust. I land. My surroundings are very familiar, but in the sense that I have never been there before. I hear a baby crying. I follow the sound and see the back of an infant sitting on the ground. I pick up and turn the baby around and am surprised to see that the baby is my dad. I put the baby back on the ground and attempt to find an exit. I hear more yelling. They sound like fellow students. I again follow the noise. It is the cast of *Fragments*. Molly Burdick ‘17 claps her hands and my left leg and my face switch positions. I am starting to feel that something isn’t right. Another clap. I’m in a beautiful park. All of my limbs are restored. I feel a severe hunger. I find a tree with fruit. Relieved, I take an apple and begin to eat. Suddenly, I sense a rumbling and the smell of urine. Then, God Himself appears. He remains silent, but His silence says it all. He then points and me, and I begin to burn into a ball of fiery flames. I feel my skin and my bones melting. I can see the pigments of my eyes disintegrating in front of me. The agony of my punishment brings the hope for death upon me. But God won’t let me off that easy. As my ears begin to ring and I sense my end is upon me, I wake up. I’m in my childhood bedroom. Director Shea Leavis ‘17 is sitting on my dresser. He has a look of pride and satisfaction, but also exhaustion. As I begin to realize what this all means, Shea appears by my side and whispers “you will never know.”

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# Mansplaining Manspreading

By Doug Patrick

**Now that the noise** around manspreading has died down, I figure it's the perfect time to explain why the stronger sex sits like cavemen. Before, there was just too much going on—and we all know how your brain gets when there's lots going on. It's okay, though. Some people are made to lead, like me, a man, and others are made to follow. God, after all, intended it that way. Adam didn't suffer Eve's fall so he could get yelled at for sitting the way his Lord desired. So, I took it upon myself—look at me, leading again, as per usual—to shed some light on why the “man-spread is necessary and natural.

And yes, I know you're probably frowning already. We're only one paragraph in, and you're getting angry. That's so like you. Always getting emotional, especially over things you don't understand. Well, could you at least try to smile when you read the rest of this? You look so much prettier when you smile.

## 1. Men have Y chromosomes.

You may not know this, but men and women are just biologically different. Our Y chromosome makes us stronger, built for hunting, fighting, and watching the NFL. Try getting a woman to sit down to watch the NFL and you'll see they can't do it. Facts. And even though they'll say they just don't find the sport interesting (they do), or that the commentary is overly masculine and weird (which it isn't), or that they have plenty of girlfriends who love football (lies), it's because they naturally sit cross legged, an uncomfortable way to lounge, but a biological adaptation to protect their vaginas—Darwin's words, not mine. Men, instead, sit in a more spread out fashion to watch football and relax from their busy days of leading, warring, and mating. These busy days, obviously, are the result of biology, the function of our superior Y chromosome which forces us to take control, get angry, and aid everyone around us with our big brains and menacing penises.

## 2. Balls.

Attention ladies (and gays, I think): you know that bulge in between men's pants that makes you go wild? Well, that's not all schlong. Our balls contribute, too. So, because possessing this “bulge” is key in producing quality mating prospects, defending and nurturing them are one of man's most important instincts. This means covering them when in battle, but it also means giving them room to breathe, to operate. Same way women do with their teenaged children—dads, you won't understand this; I only do because I'm a big fan of biology—you want your kids, like we want our balls, to be cherished and protected, but, at a certain point, you've got to find the time to let them do their own thing. For many men, including myself, that time is on the bus or subway.

## 3. Mankind (Heard of it?)

We're not just taking supreme care of our balls for ourselves, protecting and airing them out, we're doing it for the greater of mankind. For the survival of our species. And I think everyone can get behind that. Here, let me explain it to you: Without men, there wouldn't be sperm, and without sperm, there wouldn't be babies for, though the egg is important, it cannot do the heavy lifting required of the sperm. So, where do we get this sperm from? That's right, balls. If you really think we shouldn't be letting people with balls do whatever they want, then you should also admit that you want the species to die out. Now you might finally understand why there's such an “alarming” amount of people in the United States government who think men should have the right to veto women's abortions.

