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None of this is real,
just a joke.

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Check the date, and
the title, seriously!

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Please don't be mad at us,
we just think we're funny.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES Remember when the clock tower emitted that strange smoke, gained sentience, and then grew 100,000,000 stories into space before announcing its plan for the all of humanity and clocks alike? That was pretty cool. Courtesy of The Evergreen State College archives.

HOW WE WORK

The Cooper Point Journal is allegedly produced by students at The Evergreen State College, with alleged funding from student fees and advertising from local businesses. The Journal is published for free every other Wednesday during the school year and distributed throughout the Olympia area, usually.

Our content is also available online at www.cooperpointjournal.com.

Our mission is to provide an outlet for student voices, and to inform and entertain the Evergreen community and the Olympia-area more broadly, as well as to provide a platform for students to learn about operating a news publication.

Our office is located on the third floor of the Campus Activities Building (CAB) at Evergreen State College in room 332 and we have open student meetings from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. every Wednesday. Come early if you'd like to chat with the editor!

WORK FOR US

We accept submissions from any student at The Evergreen State College, and also from former students, faculty, cats, possums, angelic beings, cyborgs, posers, and staff. We also hire some students onto our staff, who write articles for each issue and receive a learning stipend.

Have an exciting news topic? Know about some weird community happening? Enjoy that new hardcore band? Come talk to us and write about it.

We will also consider submissions from non-Evergreen people, animals, and mythical creatures (as well as the occasional plantlife) particularly if they have special knowledge on the topic.

To submit an article, reach us at cooperpointjournal@gmail.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We want to hear from you! If you have an opinion on anything we've reported in the paper, or goings-on in Olympia or at Evergreen, drop us a line with a paragraph or two (100 - 300 words) for us to publish in the paper. Make sure to include your full name, and your relationship to the college—are you a student, staff, graduate, community member, etc. We reserve the right to edit anything submitted to us before publishing, but we'll do our best to consult with you about any major changes.



Evergreen State Ranked U.S.' Top College

by Marta Tahja-Syrett

Since its establishment in 1967, The Evergreen State College has not once waned from its consistently favorable position in the public eye. Evergreen is a college renowned for its remarkable public relations, lack of hipster clientele, and ample faculty pay. The school also boasts of its student population, a group of individuals prized for their academic diligence. The Evergreen State College's undeniable success has led it to be recognized as the United State's top-ranking institution of higher education. In 2019, Evergreen is once again stunning the nation with the fruits of its labor.

Many people attribute the college's first-rate nomination to its rigorous acceptance rate, traditional

methods of pedagogy, and Evergreen's victorious mission to abolish all bigotry (which, in turn, fosters the tranquil atmosphere of the campus). Evergreen shockingly admits only 96 percent of its applicants and requires a GPA minimum of 2.0 to apply. Because of Evergreen's extreme selectiveness, the college's student body is composed solely of intellectual masterminds. At this institution, one will never stumble upon marijuana-induced conversations surrounding self-identification with the feline specimen. Phrases such as "I identify as a cat" are snuffed out long before reaching the brilliance of Evergreen's air; the students of this college demonstrate only the utmost levels of professionalism when conversing

with one another (especially in the cafeteria, the mess-hall of highbrow debate).

