



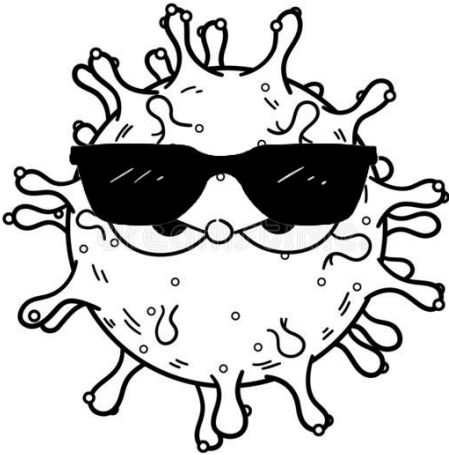
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GUESS WHO'S BACK, BACK AGAIN!

...Not that it was ever really gone.

Look, guys, I know nobody wants to talk about it anymore. It's fun to pretend like the pandemic is over. But since Denison isn't releasing any information regarding recent positive COVID-19 testing numbers, we here at the Bullsheet thought it might be time for a PSA.



At least 10 people tested positive for COVID on campus between November 7th and November 13th, and a handful of others since then. That's really all we can say. We're the Bullsheet, not Whistler, we don't know the exact numbers. But let's just say *many* people have been calling this week's chicken tikka masala spice bowl bland and tasteless, and trust me, it's not. It's fucking delicious.

Jokes aside, it's our last week on campus before Thanksgiving break. In 8 days, many of us are hoping to join family and friends around a big table of food (which, unless you're demented, hopefully will not include green bean casserole). We all want to go home, we all want to keep ourselves safe and our families safer. It's also booster szn, meaning if you haven't gotten your booster yet, there's a possibility you could be more at risk of contracting COVID-19.

Be careful right now. Mask up. Double mask, if you feel like it. Wash your goddamn hands. Take care of yourself and your community.

WHISTLER WALK-UP TESTING HOURS:

-Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 - 9:30 am

& 5 - 7 pm

-Tuesday & Thursday: 2 - 3 pm

-Saturday & Sunday: 11 am - 12 pm

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MEN AND TAYLOR SWIFT: THE DENISON DICHOMY

To start: did I google the definition of dichotomy before coming up with the title of this submission? Yes, because I got into this school purely based on my wiles and charm, which will become increasingly more apparent as I demonstrate my plethora of knowledge about Taylor Swift. (Monday drinking game: Count how many more pretentious words fill this page which I should not be using so confidently considering Taylor's lyrics take up a solid percentage of my brain matter). As many of you are aware, Taylor Swift re-recorded and published her fourth studio album Red on November 12th. Red (Taylor's Version) has been the conversation on campus this weekend, instigated from flyers posted by "Denisonians Against Jake Gyllenhaal" and continued onto our school's beloved past-time 'YikYak'. YikYak, in my humble opinion, is a dumpster fire of what collectively is the true Denison Difference. 95% of its content comes from students who either think they were candidates for the class clown superlative at their high school or are brought up in conversation as "totally insane- that guys the funniest dude ever". It's important to remember that there's a lot of crossover between these two categories. Regardless of my opinion, YikYak is the main platform of discourse among the student body. Well, I'll leave it up to you to decide whether guys bragging about how much they ejaculated in their dorm after their Data Analytics test or people posting very real cries for help about their lack of mental health, all anonymously, classifies as discourse. I digress. YikYak has been filled with talk of Taylor and her ex-boyfriend, actor Jake Gyllenhaal. Gyllenhaal is unanimously seen to be the subject of Red among fans, or the species better known by their God-given scientific nomenclature "Swifties". And the Swifties did not come to play around on Friday morning. Flaming hot takes became the gasoline fueling that good ole' dumpster fire. The dumpster fire was then pissed on by--sorry to make this binary but, come on it just is--men. I've always found it incredibly fascinating to hear what guys I know think of Taylor Swift. As stated before, I am a big Taylor Swift fan, what one could and would say is a walking textbook diagram of the species Swiftie. I would argue, however, that I listen to her music for what to me is a healthy amount. My guy friends who are just as into music as me either appreciate her for her songwriting abilities or hate her for her overhyped songwriting abilities. Some guys I know love screaming her lyrics in the car. Others full out hate her music, which I am in no position to invalidate. I don't like every song she's ever released. But the conversation that took place on YikYak didn't surround her musical integrity, rather it concentrated on her personal integrity. Below are a sampling of direct quotes from YikYak, some may be posted by virgins who scream and cry to 'All Too Well' or may be from guys who for whatever reason felt the urge to address hypocrisy in gender roles, all on a Friday morning:

"If her AirPods r in today she's listening to Red Taylor's Version"

"I appreciate everyone's love for Taylor Swift but please stop with the lyrics make a damn post thread or something"

"Can someone explain why we hating on jake gyllenhaal?"

"Listen I'm gonna say it. If Taylor Swift has serious issues with every person shes dated enough to write songs about it.. at what point can we say she is the common denominator and just a bad partner"

"dude chill i know you wouldn't be saying that if it were a guy"

"OR men can be extremely shitty towards women and unfortunately it's very possible for a woman's exes to ALL have treated her poorly. New lyric added to this album was 'fuck the patriarchy.'"

"Can women not be extremely shitty towards men and unfortunately very possible that shitty women get absolved for their shitty behavior because of the same patriarchal system?"

I encourage you all to go and read the rest of their thread through the highs and lows of what was said. It ultimately became a somewhat healthy conversation about the ways we view and treat celebrities. The topic of gender was directly and aggressively mentioned but was ultimately danced around. Not specifically addressing their conversation, I think it's important to remember to speak when you know what you're saying. The opinions you anonymously post affect others.

Like Taylor Swift. Don't like Taylor Swift. Make a funny observation about the substances excreted on the seal over the weekend. Just don't put others down for the sake of putting others down. And as always, YikYak will never not be annoying.

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