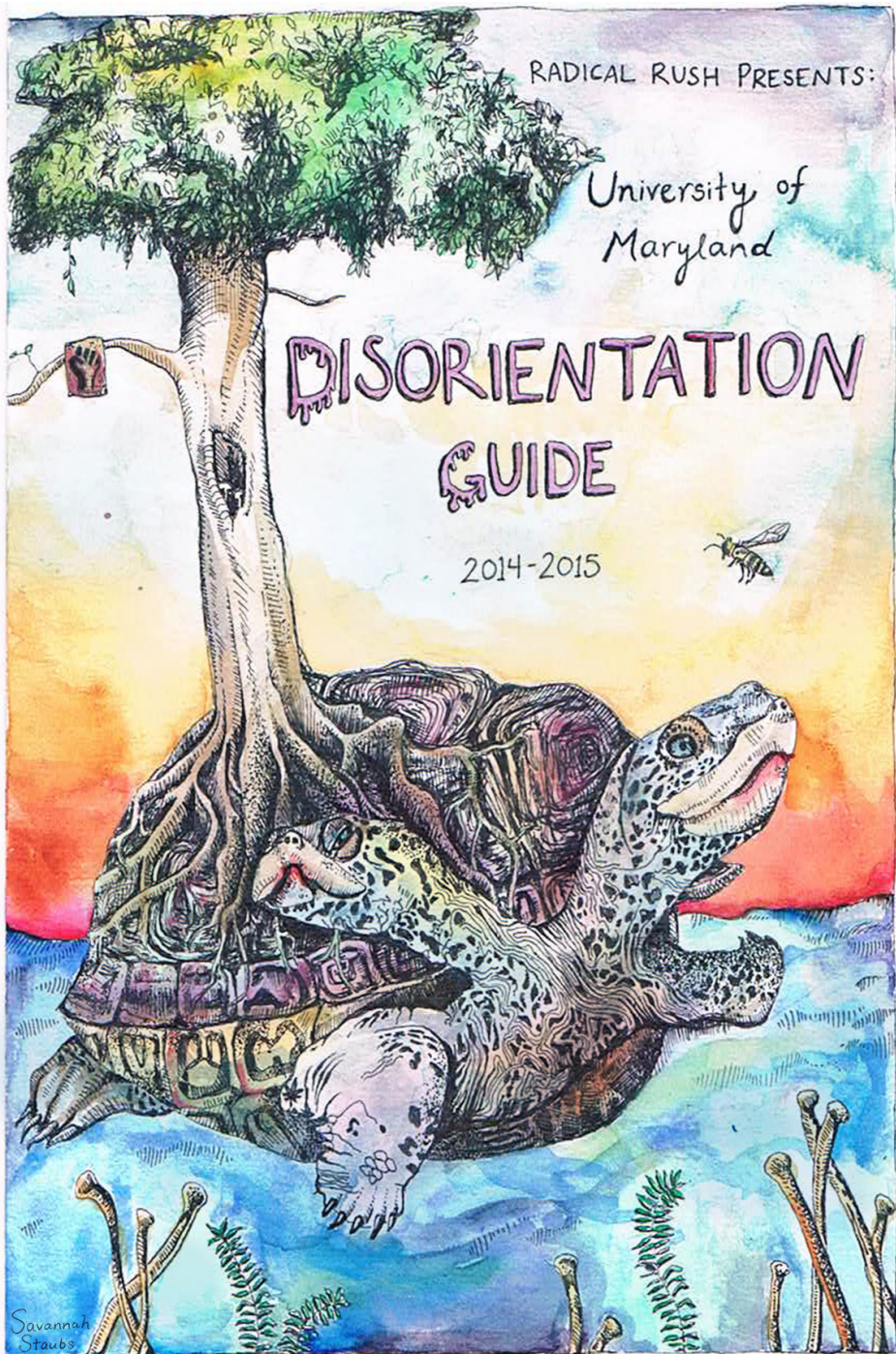


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DISORIENTATION GUIDE

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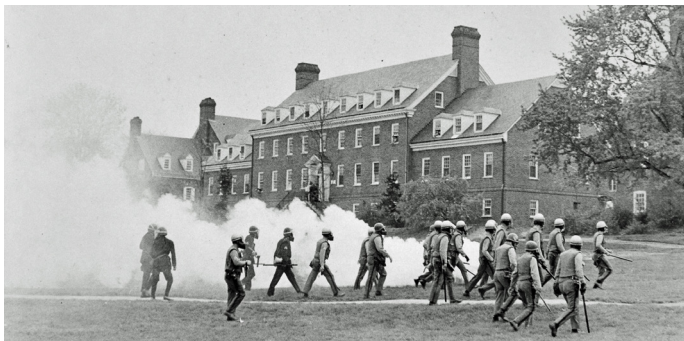
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A Disoriented History

Disorientation guides are annual publications made by students in the campus radical, activist, and counter-culture communities presenting information and ideas incoming students would not receive from university directed orientations.



In the 1950's and 60's, Student Government Associations (SGAs) at public universities, like University of Maryland, organized the publication of annual student guides. In the late 1960's, massive campus unrest across the country - and subsequent police and National Guard crackdowns - radicalized the normally moderate SGAs.

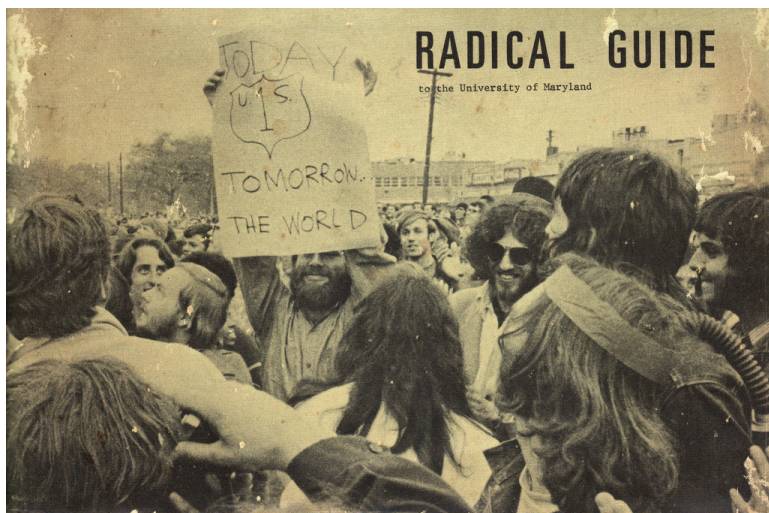
In May 1970, students kicked UMD administrators off campus and established a fully democratic, anti-war, anti-capitalist teacher and student decision-making body. The crackdown to restore order was severe.



The day that four students were shot and killed at Kent State in Ohio, a student was shot at University of Maryland College Park. Dozens of students suspected of organizing protest were rounded up, arrested, and expelled. The SGA sponsored "M Guide" included an encrypted image in the guide that read "Fuck Elkins" [sic] - the last name of the sitting University of Maryland President.

The Nixon administration, the Board of Education, the FBI, and the Board's of Directors of major public universities (including UMD) formed guidelines for quashing dissent on campus. This included stopping funding and student involvement on official university publications such as student guides.

In response, students began to organize their own underground publications. The first such guide at University of Maryland is the UMD Radical Guide in 1970.



Since then, students on campuses across the country have been making disorientation guides to represent student perspectives on radical ideas, and tips and tricks for campus life - normally with a counter-culture or punk twist. Every year, diverse collectives of students and workers come together to create the UMD Disorientation Guide. Members of the student-housing co-op CHUM as well as UMD Radical Rush spearheaded this edition with the help of a huge ensemble of UMD student groups, workers, DMV activists, and friends.

Maryland Hip Hop Collective

With all the songs and styles that comprise Hip-Hop, it's gone from just another type of music to an audio representation of all that comprises the human spirit. It can't be replicated. When you hear a great Hip-Hop song, the lyrics will speak to your heart while the beat speaks to your soul. Since its inception, Hip-Hop has been a staple in the voice of a generation's youth.

At the Maryland Hip-Hop Collective, we aim to help authenticate the presence of Hip-Hop here at UMD. At meetings we read recent Hip-Hop news, share notable songs and videos, discuss recurring themes and topics in Hip-Hop, and go around the room freestyling—anyone can participate in this judgment free environment. Through our efforts and collaboration with other organizations, we are actively contributing our Hip-Hop community to ensure that it thrives. Come thru and kick it with us sometime!

Levonorgestrel

the hormone used in

PLAN B

emergency contraception
is *less effective* for

people over 165lbs

Connor from Bedsider says:

Plan B, Next Choice, and Postinor all have levonorgestrel, a progestin, but **Ella** doesn't!

NEVER use multiple doses of Plan B! Buy the EC that will be effective for YOU and use as directed.

Check out bedsider.org for more fun sex facts

The Student Worker - Challenging the Concept of the Student Consumer

In a wave of recession-era austerity measures, many states across the country dramatically reduced funding for education resulting in a disturbing increase in the privatization of our education system. Under this model, education becomes a commodity, just another thing to be bought and sold, where students are nothing more than consumers. The thing sold? Education? Universities offer students the promise of a livable future, luring young hopefuls with the institution's credibility and bourgeois amenities before saddling students, their parents, and our country with crushing debt; a financial burden that weakens the economy and causes significant social strife.