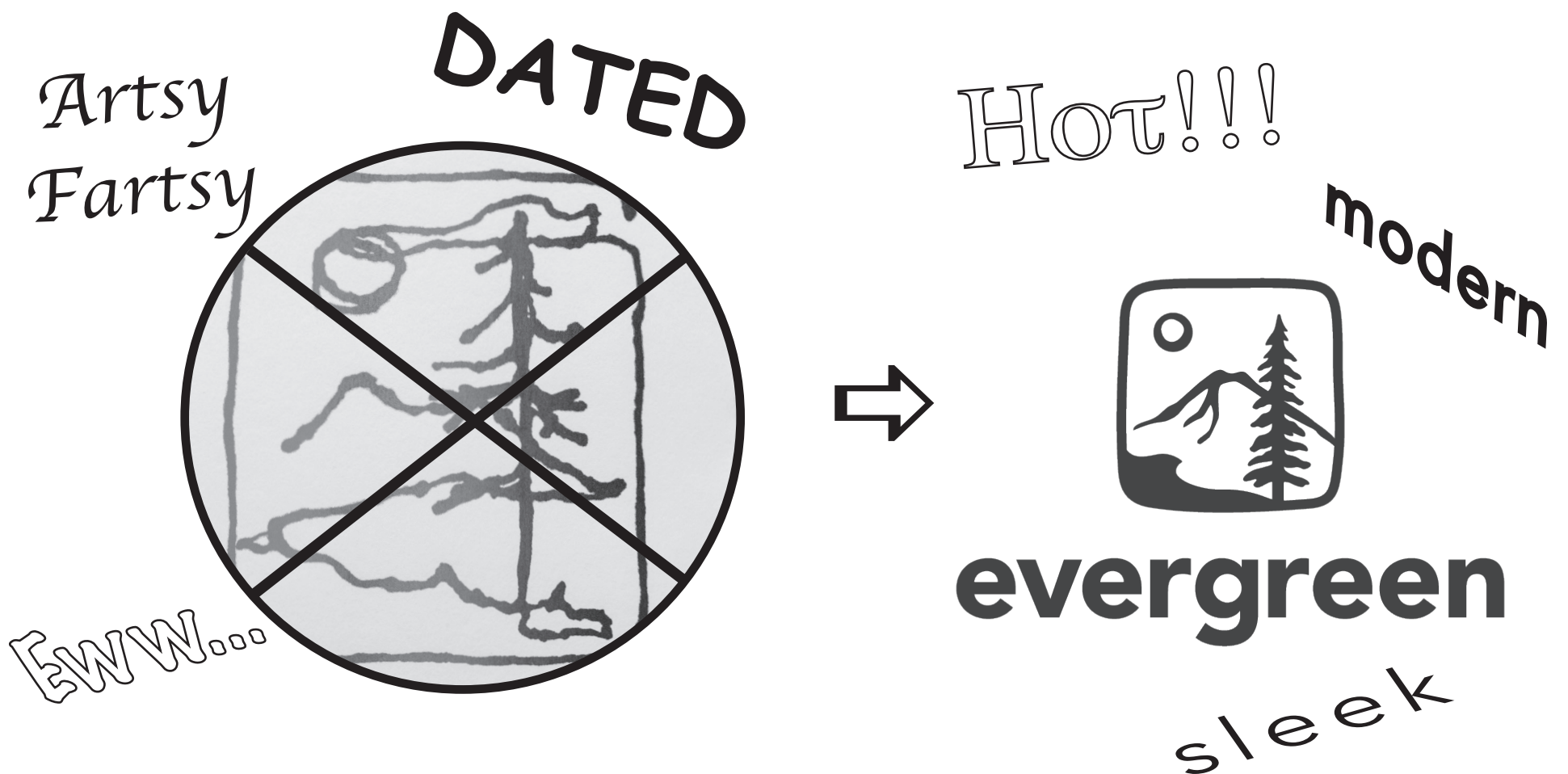
The Evergreen State College follows a strict, conventional teaching itinerary. Students at this establishment are never caught between the marijuana-induced mitts of procrastination—every assignment here is turned in well before the college's impassable deadlines. Each professor at this institution honors singular subject instruction, leaving the college entirely free of interdisciplinary education. This has proven to be an extremely effective teaching style, as studies now show that people in the real world don't actually need critical thinking skills to be successful. Integrative learning has completely proven itself to be a wasted effort in

recent years, due to our new understanding that all of life's occurrences exist completely removed from one another.

