

# DAILY BULL



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"Education is a progressive discovery of our own ignorance."  
-Will Durant

## Lunartic Rants: Second Life

By Lunartic ~ Daily Bull

One of my classes is about communication. Specifically it's about considering different means and mediums of communication. Second life was recently brought up.

For those of you who aren't familiar with this, Second Life is a virtual social space. It renders a 3D environment where you control an avatar and other people do as well. You can modify your avatar and create objects, clothing, accessories, even plots of land, all to the extent of your programming and design capabilities. You then interact with people by going onto different servers and hanging out; your avatar can walk around and talk to people.

The class brought up the possibility of virtual environments, of which Second Life is currently the only well-known example, as a possible business setting. Benefits were mentioned,

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## UC's Top 5: Superheroes/Villains

By Matt "Undercover Minority" Villa ~ Daily Bull

So I know what you're thinking. "Oh great, another nerd sharing his personal favorites from the DC and Marvel Universes. Let me guess, Deadpool is number one right? Hur hur hur." Well, yes, he is, but nay I say unto you dear reader, as I will share with your enriched, budding blossom of a mind my personal favorite made up superheroes and/or villains as created by me and other bull staff (though they may not remember them).

### #5 The Roto-rooter.

With his powerful drain snake of power, he patrols the street, waiting for his arch-nemesis, THE CLOG, to show. Using his signature ability, RECTUM WRENCH!, he annihilates his enemies, all while saving time to feed a family of four with his part time job as a roto-rooter man. There is a reason he's number 5.

#4 The Creeper. Normal student by day, creepy stalker by night, the creeper haunts the dreams and shadows of all 7 females at Tech. A true villain, he stalks his prey with the prowess of a Dik Dik,

waiting for the right time to strike. And when he sees his golden opportunity to pounce, he takes it, and just sits there watching, like the mouth breather he is. Fear this beast of shadowy creepiness, and watch your back, for the CREEPER!

#3 Purple Vesto. Haunting O-week and Spring Fling with his purple vest and religious rhetoric, Purple Vesto damns students to an eternity of hell.

With his sidekick, Wife, he shouts at anyone who may pass him by. Be wary you men of lengthy hair, or women of shorter strand, for you too will be damned by, PURPLE VESTO!

#2 The E-Mag Avenger. Using his supremely powerful left arm, he pummels evildoers into their base components.

Beware villains, for with his glass rod of Truth and silk cloth of Justice he shall rub, and rub, and rub some more until he attracts your positive side to come forth. Forget trying to escape, nothing can outrun the magnetic nature of the E-MAG AVENGER! (If you haven't figured it out yet, I've decided to do these in comic book ad style)

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### ...Respawn? from front

like not having to worry about travel time and expenses. Most of the class was skeptical – some arguments were pretty valid, such as the loss of face-to-face interaction and possibility to use deceptive body language.

Some of the arguments were not valid. These invalid arguments ranged from “I’m afraid of new things” to “I’m going to stereotype everyone that’s different from me!” Even “Second Life is a game with no winners, but lots of losers!”

Half of the classroom began to chime in with how everyone on the internet is creepy, and how if you’re logged in to Second Life, you must be doing so from your mother’s basement – or your grandmother’s if you’re really far gone. My favorite quote from that class is that Second Life is “full of 80 year old fags looking for cybersex.” Yeah, someone really said that out loud in a classroom. And was not chastised for it at all.

And then they all went on to bemoan how exclusively valuing face-to-face communication made them better people and that it was contrary to the horrible stereotype they engineer types were branded with.

Excuse me? Everyone on the internet is a geriatric perverted weirdo but you deserve to not be stereotyped? Really?

I used to think people were getting progressively more open minded as time went on. Email was once branded with the same criticism as virtual environments – it loses much of the personal aspect of face-to-face. That doesn’t mean it doesn’t have uses – you can send anyone an email from any computer with internet. It’s often used to facilitate person-to-person meetings because of how easy it is to get a hold of someone. Hell, writing was critiqued back in its day too – couriers who memorized messages add-

ed such a personal touch to your message, and having to memorize that 80-stanza poem instead of just reading it off a paper showed dedication and effort. Change is scary and is always bad!

I’m not in any way saying the intelligent critiques are not valid. Virtual environments cannot capture body language and other aspects of face-to-face communication. Neither can phone or email, though. Different interactions might be appropriate for one mode but not for another. But to completely write it off because people on the internet are all creepy old perverts is unjustified branding and just plain ignorant.

I’ve met a lot of people through the internet that I’m really glad to have met. Some I’ve even managed to meet in person. A lot of them have been really cool and mature. Through my avatar, my physical appearance and all the

judgments that come with it fade away. I would consider myself to be a person on the internet, and take offense to completely branding all of them in one fell swoop. All of them are “80 year old fags”? Last I checked, I won’t be eighty for at least fifty years.

So people, stop judging other people. Even if what they do is different from what you do, don’t write it off as weird or slap a label on them all without actually finding out about them. And if you really don’t want to be a prick, don’t slanderingly stereotype a whole demographic and then whine about how you’re stereotyped.



### ...BEERBOY! from front

**#1 Mr. Invincible.** Humble Editor-in-chief by day, super crime fighting, kickass superstar by night. Donning his spandex half-suit and matching cowboy hat, he battles crime with his hair of fiery vengeance. He uses old issues of “The Daily Bull” to subdue villains with sheer enjoyment before striking the finishing blow with his Throwing Chalk of Devastating Awesomeness (lead free of course). Get ready villains of the world, the fantastic four’s leader has nothing on, MR. INVINCIBLE!

Honorable mention? Only those of the strongest character and heartiest, stout heart could ever take on....

**#0 Sergeant Moneyshot and Bukake the Boy Wonder.** Yea, use your imagination. 🌟

## Velociraptor Awareness Day

By Jacob Heck ~ Guest Writer

Sunday is Velociraptor Awareness Day, which means everybody needs to be informed of what velociraptors do and are capable of.

zor-sharp claws, sometimes across the belly, spilling your intestines. You are alive when they start to eat you. If you would like to not die a horrible, painful death, I suggest you practice velociraptor awareness.

First of all, don’t go into the long grass. Long grass provides excellent hiding areas for these stealthy creatures. You should stay indoors, away from windows and in rooms that have door knobs, not handles - because raptors are capable of learning how to open doors. Seeing as it is Velociraptor Awareness Day, you should put up warning signs at potential velociraptor entry points, such as at large windows and on doors with handles.



Velociraptors may not seem very scary, more like a six-foot turkey, but they certainly are. Now, try to imagine yourself in the Cretaceous period and you get a first look at this six-foot turkey. It moves like a bird (lightly), bobbing its head and you stand still because you think its vision is based on movement. You stare at it and it stares right back. That’s when the attack comes - not from the front, but from the sides. And the other two raptors you didn’t even know where there! They slash at you with six-inch ra-

only hope for protection may be a paleontologist with a high-powered weapon. You cannot run because they are way too fast. You cannot fight them because they will destroy you in fractions of a second. A good paleontologist should know the behaviors of these prehistoric beasts and know how they will act in certain situations. Remember that these are dangerous creatures, so practice velociraptor awareness and you should survive. 🌟



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