Thinking of students as debtors makes invisible the ways students are actually workers. We are told that our education comes handed down to us by our professors, but we know better. We teach each other and ourselves, often learning as much on our own time than in lecture. Perhaps most important – through research, thesis papers, and schoolwork – students develop a body of academic knowledge that feeds the institution and raises the university's credibility and standing.

STUDENTS PROPEL HUMAN KNOWLEDGE FORWARD!

We produce this credibility that the university sells to attract new students and business partners. For example, what do you call what you do at school? Work, right? It's called "Schoolwork" or "Homework" because it **IS** work. Alongside professors, adjunct faculty, TA's, and janitors, students **ARE** the university. Portraying students as consumers rather the engine that powers the university legitimizes student apathy and complacency. Many of us are also workers in the traditional sense too, using our wages to pay for living expenses, tuition, and books, often to the very university that employs us.

Furthermore, education is not merely an investment in one's own self-interest, but also a public good. After graduation, students are going to go on to add value to the whole economy and help their communities in ways they might not have been capable of before. Students are ambassadors for the future workforce and voting population. Just like the research we produce, our educated selves are sold on the labor market. Universities serve as sites of production for the skills our future employers need to continue functioning. Our educations are a commodity we make and sell, and yet only the university and their corporate partners truly profit.

What does it mean when students are paying exorbitant prices to produce their own education, the fabric of the institution, and the public good of education? It means we are getting ripped off. We should be getting paid! It means society is getting ripped off. Students should be paid for the work they do! While such ideals may be at home in a more enlightened future, let's at the very least demand an end to tuition hikes and the commodification of an educated society.

- Todd with help from Jim Nolan and Tesha Tavery

THIS IS NOT A PROTEST, IT'S A MOVEMENT!

Who to follow for next actions?

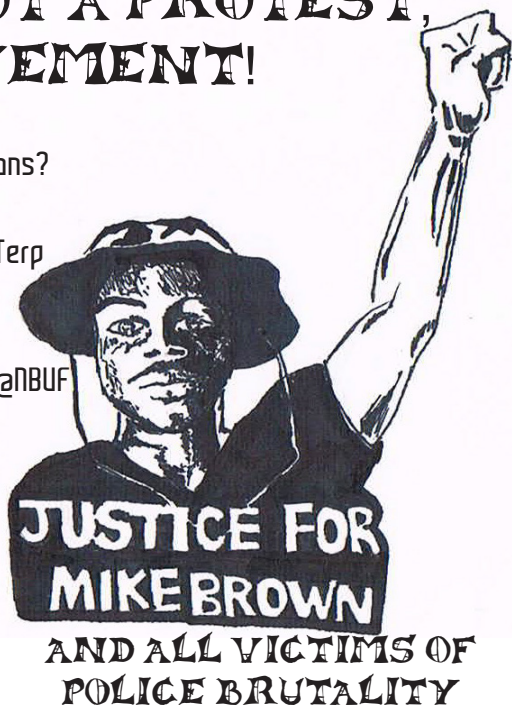
On Campus:

Black Student Union @BlackTerp
NAACP Terps @naacpumcp

In D.C.:

National Black United Front @NBUF

NATIONAL BLACK
UNITED FRONT
GEORGETOWN
SHUTDOWN
7PM SATURDAY
OCTOBER 4TH
AT FOGGY BOTTOM
METRO





Safer Sex



Abstinence isn't a realistic or fair expectation for most people, and it's not fair to expect people with chronic STIs to remain celibate for the rest of their lives. There are many ways people with STIs can prevent transmission to partners, and ways you can prevent transmission to yourself

****The first step to sex *every time* is obtaining consent****

How are STIs spread?



Bodily fluids like blood, ejaculate, and breastmilk



Contact with infected sores



NOT through "sluts" and "players"



Douching may seem like a good idea, but don't fall for the

gimmick, it ruins your vagina's pH and doesn't "flush" anything out!



Pulling Out won't protect you from pre-cum and vaginal fluids

Virgins aren't protected from STIs passed through blood or foreplay



Guessing your status is not a safe way to treat your partner. Consent requires full knowledge of risk, so don't say you're negative until you **KNOW** you're negative. Guessing isn't knowing--get tested!

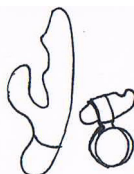


But these do!



Barrier Methods like condoms, vaginal condoms, dental dams, gloves, and finger cots. Many are available for **FREE** at the UMD Health Center with instructions on how to use them

Lube is very important for anal sex While vaginas usually make their own lube, not every orifice will, so keep it slippery to keep it safe.



Not all Sex Toys are safe! Always clean sex toys after use and use compatible



condoms and lube with shared sex toys to prevent transmission of STIs

We are a community, collectively run by its workers, that focuses on healthy, ethical food. We stand in solidarity with the social justice movement.

Preparing and stocking healthy, local, organic, vegan foods is our passion.

Collective members and volunteers collaborate to provide all of the delicious food we offer, and all proceeds go directly to workers and back into our future projects.

We encourage you to join our community! Volunteer (and earn \$7 in food credit!) to help keep one of the oldest radical communities in the country alive; attend our skill-shares and other events; bulk-order your groceries at wholesale prices; use our space to organize for social justice, or just talk with employees about politics or music. We are a safe space dedicated to people, not profit! Come in for breakfast or lunch and get involved!

MARYLAND FOOD CO-OP

SANDWICHES

SALADS

WRAPS

Check out our new breakfast menu served Mon - Fri 8am - 11am

fair trade coffee and tea

bulk snacks

burritos

vegan and gluten free pastries

organic produce

smoothies

appetizers

DAILY HOT LUNCH SPECIAL

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Open:
M-F 8am-6pm
Sat. 9am-3pm

The Power in Bulk Buying

THE MARYLAND FOOD CO-OP is committed to fostering a close-knit community that through our actions and conversations transforms the way that the masses of individuals coming through this university think about our food system. As a worker-owner for the past two years, I wanted to take some space here to talk about a small piece of what we do that I find pretty radical and would love your help to grow: Bulk-Buying.

What's Bulk-Buying? I'm not talking about stocking up on cheap toilet paper and cereal at Costco. I'm talking about shifting our resources from big grocery retail stores and investing in buying our food in bulk or direct through farmers- bulk grains, beans, dried fruit/nuts, sugar, spices, flour, you name it. Why? Bulk-buying is the shit. Buying your groceries in bulk avoids unnecessary packaging that's a strain on our environment, helps you stay in touch with your values while on a budget (Organic bulk foods on average cost 89% less than their packaged counterparts*), and, when done as a communal effort through bulk-buying clubs, builds community solidarity around good food- which is essential if we're interested in cultural shift towards a more just, compassionate, and sustainable food system.

How Can We Do This? The Co-op is here to support interest in a resurrected movement toward buying in bulk and divesting from a lot of the waste and detachment that goes along with mainstream retail grocery purchases. Let us know that you're interested, and together we can make this kind of activism a larger part of UMD culture.

- Mary Schulte

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Badger's Underground Booklist

"Excluded" by Julia Serano

"Recipes for Disaster" by CrimeThinc

"Revolutionary Suicide" by Huey Newton

"Undoing Gender" by Judith Butler

"Women, Race & Class" by Angela Davis

"New Jim Crow" by Michelle Alexander

GTFO OF COLLEGE PARK

Maybe you're tired of pushing past basic ass people crowding Bentley's or maybe you're tired of having to knock-out sexist dude bros at Piz-za Boli's. Either way, you're ready to get the fuck out of College Park. Well, you're in luck! Baltimore and DC are both alternative wonderlands. DC has amazing punk-rock, hard-core, hip hop, DIY, and radical art scences. Here are some personal favorite house venues of mine a short metro ride away in NE and NW DC.

DISCLAIMER

If you act like a tool and ruin these places for me I will personally drop out of biology, enroll in physics, go on to build atomic powered legs, and cunt punt your sex parts off your body.



Lamont Street Collective

1822 Lamont Street NW
Outdoor films, Poetry, Collaboartive art,
Folk-punk, & Community organizing
Free but donations welcome
Bring creatiivty

THE DOUGOUT

Douglas St NE
Punk, Punkcore, & Hardcore
Free but donations welcome
BYOB, & Bring earplugs - trust me



ROCKETSHIP

1223 Decatur St NW
Punk, Folk-punk, Riot grrrl,
Queercore & Hardcore
Free or \$5 or less
Bring your (circle) A game

-AnonyMouse

CULTURAL IDENTITY AND STRUGGLE ON CAMPUS

In a culture that does not necessarily value knowledge about our heritage or where our parents come from, how do we define ourselves? The University of Maryland (UMD) prides itself on the racially diverse student population and helps those who are interested in discovering more about their identity. There are copious student groups like the Filipino Cultural Association (FCA) that have office spaces on campus and money allocated through the Student Government Association (SGA). Our school does a great job encouraging cultural diversity, but there are some aspects that could be improved such as allowing more space for student groups, not tokenizing these organizations, and encouraging cooperation between them.

According to the UMD website, there are over 800 student organizations. This variety makes it easy for students who may not have had such an opportunity beforehand to get involved. This includes an FCA senior, Pauline Masigla. “Many people, myself included, probably don’t know the significance of their culture,” she says. “I know that when I was filling out College Board questionnaires about colleges four years ago, I didn’t understand how the percentage of Asians on campus or overall diversity statistics could influence my decision.”

