

## CRALVIN COLLEGE



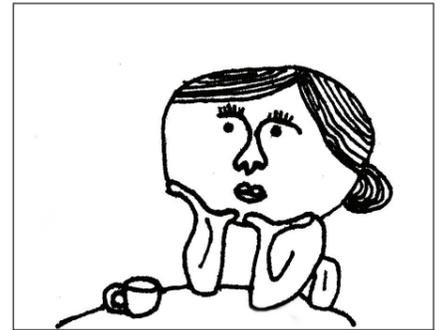
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## Cralvin named second 'RaptureReady' school in nation

BY R. CAIN JELLEMA  
Campus Prophet

Cralvin College became the second "RaptureReady" campus in the United States, receiving certification from the Collegiate Eschatological Preparedness Association Tuesday afternoon.

The announcement comes just weeks after Cralvin was named "StormReady" by the National Weather Service.

"Being prepared for tornadoes and severe thunderstorms was a good first step, but we wanted to be ready for something far more likely: the spontaneous and instantaneous disappearance of every single person on campus," said President Le Beard at a presentation ceremony.

Recent flooding in the Grand River made Le Beard acknowledge the importance of the "StormReady" accreditation, but Le Beard pointed to a more important distinction.

"The floods may rise and the winds may beat against this campus, but the only flood we need to focus on is the flood of



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In the event of a rapture, students have been instructed to immediately change into their ascension suits.

God's eschatological judgment," he said.

"Woosh," he continued, reenacting the consummation of the cosmos with his hands.

Calvin went through a series of steps to become certified. First, the college installed rapture-detection systems in each Kampus Safety vehicle, so should the driver

Kampus Safety.

The college has also provided a post-rapture manual in each academic building and classroom for any person visiting the campus

instantaneously vanish, the van will come to a screeching halt.

Officers held a drill on Monday morning, rolling out of moving vans and watching the vehicles stop almost immediately, preventing damaging property or running over un-raptured students.

"The last thing we want is to have to pay for some un-raptured kid's tuition just because they got run over by an unmanned Kampus Safety vehicle," said Bill Edge, director of

who may be left behind.

"Obviously, every student, staff and faculty member at Cralvin would hear the trumpet blast and immediately put on their ascension suit," said Pastor Magdalene, the college chaplain. "If visitors can't find one of the emergency ascension suits around campus, we want them to know what happened and what they can do to be saved."

"Nothing," she said. "Too late."

The college also hired a student worker to man the observatory 24/7 to watch the heavens for the appearance of the four horsemen of the apocalypse.

"If I see them coming, I'm supposed to send out the campus-wide email, text and phone call alerts," said Jonathan Vandersma. "I knew there was a good reason I get an email, text and phone call from Cralvin every month."

The first "RaptureReady" accreditation went to Azusa Pacific University in California, which unfortunately, was not also "StormReady," and got wiped out by a tsunami last week.

## Number of gay students spikes after Fun. concert

BY ALGAE BEATTY  
Staff Writer

Ever since Cralvin let Fun. perform in the Van Nude Arena, reports have been flooding in of previously straight students turning gay.

"I don't know what happened," said sophomore Phil Wilkins. "I went to the concert with my girlfriend, and when I woke up in the morning I was gay. Luckily, she

turned into a lesbian, so no hard feelings."

Of the 4,000 attendees, 1,012 are now gay — a number that increases every day.

"It really is staggering," said Professor Betty Gleiberson. "During my economics lecture, two boys randomly went gay all of a sudden and started making out with each other. At first people were shocked; then another boy went gay and they had a make-out three way!"

This only confirms the fears many donors and parents expressed before the show. They actively worked to ban the group from Cralvin because they were concerned about the effect that the musical group, which supports marriage equality and donates a portion of concert proceeds to the cause, would have on a Christian campus.

"When my daughter told me she was going to the show, I knew something bad would happen," said alumni and parent Richard Shrivel. "She was either going to die of sin exposure or join the gays. When she quoted Ellen Degeneres to me the next day, I knew my worst fears had come true."

One student, Sam Kim, who left early in the show, thinks these "gayversions," as students now call them, may be a result of the pagan rituals that Fun. performed mid-concert.

"I left to go to the bathroom, and when I came back I saw the lead singer reciting something from ancient scrolls. He sounded like Sauron. I

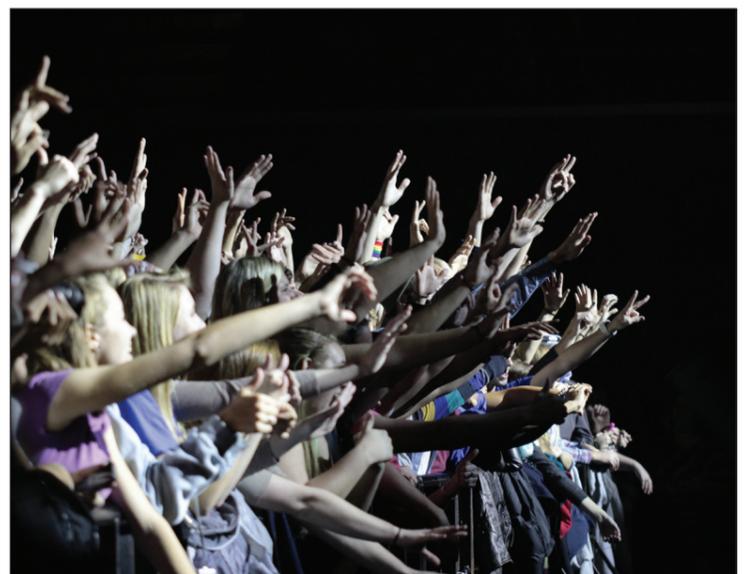
didn't know what was going on, but I knew I had to get the heck out of there."

attendee will receive a complimentary cat.

"Gay marriage was just the



Fun. has been supporting marriage equality on their recent tour, which has caused concern among parents and donors of Cralvin.



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Over 1,000 attendees have turned gay since the concert.

When interviewed, none of the attendees remember the ritual. However, they do recall leaving the show being drenched in goat's blood.

A lot of enthusiasm has been expressed for Fun.'s upcoming tour promoting bestiality. In addition to one dollar of each ticket sale going to the cause, each

first step," said lead singer Nate Ruess. "We're hoping the bestiality tour opens up doors for bigger issues like marrying multiple partners, marrying robots, marrying yourself and other forms of ungodly behavior. It will be extremely erotic. If our fans don't leave the show with a desire to marry something, we've failed."

