

Opinion

Rant 'N Rave

By STEPHANIE DEAK

Oh my God! They're right in front of me and I can't avoid them!

I look to the left and all I can see is a big, stone, wall. I look to the right and I can see them starting to gather at the edge of my potential escape route. I see them all. Like some kind of army of aliens ... waiting ... watching ...

I can't be sure they see me. They seem apathetic or they may just be ignoring me. Perhaps they don't think I am a threat. Perhaps they don't think I will notice their foul smells or hear the strange noises they emit. I search for faces through the haze. I know that if I could just make eye contact with them they would know I don't mean them harm.

I just want to get by ... I just want to get by.

It's amazing. I can make out the low hum of their mating call over the din of shuffling feet. Was that a chuckle I heard? Are they laughing at me? Is this some kind of weird game? There seem to be thousands of them all packed together in some sadistic ritual of mass intimidation.

Or is it just mass inconsideration?

I can't stand it any more. Are the people on this campus so oblivious to their surroundings that they are unable to wrap their tiny brains around the concept of MOVING OUT OF THE WAY!

It doesn't matter if you are trying to get through the set of doors at the top of the stairs in Main or if you are trying to traverse the lumps outside the doors of the same building! They stand there ... doing nothing but being in your way.

Is the concept of basic traffic flow patterns lost on the simpletons?

Let me spell it out for you - when approaching a double door configuration, always use the door to your right. It doesn't matter if you are coming or going because, for those of you who don't know, your "right" always remains the same!

For those of you who smoke: Don't get defensive because I've smoked too.

It is pathetic if you can't take 10 more steps, out of consideration for the other hundred people who also wish to get out of the building, down the pathway to where ever you wish to go. It is a simple way to say to those around you, "Hey, I care about you and I want to make your day a bit easier."

For those of you that have heard a nice, "Excuse me, please" coming from those around you ... IT MEANS MOVE!

Or for those of you who get that indignant look on your face when you are bumped from behind just as you stop in the doorway to light your cigarette ... MOVE, before you light your bangs on fire!

I will stop apologizing for bumping people each time I am ignored. When I say excuse me, I will no longer wait quietly while you fumble with your cell phone while standing in the middle of the stairs. I will not wait patiently while you chat with your friends while blocking the only way out of the stairwell.

It is a simple concept: If you make yourself a target, don't be surprised when you become one.

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Editorial:

Fear of a life career

BY DORIS RUIZ
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"What do you want to be when you grow up?" This is a question I've never known the answer to. And meanwhile, I've still managed to narrow down my choices to one specific major.

The problem? Now they (you know the people; those who've never been to college yet seem to know everything there is to know about the working world) ask, "Well, what can you do with that?"

Sure I'm in my last semester of college, but do I really have to choose what I want to do with the rest of my life? I've known dozens of people who have jumped around from one job to another. I've also seen others who stick with one job forever...or until they die. I may be indecisive, but I know that's not what I want.

What many "grownups" don't know, better yet they don't remember, is that young people like to be creative; we like to make spur-of-the-moment decisions.

So why do I have to grow up just

yet?

Graduation may mean stepping out into the real world, but do I have to settle for the first job that crosses my path?

Yeah I've done my networking, and I've been on the computer that's supposed to help me "explore" ideas, and yes, I've also done an internship. And guess what I learned? I'm not "corporate" enough (if there is such a thing).

I'm a people person, but I don't like people in my face. So, then they offer to "help" me get a job. How the hell can they help me, if I don't even know what I want? I guess it's just another one of those questions that doesn't have an answer.

So where do I go from here? Graduation is just about a month away and I know I'll definitely hear all those questions and more on that long-awaited day.

So, if you hear any screams coming from the Vairo library on December 16th, you know who it is.

I really am a people person ... really.

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Lion's Eye Poll

Staff writer Doris Ruiz asked students around campus:
What do you think of all the "major courses" only offered in the evening?



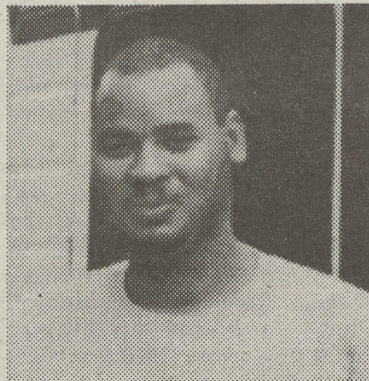
"I've had to transfer out and had to switch jobs all in the past year because of lack of accommodations."

- Andria Toland
Business



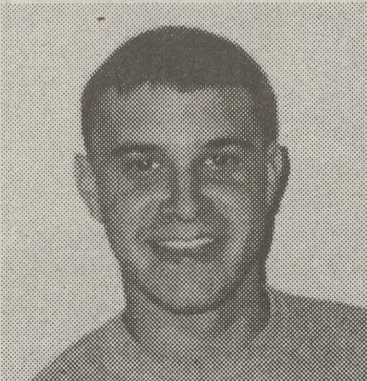
"I don't drive, so trying to stay on campus at night is challenging. I'm here some days from 9:30-9:30."

- Scherrie Bailey
Speech Communication



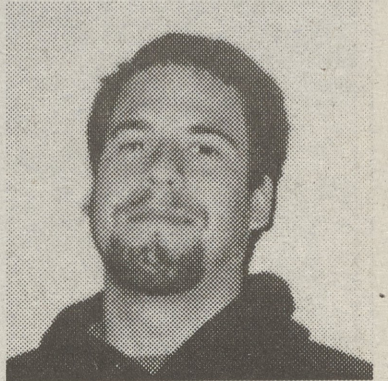
"I've had to ride the bus for four years. I wish they had more day classes!"

- Damon Key
Business



"Night classes work for me!"

- Pat Egan
Speech Communications



"People learn better in the day."

- Daniel Morse
Liberal Studies