The university very well supports student groups by giving them office space and allocated money. The Stamp Student Union is the main location for organizations as each of their student leaders are able to utilize the space to their discretion. As with FCA, each person on the executive board has designated office hours where general body members can come in and have individualized time to bring up issues and concerns. There is also the option to have two organizational meetings per week in the Stamp general meeting rooms. In addition the SGA distributes funds to each organization while they can request more for special programs. With this money, FCA was able to hold successful events such as FilAmplified, where up and coming celebrities like Tori Kelly and Jeremy Passion were able to perform in the same lineup as university students.

The event was entertaining and celebrated diversity however, it would not have taken place if our school did not allow space for groups to meet and plan.

UMD encourages the atmosphere of diversity and impacts thousands of students to discover their cultural identity. But what does diversity exactly mean to UMD and the respective students who go here?

Taking into consideration what diversity means to UMD, there are also key aspects of diversity that UMD needs to continue channeling if it wants to create a culture that fully embraces uniqueness and distinctions within the student body. For example, in certain programming, we need to continue moving away from phrases like “accepting differences” because having to “accept differences” does not give off an image of cultural appreciation, but rather an idea of cultural tolerance. Such an idea does not help others express their heritage or identity because the concept of “tolerance” creates an atmosphere that makes it seem as if differences can exist but they are not looked upon positively.

Instead, UMD should continue to focus more on creating language that aims to celebrate diversity and which promotes awareness of other cultural communities. Those words gear more towards encouraging those various groups to express what makes their background special. If UMD can provide this kind of atmosphere, then more students can express who they are at their own pace since they feel they have the option. On the same note, just as UMD encourages cultural appreciation, it is also important to make sure that UMD does not “tokenize” student groups that create communities for various cultures.

Tokenism refers to initiating the minimal amount of effort towards highlighting student groups for the sake of appearing inclusive. It is a shallow gesture that not only stagnates progress towards inclusion and cultural appreciation, but also does more harm than good since tokenism increases the burden of representation on the highlighted cultural group. This means that cultural groups have more pressure to positively represent their specific ethnicity now that their culture- has been made hypervisible. Having that burden can negatively affect groups because they are forced to act a certain way to debunk stereotypes and make sure that people see themselves as individuals rather than generalizations.

What could potentially be a solution to these particular problems? As long as there is always an effort to spearhead diversity, progress, and social responsibility without putting any ethnicity at the center of this particular movement, UMD can push forward into a year where having diversity is more than just a movement but a way of life. More specifically, Resident Assistant Margaret Magnaye believes that “UMD would benefit from

maintaining a dialogue with the Diversity Summit. Many different cultural organizations, through the Diversity Summit, have voiced the need for practice, storage, and office spaces that are dedicated solely for Cultural purposes because they are unanimously tired of having to scramble around campus to celebrate their various aspects of their respective cultures—for example, dancing, singing, martial arts. It’s hard to celebrate and share one’s culture when the resources are not available.” UMD can promote more student involvement in diversity initiatives like in the Student Government Association.

The Multicultural Involvement Community Advocacy Office could have more of a stake to emphasize representation in projects that do not have as much diversity. Along those lines, Junior Rochielle Canare believes that there should be “a way to reward others for celebrating their cultural identity.” She feels that “this is important to combat the stigma of compromising your identity to fit in or to make others feel comfortable. Tackling the need to be homogenous, basically.” It is up to the student to explore what they want, but UMD can provide them the tools to explore that area of themselves that only they can reconcile.

-Christine Bersabel and Joel Vasquez at Filipino Cultural Association

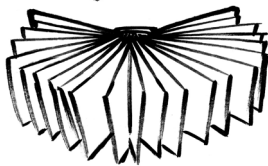
Red Badges are a symbol of student solidarity adopted in recent massive student movements in Quebec and Chile. Students in both countries staged massive protests against education cuts, tuition increases, and moves to privatize education



Want to get involved in activism surrounding tuition hikes and student debt?

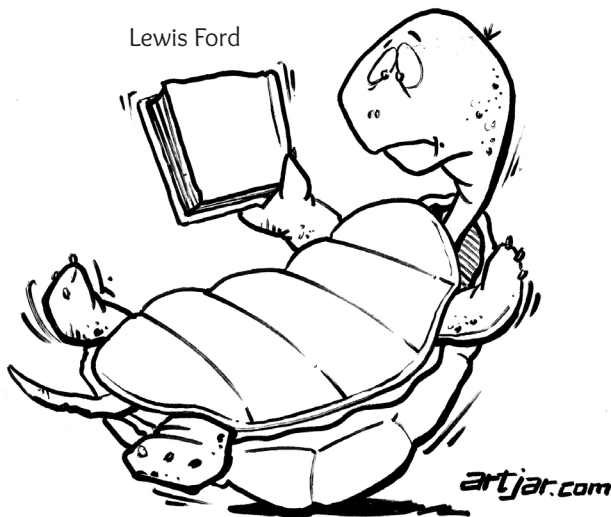
Follow: Student Labor Action Project - SLAP

Disorientation



Change the way of education to problem based learning.
'Cause calculus is useless if our fellow humans burning.
The "common core" must build humanities common core.
One of our biggest problems now is our addiction to war.
So with that being said we should focus on this.
Learn the science of tolerance and forgiveness.
Break it down, and push youths to grasp these concepts.
Let them learn from many spiritual and religious text,
moral codes, ethics and even mental health.
The New Education Laws for all of our common-wealth.
Stress humanity more than we stress math
and teach respect way more than we teach Columbus path.
Don't teach students how to work for the cash.
Teach them how to make it like the Federal Banks, then the wealth gone last.
Power, Love, Truth and Education.
These are some answers to the problems of the World Nations.

Lewis Ford



ASK A TRANS PERSON

Hey everyone, my name is Tyler Vile and I'm your friendly neighborhood trans woman. I'm a Baltimore-DC area spoken word poet, music journalist, and activist. Conducting interviews is one of my absolute favorite things to do in the world, so I've decided to interview myself on some important topics in the trans community. Keep in mind that mine is only one perspective among the thousands—maybe even millions—of trans people out there and that my gender identity doesn't automatically mean I have all of the answers for everything trans-related. I do, however, have lived experience, strong relationships with other members of my community, and the benefit of having read, watched, and listened to everything even remotely trans that I could get my hands on in the past seven years or so. With that said, I'm going to answer a few frequently asked trans-related questions and a few weird ones that keep me up at night.

What does it mean to be trans?

Well, it can mean a lot of things, but mainly, it means that the gender you were assigned at birth doesn't quite match up with your gender identity. That is, your parents and doctors looked at you on the day you were born and said either, "Male," or "Female," and you, at one point or another, said, "No." It's important to recognize that trans is an umbrella term which encompasses a vast spectrum of gender nonconforming people. You could identify as a trans woman, a trans man, genderqueer, neutrois, androgynous, agender, transvestite, just plain trans, or any number of other things, and fit under that umbrella. We'll come back to that flurry of terms in a later question, but the Latin prefix trans means, "across." So, if you're transgender or transsexual, you are moving across the genders or sexes.

What does cisgender mean?

Cisgender is another word with a fancy Latin prefix. Cis means "on the side of," so you're staying with your assigned gender or sex. You'll often hear people in activist circles talk about cis privilege and, to a lesser extent, cissexual assumption. Cissexual assumption is taking for granted that everyone you see and meet in this world identifies with the gender that they were assigned at birth. This can have some unintended, but harsh, consequences, which manifest themselves in cis privilege. You might not think twice about walking into a public restroom, but every time I leave my house, I'm afraid of being assaulted, accosted, or arrested if I'm not using a single stall or gender neutral restroom.

How do I know if I'm trans or not?

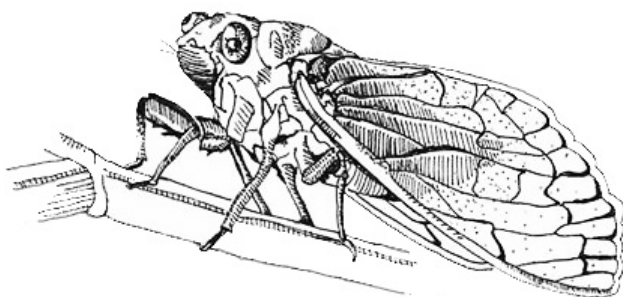
If you're asking that question, there's a pretty good chance that you are. Don't freak out, because, like I said, it's a pretty broad term. You don't need to throw away everything you knew about yourself before you asked this question, in fact, you need to trust it. You've got some honest introspection ahead of you. Take a good look in the mirror and take off your clothes if you want to. Do you like what you see? If not, that's okay. If so, that's okay too. You don't need to hate yourself or feel trapped to be trans, but if you do, that's understandable and a lot of us have been through that. If your gender identity is a source of constant grief or anxiety, find a trans-friendly therapist, or, temporarily, a trusted friend who will help you talk it through. If you want to do some work on your own, here are two exercises that helped me figure it out: 1) Touch each part of your body and say, "My [insert body part here] is genderless," take a deep breath in and on the out breath, say, "I am genderless." 2) Write a paragraph about yourself in the third person. Are you comfortable with your current name and pronouns? Why or why not?

If I am trans, do I need hormones or surgery?

You are the only person in the world who knows if you're trans and what steps you need to take in your transition. There are trans men, trans women, and nonbinary people who live perfectly happy lives out of the closet with no need for medical intervention at all. The old cliché is, "gender is between your ears and sex is between your legs," but I disagree. Gender is as much between your legs as it is between your ears. There are female penises, male vaginas, nonbinary penises, and nonbinary vaginas. It's not that your genitals don't matter, they might matter a lot to you, but your relationship with them is just that, yours. If you are thinking about medically transitioning, you should speak with a therapist and/or a physician. I was in therapy for a little over a year before I started taking hormones, I'm still in therapy, but I'm much more comfortable in my skin after six months on spironolactone, a testosterone blocker, and estradiol, an estrogen pill. Trans people who were assigned female at birth take injections of testosterone if they choose to medically transition.. If hormones affect your health adversely, talk to your doctor and stop. Stopping hormones won't make you any less trans.