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## Giant squid spotted downtown, visits local businesses

BY STANLEY SUMMERFIELD  
Local Man

This Tuesday, Grand Rapids residents crossing the foot bridge over the Grand River spotted a giant squid taking a left onto Fulton Street. The animal, which marine biologists identified as a 40-foot-long female *Architeuthis dux*, reportedly peered in the windows of several popular downtown restaurants, including the One Trick Pony and Bartertown.

Typically found at depths of 300 to 1000 meters, the giant squid appeared to be in its element in the flooded streets of Grand Rapids. Observers from inside buildings almost completely submerged reported seeing the creature moving at a sedate pace and interacting with different objects using its eight smaller tentacles. One observer reported the squid picking up a small car and playfully throwing it around.

The squid was likely following its prey — deep-sea fish that have been sighted all across downtown Grand Rapids as the flood waters have covered second-story windows. Other deep-sea creatures,

rarely seen due to the inaccessible nature of their habitats, have been spotted in Grand Rapids as the downtown streets more and more resemble their lightless, barren, watery habitats. Citizens have

Although the flooding of the city has been an inconvenience for many, Mayor George Livergood painted it as an opportunity to improve the vitality and urban atmosphere of downtown

businesses and could benefit the entire commercial district.”

The giant squid, nicknamed Gail by downtown residents, certainly upheld Livergood’s claim, reportedly patronizing several downtown businesses, including upscale restaurant One Trick Pony and popular vegan diner Bartertown, both on or just off of Fulton Street.

Marine biologists are excited about the opportunity to observe creatures who have historically been poorly-documented in their natural habitats. Basement and first-level windows in downtown buildings provide ideal viewing locations as these critters roam the deserted sea floor that downtown Grand Rapids streets have become. Scientists hope that other creatures might follow the giant squid, such as the sperm whale, which is known to prey on giant squids.

“We’re really hoping to see a sperm whale,” said sophomore Lily Goodfellow, a biology major. “Scientists have known that sperm whales dive into the deep ocean to tremendous depths, but they’ve never observed it in the wild before. This is an amazing opportunity.”



PHOTO BY STANLEY SUMMERFIELD

Giant squid photographed peering through the window of One Trick Pony on Fulton Street.

reported seeing bizarre species of fish, marine isopods (pillbug-like arthropods) approaching four feet in length and even some giant tube worms congregating around vents in downtown Grand Rapids.

Grand Rapids.

“Many cities have been experimenting with underwater districts,” Livergood told MDead.com on Monday. “This flooding will attract a wide variety of new customers for downtown busi-

## Football loses for first time

BY SARAH  
VANHOMMERSHAFTSMA  
Grand River Christian Graduate

The Nites can no longer claim to be undefeated in football since 1876. Their 137-year winning streak has come to an end with a loss to the University of St. Thomas from St. Paul, Minn.

The Tommies had previously knocked the volleyball team off the top of the pedestal at the national title game; defeated the men’s basketball team in the sweet sixteen; took down the top-ranked women’s basketball team in the first round of the dance; outplayed the men’s golf team by one putt at a round of mini-golf; out-scored the ultimate frisbee team in their semi-final game; and out-scored the equestrian team by a score that no one knows or cares to learn how to calculate; and finally, out-tooled and embarrassed the hockey team by winning 12-2.

The Nites led the Tommies through the first three quarters until St. Thomas came back from a 28-point deficit to defeat Cralvin in the final seconds of the game by a score of 35-28.

Cralvin started out the first quarter strong with a returned kick for a 99-yard touchdown run by sophomore running back Peter VanDutchsma, a graduate of Grand River Christian High. Senior kicker Kim Jong, a graduate of Southwest Christian, made his extra point attempt, his 150th consecutive of his career, a new Cralvin record. He passed Henry Boer, a graduate of the class of 1948 and a graduate of Grand River Christian High.

On the Tommies’ possession, the defensive linesmen, junior Paul DeHaan, senior Josh Harkema and freshman Jan DeHoog, all of Grand River Christian, collapsed on the Tommies’ quarterback, successfully robbing him of the ball. After a 25-yard run by VanDutchsma, the Nites were 15 yards out of the end zone. Freshman quarterback Kevin VanVanderVan from Michasota Christian connected with junior wide receiver La-a (pronounced Ladashuh) Pettigrew of Grand

River Christian for a 15-yard touchdown pass. Jong once again made the extra point.

The next Tommie possession, Cralvin cornerback sophomore Joop Heilkema intercepted the ball on the Nites’ goal line and returned it for a 100-yard touchdown interception. Jong came through with the extra point, putting the Nites up 21-0 at the end of the second quarter.

The Tommies kicked the ball to the Nites to begin the third quarter. Just for fun, the Nites decided to put their punter, senior Adam Attema of Netherlands Christian, as a returner. He returned it to the Tommies’ 45 yard line, a record for any Cralvin punter. On the next play, VanVanderVan connected with tight end senior Janssen VerMeer who lateraled the ball to junior and fellow Grand River Christian graduate Jan VanderMeer who ran it in for a touchdown, giving the Nites a 28-0 lead to end the third quarter.

It all went downhill from there — the Nites failed to score the rest of the game as the Tommies completely demolished their offense. The beginning of the fourth quarter, center Jarrod Hoekstra snapped the ball over VanVanderVan’s head into the end zone where it was recovered by the Tommies for the score. The Tommies scored three more touchdowns throughout the fourth quarter and recovered on an onside kick with 1:17 left in the game. The Tommies drove down the field to the Nites’ five yard line, where the Nites made a stand, forcing the Tommies to a fourth down. Unfortunately, on the next play, junior safety Nicholas Visser, of Universal Christian tripped on his untied shoelace, leaving the Tommie wide receiver undefended in the endzone. The Tommies scored and pulled ahead 35-28 with no time left on the clock.

Nites head coach Pedro Rodriguez said, “I am deeply saddened that our first historic loss had to come at the hands of the Tommies. I would have rather lost to the Flying Dutch of Hope.”

The Nites play again on Friday at Hope.

## Le Beard’s brush insured

Stubble considered Cralvin ‘emblem’

BY RACHEL DIEPHUIS  
Facial Hair Enthusiast

The Cralvin Board of Trustees decided this Monday that it would go ahead with a plan to insure President Le Beard’s facial hair. The insurance policy will hold up to \$50,000 for Le Beard’s bristles. The Organization for the Promotion of Bob Raven’s Mustache has responded with harsh backlash against this decision.

The board came to this decision following a proposal made earlier this year by the Michael Le Beard Stubble Foundation, which has lobbied for the promotion of Le Beard’s five-o-clock shadow on Cralvin’s campus and beyond since the presidential inauguration in the fall of 2012.

Bob DeVries, a senior at Cralvin College and the president of the foundation, said the mutton chops deserve this recognition and protection.