## 4. Testosterone, the domination hormone.

Men, unlike women, rage with testosterone all throughout the day. This powerful, warrior hormone courses through a man's veins, being pumped relentlessly through his blood, and it turns him into a wild, handsome, masculine banshee ready to rip the head off anyone who wrongs him or his wife or takes his property (also his wife). And the best way to protect him from having to rip the heads off anyone is to take up as much property as he can—see, if he can eventually take up all the property, people with no property will lack the courage to take what property is most dear to him. So, when a man spreads himself over a seat, he is simply taking over more property, an innate function of his masculinity and manhood. Again, I can't stress this enough, you really need to start reading more if you didn't already know this stuff.

## 5. It's really attractive.

There's really no way of getting around it: manspreading looks good. Relaxed, calm, masculine. It's a look that really connotes it all. Just like anyone else wants to look good for the opposite sex (we can at least agree on that, ladies), men want to do it too. And don't think our big muscles don't keep us from realizing that some simply hate it because actually you love it so much. That's called logic.

## Skidmore to pay Oprah in D-Hall Guest Swipes for Commencement Address

by Jacob Schwartz

**According to a statement** by President Phillip Glotzbach, Oprah Winfrey will be paid for her commencement speech in free guest swipes to Murray Atkins Dining Hall, instead of in money.

Winfrey, the world-famous philanthropist and talk show host, will receive her very own Skid-Card at the graduation ceremony, and, will be awarded an undisclosed some of guest swipes to the dining hall, allowing a friend of hers to enter the dining hall with her.

However, the college has made it clear that they are not paying Winfrey for her own meal-plan. “Winfrey will receive a large sum of free guest swipes, which will allow her to bring a friend into d-hall with her, but she will only be able to enter the dining hall if she purchases a meal plan for himself,” said Glotzbach.

Winfrey’s attorney Jeff Goldstein said in an interview, “while it is true that my client will have to buy her own meals to the dining hall, the contract does include a lot of guest swipes, so it’s a pretty good deal. My client and I are excited for graduation.”

“I need to hire better attorneys,” said Winfrey.

Skidmore College also has made it clear that the guest swipes will expire after 2017.

## Falcon Heavy Pilot Drops Off Elon Musk at Home on Mars

by Carolyn Smith

**SpaceX founder Elon Musk** no longer has to pretend he cares about privatizing space travel. On the Falcon Heavy rocket en route to the moon, he asked the pilot to

pull over on Mars and drop him off at his apartment, saying goodbye to earth forever. “I just want to go home,” the space pioneer answered a reporter when asked about his expectations and fears before liftoff. Musk clearly got what he wanted as he sent Tesla,

Inc. a farewell photo of himself partying in his loft with other Martians. His successors at SpaceX now understand his fascination with space, which conveniently didn’t arise until his luxury cars earned him enough money to build a ride home. Musk’s friends

at Tesla and SpaceX are glad to see him back where he came from, and hope he sends some coverage for all the debt he left behind.

## Student Unsure if Midwestern Friend Realizes that Not All of New York is the “Big Apple”

by Doug Patrick

**SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY**—George Randall (’20) recently reported feeling “uneasy” when SCOOP friend Tommy Thorpe (’20) referred to downtown Saratoga Springs as “the Big Apple” with outstretched arms and a smile. Randall, unsure if Randall was simply making a joke, stayed silent, but the matter has since been weighing on him.

“It’s just, it complicates everything, ya know?” Randall told us. “Last semester, we’d order Pizza Hut and he’d always take a piece and say something like, ‘nothing quite like a New York slice.’” Up until now, Randall had thought Thorpe was being funny, but now worries that Thorpe was genuine.

Thorpe, an Ohio native, is frequently seen wearing an I <3 NY shirt, boasting an “empire state of mind,” and stopping people to start conversations about the Knicks—who he asserts are his team now. When Skidmo’ Daily approached him for a comment, he refused, saying “Aye, can’t you see I’m walkin’ here?”

Randall can only hope his friend realizes the state and city of New York are two completely different things. “I’d tell him, but I’d hate to embarrass him,” Randall said. “I mean, he’s just such a nice guy—he’s from the Midwest, after all. It’s either a joke, or something I guess I’ll just let him have.”