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PRO tip Don't park your bike in the bike racks in front of Chipotle and Starbucks; they'll get CRUSHED by trucks!

Underground Tip: Fly over to Red Emma's Bookstore in Baltimore for a wide selection of radical literature, collectively owned coffee, and vegetarian cuisine. Often, Red Emma's hosts free thought provoking events that make it well worth the commute to Baltimore. From College Park, the Marc Train to Camden Yards is \$6.



OoO

Wait; back up, what's a nonbinary person?

A nonbinary person is someone who, whether assigned male or female at birth, does not fit neatly into male or female identities. I consider myself a nonbinary trans woman, which means that I was assigned male at birth and identify as a woman, but I don't see a clear-cut path from male to female. I have nonbinary trans male friends who have similar experiences with their identities. One of the biggest things I have in common with those guys is a willingness to embrace both feminine and masculine qualities whenever they arise, but a sense of my gender identity that leads me more in one direction than the other. People who exist outside of the male and female spectrum might identify as genderqueer, neutrois, agender, androgynous, or may not even want a label. It's ridiculous to suggest that binary trans people are somehow more trans than nonbinary people

So, what pronouns do you prefer?

Thank you for asking! This should be as common as asking a person's name when you first meet them. You might be able to guess someone's identity and/or pronouns by the way they present and dress, but it's not always a given. I prefer she/her/hers or any neutral pronoun. Nonbinary people can choose to use a wide array of neutral pronouns. The most common of these is singular they. (i.e. "Tyler made vegetable soup for their dinner and they put in carrots and broccoli.") While often dismissed as ungrammatical,

singular they has been in use since at least the 15th century, most famously used by Shakespeare in plays like Hamlet and Titus Andronicus. In Baltimore, I grew up using yo as a neutral pronoun. As in, “We’re gonna go smoke this blunt in yo’s car.” Ze/hir, which is Germanic, is also viable. “I asked ze if I could borrow hir bike.” Co works too. “I told co I’d be there at 8.”

Okay, got it. Back to hormones and surgery, what do they do?

Hormone replacement therapy, usually referred to as HRT, is what I like to call a puberty do-over. It gradually overhauls your physiology and influences secondary sex characteristics. These are the external cues which people might use to determine your gender, like facial hair, complexion, hair length, breasts, depth of voice, and more. On high enough doses of testosterone and estrogen respectively, female assigned at birth trans people will stop getting their period and male assigned at birth trans people may stop getting erections. People on testosterone grow facial hair, get deeper voices, rougher skin, smaller breasts, an increase in sex drive, - and an enlarged clitoris. People on estrogen have slowed, thinned growth of facial hair, no change in voice, softer skin, larger breasts, smaller testes, and decreased sex drive. Top surgery either means a mastectomy (breast removal) or breast implants. Some people, like me, see breast changes from HRT as sufficient. Bottom surgery is the construction of a penis or vagina. The Penis is inverted and the testes removed to create a vagina. Skin is often grafted from limbs to create a penis. Do not ask trans people if they’ve had surgery.

Should I transition if I ~~am~~ straight now and will be gay when I start?

Yes, but that’s not exactly how it works. We’ve had heteronormativity, the assumption that everyone is and should be heterosexual, engrained in us from day one. For decades, the dominant narrative of transition has been people who previously self-identified as cis gay men transitioning to live as straight women. Right now, the narrative is shifting. We’re seeing gay trans men, lesbian trans women, and other queer trans people’s stories told more often, but not often enough. Culturally, we need to leave behind the idea that men are exclusively attracted to women and women are exclusively attracted to men. That may be true of straight people, but we’re not all straight. We’re constantly accused of not really being trans, not really being queer, and by some extremists, being deceptive subhuman rapists. The thing is, we know who we are and our sexual and gender identities are ours to define.

- Tyler Vile

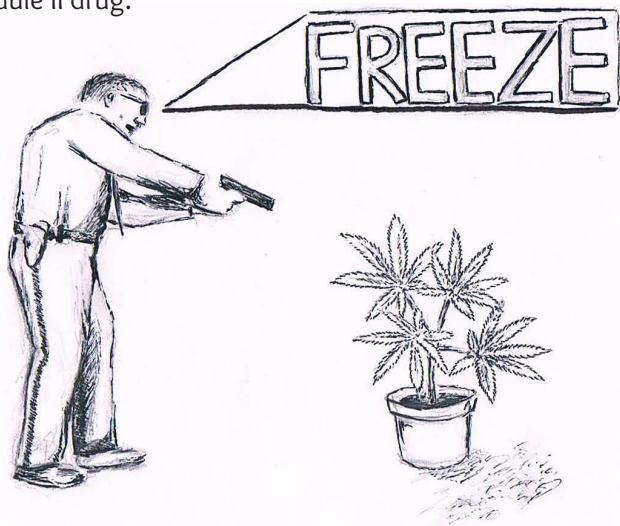
THE WAR ON DRUGS

Racial Motivation

The most important thing to know about the war on drugs is that it was very little to do with drugs or any scientific assessment of them. Drug prohibition laws are about people, and always have been. The first opium, cocaine, and marijuana prohibition laws were passed in the late 1800s and early 1900s directed at Chinese immigrants, black men, and Mexicans, respectively. People of color continue to face wildly disproportionate enforcement and sentencing.

Scheduling

According to the DEA, “Drugs, substances, and certain chemicals used to make drugs are classified into five (5) distinct categories or schedules depending upon the drug’s acceptable medical use and the drug’s abuse or dependency potential.” Drugs classified as schedule I are considered the worst of the bunch with high potential for addiction and “no currently accepted medical use and a high potential for abuse.” As the schedule number gets higher, the drugs supposedly get less dangerous. Scheduling is basically irrelevant to the rational community that believes in scientific evidence. Marijuana is classified as a schedule I drug. Marijuana, which has heaps of scientific evidence that it can be used successfully for medical purposes and little to no evidence that it causes harm or addiction, is considered by the DEA to be more dangerous than cocaine which is classified as a schedule II drug.



Mandatory Minimums and Sentencing Cliffs

Mandatory minimums are laws that require that perpetrators of certain federal and state crimes face a minimum sentence. Mandatory minimums rob the system of judicial discretion and often force nonviolent first time offenders to serve unnecessarily long sentences. Sentencing cliffs also carry dangerous consequences for drug users. A sentencing cliff requires that if a person is caught with x grams of a certain drug, they must be sentenced within a certain bracket. A very basic example is that someone caught carrying 20 grams of a given drug may be given twice the sentence of someone caught carrying 19 grams. Human error makes sentencing cliffs particularly unfair. Whomever is running the evidence locker in the department that day might not have zeroed the scale properly making the weight of the sample inaccurate. Silly mistakes of an overworked justice system can change the course of someone's life by a decade of prison time. When using or carrying drugs, it is important to be aware of the laws so you understand the potential consequences of your actions and so you can take the necessary steps to protect yourself.

Moral Panic

The War on Drugs was born from racism and kept alive by moral panic. The general public doesn't have enough scientific knowledge about the uses, effects, and dangers of drugs. We tell little children that one puff of a joint can kill them, make them ugly, or give them debilitating lifetime addictions. As a society we are more interested in throwing heroin addicts in jail than working together to create effective and successful treatment programs. The most effective way to combat moral panic is to tell the truth. Educate yourself and speak up when you hear someone spouting false information and generalizations. Offer scientific evidence. Stay informed on drug legislation changes in your area. Get politically involved. Get involved with groups such as Students for Sensible Drug Policy at UMD and support politicians with progressive views on drug legislation. Drugs can be dangerous, but not nearly as dangerous as emotionally based drug legislation.

-Emily Remial



Film the Police! Recording police interactions is not an anti-cop act, it is an act of deescalation and promoting accountability of all parties involved. Video recorded on New Jersey ACLU's "Police Tape" app is uploaded and saved on ACLU servers live and monitored by ACLU lawyers.

Abandoned

Rhea was twelve when she met a pimp on the streets of her native New York City. At the time Rhea did not know that he would manipulate her, in fact she believed they had a romantic relationship and that he genuinely cared about her. One day he came to her saying that he had a way for them to make money. If Rhea really loved him, he urged, she would do this for him. That's when Rhea started having sex for money, which would go to her pimp boyfriend. Rhea was miserable. After discovering she had an ectopic pregnancy (the fertilized egg is implanted in the fallopian tubes), Rhea realized that she needed to escape.

Unfortunately, Rhea's story is not uncommon. According to the Polaris Project, 100,000 children are estimated to be in the sex trade each year in the United States alone. Maryland is an attractive location for traffickers because of easy transportation routes, sports and entertainment arenas, and proximity to urban areas such as Baltimore and Washington DC. Students Ending Slavery (SES) is taking action on campus and surrounding areas to make students aware of the growth of modern-day slavery in our own backyard. Our goal is to stir the university with a passion for helping the oppressed. We believe that the public can prevent and intervene to stop the cycle of human trafficking.