“President Le Beard’s fuzz is an emblem of what Cralvin stands for. John Cralvin began the Reformed tradition of facial hair. President Le Beard has carried on this tradition with his amazing brush. I think this insurance policy honors this at an institutional level.”

The board agrees. “[Le Beard’s] Santa Claus has achieved iconic status on par with other logos or trademark insignia,” said Scott Beets, a Cralvin College board member and president of Beets Van Deen Insurance Company.

The preliminary draft of the insurance policy states that it will protect against “any and all damages to Michael R. Le Beard’s facial hair.”

Though unconventional, such insurance policies are precedent. Le Beard follows a long list of celebrities — from football players to singers — who have insured

their trademark body parts. Troy Polamalu, a safety for the Pittsburgh Steelers, had his famous locks insured for a reported \$1 million by an advertising firm. Mariah Carey, the popular R&B singer, has her legs insured for a whopping \$1 billion.

The board expressed that the insurance policy was taken as a measure of prudence. “[The board] feels like this is very wise step. We felt that this needed to be done in case something might happen to his bristles,” added James DeWit, the president of the board. “We now have an insurance policy that will effectively counteract against that risk.”

The office of the president released a statement on Twitter (@prezlebeard) saying, “We are happy to announce that President Le Beard’s magnificent fuzz is now insured against all harm! Long live #thestubble!”

But not everyone is in a celebratory mood. The Organization for the Promotion of Bob Raven’s Mustache (OFTPBCM) has released a biting statement in response to the board’s decision. Bob Raven is the dean of student development. “This decision is absurd,” the statement said. “Raven’s mustache deserves equal treatment!”

The organization’s members expressed deep dissatisfaction with the decision and vowed to lobby with renewed vigor.

“We have been lobbying for such a measure for Raven’s mustache for over 5 years now, and the board has time and time again been unresponsive,” said John DeVos, the president of the organization. “We will exploit this juncture and seize recognition for a true trademark of Cralvin College: Bob Raven’s mustache.”

Both Le Beard and Raven declined to comment.

Many members of the two opposing groups have begun growing their own facial hair in imitation of their respective leaders. Female enthusiasts have reportedly resorted to drawing on their faces with markers.

# Coffee increases in popularity, hipsters over it

BY RACHEL KAAMPS  
Vegan

What started as an isolated trend, the consumption of coffee has now exponentially increased. As finals approach, students across campus are reaching for their mugs, hoping that the substance will take them to the next level of cognition. Not only that, many students have found that they are still fostering the addition that was developed over four months ago, during winter exams.

*Crimes* hit the paths to interview those who have been impacted by this wave of popularity.

When asked about the substance, Johnny Vaandershaama, a junior majoring in both business and economics, stated that it was "incredible." At the time of the interview Vaandershaama was clutching two CUPPPSS mugs, and had revealed that he had not had a glass of water in three weeks. "Coffee just really helps me focus on my school work. I discovered that I can't handwrite anymore because the caffeine buzz makes my hands shake, but overall, I type much faster."

Other students had similar reports. "Coffee is what keeps me

going," said a freshman electrical engineering student. "I pull an all-nighter in the computer lab every other night, and drinking a cup of coffee every 45 minutes makes all the difference." The student, who prefers to remain anonymous, also confessed that without drinking coffee, his abil-

drinking five or six cups of coffee I kind of even out. I still can only really talk about C++ code, Turbo Diesel Injection engines and Archer, but hey, you gotta start some place!"

Not everyone has been consuming with the masses. *Crimes* was able to interview a few of those not swept away in the trend.

"I'm over it," admitted Carollyn Cambridge, a sophomore whose short stint at Calvin has mostly been spent ironically. "Coffee is so last autumn. I used to drink three cups of pour over coffee a day, made from beans that the woman next door roasted herself. Now, though, I have moved on to organic, loose leaf teas picked by lemurs."

Katheryn Vander VanBurg is also skeptical. "I mean, I guess that I used to drink coffee," she admitted. "But it was forever ago. I mean, I was certainly one of the first people who really invested themselves in the drink. When I was a freshman, I carried my french press everywhere with me, just in case I needed the extra kick. But now that I am a senior, it's just so... mainstream." When asked what her new beverage of choice is, Vander VanBerg revealed that she now focuses on more "socially just" and organic drinks.

"I have found that a mixture of pine needles and some of the earlier buds from apple trees really connects me to the earth."



INSTAGRAM

**Coffee is currently popular on campus, but people who like better music than you are quickly finding less mainstream alternatives to the beverage.**

ity to have what would be considered "normal" conversations is severely limited. "Yeah, I am pretty awkward normally. After

# Couple goes on casual date, doesn't get engaged

BY JOSIE VANZEE  
Staff Writer

On Saturday evening, students Troy Maguire and Samantha Wright were seen downtown together at Calvin's Gallery 420. According to sources, they appeared to be on a date.

"I'm really not sure what was happening," said a student worker at the gallery, who did not want to be named. "They are not a couple, as far as I know. But they were like, talking only to each other and I even saw Troy put his hand on Sam's shoulder for a minute."

*Crimes* sent a reporter to investigate.

After in depth interview, it was discovered that the two junior students were indeed on what they called a "casual date."

"Troy is in my theology class, and we ended up working on a group project together last week," explained Wright. "We got along really well. He's really funny and a hard worker."

"The other day after class, he asked me if I wanted to go to The Textbooks concert at Ladies' Lit with him on Wednesday," Wright said. "I was confused at first," she admits. "I didn't really know what he meant by 'with him.' We're not like, boyfriend and girlfriend or anything."

Maguire confirmed that he has asked Wright to the concert. "I

clarified that I was asking her out, like on date, because I thought she was cute and I wanted to talk to her more," he said. "She got really awkward."

It turns out Maguire, who is a transfer student from Grand Valley, was asking Wright on a casual date.

"I ask girls out all the time," he reports. "How else am I supposed to get to know anyone?"

The two attended the concert together, and said they had an

"We're not positive what will happen in the next couple of weeks. Troy is really experienced in casual dating, and he said usually you just hang out with someone until one person wants to stop or to get more serious," said Wright. "I kind of like that. It's refreshing."

Floor dates are the only co-ed activities sanctioned by Calvin College. According to residence life staff, most students meet their significant others at these outings.

"Floor dates are your chance to meet the love of your life," says Harry Bergsman, the resident director of Hoeksema-DeHaan. "It's pretty regular to see proposals at floor dates — in the middle of a corn maze, at a bowling alley."

"Casual dating is not endorsed by Calvin College," he stated. "You're on your own."

For now, Maguire and

Wright are on cloud nine despite the strange looks they get from Calvin students curious about the anomaly.