Without the excellent teaching capabilities of Evergreen faculty, such conventional wisdom would fail to thrive on this campus of traditionalism. Perhaps the reason that Evergreen is able to retain such noteworthy professors is its extremely generous pay. According to Evergreen's website, last year faculty with a Master's degree were paid a whopping \$40,513 during their first year of teaching. Each year, Evergreen professors are provided with a substantial salary increase, as well — a nice incentive, totaling to a grand \$91,324 after 60 years in the field (which is only \$98,901 less than the salary of an av-

erage University of British Columbia professor, according to the University of British Columbia's website).

The Evergreen State College has also earned its status of reputability by promoting a campus-wide climate of peace. Both Evergreen's attendants and faculty members abide by the school's rarely-mentioned code of conduct, which includes inclusivity, open-mindedness, and the obliteration of all forms of bias (especially bias in the form of a Caucasian-hipster-savior archetype). Hypocrisy never seeps through the cracks of this perfect little western Washington institution, where rain falls daily, wiping away all of the school's non-existent failures.



Notes On Style: Evergreens New Identity Standards & Brand Guidelines

by Mason Soto

In a recent swipe of the Invisible Hand that guides the choices of this brutalist institution, trickled down from the offices of President, Public Relations, Marketing, and so on, comes word of a newly sanctioned Style Guide for The Evergreen State College Community at large. #nice

In the last year, the school's website added a Comprehensive Page covering the Multipronged New Guide aimed at squelching any deviance regarding our color scheme, logos, proper names, and other hard and fast rules committed to Sharing Our Brand for All External Communications. "Evergreen has powerful stories to tell," the page reads, and the folks at Marketing want us as prepared as any instagram model on how

to #ShareOurBrand!

When rushed by a reporter and confronted with the new style guide platitudes, student Jorisha Mayo said, "That's hella weird."

Much like advice anyone could take for a good dating profile (or a corporate entity), the style guide says, "A strong visual identity and consistent expression of our distinction will provide the unifying elements necessary for a story that resonates." Lead with a good photo, then say how you're totally different from other schools. Something that can make anyone #SwipeRightOnEvergreen

Then there is a page dedicated to proper names. We are to call our school The Evergreen State College, or Evergreen, or not at all. The Brand Guide

also wants us to know that, "Evergreen's full-name logo should not be your first choice, as the primary brand is the word 'Evergreen' alone." Furthermore, the school rebukes any initialisms — that is, ESC, and especially TESC.

Web Manager for the Cooper Point Journal and staunch social critic Daniel Vogel called the school's stand against initialisms "idiotic with a big name like that."

Our new logos are more standard than the last, affectionately lopsided iteration, though they still include a silhouetted cedar, mountain, and single sky sphere, alongside our name, of course stylized in lowercase to be cool.

The image and words are now centered, and vectorized, a change which the Journal's own Busi-

ness Manager Morrissey suggested is, "a symptom of them trying to smooth out the roughness of campus culture that makes Evergreen what it is." Wow! Interpretation for the win.

Later in the Style Guide, among the guidelines for photography representing Our Evergreen Brand, is a line declaring how photos should highlight "diverse students collaborating." This explains why three different pictures of my black friend were on the websites front page for months! #InclusiveExcellence at its finest.

To ensure the Evergreen Community we are in the best hands through this transition from an inconsistent, vagabond style to a Sleek, Revamped Brand, the announcement of the style guide ensures the

changes were "developed in partnership with GMMB, a top branding firm." #Winning #NotAnAd

The national firm lists a number of Modern Services on their website including "Advertising", "Brand Strategy", and a peculiarly named "Movement Building" — could Evergreen stage the next Great Cultural Moment, replacing Kendall Jenner and Pepsi as the vanguards of progress? Only time will tell.

Let it be known that while these rules define how we must represent the school to outsiders, internal communications must be forgiven for their traditionalism. (Looking at you, TESCWireless.)

Let it also be known that the Journal's own style guide is pending, indefinitely.