This year SES will be planning various events and opportunities for students to contribute to fighting slavery. The first is participation in Stop Modern Slavery Walkfest. The walk around the national mall benefits local organizations working to end modern day slavery. Secondly, we will be shining a light on slavery with a campus-wide awareness campaign on February 27th for the internationally recognized "End it Movement". During this day, we simply ask students and staff to draw large red X's on their hands to spread awareness of modern-day slavery. Additionally, we plan on volunteering throughout the year at the Samaritan Women, a local residence program for survivors of sex trafficking in Baltimore. We encourage anyone to come to our meetings to learn about modern-slavery through discussions and documentaries.

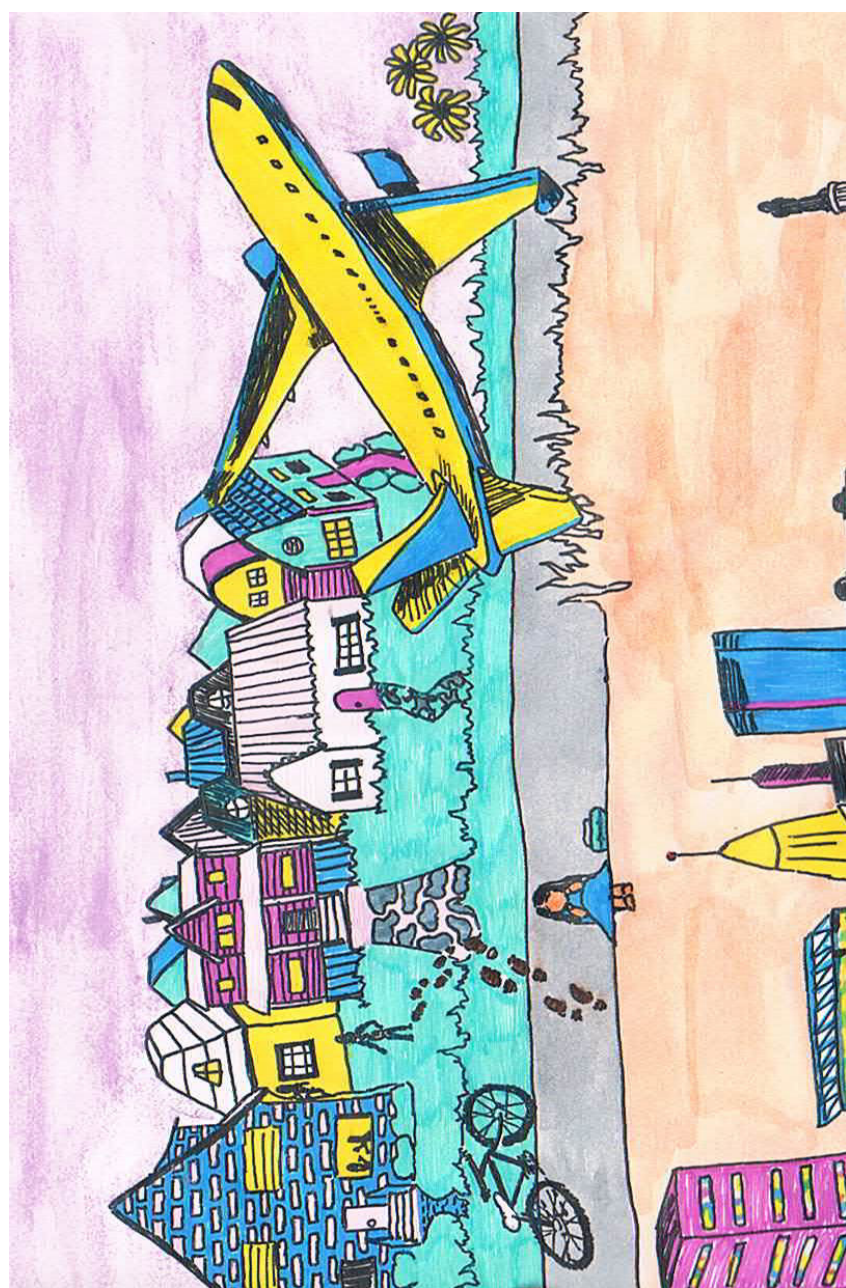
Rhea is now pursuing a career path in nursing and hopes to work in the labor and delivery department. With more awareness and involvement from students and communities we can help heal survivors of trafficking like Rhea and prevent victimization of men, women, and children.

Rhea's video story: mtvu.againstourwill.org

UMD Students Ending Slavery: facebook.com/umdses

Other resources: polarisproject.org, unbounddc.org, enditmovement.com, samaritanwomen.org

-UMD SES





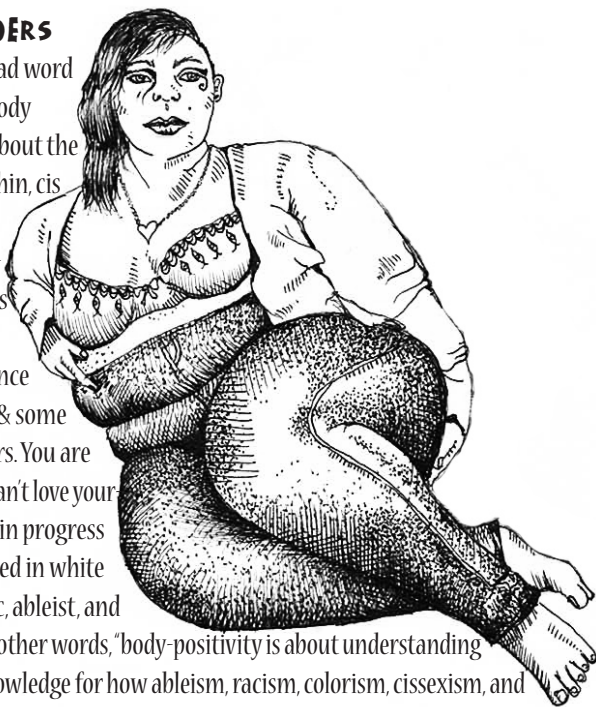
Abandoned by Maddie Clouser 2014

Pen, marker, and watercolor pencils on paper, 8.5" x 11"

BODY POSITIVITY

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Fat is an adjective, not a bad word
- You are more than your body
- Body positivity isn't just about the needs of straight, white, thin, cis women. We need to move away from that tunnel vision & embrace ALL bodies
- Health is a privilege
- Body positivity & acceptance is a journey. It takes time & some days are better than others. You are not a failure because you can't love your self 24/7. We are all works in progress
- Beauty standards are mired in white supremacist, homophobic, ableist, and transphobic ideologies. In other words, "body-positivity is about understanding that we need a basis of knowledge for how ableism, racism, colorism, cissexism, and heterosexism play into our concept of beauty and how those forms of oppression deeply affect the way that we experience our bodies."
- Stop comparing yourself to others. They are not you & you them. Competition isn't healthy for anybody!
- We need to deconstruct beauty as valuable



"Homophobia is all about defining queer bodies as wrong, perverse, immoral. Transphobia, about defining trans bodies as unnatural, monstrous, or the product of delusion. Ableism, about defining disabled bodies as broken and tragic. Class warfare, about defining the bodies of workers as expendable. Racism, about defining the bodies of people of color as primitive, exotic, or worthless. Sexism, about defining female bodies as pliable objects. These messages sink beneath our skin."

- Eli Clare

WAYS YOU CAN BE BODY POSITIVE!

Surround yourself with positive & supportive people.

Remember you are a whole person.

Keep a list of things you love about yourself.

Appreciate all the awesome things your body can do!

Practice self-care.

Wear clothes that make you feel comfortable, regardless of what anyone else thinks.

Ben & Jerry's!

Always remind yourself that

- Remy Riot



ANIMALS ARE FRIENDS NOT FOOD

Lube can
decrease
your risk of
contracting STIs
by preventing
MICRO TEARS
that occur during sex

Alexa from Bedsider says:

Need lube? Check out the UMD Health Center! They've got plenty to spare and plenty to share ;) Flavored lube can cause a yeast infection when used directly on the vagina, so stick with plain!

Check out bedsider.org for more fun sex facts

A Brief History of



WMUC is cool. WMUC is big and old and welcoming and it smells strange. You think you pick WMUC, but in reality it picks you.

Yes, you! You awkward music nerd with a big record collection and an even bigger heart. You belong here with us, under the roof where we laugh, criticize bad music and praise good music. It's all very subjective, but somehow still fair. We crash each other's radio shows. We hang together outside the station. WMUC is not your usual campus club. We're a family.

But if you're a noob and don't get the DIY ethic, the writings on the wall will scare the shit out of you - and for the better. This place is for those who get it. Behind every hole in the ceiling and beneath every stain on the couches, there's history. Sometimes it's hilariously lame, like when our General Manager fell through the ceiling while trying to get into his locked office. Sometimes it's sad; the album art on the wall of our record library is composed of empty vinyl covers of the records stolen from the station a while ago.

Jay-Z was once in our live room. We have a recording of John Lennon saying our station ID. We've been gaining relevance in the local music scene. And even though the sale of WRAS, a college radio station who was the first to play Pavement and R.E.M., to NPR makes me shiver with fear that something similar could happen to us, I know it won't. We simply won't let it.

Maybe our equipment is dated and the King Crimson mural is unfinished, but as long as DJs are happy and bands still agree to come and play, we will keep this place alive.

-Inna L., Operations Director

Andy Dwyer voice ah yes, the radio.... hon hon hon



A LETTER FROM THE CO-LIVE MUSIC DIRECTOR

Humans, lizards, household appliances, lend me your knobbly bits.