"It's going really well," they say in tandem, smiling at the unanimous response.

"If it doesn't work out after a few weeks, oh well!" says Maguire. "We'll end on good terms. That's what happens in the real world. It's kind of weird that Calvin students don't seem to get it. I thought you guys were smart?"



STOLEN FROM FACEBOOK

**Uncertainty reigns in this couple's relationship: they will need to have a DTR discussion fairly soon.**

enjoyable time. Much to Wright's surprise, no one at the event seemed suspicious about what they were doing.

"No one assumed we were dating!" she exclaimed. "I also thought for sure Troy would ask me to marry him, but he didn't!"

In fact, further plans for the relationship are not set in stone. The pair did visit the 420 Gallery on Saturday, and afterward they went out for a drink at McBronan's, a local bar that serves alcohol.

# Students to build Meade Hall

Unpaid internship offered for engineering students

BY RITA SKEETER  
Green Beetle

Plans to break ground on a new building, Meade Hall, are set for winter 2014. The building will be a non alcoholic bar. President Le Beard made the announcement in a press conference earlier this week.

"We are so excited to break ground on this building. We hope it will be a safe place for students to build community over soft drinks."

The building plan was set into motion following a request to student senate. Senate will assist in funding the project by supplying the building with gold-plated doorknobs and state-of-the-art toilet seats with the senate logo.

Many expected the construction of the hall to be postponed following the recent revelation that earlier building projects put Calvin in severe debt. When questioned about the decision, Le Beard assured reporters that "the funding will be in place."

Le Beard seemed especially enthusiastic about the savings he expects from the new unpaid internship program for engineers called Service-Learning Faith Integration for Engineers (SLFIE).

"It presents the opportunity for us to blend our new budgetary goals with our goal of giving students a great education," Le Beard explained.

The program will make these engineering student interns responsible for constructing the bulk of the building. Le Beard expects this to be as an excellent opportunity for them educationally. Sources say they will be required to work at least 10 hours a day on the building to ensure construction stays on schedule. Despite budgetary constraints, Cravlin generously plans to feed them one meal per day.

"We thought this would be a great way for engineering students to get experience in their field. We'll have them involved at every level. They'll get an unprecedented look at not only engineering, but related fields, such as construction and architecture. We believe this will be a wonderful way to maintain the liberal arts focus in an otherwise demanding program."

The bar's signature drink was decided by a student senate campaign entitled, #Cralvindrinksvirgin. The campaign ended with a tie between "The Beard," an homage to President Le Beard, and "Totally Depraved."

The current plans for the building include a large statue of Le Beard shaking John Cralvin's hand. Pastor Magdalene says it symbolizes the new friendship between Le Beard and the Dutch Synodical Denomination.

While sources have refused to comment on the cost of the building, none of the official college representatives have been shy about their support for the SLFIE program.

Academic Provost Maudie Cleverslice feels the program could have potential to expand beyond the engineering program. She encouraged students of all majors to consider getting involved with the building.

"This is a great way for students to learn about God's world and integrate their faith into their lives through service. We see this as an act of service to God through service to the college," she said.

Students have been less enthusiastic. As one sophomore who asked to be called "Luke Skywalker" put it:

"This is, like, um, totally a violation of my constitutional rights ... and, um, yeah, injustice."

Luke Skywalker first became upset when he learned that the internship would conflict with the League of Legends tournament he organized in his dorm.

Jordan Vanderhaagsma, a female engineering major, also expressed displeasure.

"I am not going to spend 10 hours a day alone building the Christian version of Flounders bar. I already have to put up with enough social isolation as the only female engineering student at Calvin," Vanderhaagsma said.

Despite these complaints, Hugh Hefner, director of student activities, remained enthusiastic.

"This will be a great way to encourage intentional student community. We hope to transform the conversation about bar culture. Meade Hall will be a center of discussions about philosophy and theology, rather than a source of partying," Hefner said.

In the past, Hefner has supported efforts to promote alcohol appreciation at Calvin with the series, "It gets better with age."



PHOTO FROM ANOTHER DECADE

**While no completed applications have been submitted, the Engineering Department is considering making the application a requirement for all juniors.**

# Gentlesquirrels of Cralvin Crollege



“Gentlesquirrels” is a word ripe with meanings, some good, some great. We use the word here in what we think is its purest sense — that is, a creature who reaches for a higher branch and doesn’t settle for a life of being mediocre or mocked. Or roadkill.

In doing so, we stare in the face of mammal culture in some small way and reclaim the word for squirrels of high status everywhere — not just at Cralvin.

## INVOLVED



A Cralvin gentlesquirrel’s experience is just as much about the time spent outside the forest of learning as in it. A Cralvin gentlesquirrel is a squirrel who dares to explore new options by getting plugged in to new opportunities. And believe us, Cralvin has a lot of options. Try a student organization like Squirrels Without Borders, SAGA (Squirrels Against Gay Antagonists), ESC (Environmental Squirrel Club) or ACORN (it’s an acronym for something).

Get involved in faculty senate — Cralvin really needs to begin teaching tail grooming 101, don’t you think? We’ve also got an administration ripe for overthrowing (rumor has it Le Beard is allergic!) You will not be bored. Conquer the campus with your fuzzy minions.

## DISCERNING

Is it possible for a squirrel brain to develop a six-pack? Probably not. But if it were, Cralvin gentlesquirrels would have them. A Cralvin gentlesquirrel puts in the work necessary to learn not just a task, but a whole way of thinking and growing. He knows that discarded pizza is the ultimate meal, closely followed by leftover hot dogs or hamburger patties. He knows that during the bleak winter months, if all else fails, buckets of coffee grounds can be found in the Fish House dumpster. He knows that the sliders should always be overlooked. Gentlesquirrels receive a rigorous education that prepares their palates for a variety of cuisines. Nuts? Who needs ‘em when you’ve got grilled cheese Wednesdays?



## PREPARED



“Prepared” is really just another way of saying, “morbidly obese.” This is something that any gentlesquirrel knows is of utmost importance. Now that you’ve put in months of hard work, stuffing your belly with the copious amounts of pizza and chocolate chip cookies given out on a daily basis behind the dining halls, you are ready. All Cralvin gentlesquirrels are ready. Ready to put your jiggling new layer of belly fat to good use. Ready for

winter. Ready for the rest of your short, fluffy lives. Ready to go ... get run over by a longboarder because you’re too slow to jump out of the way. Guess you might want to sign up for zumba or acorn disc golf, too.