Listicle (ft. real comments)

TOP 10 COOPER POINT JOURNAL FACEBOOK COMMENTS

Ranked AND
Rated for Spiciness

10. *"Facebook is not journalism, CPJ."* Hot Take Rating: 🍌
We can only not do journalism with help from readers like you. Thank you.
9. *"Oppression?.....lol...commies suck."* Hot Take Rating: 🍌🍌
Lacks comprehensive critique, yet the gist is there.
8. *"D E G E N E R A T E S"* Hot Take Rating: 🍌🍌
Not exactly original, but unique delivery!
7. *"You broke rule #00002 of journalism – you were too fucking stoned to put the fucking link in. My 4th grader knows that shit."* Hot Take Rating: 🍌🍌🍌
Very precise number usage, lost points for trite stoner mention.
6. *"This is why Evergreen is dying."* Hot Take Rating: 🍌🍌🍌
Was in response to article about student demands for renewable energy. Creative!
5. *"And thus any pretense of journalistic neutrality is lost."* Hot Take Rating: 🍌🍌🍌🍌
Let us know when you've found it?
4. *"Sounds like someone wanted to be Gay for Pay, and never got paid. :/"* Hot Take Rating: 🍌🍌🍌🍌
Probably accurate.
3. *"agent provocateur"* Hot Take Rating: 🍌🍌🍌🍌
Brief, uncapitalized, and evocative. Brava.
2. *"This must be the reason tRUMP is President – our fuckin' Greeners are dumb as a sack of rocks..."* Hot Take Rating: 🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌
Can't tell if a liberal or conservative posted this one. Is this progress?
1. *"You idiot youngsters at the Pooper Point Urinal just fucking amaze me how you can imitate the stupidity of Trump. The link goes to two pages of art, no interview. You need to put the pipe down and quit getting high."* Hot Take Rating: 🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌
Managed to mention Trump, weed, and the actual article in question. #Powerful and #brave.

Art, or Conspiracy?

*Over the years,
one **question**
has always
remained.....*

Have you



**SPEEDY-BRIDG
CONSPIRACY B**

Both, Perhaps...

Have you ever seen them in the same place?



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Contact the Cooper Point Journal with any information, testimonies, or leads on the Speedy-Bridges Truther Conspiracy at our email cooperpointjournal@gmail.com

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Highlights from the Evergreen Academic

I'm Not Sure What This Is About But Everyone Keeps Nodding

Much of our time as students, as people, as living beings, is spent not knowing what is going on. In this program, no one understands, and yet we sit and nod together for hours several days a week. We wander through our classes, through our jobs, through the rote routes of the everyday, and we rarely stop to ask — what are we all doing here? Rather than aiming to answer that inquiry, “I’m Not Sure What This Is About But Everyone Keeps Nodding” is about refusing to ask, refusing to know what you are learning, and embracing the blissful nod of ignorance. Students will progress through readings with no chance of comprehension, work through seminar in near silence, and culminate their un-understandings by opting out of the optional final presentation.

8 Credits Unlearning
4 Credits Participation

Arting Away Your Last Relationship: A Series

As we reach the end of cuffing season the air is aflutter with fresh heartbreak. Turn the heart wrenching stories your friends are tired of hearing into fresh art. The program booklist will include past works from alumni such as: “and then they blocked me on instagram but kept showing up to le voyeur: a spoken word mixed tape”, “I Told You It Wasn’t A Good Idea to Get a Puppy 3 Weeks In”, and the seminal manifesto No I won’t get off your HBO account Game of Thrones is coming out soon and your mom’s the one paying for it anyway! There will also be a class visit from graduating senior Rebecca Clark, who will give a lecture on “how she was the first one to date ryan and she told you he was a fuckboy but you didn’t listen,” as well as the follow up lecture, “How To Deal with Ryan Now Dating Your ‘Best Friend’ From Freshman Year.”

8 Credits Artistic Practice
4 Credits Oversharing
4 Credits Libel

Spotting Chemtrails: Ornithology in The New World Order

Look to the skies and the dark web for this exploration of spotting conspiracy in everyday minutiae. The main focus this Spring Quarter will be on developing skills to tell the difference between a cloud that reveals secret biochemical warfare, and a simple cirrus. If you have ever wondered about chemtrails, the Earth’s status as a sphere, or whether the government is turning the frogs gay, this program is for you. Students will debate the authenticity of historical moments and phenomena such as the lunar landing, Avril Lavigne’s clone, and the continent of Australia, using critical thinking skills to accept wholeheartedly that secret societies control every facet of life as we know it.