The radio is a place for music to happen as a people thing and not just as a person thing. Come drink from the watering hole. Third Rail is our longest-running live music program (est. 1997) on Sundays, 6-9 p.m. Bring your friends. Bring your enemies. Have them meet the band Sailor's Mouth. Have your enemies get stabbed by the pointy guitars of Sailor's Mouth. Just a thought.

Here's the schedule of Third Rails for the next couple of weeks --

9/21: Perfect Future/Cape Farewell/Sailor's Mouth

9/28: Blind Man Leading/Dreamcatcher/East Ghost

We also have the 10/26 Third Rail field trip to the Metro Gallery in Baltimore to see The Hotelier/The World Is.../Posture & The Grizzly/Rozwell Kid !!! *oooohs and ahhs*

The radio station is a radical place to be. Come swing in the hammock and look through our bitchin' record collection while Tibetan court music plays in the background. Come hang out and talk about bands you like. Come sign the wall in the live room. Come sit in on a show and see how radio things work. Come talk to a dude who makes theremins. Come drink coffee with Casey and me. Come get groovy.

See you at 'MUC, baby B-)

Love, Asher

Third Rails this semester will be every Sunday at WMUC at 6 p.m. Contact current live music directors Asher Meerovich and Casey Whitman via the official Third Rail Facebook page (search:

ThirdRail Wmuc) for more information.

Hey Asher, what's it like to be at a Third Rail?

I was 45 minutes late for the concert celebrating indie rock bands Otis Infrastructure and Ratburn's recently released split album, but that didn't matter. The first of three opening bands, garage rock quartet BINKY, hadn't even finished setting up yet in WMUC's live room, where this university's radio station hosts in-studios. Nevertheless, the room was packed with dozens of 20-somethings and teenagers excitedly anticipating the music to come.

And even when BINKY messed up the lyrics to its first song, a cover of Vampire Weekend's "Giving Up the Gun," the audience barely flinched.

WMUC is used to this crowd. Many of the students present were either DJs at the station or familiar with the in-studio M.O. from past concerts.

Affectionately known as "Third Rails" to regulars, these live in-studios are products of "Third Rail Radio," a weekly FM broadcast that features bands performing at in-studios and interviews them, often in real time.

"('Third Rail Radio') functions as a space where local bands and music nerds can get together and enjoy each other's company," performer and WMUC DJ Dan Singer wrote in an email. "I love the enthusiasm the folks involved with Third Rail bring to the show, and it makes for a great experience as both a performer and an audience member."

After a series of kickass sets, Otis Infrastructure took the stage and provided a mellow closing to the night. As front-man Dean Essner's ambient guitar and spoken vocals floated over the audience, a wave of silence washed over them. Otis Infrastructure would keep their attention until the very end, particularly with the abstract track "Dreaming of Stucco," a mostly instrumental piece that made me yearn for summer.

At the end of the concert, the audience lingered to meet the bands and help bring their equipment to their cars, chatting happily and smiling. It was obvious that the event was another "Third Rail Radio" success for WMUC.

"Third Rail is like the backbone of WMUC, and if you were to touch it or change it or try to get rid of it, it might be detrimental to the station," said former live music director and DJ Mikey Lawrence. "It's an institution. It's just part of what the station is."

~Alana Pedalino, Digital DJ

For our FM and Digital schedules, news and upcoming events,
visit: <http://wmuc.umd.edu/>

One might think University of Maryland students are disengaged and disinterested in creating social change. While this is certainly a common perception, it's far from the truth. **UMD** students are organized and taking **ACTION**! Follow **ACT_UMD** on twitter, facebook, tumblr, and word-press for the latest on rad news and direct action in College Park.



ACT UMD

@ACT_UMD

#UMD Students in front of White House
"HANDS UP DONT SHOOT"

#BlackLivesMatter #DCFerguson

#MikeBrown

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A Promise

My daughter will not believe in a savior,
she will vote with her whole body,
her eyelids will shutter like ballots,
her arms will be tougher than barricades,
her lips will be a megaphone; she will only
shout when she needs to. Tell me if she
looks sick. Tell me if she gets tired,
I will sing her to sleep with freedom
songs. she will wake the next day,
and dig her heels into the country under her feet.

- Tyler Vile

Move it! The Revolutionary Powers of Dance

I am reading through a study guide for an exam and in the middle of taking a practice quiz, my pencil keeps veering off to the margins to doodle stars, sketch aimless striped patterns, embellish borders with spirals and spikes. After three years of studying dance at the University of Maryland, I hardly regard my compulsion to draw as an act of procrastination. I have learned to embrace these impulses and ultimately view them as entirely productive.

We are kinesthetic beings and art-making of any kind inherently involves movement. We process just as much information by moving our bodies as we do sitting and thinking. When I began to learn about the power of movement in aiding learning and comprehension, I began applying dance to my study regime. I even took frequent breaks one finals week in McKelton to conduct dance experiments in between rows of bookshelves, and I found that my physical movement affected my mental state, validating what I already believed: these two are not separate!

Beyond the scope of academia, consider the amazingly transformative project started by renowned Ballroom dancer Pierre Dulaine: he created a dance school in Jaffa, Israel for Israeli and Palestinian children to learn to ballroom dance together. In a “city torn between two cultures,” Pierre undoubtedly faced many challenges with the task. The program results were powerful: the physical trust that the kids built in their class translated into real, emotional relationships. Dancing is an incredibly vulnerable act, and by dancing together, those kids were able to share their vulnerability and their humanity with one another. Approaches to mental and emotional health that integrate mind and body are often so effective because memory and emotion do not exist only in the mind—they are stored in the body as neural pathways that communicate with the nervous system.

The arts connect us to aspects of our humanity indispensable to what Brene Brown would call “whole-hearted living” by connecting us to our vulnerability and thus cultivating compassion and our humanity. On a more basic level, the arts help integrate our beings in a way that traditional academia often neglects. We are moving, breathing, animal bodies with sweat glands and beating hearts, with blood and energy and hormones coursing through our veins. It’s about time we recognize a more complete integration of who we are.

Nava Behnam Shabahang

What is BDS?

Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) is an international movement that aims to pressure Israel to respect international law and Palestinians' human rights by:

- 1. Ending its occupation and colonization of all Arab lands [occupied in 1967] and dismantling the Wall;**
- 2. Recognizing the fundamental rights of the Arab-Palestinian citizens of Israel to full equality; and**
- 3. Respecting, protecting, and promoting the rights of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes and properties, as stipulated in UN Resolution 194.**

Inspired by a similar movement to boycott apartheid South Africa, BDS calls for supporters around the world to divest from and boycott companies and other institutions profiting from the violation of Palestinian rights, and demanding diplomatic and economic sanctions against apartheid Israel. Sodastream, Caterpillar, and Sabra Hummus all directly benefit from violations of Palestinian's human rights and are three high profile examples of companies targeted for BDS.

As the University of Maryland's SJP chapter, we call on people of social conscious, who believe in human dignity, to join us in our effort to form a coalition of students, faculty and student organizations that can unequivocally stand for equality and justice in Palestine. Together, we can build BDS at the University of Maryland.

- Shane James at UMD Students for Justice in Palestine

Contact us!

Our website: <http://umdsjp.blogspot.com/>

Our twitter: @UMD_SJP

Our e-mail: umd.sjp@gmail.com



FOSSIL FUEL DIVESTMENT

Increasing CO₂ concentrations in the atmosphere have been warming our planet remarkably since the start of the industrial revolution. Alarming, in the year 2013 the concentration of carbon dioxide grew at the fastest rate in 30 years. Already, the effects of climate change have been noticeable across the globe, from the irreversible collapse of Antarctic glaciers to massive droughts in California, and extreme flooding in India. This has the potential to affect the livelihoods of billions of people, especially in poorer nations. Further, a large portion of the excess CO₂ is absorbed by oceans leading to ocean acidification, which threatens the existence of coral reefs which are crucial to the survival of thousands of marine species.

Nations that contributed most to the problem are predicted to be the least affected by it thereby making climate change a social justice issue as well. More people are recognizing the need to reimagine environmental activism in a way that takes into the needs of the poor and working class and promotes social change alongside climate change.

Experts estimate that in order to limit global average temperature rise to 2° C, we must leave two-thirds of our planet's existing oil reserves untouched. Archbishop Desmond Tutu called for an apartheid-style boycott to save the planet, and writing, "people of conscience need to break their ties with corporations financing the injustice of climate change." For any socio-political movement to succeed, it is essential to have an effective

RADICAL GROUPS

Want to get involved right here on the UMD Campus, and make our organizations greener, more intersectional and radical than ever before? Here is just some of what the University has to

offer:

UMD Rooftop Community Gardens

Public Health Garden

JFarm UMD

Jimenez-Porter Writer's House Garden

UMD Arboretum

UMD Green Dining

UMD Apiary (bees!)

Terp Farm

Food Recovery Network

Real Food UMD

Maryland Food Collective

Co-op Housing at University of Maryland (CHUM)



grass-roots campaign. By grass-roots we mean empowering campaigns organized by people in the communities most affected, combining people power with political power.

Students around the world are realizing they inadvertently support social and environmental injustice through the actions of their universities. We must hold our schools accountable for how they spend our endowment and tuition money. Universities invest large portions of endowment money in fossil fuel industries because these markets are relatively safe and offer an attractive return on investments. Energy corporations are using this money to seize land and develop in Africa and South America and polluting land and water with impunity. In 2010, Students in the U.S. began pressuring university administrators to divest from the fossil fuel industry.