## SUAVE

Rich, luxurious fur coats? Check. Organic dandelion greens with a side of free range Japanese beetles? Check. A ticket and backstage passes to The Squirrel Pornographers concert? Check (but don’t tell the administration). A Cralvin gentlesquirrel is impeccably sophisticated at all times and in all areas: dress, dining and recreation. A gentlesquirrel always knows the best way to score some choice trash (it’s called “thrifting,” not “dumpster diving”) and the best trees for dropping nuts on unsuspecting freshmen. But don’t let it go to your head. A gentlesquirrel is aloof without being distant. Elevated without being above a fun game of “chew holes in the tires of Kampus Safety vans.” Wary without being rabid.



# Homosexuals barred from practicing

## Music rooms, painting studios, Rhetoric Center off-limits

BY VIKTOR VIKERRINK  
Staff Writer

In a revision of the college policies, homosexuals at Cralvin will be barred from developing their musical talents, athletic abilities and theatrical skills among other God-given gifts they may possess.

"We've tolerated practicing homosexuals on this campus far too long," stated the associate under-secretary of the student morality division. "Our lack of policy is troubling, considering the DSD's position on homosexuality."

The first floor of the CFAK will be strictly off-limits to homosexuals. "The temptation to practice is just too great there," he stated.

Other off-limits areas include the Track and Tennis Center, the painting studios and the Rhetoric Center. In order to practice their faith, homosexuals will be allowed in residence hall prayer rooms, albeit with RA supervision.

The Dutch Synodical Denomination, closely associated with Cralvin College, states clearly on its website that it rejects homosexuality, which it defines as "explicit and overt homosexual practice."

"Since the DSD has declined to elaborate on what it means by the word 'practice,' we felt it prudent to interpret the word as liberally and inclusively as possible," stated a Cralvin official who declined to be named.

This reporter found that many parents and donors were concerned about the issue of homosexual practice. "If we'd spotted any homosexuals running soccer drills or playing piano scales on our campus visit," lamented one parent, "it would have been off to Wheatfields with our little gal."

Dumbfounded by why anyone



SITUATION COURTESY DSD

Warning signs have been erected in high-risk practice zones.

would condone homosexual practice, one donor remarked with an air of cultured superiority, "Hmmmphhhhhphfffff" before adjusting his monocle and taking a sip of sherry.

"Practicing homosexuals are gay!" opined one student in

Johnny's, who proceeded to lose interest in the conversation and returned to reading YouTube comments.

Heterosexual students will continue to be allowed to practice, and will be encouraged to do so behind Calvin-locked doors.

# BINGO sweeps campus

BY HOEST TABLETTEN  
Guest Writer

The Big Important Netherlands Genealogy Organization (BINGO) is gaining popularity across the United States, according to senior Pieter VanderVeenstra, who is probably junior John VanderVeenstra's brother or maybe cousin or something.

"BINGO has been a critical networking organization in the Netherlands, and we are so glad to see its influence here in the states," said VanderVeenstra, who, by the way, married Annie De Jong, who is Phil De Jong's brother-in-law's cousin.

Cralvin Archives director Leonart Haarmsma has noticed an upswing in visitors to the formerly obscure corner of campus.

"President Le Beard was in here last week desperately trying to trace his genealogy. He just doesn't seem that well-connected."

Haarmsma worried that the rise of BINGO might mean that people with obscure lineage like Le Beard might find it harder to find work.

"I can see a future where Cralvin and the DSD [Dutch Synodical Denomination] includes BINGO endorsement in senior-level job descriptions."

BINGO also has found its share of critics outside Cralvin.

"I'm not sure I'm getting the hang of this quite yet," said freshman Maria Hernandez, who apparently isn't related to anyone, except she might be Pedro Hernandez's mother-in-law's sister's ... oh, nevermind.

Hernandez, who, by the way, attends that Presbyterian church on DeGroot Avenue, across the street from where sophomore Michael DeVries's parents live, says that she is currently working on finding her dog's uncovered familial connections.

"I think he might be the cousin or maybe even brother of that Chihuahua down the street," said Hernandez. "I'm looking into it."



CRALVIN CAMPUS STORE

BINGO caused a controversy by officially endorsing Wilhelmina mints, driving King mints out of business.

# Students die of dysentery after duress on GLvT trail

BY BRYAN VANDERSTRIKE  
Staff Writer

Two freshmen and one sophomore dropped dead of dysentery after trekking more than 100 meters from their dorm, Glassbeek-Lyzena-van Treeken, to their class across campus.

The students had been operating at a grueling pace for at least 45 seconds before collapsing along the side of the path shortly before reaching Johnny's Trading Post.

The students were studying to be a banker, a carpenter and

a doctor.

All the squirrel meat in the backpacks went bad early on in the journey and the students were forced to travel on barebone rations. A last-minute hunting trip also yielded no results.

This is just one instance of several deaths in the last weeks: a student from GLvT died of measles last week and a group of four students fell victim to squirrel bites last month.

"Why do the good die young?" asked Katie VanVanderVan as she caulked her wagon.

"We debated fording the semi-

nary pond, but decided it was too dangerous," she continued. "We don't want to end up like the GLvT students."

Pushing off into the dicey waters, VanVanderVan's wagon capsized and was swept away, resulting in the eighth trail-related death this semester.

"Maintaining morale has been a major problem in our wagon," said Jason Oregonian at the Johnny's Trading Post.

He and his friends were stocking up on grandfather clocks and beef jerky before making the next leg of the journey.

# GLOWING SALT SHAKERS

CAMPUS BIBLE STUDY

Fall 2012

You are the salt of the earth...  
you are the light of the world.