8 Credits Meteorology
4 Credits Criticism

AV Support: Student Turned Teacher

In this Freaky Friday of a class, students will explore in depth that phenomena that has no doubt touched all of our lives: helping your professor navigate a computer. We’ve all been there, fifteen minutes into the third day of class, the professor trying their best to pull up a Canvas page, or open a presentation, but low and behold the resulting minimum eight years between a Master’s and a professorship has wiped all technological know-how from their mind. Zoom in on these moments in this hands-on program by learning how to push through that awkward silence as the class watches the professor flail, and to work with beloved and tenured faculty to finally get that presentation going.

4 Credits Practical Technology
4 Credits Communication

Spring 2019 Catalog

by Mason Soto &
Georgie Fehringer

Life As An Ant

As a human being and as a student there are many times we feel small: in our lives, in our pursuits and in comparison to the unwieldy world. This class asks you to think smaller. How dreadful is an unstarted final project in Week 8 compared to the unstoppable force of a human foot closing in to squish you under brand new, unbroken-in Doc Martens? Think ant, and carry your group partners' weight in a project where everyone was assigned tasks but only you will be completing it. How might the dorms be comparable to an ant hill? Dark, dreary, and dusty, our lives intertwine in marvelous ways.

8 Credits Existential
Philosophy
8 Credits Anti-Anthropocentric
Theory

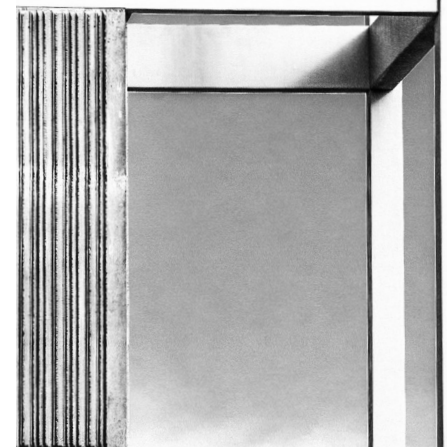
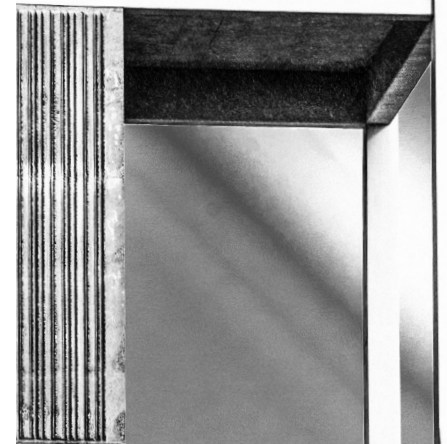
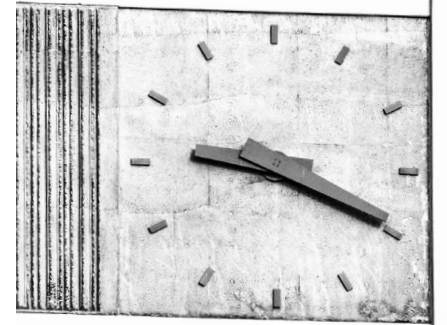
Talking To Trees: A Class Where We Talk To Trees

This program will ask students to talk to trees. The Pacific Northwest is home to many trees, including Douglas Fir, Red Cedar, Vine Maple, Black Cottonwood, Red Alder, Cascara, Bigleaf Maple, Western Hemlock, Mountain Hemlock, Sitka Spruce, Engelmann Spruce, Grand Fir, Noble Fir, Pacific Silver Fir, Western White Pine, Common Juniper, Pacific Yew, Alaska Yellow Cedar, Rocky Mountain Juniper, Ponderosa Pine, and Western Larch. We will talk to all of them.