Student-led fossil fuel divestment campaigns have already had impacts on University spending. In May of 2014, the board of trustees at Stanford University agreed to stop making direct investments in publicly-owned coal companies. According to gofossilfree.org, a total of 13 universities, 34 foundations, 27 city administrations, and 41 religious institutions have decided to divest from fossil fuels. Meanwhile, student organizers at universities which have rejected the calls for divestment are only more determined to push the movement forward. Students have a tremendous amount of power. Us youngsters are capable of organizing on scales that make possible paradigm shifts and energize the environmental justice movement and bring this energy to overlapping social justice causes. Something about involving the general public???

At the University of Maryland, the Student Sustainability Committee (SSC) has been advising the Student Government Association (SGA) and the university administration, as well as University System of Maryland Board of Regents on environmental impacts our University's investment decisions. The SSC organizes state and local sustainability projects, student environmental justice campaigns, and hosts student events and discussions to raise awareness about climate change. You can join this group to connect with like-minded peers and organize on sustainability issues. See ongoing campaigns and check out their meeting schedule on their website! <http://umdsgassc.wix.com/umdssc>, you can also contact the Director of the Sustainability Committee Ori Gutin at omgutin@gmail.com. Be on the right side of history by fighting for climate justice and fossil fuel divestment on UMD.

Crippling Campus: Survival Tips for Students with Disabilities at UMD

In the two years that I attended University of Maryland, I can count on one hand the number of other students with disabilities that I met. By virtue of size, this school is bound to have plenty more. For those of us with physical and mental disabilities, whether visible or invisible, this campus can be hell to navigate. Like anything and anywhere, it has its pros and cons. I might be a dirty drop out, but I've still got a useful thing or two to share.

Living Arrangements

Is your dorm accessible? It better be. By law, schools need to provide adequate accommodations. If your dorm is, for whatever reason, inaccessible, you need to raise hell and demand a room that suits your needs. If they don't accommodate you, they'll have a nasty little lawsuit on their hands. Call Resident Life at 301-314-2100 or email Erin Iverson at eiverson@umd.edu. Off campus housing can be much trickier, because landlords in area houses are sometimes reluctant to make renovations to their properties. Friends I've known have had success in Parkside, but University Club, MGM, University View, and Varsity, which are considered viable options by a privileged class of the student body, have a long way to go on accessibility. If you can afford to live in those places, it's your responsibility to advocate for access.

Classroom Accommodations

If you were like me, you grew up with an IEP (Individualized Education Plan) and/or a 504 from elementary school on. There were meetings held every year, semester, or quarter about your academic progress involving your parents, teachers, aides, and, once you got to high school, you. That won't happen in higher ed. You'll need to go to Disability Support Services and request an accommodation letter. If you fell through the numerous cracks of that system and needed more help than you got, you can also request an accommodation letter with the proper medical documentation. If you haven't yet, get your letters as soon as possible, and get more copies than you have professors and TAs combined. Your professors and TAs might be forgetful and lose their copy, so it's always good to have some handy. Sit your professors and TAs down one on one and go through the accommodation letter with them. Tell them that there is no such thing as compromise when it comes to your needs. If you need a note taker, bribe your friends with money! No, seriously, DSS will pay your classmates to take notes for you. The number for DSS is 301-314-7682 and the director's name is Dr. Jo Ann Hutchinson, she can be reached at jahutch@umd.edu

CHECK YOURSELF BEFORE WE WRECK YOURSELVES

// QUEERS BASH BACK

We're here, we're queer, and we're not going home until we kick some white supremacist, heterosexist, capitalist, ass!!!! Ferocious queer insurrectionaries are taking back College Park!!! We are anti-marriage, anti-establishment, anti-military, & anti-oppression. We oppose the gender binary, the police, heterosexual and white supremacy, capitalism, imperialism, & other forms of state power. We are queer anarchists who fight for liberation & against oppression, nothing more, nothing less.

WE ARE YOUR WORST NIGHTMARE AND YOUR BEST FANTASY

Bash Back began as a network of radical, anarchist queer projects in the US. Back in Chicago in 2007, we facilitated an assemblage of radical trans & queer activists from here, there, & everywhere. Bash Back seeks to challenge the mainstream LGBT movement's heteronormative ideologies which are pushing our communities towards assimilation into white supremacist, heterosexist, capitalist, institutions. We owe our legacy to the anarchist movement, radical queer groups, such as ACT UP & Gay Shame, as well as Stonewall & San Francisco's White Night riots.

- Remy Riot

Ableism in the Classroom

Let's get real. Teachers are people and people have prejudices, but when those prejudices systematically impact your life, that's called ableism. The power dynamics of lecture and section might not be visible to nondisabled students, but they play too heavily into your education to ignore. The old, tenured, set-in-their ways professors might have some outdated ideas on education that don't factor in students with disabilities and the young, inexperienced TAs might never have met a person with a disability up close, let alone worked with one in a professional setting. Of course, some professors in the middle might just be ignorant. Whatever the case may be, you don't deserve to be treated like a lesser person because of your disability. It's your responsibility to speak up for yourself and show teachers that it's degrading and unprofessional to treat you as anything less than a functional, competent adult. Have one on one meetings during office hours and, if you can, respond directly in class. I had a professor once who asked if I was retarded. You can bet I ripped them a new one in front of the class. If nothing improves, drop the class.

Ableism in Social Situations

Not everyone is your friend. In fact, a lot of your fellow students are assholes. People who've never seen a person with a disability will stare at you like you're from another planet. You might even have people come up to you and ask you if you go here, what happened to you, or even if your genitals work. You don't need to dignify those questions with responses, but if you feel so inclined, be snarky! Get creative with it, make them think. You go here, but how did they get in? You were born this way, but what's their excuse? They don't need to know what's in your pants unless you're letting them in. Of course, disability can be isolating and you can miss classes, parties, and events because you're fatigued or in pain. Keep your friends close, they will help you. Fundamentalist religious groups or students may come up to you, lay hands on you, and start praying. Whatever your religious views are, this is harassment. Get away from them as soon as you can. If you need to, tell them to their faces to leave and stop touching you. I have before, and I'm proud of it. These people don't want to heal you, they don't even respect you enough to ask if you want to be healed and take your answer seriously. What they want is your obedience to systems of repression and control. People of faith with disabilities see this too. As several friends have told me, the sentence, "G-d made me the way I am and this is my journey," gets some bewildering reactions from these ableist wingnuts. Stay safe out there.

Getting Around

Though this campus claims to be accessible, it's far from perfect. There are all kinds of hills, potholes, and construction sites that make getting from place to place a hassle. If you don't make it to a class, just email a professor. There are elevators too small to fit wheelchairs in several buildings and sharing ramps with maintenance and loading crews is no picnic, especially when they're hauling out the garbage and you have five minutes until class. Paratransit is an option for getting around, but not a fast or reliable one. If you're late for them three times, they will cut you off from the service, but they can be late for you an unlimited number of times without consequence. You can call or email to complain, but I'm not sure how much good it'll do. Still, you should sign up in case they're ever your only option. Their number is 301-314-2255



Last Thoughts

I left school for personal reasons, but I would never advocate that anyone else should or shouldn't quit. Academia can be difficult for people with disabilities, but if this is the set of challenges that gets you where you need to go, rise to them. If not, reevaluate your decision. Whatever the case may be, this is your life. Adulthood and independence aren't distant dreams now; they're in your hands. Your physical and/or mental conditions inform your definition of who you are, but they don't define you. Good luck!

- Tyler Vile



solidarity with workers

COMING UP: UMD WORKER INTERVIEW

When asked about working conditions on the job, Dining Service workers had this to say: “Workers don’t want to speak out and say what they think, we’re afraid of being punished or losing our jobs. Work in the heat for 8 hours a day with no ventilation. In the summer the heat is hard to take, it can get over 100 degrees and the winter it is freezing. There’s humidity and mold. Workers continue to work during renovation and construction. There could be asbestos, we don’t know because they don’t tell us.”

“Los trabajadores no queremos hablar y decir lo que pensamos, pues tenemos miedo de que tomen represalias, como perder nuestros puestos de trabajo. Trabajamos en el calor durante ocho horas al día, sin ventilación. En el verano es difícil soportar el calor, la temperatura puede sobrepasar los cien grados y en el invierno es tan baja que casi nos congelamos. Hay humedad y moho. Los trabajadores continuamos trabajando durante la renovación y construcción de nuestras áreas de trabajo. Podría haber asbestos, pero no sabemos porque no nos informan.”

Excerpt from interview with campus workers. Look for the full version—in both English and Spanish—in the online version of the disorientation guide being published in late September.

Intersectional Environmentalism

Environmental justice is an approach to conservation that acknowledges the role of power and privilege in the quest for ecological harmony. It is situated within the overlapping boundaries of environmental issues and social justice, calling for environmental regulations that provide equal protection to people regardless of gender, race, class, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and other markers of oppression.

In a similar vein, intersectionality is a method of thinking about how one's social identities interact in a way to shape their unique life experience. It is crucial to understand that oppression is systematic and that various identities, such as being a disabled queer woman, can converge and lead to perpetuated discrimination.

This can be applied to environmental activism through eco-feminism, a movement that links the concerns of women with ecological issues, arguing that both are a result of male domination, or patriarchy. It highlights how the roots of many ecological problems are tied to hierarchical social organization. In other words, when an individual or corporation is engaged in reckless production (see: destruction) in order to obtain the most instantaneous and abundant amount of profit, the health of our streams, forests, and marginalized human beings will be mere forgotten debris beneath a gasoline rainbow.