## The EAC Interrupted Skidmo’s Meeting Last Week So Now We Hate the Environment

by Hannah Kotler

**LADD 207** - Skidmo’ Daily’s weekly meeting was coming to a successful close last Monday night when some unexpected visitors dropped in. With ten minutes left to spare, the rousing exchange of article ideas had to be stopped short when the entire Environmental Action Club infiltrated the scene. EAC President What’s Her Face led the charge, explaining her presence with a casual declaration that “we’re here, but we’re not here. Just ignore us, guys.” But ignore they could not. Skidmo’s staff packed up early and headed out, only to be interviewed by their own on-scene reporters. “The EAC can respect all of Mother Nature, but not Skidmore’s only intentionally satirical newspaper? Screw that. Screw the environment,” said one writer. “Yeah, what’s the deal here? I was going to recycle this water bottle after the meeting, but fuck it- not anymore,” said another member. Immediately following the events, the Skidmo’ staff could be seen chopping down their own trees for their next print edition, and plan to come back next Monday with an array of aerosol cans to spray while they leave all the faucets and their cars running for the duration of the meeting.

## Pizza or Pot: What's Really Driving Those Competitive Trivia Teams?

By Lea Kramberg

**SARATOGA SPRINGS** —Skidlicious, a regular team at the well-attended substance-free event in SPA, has been reprimanded for fraudulent activity resulting in unjust winnings of more than \$5,000 in Esperanto gift cards.

Many attendees of Trivia Night have been observed using cell phones during the event. None were warned, however, in fear that Trivia Night would no longer be as fun as a substance-free event can be. Skidlicious' 5-semester streak ended after just one night of cracking down on a "no-phones" policy. The team was considered guilty of cheating when they came in last place. Skidlicious must pay restitution to the teams that came in second place each week for the past 5 semesters.

At the discretion of head PHE and Trivia Host, Monica, members of Skidlicious have been suspended from trivia participation for one week, and have attended a mandatory Integrity Board hearing. The Integrity Board decided Skidlicious may resume attending trivia so long as they adhere to the general Don't Be an Asshole policy. Some parents of Skidlicious team members have even revoked unlimited data plan privileges until their contracts are up.

Although Skidlicious members are in the Honors Forum, or members of the Thoroughbred Society, other trivia-goers have found their behavior suspicious since Fall 2014. From the hoarding of guac and chips to the nonchalant exits after winning every single week, the other teams knew something was up.

An anonymous student on the Quidditch trivia team Snitches Get Stiches said, "We've had our suspicions, but since we all signed that honor code during FYE, we never thought anyone would actually cheat. This is even more embarrassing than when that freshman spent the entire Quidditch team tryout yelling, 'UP!' at his broom. Also, I'm pretty sure [Skidlicious team member] is a townie." Now why would a townie be interested in profiting from Esperanto gift cards?

Considering student financial need, and the unearthing of this suspicious activity, Skidmo has begun investigating why the hosts did not act on the suspicious behavior of Skidlicious sooner. Was Skidlicious sharing the wins with PHEs? Is there a black market for Esperanto gift cards? Are Esperanto gift cards the best currency for weed on campus and in Saratoga? Are The Source's events truly substance-free? Sure, the food is bound to draw student in week after week, but who really wants a doughboy when they're sober?

For strictly journalistic purposes, we asked a bunch of barefoot kids who smoke outside of Wait if we could buy any pot from them using Esperanto gift cards; they refused to answer. Until we can find a source that is willing to answer (or is not too high to answer, because who's to say, really?) no prizes will be given out at Trivia Night. Tracking who still comes despite the lack of prizes will help to weed out (no pun intended) the likely suspects.

## Guy Never Takes Off Coat at Party

By Quint Turner

**An unknown man** showed up at 7 Dayton D's weekend party wearing the heaviest jacket anyone has ever seen. The mystery man, later identified as junior Riley Sheahan, proceeded to stay until 1 a.m. without ever taking off his jacket. "Riley was always complaining about never getting invited to parties, so I thought I'd be a pal and get him over here. Turns out the reason for that is because he's a total weirdo," friend Braydon Knight said.

Sheahan's arctic jacket antics did not go unnoticed. "At first, I thought [Sheahan] was going to leave immediately and that's why he kept his coat, but this dude just stayed bundled up for the entire party," said partygoer Joel Ward.

When Closer by the Chainsmokers came on the apartment speakers, Sheahan knew he had to make his move. Or, rather, bust it. "Some dude in the corner with this huge coat on started swaying back in forth. But way out of rhythm. He'd go real exaggerated and either spill his drink on the people next to him, or run into them" said DJ Mirco Mueller.

After the song ended, Sheahan was sweating profusely and letting off some nasty B.O. thanks to his coat, which he pretended not to notice. "If [Sheahan] hadn't already accepted staying in the corner, he'd be relegated there as soon as the stench hit," said Knight.