4 Credits Learning Across
Differences
4 Credits Botany

Honorable Mentions:

- How To Choose An Unintelligible Degree: Scaring Off Potential Employers
- SOS: How To Run A Failing Newspaper, Taught by Georgie Fehringer & Mason Soto
- Wordy Titles: How To Use Colons: Extended Version
- Using Chalk Graffiti To Your Advantage
- Underwater Basket Weaving
- Alternatives To Capitalism: How To Stop Sleeping In During Protests



Letter From The Editors

What the fuck did you just fucking say about me, you little bitch? I'll have you know I graduated top of my narratively-evaluated class in the journalism programs, and I've been involved in numerous investigative exposes on The Administration, and I have over 250,000 hits on the Web. I am trained in advocacy journalism and I'm the best newspaper in the entire Olympia area. You are nothing to me but just another story. I will wipe you the fuck out with journalistic integrity the likes of which has never been seen before on this Earth, mark my fucking written words. You think you can get away with saying that shit to me

over the Internet or in a letter to the editor? Think again, fucker. As we speak I am contacting my secret network of reporters across Evergreen and your IP is being traced right now so you better prepare for the expose, maggot. The story that wipes out the pathetic little thing you call your life. You're fucking done, kid. I can be anywhere, anytime, and I can write a story about you in over seven hundred ways, and that's just with my bare hands. Not only am I extensively trained in community advocacy, but I have access to the entire arsenal of the Evergreen State College Student Publications Department and I will use it to its full

extent to expose your miserable ass off the face of the continent, you little shit. If only you could have known what unholy retribution your little "clever" comment was about to bring down upon you, maybe you would have held

your fucking tongue. But you couldn't, you didn't, and now you're paying the price, you goddamn idiot. I will shit journalistic excellence all over you and you will drown in it. You're fucking done, kiddo.

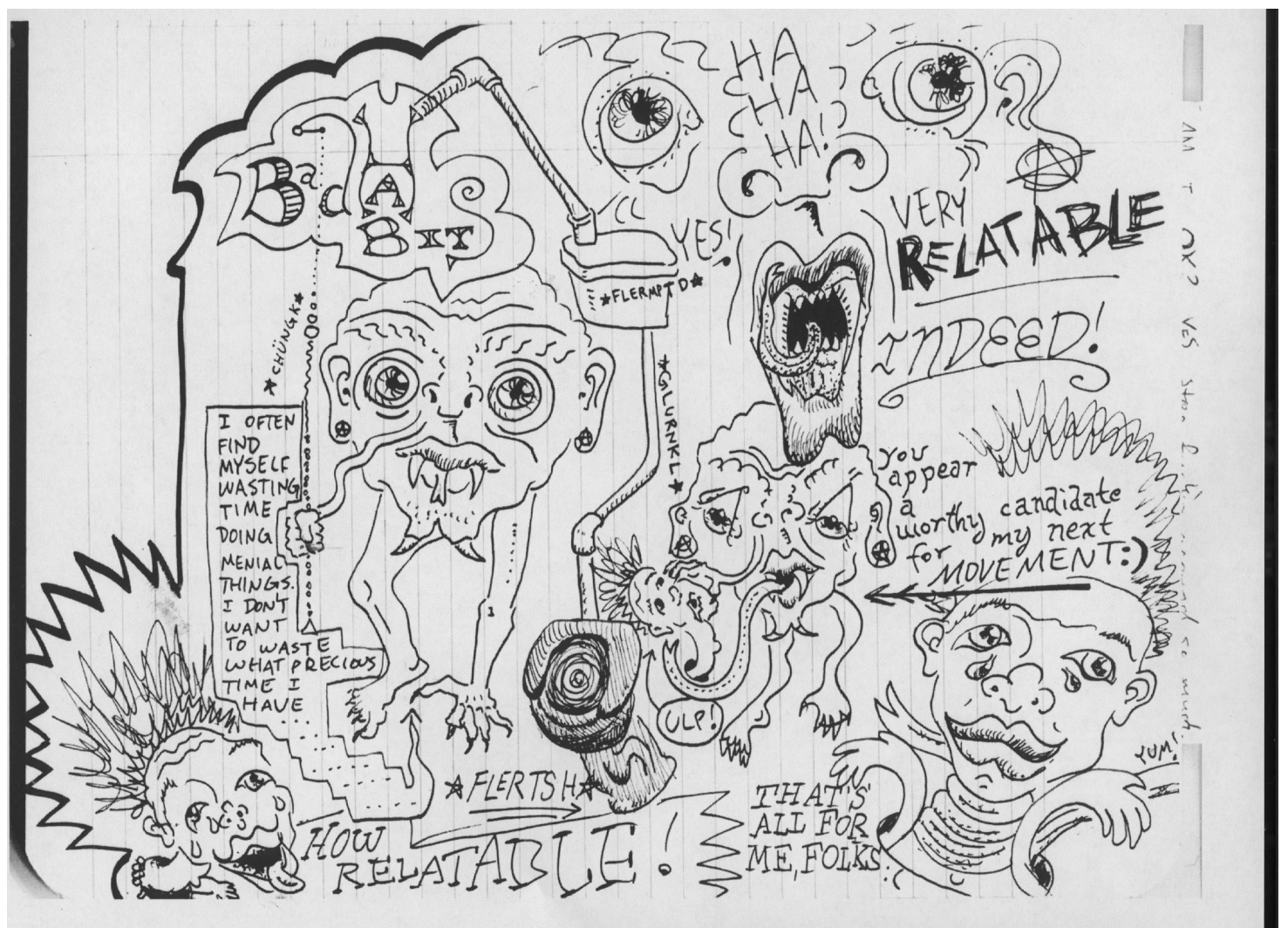
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Horoscopes (are never a joke they're always VERY serious)