Green consumerism, however “ethical” it may be, has a limited ability to enact structural change and can easily fall victim to green-washing (deceptive marketing used to convince consumers that a product or organization is environmentally friendly). Instead, demand an end to policies or projects that disproportionately burden women and people of color, such as Keystone XL, and fight for the rights of indigenous people in the Amazon as well as disenfranchised communities on the streets of DC. Cultivate an urban garden. Attend protests, occupations, or fight censorship through hacktivism.

Ultimately, remember that environmental issues are innately intertwined into concerns of gender, race, and class, and your activism and community involvement should reflect that.

- Savannah Staubs and Emily V.



TRAPPED BETWEEN A KNOX AND A HARD PLACE

I bear no fond memories of the Boxes of Knox, no delusions on their quality, myriad of structural issues, code violations, and general sketch factor. Rooms in the knox boxes are not nice. However, in the college park housing ecosystem they are one very important thing. The knox boxes are cheap. In a sea of expensive high rise “luxury” apartment buildings and neighborhoods full of residents resistant to having students as neighbors, the knox boxes have been one of the only affordable off-campus housing options in College Park. With their destruction this town, a college town, whose local economy primarily relies on the college, loses one of the last housing options for its low-income college students.

The sale and impending eviction of the knox box residents should be an outrage. Students should be organizing in the streets, banging on the president’s door, harassing their city councilmembers. I say this not of sentimentality, and not because I want to see the decaying, unsafe housing units preserved, but because this is merely symptomatic of a larger problem that students should have been up in arms about years ago. The fact is that affordable housing is largely nonexistent and no one cares. The void of low-cost housing affects the most vulnerable and voiceless members of our student body. Transfer students who are not guaranteed on-campus housing—many of whom who went to community colleges for financial reasons, students without the safety net of a family they can live with as commuter students, students who work and go to school part-time, these are the students who need an affordable off-campus housing option. These are the people being evicted the week before finals.

Yes, the owners of the Knox Boxes have every legal right to break the leases of their tenants and give them 90 days to move out, but that does not mean we as a community have to accept that as ethical and acceptable. I have a hard time believing that if a similar situation arose with the more moneyed residents of College Park, say eminent domain was used to displace a few hundred tenured professors and faculty members, there wouldn’t be huge outcry, lawsuits galore, and immense pressure applied on our local government to stop this.

It is absolutely unacceptable for the University and city to stand by as hundreds of students have their leases broken in the middle of the semester—leaving most without any viable housing options.

Underground Tip from the burrow:

Check out the Maryland Food Collective on Tuesdays for staff favorite Taco Tuesdays! All hot specials are vegan, so pack as much taco goodness into that tortilla as you can (I especially recommend the homemade guacamole)



DRUGS

A HARM REDUCTION GUIDE FOR RECREATIONAL USERS

If the politics of drug use are unclear, the fact of their presence around college campuses is not. While neither condemning nor recommending their use, we present some basic information about the local drug culture and how to use drugs safely. This guide is by no means comprehensive. Please be cautious and seek help before abuse becomes a problem.

GENERAL RULES:

1. Moderation. If you're a beginner, or the substance or dealer is new to you, only consume a small amount until you see how you feel.
2. Know your source.
3. Use in a safe space with people you trust.
4. You do you. Don't let others pressure you into changing your behavior.
5. Know your lingo. If someone offers you chronic in Baltimore, it's not just marijuana.
6. There's a hierarchy of addiction for different drug use methods. The probability of addiction is lower for oral consumption.
7. Different people experience different effects with different drugs. Remember, no illicit drug is safe and no reaction is certain because they are unregulated.
8. Never leave someone who is overdosing, or having a difficult time, alone.
9. Do your homework. Erowid.com is a good place to learn more information.

The philosophy of harm reduction advocates a compassionate and non-judgemental approach to drug users, and also recognizes the social elements of drug use and one's capacity to reduce harm. It also recognizes the complexity of drug use as stemming from multiple factors and motivations that exist along a continuum from severe abuse to total abstinence.

MDMA AND ECSTASY - "MOLLY AND E OR X"

What do you do with it? You can snort powders (molly) or swallow pills (E). Try placing powder in an empty pill capsule.

Effects: Molly and Ecstasy have the same intended active ingredient, MDMA. It makes people feel happy, energetic, affectionate, and great empathy towards others. A typical dose is 0.14 grams for a 180-lb adult. Molly is supposed to be pure MDMA, however, both ecstasy and molly can be cut with other substances. Long-term use can lead to depression. It usually takes an hour or more to kick in so be patient. If you're dancing like a maniac, make sure to drink some H₂O.

Duration: Usually 3-5 hours. The "crash" can last 1-2 days

Tips & Tricks for Safe Use: Always play it safe. Don't mix with Anti-Depressants. Avoid overheating. Follow the general rules above. Check out DanceSafe (<http://www.dancesafe.org/>) for more information and DIY drug testing kits to look for contaminating substances. If you are experiencing a harsh comedown, take supplement 5-HTP, Vitamin C, and drink plenty of water.

COCAINE AND OTHER UPPERS - "BLOW, SNOW, YAY, POWDER"

What do you do with them? Snort or swallow pills.

Effects: Cocaine and other stimulants cause a sense of excitement, increased alertness, focus, stamina, and fine motor skills. They can also elevate a user's heart rate, blood pressure, and breathing. Snorting can cause a greater likelihood of addiction.

Duration: Onset of effects is immediate, lasting 1-3 hours.

Tips & Tricks for Safe Use: Drawbacks are high increased possibility of overdose, addiction, and the inevitable crash. Overdosing happens and it's no joke dangerous. When you begin to come down, don't chase the high by taking more and more to keep from crashing. When your body is telling you it's time to stop, listen. Acupuncture, and herbal supplements like Skullcap and Valerian may help soothe heavy crashes.

CANNABIS - "WEED, POT, REEFER, GRASS, GREEN"

What do you do with it? Smoke in a bowl, bong, pipe, joint, blunt, vaporizer, or consumed in edibles.

Effects: Everything is a lot funnier and you want to eat all the food. Some people describe it as a brain massage. You can't overdose, but it can negatively effect your behavior with regular use.

Duration time: Usually between 3-6 hours.

Tips & Tricks for Safe Use: Don't smoke and drive. Beware of sketchy dealers and knock-offs like Spice and K2. Be cautious of brownies because they are (a) yummy! and (b) loaded with THC. Try only eating a small portion of a brownie and be patient, it's takes a while to kick in. Too much and your high can be extremely unpleasant. Try making a second batch of clean brownies, and tag these in when your munchies take over. Erowid (www.erowid.org) is a great place for more information on objective drug facts, anecdotes, and harm reduction tips.

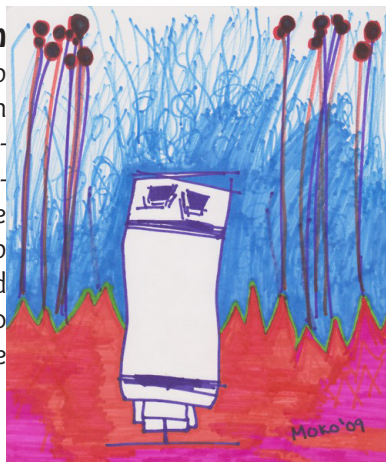
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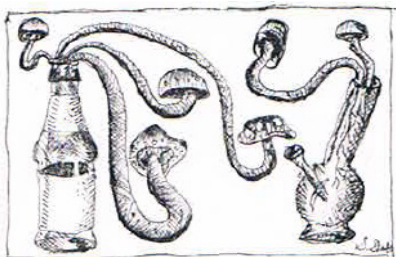
This drug is a legal controlled substance that needs no introduction and can be very dangerous. Healthy Terps at the UMD Health Center has more info on how to party smart.

Website: <http://www.health.umd.edu/> Phone: (301) 314-8106.

What does an overdose look like? Unresponsive, seizures or excessive shaking, hyper- or hypothermia, shallow or slowed breathing, and blue lips. Don't leave them alone and call 911 for help, or get them to an emergency room ASAP.

Our university's **"Good Samaritan Policy"** allows students to call for help if they, or a friend, are experiencing an overdose, without fear of arrest or administrative punishment. So remember, never leave your friend who is having trouble alone, even for a second, and call for help if you need to. If you need help or need advice about drug use or abuse, talk to the UMD Health Center Substance Abuse Program. 301-314-8106





PSYCHEDELICS (LSD AND PSYCHEDELIC MUSHROOMS) - "ACID AND SHROOMS"

What do you do with them? Acid usually comes in strips or tabs and you place a tab (one dose) on your tongue. Can also come in a liquid. You eat Shrooms. They are usually small, white

or gray on top with purple or dark undersides.

Effects: Both take about an hour to set in, but once they do, you may see distortions in vision, sound, and touch, and have very profound thoughts. Be very careful to use in moderation.

Duration: Acid lasts from 8-13 hours; Shrooms from 5-8 hours

Tips and Tricks for Safe Use: The most important determining factor in your experience with psychedelics is the feeling that you are in a safe space. If you feel uncomfortable with your setting, you could have a bad trip. Addiction potential is very low. No crash or recovery period. However, overheating is possible on acid and it may be laced with other substances. If you want to test your LSD for contaminating substances, you can order a test kit from Bunk Police (www.bunkpolice.org).