- Matthew 5:13-16

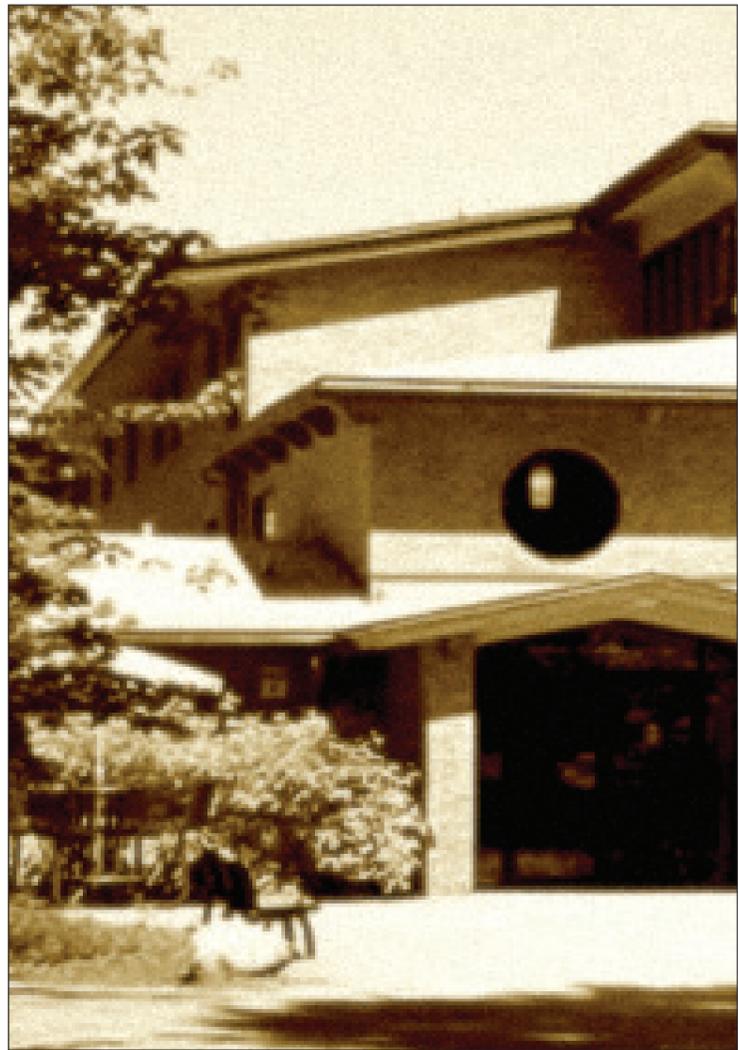


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Later travellers reported that VanVanderVan's gravestone was inscribed, "She Was Calvin College."

## Cralvin College bans popular dances

BY RITA SKEETER  
Green Beetle

Cralvin has officially banned the Harlem Shake, Wobble, Chicken Dance and any other kind of dance that involves what

Certainly Hoekstra, dean of student morality, said.

Hoekstra has advised students with further questions about potentially “suggestive” dance moves to look at the official document on the Cralvin website for more detailed descriptions and

exceptions will be made for Ragnoola because “discernment.” However, Dance Troupe will now be a celebration of traditional dances to music “distinctively on the beat,” as LeBeard put it in a recent statement.

Hoekstra encouraged students interested in some of the more culturally diverse dances to sign up for Klompen dancing, a dance style with traditional Dutch roots more in line with the college’s belief system.

The alum behind the complaint that lead to these changes, Willard Vanboergersma, who graduated in 1940, could not be reached for comment, as the news broke past his bedtime.

Reportedly, he was alerted to the videos by his great granddaughter.

Sources tell us he wrote several strongly worded letters to both the DSD and the college after viewing the dances.

In one letter, he said: “Why, we never danced to anything that had an off beat when I was at Cralvin! I understand a good game of Go Fish every now and then — even I had a few of those in my younger days — but dancing like that is simply the behavior of devil’s spawn.”

Despite a number of complaints from students since the new policy was announced earlier this week, the college vows to stand with Vanboergersma on this issue.

“If we see a violation of the rules of discernment, we like to nip that in the bud,”

Cane Draconiksma, dean of judicial affairs, explained. “We know not everyone will like it right away, but we feel confident we are acting for the best.”

President Le Beard backed her up: “I was allowing The Wobble to let me wobble in my faith, but not anymore, thanks to Willard!”

Student senate is planning a protest in which they pass out free cookies on Common lawn.



CRIMES PHOTO

Suggestive dancing is banned from Cralvin College.

the college calls “suggestive” movements. The policy change followed an alumni complaint about several videos on Facebook of groups of Cralvin students partaking in these dances. One video reportedly showed President Le Beard “getting down” with the students as well.

“We need to use discernment in our movements; some things are not meant to shake,”

diagrams.

Under the blanket of “suggestive” movement, the document specifically prohibits “booty popping,” “shoulder shimmying” and all forms of “grinding” as moves that “may not leave enough room for Jesus.” Appropriate dance moves include the toe tap, head nod and traditional waltz.

Hoekstra said that cultural

## Reformed Dutch teen rebels, enrolls at Cralvin College

BY CANDY VANDY  
Staff Writer

Despite various concerns of Dutch Christian parents, a dangerous trend is on the rise in West Michigan. As the nuclear family degenerates and our old-timey values disappear, rebellious Reformed teens are lashing out at their loved ones in the radically freethinking act of enrolling at Cralvin College.

When most parents are told, they are elated at the choice of their children. Little do they know, the seedy underbelly of Cralvin College contains a few dangerous, slightly less orthodox Christians.

“We could not be more pleased with Christian’s choice. We are so glad that he chose to be a part of such a great Christian community,” say Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbloggen, parents of a recently accepted student. Their son Christian, however, knows “they don’t understand.”

“Deciding to go to Cralvin was one of the most extreme things I have ever done. Being a staunch and belligerent atheist, going to Cralvin College is a no brainer,”

he says.

Defying his mother and father’s wishes, Christian looks forward to the progressive attitude that so many Cralvin alumni rave on and on about.

“I am so excited to connect with other freethinkers on topics

like the irrelevant nature of organized religion and David Hume. At home, the only way I feel I can connect is through Reddit’s ‘Atheism’ forum. They really do understand me there. Coming to Cralvin, though, I am sure that I will find even more progressive

professors and students!”

While some unaware parents continue to believe that Cralvin College is a safe haven where their students can grow and learn more of what it means to be a Christian invested and engaged in this world, students like

Christian know better.

“When I first saw the brochures for Cralvin, they almost convinced me that they were a religious institution, but they couldn’t fool me. I always could tell they were a pack of heathens. That part about ‘offering our hearts promptly and sincerely’ —

all bull.”

Looking forward to next fall, Christian says, “I just know that Cralvin will be everything I imagined it to be, which is good, because if it isn’t, I definitely will flip my lid. If I can’t get party every weekend without some kid complaining about this supposedly being a Christian community, I will go absolutely insane. If I couldn’t, I would never stop complaining. I would never stop ranting. I will be merciless.”

As Christian begins preparing for Cralvin’s fall semester, he has decided to start gearing up by branching out his philosophical propensities into the “art” of contributing memes on 4chan’s atheist forum as well as watching his fair share of “Penn and Teller.”

With bright hopes Christian says, “Thankfully, I know that by coming to Cralvin I will never have to deal with the Christian culture of my hometown again. Despite whatever my parents tell me, Cralvin seems like the kind of place that will be everything that I ever imagined and ever wanted. I just know that everyone will agree with me and that I will be completely content with the curriculum and faculty.”



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Christian is anything but, so Cralvin seemed like the obvious choice.

## DSD chooses official rock song

BY LAUREN ZONDERVAN  
TFYAR Representative

As the first part of a comprehensive new strategy to attract more young adults to the denomination, the Dutch Synodical Denomination (DSD) has selected Nickelback’s “Far Away” as its official rock song.