For the next hour, Sheahan stayed in the corner with a drink in one hand and his phone in the other. "At midnight, the party really got crowded and so I found myself next to this guy in far too many layers. I glanced over to see if I knew him when I saw that he was typing, and sweating, profusely. Turns out he was just typing notes to himself to make him look popular," said partygoer James Neal.

When the party started breaking up, Sheahan saw his chance to escape. "He thanked me and the other hosts for a 'killer time' and asked to be invited back. Needless to say, coat-man is not coming back. At least until he changes his party attire," said Knight.

## GRE to Add New Vocab Section of Completely Made-Up Words

By George Lubitz

**The Educational Testing Service** announced this week that, starting next year, all GRE tests will include an additional section made up of completely made-up words. Words that do not have any accepted meanings in English or any other language.

In this new section test takers will be asked to identify these fabricated words and match them with the equally-fabricated definitions crafted by the GRE test designers. ETS Corporate Spokesman Tom Ewing noted that this new section "will require test-takers to study for words they've never seen before and will probably never use outside of the test, which is essentially what prior students have been doing anyway."

Many graduate schools across the country are happy to see this change, with many having argued that the GRE was at once not an accurate predictor of success in graduate school or the real world.

In other news, the GRE will also be adding a new math section that requires students to calculate for *i* and divide by zero.

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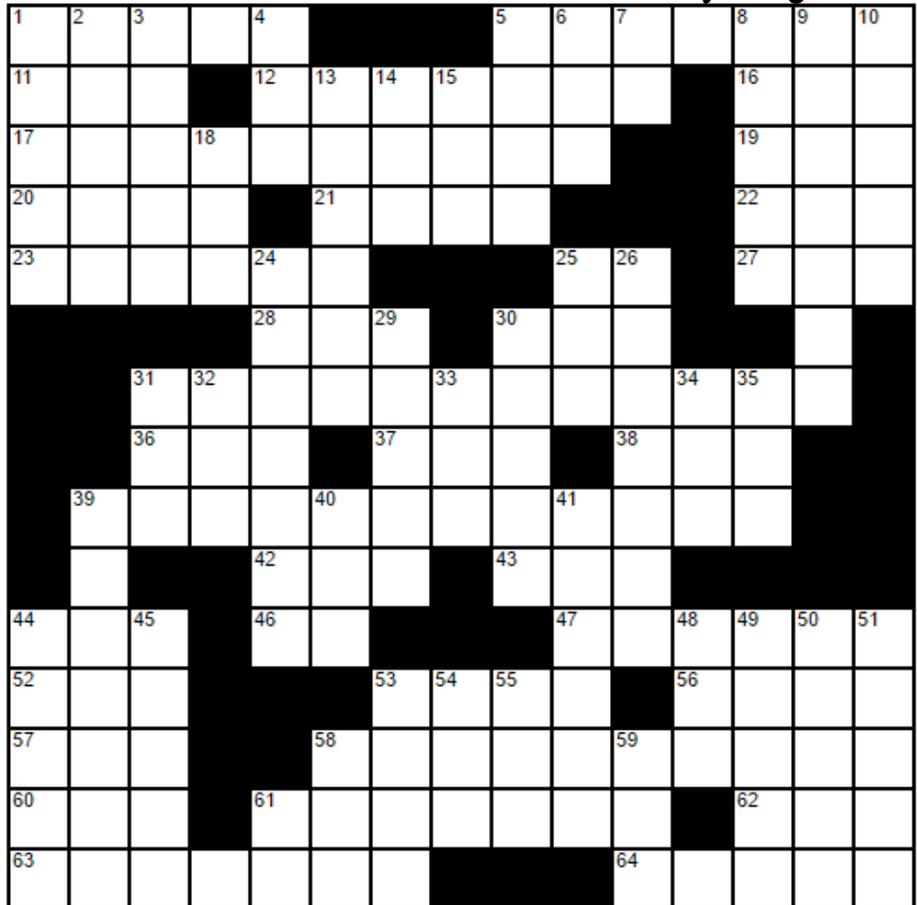
Puzzle by George Lubitz