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ARIES

by Mariah Guilfoil-Dovel

LIBRA

3/21 - 4/19

Your horoscope: IT'S ARIES SZN GET READY
You: OH FORK YEAH IT IS

9/23 - 10/22

Your horoscope: This is a time for singleness, end all romantic relationships for the time being.
You: Calls partner immediately "I'm sorry we have to get a divorce, my horoscope said it's not in the stars"

TAURUS 4/20 - 5/20

Your horoscope: Now that it is Aries season...
You: Oh no, my roommate's birthday is this month. They're an Aries. I'm gonna have to move.

SCORPIO

10/23 - 11/21

Your horoscope: Something that you can't really relate to
You: "Well I heard you're suppose to look at the one after your sign to really get the truest horoscope"

GEMINI 5/21 - 6/20

Your horoscope: Mercury is in retrograde so all your crazy anxiety and self doubt are about to hit you hard.
You: *posts on twitter* It's about to get liittttyy up in heree

SAGITTARIUS

11/22- 12/21

Your horoscope: The moon and stars they wept, the morning star was dead...
You: That is so deep.

CANCER 6/21 - 7/22

Your horoscope: Powerful Uranus and Confident Mars are aligning this week...
You: *Laughs* They said Uranus

LEO 7/23 - 8/22

Your horoscope: Life was meant to be enjoyed
You: "I need to cancel my math class ASAP"

CAPRICORN 12/22- 1/19

Your horoscope: Don't be naive this week and listen to what everyone tells you
You: Okay I need to listen to this. This stranger is correct.

VIRGO 8/23 - 9/22

Your horoscope: You are mean and have no friends.
You: Harsh but true.

AQUARIUS 1/20 - 2/18

Your horoscope: Some people are mean, don't be like them.
You: WOW... WOW... I mean how do they ALWAYS GET IT RIGHT

PISCES 2/19 - 3/20

Your horoscope: You deserve to breathe
You: OH MY GOD... that is so true, *starts emotionally crying and fanning face in hopes that the wind will dry tears before ruining makeup*

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