The selection comes out of the denomination’s new Task Force on Young Adult Retention, which was formed by Synod 2012 to be responsible for identifying why the DSD has a problem attracting and retaining young adults, as well as for finding strategies to solve the problem.

“We thought that the first step in attracting young adults back to the church should be giving them a surge of energy, and this song is our way of doing that,” task force chair Harm Diversma said.

Lauren Zondervan, the 28-year-old young adult representative on the task force, was the one that first found the song. “Nickelback, being Canadian, was a perfect way to affirm the DSD’s bi-national identity, and ‘Far Away’ in particular has lyrics very similar to popular praise and worship songs.”

As part of the initiative, the task force has asked Cralvin Student Activities Office (CSAO) to invite Nickelback to Cralvin for a show, sponsored by the DSD. CSAO director Hugh Hefner

did not comment.

The Task Force on Young Adult Retention is made up of three members of the DSD’s Board of Trustees, four regional representatives, three denominational staff, three ethnic advisers and one young adult.

“After a long time of not addressing or looking into the roots of young adults’ apathy towards the denomination, we have come together as an organization to fix the core of this problem”, said DSD Supreme Pontiff His Holiness Amos Shoe.

“We hope it will draw in the young people, but we hope moreover that this will give us a chance really engage them with our strengths, the things we think are what the DSD has to offer the world: study of the historic Reformed confessions like the Canons of Dort, strong intergenerational opportunities given the demographics of the denomination and our distinctive stance on homosexuality and homosexuality.”

VanVandersma sees the decision as a sign that the denomination has a bright future.

“The willingness of the Dutch Synodical Denomination to make these kinds of bold statements that we are not afraid of culture, that we want to embrace young people where they are, is what will keep the DSD strong through the 21st century,” he said.



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Got a question? Write to...

## Dear Abby

Dear Abby,

I went on a Cralvin walk with this guy last week. He really likes me and I really like him, but when he proposed on mainstream lawn, I froze. I definitely do want to get married. I'm already 18 years old, and I always planned to be married by 20. But a part of me wonders if we are taking things too fast. I don't know what to do. He really wants an answer. What do I tell him? Am I crazy to think this is going too fast?

~ Cold Feet in the Sem Pond

Dear Cold Feet,

HOLD UP. I'm not really sure what a Cralvin walk is, but I guess that's beside the point. I'm all for people who want to get married, but BY 20?! Holy Hannah. I think this guy's had a little too much crazy juice. In the real world, it's pretty normal to be

single until your late 20s or early 30s. Try pushing this fella in that Sem Pond you speak of. Maybe that will cool him off.

~Abby

Dear Abby,

I've been loving my year in Sytsema-Inwagen-Nienhuis. Except my roommate. She is not DSD. She comes from a public school and sometimes she says bad words like 'heck!' I've always believed in predestination, but this is too much. I can't believe that God would allow me to be put with this heathen for an entire year! What should I do?

~ Predestined in SIN

Dear Predestined,

HOLD UP. HECK?! You think HECK is a bad word? I don't really want to answer this letter anymore. But I guess it is

my job... I'll be honest: I had to Google "predestination." I'll be even more honest: I still have no idea what it means. It sounds like literally the weirdest thing to believe in. No offense. Also, I don't think people say "heathen" anymore. Isn't that from like, "The Scarlet Letter?" Get with the 21st century picture. You have to learn to be an adult about these sorts of things; that's what college is for. Just deal with your roommate in a respectful way. Or send her over to my room, I bet she's cool. And she probably doesn't like you either.

~Abby

Dear Abby,

I'M AN ENGINEERING MAJOR AND I HAVE BEEN DOING HOMEWORK FOR THE LAST SIX DAYS WITHOUT STOPPING TO EAT OR SLEEP AND I'M RUNNING OUT OF ENERGY DRINKS TO KEEP ME GOING. IF I DON'T FINISH THE FORTY PAGES OF PHYSICS PROBLEMS THAT HAVE STUMPED MY TUTOR, PROFESSOR AND SEVERAL NOBEL PRIZE-WINNING PHYSICISTS, I'M GOING TO FAIL OUT OF THE ENGINEERING PROGRAM. WHAT DO I DO?

~ Visible only in Ultraviolet

Dear Ultraviolet,

HOLD UP. Number 1: why are you an engineering major? That's silly. No one needs engineers these days because we can just make everything with our 3-D printers. Number 2: why are you doing homework? Everyone knows college is for dating and going to parties and drinking coffee. Chillax. Number 3: you probably shouldn't type in all caps, it sounds like you're yelling. I have two suggestions: either find a nursing major (preferably a hot one) to hook you up with an IV so you don't pass out. Or, just fail. Here's the rub: stress (and strain) are problems that all engineers run into eventually. But before you give in to failure, make sure you do a little necking, okay?

~ Abby

Dear Abby,

I just met an amazing girl the other day with all the same interests as me: coffee, fixed-gear bicycles, snap-back hats, thrift stores, vegan food and saving the environment. We really hit it off at the coffee shop where we met (she works there) and had a great discussion about our favorite folk rock and psychedelic pop bands, but when I suggested we meet some time to go rock climbing, she said she "didn't

get" the appeal of rock climbing! I really thought she might be the one that I could see myself living alone with in a cabin in the woods that we built ourselves, but I don't know if I can live with someone who doesn't like rock climbing.

~Neutral in Milk Hotel

Dear Neutral,

HOLD UP. Are you that guy from "Portlandia?" You sound just like him. He says all those words like "fixed-gear" and "vegan" and "environment." And "coffee." I'm probably the wrong girl to ask about this because I don't know what any of those things are. But it sounds like this girl is pretty cool, so I'd say just go for it. I mean, who cares if she likes rock climbing? It's like, no big deal. You could just find a new hobby like driving a Hummer or deer hunting — you both sound kind of outdoorsy, so those would probably be good activities. Also, you probably shouldn't tell her that you want to live alone in a cabin in the woods. Girls don't like that. How would she run her hairdryer and the dishwasher?