## ACROSS

- 1 Shining brightly
- 5 Photographic memory (pl.)
- 11 New Guinea town
- 12 Baseball, for one
- 16 Works by Monet and Renoir
- 17 Sizzling appliances at many a cookout
- 19 It contains a double helix
- 20 Mongolia's \_\_\_\_-Bator
- 21 Unwanted nuclear byproduct (pl.)
- 22 Birds take to it, of course
- 23 Something to hum or whistle
- 25 To send one email to multiple people
- 27 New G.I.
- 28 Lou Gherig's disease
- 30 Hua \_\_\_\_ Feng, PM of China 1976-81
- 31 Publication notorious for fake stories
- 36 "Land, \_\_\_\_, and sea"
- 37 Female sheep
- 38 London \_\_\_\_, Earl Gray tea latte
- 39 Natural material with irradiated isotopes
- 42 Animal with large antlers
- 43 Kohl's at the NYSE
- 44 Has an ATM on campus
- 46 Writer Hinton
- 47 Program responsible for .docs
- 52 Here in Barcelona
- 53 "\_\_\_\_ for now!"
- 56 "Pick me! Pick me!"
- 57 "All hail Beezlebub," in SMS-speak
- 58 Like many rituals at New Years Eve parties
- 60 Jay Schottenstein's former company at NYSE
- 61 Travels without a connecting flight
- 62 A type of poem
- 63 "There we go!"
- 64 America's favorite cookies

## DOWN

- 1 Radiohead's "In Rainbows" e.g.
- 2 Former name of France, in French
- 3 Lawful
- 4 New Deal agncy.
- 5 What the Queen makes



- 6 What fuckbois slide into
- 7 After the year zero (abbr.)
- 8 Aircraft detection device
- 9 Whose catchphrase is "Hi, everybody!" ?
- 10 First button pressed in many a videogame
- 13 Investment return (abbr.)
- 14 Café on campus
- 15 \_\_\_\_ Talks, popular video series
- 18 Zinc oxide
- 24 Creameries
- 25 Pool stick
- 26 Come clean
- 29 Fumigate
- 30 "That's \_\_\_\_ to me"
- 31 "\_\_\_\_, dude"
- 32 Baby goat
- 33 Nighttime bird
- 34 A long time
- 35 Lb. or oz.
- 37 Be in debt to
- 39 "\_\_\_\_ & Clank," Playstation title
- 40 Cry after a score, maybe
- 41 Former Spanish Minister of Health Ava, formally
- 44 Perfect report card
- 45 Big (name in) cheese
- 48 Cheer
- 49 "\_\_\_\_ is me!"
- 50 "Blue \_\_\_\_ a la Turk," Dave Brubeck hit
- 51 "If you see something, say something" champion
- 53 Award given for plays and musicals
- 54 Out in Hamburg
- 55 Cable drama network
- 58 What a pigeon says
- 59 S3E3 of "The X-Files"
- 61 "Pay attention" on a memo, perhaps

## SAM SUPPOSES

**Dear Sam,**

*College is supposed to prepare you for life. This is what I have been told, at least. I've also heard that "liberal arts colleges are designed to teach people how to think for the rest of their lives." All of the goals of education are future-oriented. So, my question is, if college is supposed to be so preparatory and so important for living well, why do I want to kill myself like rn? Thanks!*

*Sincerely,*

*KMS*

**Dear KMS,**

Life can be hard. A lot of people would follow that with a sentence that begins "but..." But, I don't. Though life, even in such a concentrated homogeneity as Skidmore, sucks, this sucking can be a point of pride. Truly impressive depression demands serious observational capacities. You can hold that over your peers. You see more than them, more clearly. To this end, I recommend cutting anyone out of your life that doesn't want to kill themselves. One is clearly lacking some intellectual acuity if they are consistently chipper; I can imagine no other origin from which such positive paradigms might well.

Now, this superiority will not reduce your antipathy towards the world. But it will turn it to a point of pride. You can begin to criticize people for their surface-level interaction with the larger world. You can begin to see yourself as victim to enormous powers that make positivity impossible. Victimhood is liberating because it allows you to think only about how other people and external things are making you miserable. No need to turn inward. Try writing about how miserable you are and why there are no reasons to be happy in modern life; you can perhaps become a philosopher that people will quote on the internet a long time from now. In the end, there is always a way to turn your suicidal tendencies into an important and rewarding part of your personality and daily life. If this feels overly-ambitious, though, I have been assured that even suicidal folks can still appreciate a good, dank meme. It's a great way to kill time instead of yourself. Hope this helps!

Best,

Sam

**We have to print in page increments of four and had too many for eight but not enough for twelve because nobody submitted so here's a picture of a Winslow Homer painting to fill up this would-be blank page:**



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