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"It has yet to be proven that intelligence has any survival value."

-Arthur C. Clarke

Nathan Wonders: Big City Observations!

Brought to you from the grave by Nathan "Invincible" Miller

More Nathan Wonders?! Nah man, it's the start of a brand new column! I may be freshly graduated, but that doesn't mean I can't lend a hand every now and then to my old lover, the Daily Bull. Sorry Liz! Consider this the official end to Nathan Wonders and the introduction to Big City Observations.

For all of you who aren't in the know, I'm a grad student now at SUNY Albany. Albany's a pretty big city, at least compared to the rural life I'm used to. That got me thinking: on reality TV shows, they always put the city slickers out in the country and see how they cope (badly). So what would happen if they put a small town boy like myself in the city? Would I survive?

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Something Happens in Local Area

By Simon Mused ~ Daily Bull

A fun event took place in the local area this past weekend. This event is held every year at around this time period, and the date was announced months in advance. The event was well attended by a fair percentage of the county population. There was a slight increase in the number of attendees since last year, indicating an increase in the quality of merriment. The racial demographics represented were consistent with the census estimates for the area.



Holy cow! So many people. It's almost like being in line

Many fun games and activities were planned for the event. There were a multitude of prizes available for all age groups. Food and beverages were overpriced as dictated by tradition, but were purchased en masse anyway. Copious amounts of alcohol were consumed.

Local businesses took advantage of the high traffic and historic spending attitude of the event. Sales of various event and town related memorabilia increased

six-fold, consistent with predicted estimates. Coupon books and advertisements appealing to conspicuous consumption for various useless items were sent to people's homes. Impractical gifts included statues of the town namesake, postcards of architecture and that one pretty stream nearby, stuffed animals of expected wildlife, and t-shirts proclaiming the wearers love for the event and/or the area.

An advertisement campaign to attract attendees was very successful. "We were sure our campaign was guaranteed to attract people to our annual event," said local Chairperson of City Council Linda Price. "It was the same strategy used last year and was quite effective."

The headliner for the concert was an obscure traveling ensemble specializing in covers of classic hits. A local area

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Canadians find 20 year old dead frozen hiker. About time, eh?



Tell the Swarm

By Matt "Undercover Minority" Villa ~ Daily Bull

It's that time of year once again friends, the time when the swarm falls upon Tech, and threatens to swallow our livelihoods whole. That's right, the first week of the new academic year is here and, with it, a new batch of Freshmen. Do not be fooled by their innocent and absurdly young-looking faces, for within lies the bastion of our doom.

Beware these newcomers, for they only have enough knowledge to be dangerous, but not enough to be useful. And yet, perhaps it falls upon us, the stronger years, the wiser ones, to teach them - for as every one of us was told during our Saturday morning cartoons, the power is ours. As my friend Government Issue Joseph once said, "Knowing is half the battle." Perhaps he is correct, and in order to fend off the coming onslaught of newbies, we should educate rather than eliminate.



This is the enemy, soldier. It is cute. It is adorable, and you may even want to hug it, but it will kill YOU. Cutely.

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band was asked to open for them and accepted. The familiarity helped liven the audience before the cover band took the stage. Local teen Jessica Hartwell commented that they were "ok" if one was into that sort of "thing". The local area band soon became political half-way through their act making most of the audience uncomfortable, but did not deter the patrons.

The fireworks attracted a horde of spectators to the park. The beauty of

the masterfully calculated exothermic chemical reactions was well received, but is often criticized for never being as good as last year's display.

The festivities ended with a bulk of the patrons returning to their cars, and after paying their tickets for parking illegally, returned home safely.

Approximately 13 operator licenses were taken away due to blood alcohol levels exceeding legal limits. Price comments that the event was

a complete success. A large sum of revenue was generated for the town and local businesses. Mayor Jeffery Troupe comments on the city's hard work and to re-elect him. Follow-up questions revealed that the event was not purposefully planned to be a week before the primary elections, putting to rest all doubts about his capacity for leadership. Six-year-old Cindy McDunnam commented that "this should happen every day." Polls show a positive agreement with this statement. 🐼

... the Overmind from front

So yea, I say unto you dear brethren (and sistren), let us spread the word to them.

Tell them the stories of the almighty EERC Tree, a once mighty symbol of strength in the hardest of times, now fallen.

Tell them to beware the dangers of the bloodthirsty logging trucks, and how one should never expect them to stop.

Tell them of the unusual names given to our buildings, so that the history is kept alive.

Tell them your stories, so that they may not repeat the same mistakes you have.

Tell them the wonders of their roommate's girlfriend's left hand.

And tell them of the wonders, knowledge, wisdom and power that will be theirs, if they read the Daily Bull. 🐼

... DISCO INFERNO from front

Only time will tell.

Fire Trucks

One of the first things I noticed when I got to 'town' was an almost constant blaring of emergency sirens. Is all of town burning to the ground? Robberies on every street? Or did every man, woman, and child over the age of 65 just have a heart attack?

Apparently once a city's population reaches a certain point, it makes good economical sense to sound the alarm every chance you can get.

In small towns, you generally only saw fire trucks at three key times in the year: parades, school career days, and spaghetti dinners at the firehouse. Here in

Albany, it's a daily occurrence to see them plowing through traffic on their way to the scene. Can you imagine the wear and tear those vehicles sustain through almost constant use?

Ridiculous!

Out on the back forty in Pennsylvania or Michigan, you rarely ever saw traffic unless you were behind an elderly slow poke. That and the rarity of fire trucks actu-

ally out on the road meant that I never got to witness fire trucks bulldozing other cars! Man, was I missing out.

When I first saw a fire truck bearing down on unsuspecting motorists, I couldn't help but notice how loudly they were honking their horn. They must've been going at it! I can just imagine the driver putting all his weight on the horn for every honk. Plus they were switching between different

sirens, light patterns, and strobes, all while they drove through heavy gridlock. Talk about multitasking.

...Except I don't actually think the driver



Yes, ma'am, it's a fire all right! Hang on, don't be naggy, we just need to line up this picture... cheezeese!

could be doing all of that at once. I mean, just one of those tasks would take up all my attention. I'm pretty sure that the firemen

riding inside must have indi-

vidual battle stations. One guy mans the light board, flipping switches willy-nilly. Another concentrates on dodging other cars. There's the navigator, vuvuzela blower, Dalmatian caretaker, and finally the rookie who gets to do nothing but sit in the backseat and honk the horn on a separate Fisher Price steering wheel. Beep beep!

Since I've never ridden in a fire truck during an emergency (just around the

parking lot in elementary school), I can only assume this is how they operate. Maybe I'll wind up in a small town later on in life so I can join the volunteer fire department. Then I'll know for sure, if we ever get to leave the garage.

In the 45 minutes it took me to write this, three emergency vehicles hurtled down my street, guns blazin'. 🐼



AAH! *FLAP FLAP* HURRY! WE'RE GOING TO MISS IT!

The first Daily Bull meeting of the semester is **TOMORROW** night at **9:15 pm**. Don't bury your head in the sand and pretend you aren't funny... we know you are somewhere inside that pea brain!

Seek us out in Walker 144.



Coming to stores this Christmas, the newest truck from Tonka! Complete with all buttons! "So realistic!"



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