~Abby

Slip questions under the door of GLvT room 134 for answers

## Pasta bar tongs offer spectacularly mediocre culinary method

*Brute adequacy of tongs prompts deep existential despair, requires a above-average solution posthaste*

BY LUIGI WOEBEGONE  
Minutiae Critic

I am a pasta bar fan three years running. I will resist the urge, felt by old-timers everywhere, to complain about how the object of their enthusiasm has seen better days. The slight decrease in quality has been more than offset by a massive increase in throughput. I, for one, appreciate not having to stand in line to get my pasta. Some may disagree with me, preferring a "personal touch" to the cold hand of efficiency. While those people are busy assembling their automobiles one at a time and copying out the year's hottest manuscripts by

despite its good intentions, is utterly, spectacularly mediocre, like Microsoft Windows, student senate or the Copperplate Gothic typeface. These tongs are less like "Birdemic" and more like "The Genesis Code." Like the latter film, you either wish these tongs were better so you could find anything praiseworthy about them, or worse so you could revel in their badness. But they give you no such satisfaction. They will stick in your memory as an unforgettable but unsatisfying waste of time. Once you use these tongs, you can never un-use them.

The danger of mediocrity is that it drains your quality of life on the sly without giving you the

pasta to satisfy your palate. Unfortunately, the designer eschewed right angles and flat surfaces in favor of an "ergonomic" and "natural" design that falls short in the scooping department. The tongs may be serviceable for a full pan, but those of us inevitably left with the dregs will have a hard, nay impossible time accruing even a meager ration.

What's more, the tongs, designed to grasp larger food items, feature large gaps in their sides. While attempting to convey olives or diced bell peppers, I find that they tend to leak 30–75 percent of their intended cargo. If we designed passenger airplanes with such tolerances, U.S. airlines would kill more than 20 million people each month (and that's a conservative estimate). To revisit and simplify my earlier examples, the tongs, like

Microsoft Windows, represent poor user interface design; like student senate, often leave your fingers greasy when you touch them; and like the Copperplate Gothic typeface, are bad at picking up olives and diced bell peppers.

At this point, the reader may fairly ask why I have such a vendetta. Perhaps it is because when I stare into the void of these tongs, I see my own mediocrity reflected back. I think of all the late nights I've avoided sleep for no reason, all the days I've stumbled through half-conscious. My accomplishments are purely academic. My self worth is intimately connected to my grades. I make it to the weekend with only a faint recollection of the past week's events. The weeks blur into months into semesters — my whole life. A friendly dining hall employee

reminds me that the building is closing.

Friends, I must be brief. Set aside the irony of watching The Food Network in UpperCrust. Forget all the times you shirked the Lord's table for an overpriced bowl of cereal during chapel break. Fight mediocrity. Redeem every square inch. Aim for spectacular success. Settle for spectacular failure. Grab life by the tongs. Unless your life consists of olives or diced bell peppers.

Mr. Woebegone has begun a change.org petition about these tongs. It currently has 8 signatures, and he invites you to sign.

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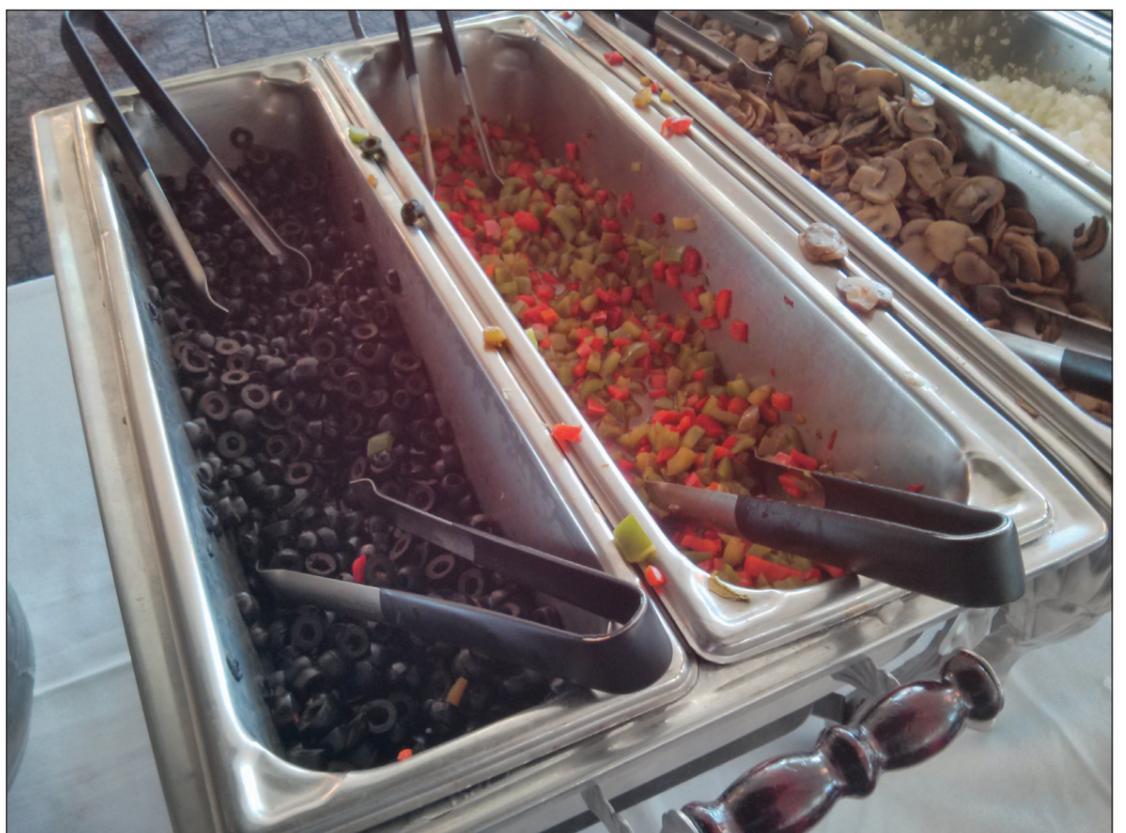
hand, I invite the rest of you to continue reading. I am not writing this to decry the demise of pasta bar. Instead, I am writing about something seemingly far more trivial: the poor usability of the tongs provided for picking up the olives and diced bell peppers.

The provided accoutrements aren't completely inadequate. They aren't laughably inept tools for their intended purpose, like the Pruitt-Igoe housing projects, student senate elections or cauliflower. No one is being asked to cut down the mightiest tree in the forest with herring, or plastic tongs for that matter. Regrettable too, as a risible solution could have the potential to brighten my day, or at the very least, put an amused smirk on my face.

But no, the tool in question,

jolt of offense needed to generate a complaint. If, for instance, students were expected to scoop their olives with austerity, they would complain immediately. The students would explain to dining services that austerity is a flawed government spending model and thus entirely inadequate for scooping olives, despite what an Excel spreadsheet might tell you (another inept tool). Not to mention, it would seriously miff the Keynesians. You don't want to miff the Keynesians. I speak from experience.

On the other hand, we have these tongs. They very nearly do an adequate job of scooping olives. Indeed, if you try hard enough, you may eventually transfer enough olives from the serving pan to your heap of



The tongs in question.

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