An Insight on Student’s Life in Quarantine

Students from The Globe talk about their personal experience being quarantined at home due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

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Current Location : Downtown Jersey City, New Jersey

It’s 2:02pm, on a gloomy Monday morning. Typically on a Monday, I would’ve been up at 7 am, worked at my internship in Downtown, NYC from 9am-12pm, off to NYIT to work at my second job in the Advising and Enrichment center until 2pm, then begin my short break before my two classes that last from 3:30–8:30pm. Typically my weeks are exactly like my Monday schedule, back to back work from 9am to 5pm or after. I always have something to do during the day. Many people think I’m pretty crazy for always having such a jam packed schedule but that’s just how I function.

Now on this Monday morning in quarantine, I woke up at 9am, looked through social media for 45 minutes before I worked out in my room for two hours. Around 12pm, I took a shower and made some breakfast. I made avocado toast, eggs, and turkey bacon with a cup of coffee. After breakfast, I decided to do some of my ‘normal’ routine just for the hell of it. Then, I decided to do work for the newspaper, The Manhattan Globe. Barely 2pm and I have a slight feeling of being useless. Compared to my usual Monday’s or usual days out in the world, this feeling sucks.

I started my first online class at 3:30pm. It was math. If you’re not aware, I am a communications and media production major. Which means, I do not do math. I have to take this one math class in college. Yes, sounds very easy, right? False. Because if I think math is hard in-person, I know math will definitely be even harder online. My thoughts on online classes? I’ve never taken one, never thought I would, but look at me now. In the midst of writing this, my math professor updated my grade! How lovely, my grade is currently at a C… guys, scholar student over here. Besides my math class, how am I supposed to take my other classes? Audio? Directing actors? Art History?… okay, that one maybe. But, the quick transition from having in-person classes to now online classes is such an overwhelming feeling and I haven’t even started. I know some colleges are just going with Pass or Fail grading for their courses and in all honesty, that sounds nice. Since students and staff barely had any time to prepare for this chaos, things are feeling hectic.

I’m pretty sure when I wished that we had a longer spring break, this is definitely not what I had in mind. There’s only so much Netflix and YouTube I could watch before I go crazy. Typically, I don’t really watch that much Netflix because I always have something to do, so this transition isn’t so easy.

After the first couple days of being home and not being allowed out, I got sick of watching TV or browsing my Instagram, Twitter, and Snapchat and repeating it over and over again. So I decided, instead of looking at people doing their own home/work routine, I would actually do my own routine. Shockingly, I was surprised how time went by and how I was not in shape. I also kept myself busy with reading, painting, and even cleaning my apartment.

I’m not even sure how long this quarantine will last, or how long I will last quarantined in my place, but all I know is that I’m trying to keep calm. I hope everyone’s washing their hands with soap and water, keeping clean, sane, and healthy.
With everything currently happening in the world and on the news, it has become very clear what is expected from both the media and the government surrounding this pandemic. The disease that originated in Wuhan, China, COVID–19, is affecting many people very differently. For me, I find that it’s just a matter of staying home and waiting everything out because, thankfully, I am in a situation where I don’t have to worry about where I’m going to stay since I live at home with my parents for the time being. However, this is not the case for all of us.

I find that some parents don’t want their kids to leave the house for fear of the effects that this virus may have on them. In fact, I have a friend who has not left their house in over 10 days. It has been recommended at large that socially distancing ourselves is one of the most effective ways to look out for our own well-being and prevent further spread of the virus. This doesn’t take into account that so many people are now stuck at home living in fear of running out of supplies, whether that be food, hand sanitizer, and especially toilet paper.

Thankfully, while we are in this time of distancing ourselves from friends and even some family members, there are things that we can do to stay in touch living in this modern era. I have found that messaging to check in and calling are all good things to do, but while you’re stuck at home for an indefinite amount of time, it is also important that applications that let you stream movies or shows while on–call with friends have been a great remedy.

Of course, you have to remember to unwind and unplug after a while because you canonspend so much time on your phone or computer staring at a screen. I’ve even reached a new daily average of eighteen hours when it comes to screen time. Thankfully the postal system is still functioning, which means that I now have a thousand–piece puzzle set that I’m completing on the floor of my room. While it may be a scary time we’re living in, it’s very important to keep in mind that this won’t last forever.

My name is Anne–Sophie Ducloux, I’m an international student from Paris, France. I am a senior at NYIT studying communication and media production. Today, I want to share with you my personal experience throughout this unique and historical time. I have to say that since the first official release about the coronavirus in December, I have had various feelings towards it.

At first, I was not paying too much attention to the virus, but with time passing by I started to realize the impact it has on human life and the importance of taking care of myself to protect not only me but also others. As the media and government told us, it is important to stay at home because we can spread the virus without knowing it. This is why I decided at the beginning of the spring break to start a self–quarantine with my roommates. Honestly, we thought it would be hard because we are people that usually like to go out, either to visit the city or meet friends, but we discovered that it was a period we could use for self–care. For the first time in a while, I had time to stop and think about my life, goals, and feelings.

I also think that this quarantine helps me to get closer to the people that matter to me. I got closer to my family thanks to video calls, but also closer to my roommates. However, a few days ago I decided to go back to France to be in quarantine with my family because I realized that even if it was good at first, being far from your family in such a hard time can be hard and make you feel more lonely. I am currently writing for Paris, and the more I think about it, and the more I am happy about the decision I took. I have a better health assurance if needed, and I am surrendered by my family and animals. I wish you all to stay healthy, and enjoy as best as you can this social isolation.
Spring break felt like a single day. Not as short as a day but as long as a month. Life before was fast-paced, full of work and excitement. Being at home has always been a definite nope for me. I hate being forced to stay at home so much that I dread vacation time. I be-

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I really want to be active. I’m annoyed of scrolling through social media. Everything on YouTube is boring to me right now. It’s so weird that whenever I pick up my phone, I involuntarily go to Instagram or Twitter to mindlessly scroll. Maybe I’ll try to exercise more or pick up German again. But what has really kept me sane is my bedside win-
dow in my attic bedroom. Listening to music and reading while the sun pours in has been the closest thing to happiness for me. Although these first Zoom classes have been stressful, I’m hoping that classes will keep

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limit our interactions in order to work on ourselves.

This is particularly important for people like me, whose livelihoods are

based on being indoors. They say it takes 10,000 hours to master a skill, and now we all have plenty of time to do just that. Improve yourself to

improve the world around you.
Dealing With Loneliness, Or As Britney Spears Would Say “My Loneliness Is Killing Me”

By Maeve Dupree  
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Current Location: Long Island, New York

It would be great to say that I’ve been studying for my classes and finally started that intense work-out plan I’ve always wanted to do. It probably be great to do all the tedious tasks that I’ve put off doing because I simply never had time”. But now that this quarantine has granted me so much time, I haven’t. I haven’t done much of anything. Since the lockdown, I’ve had trouble finding motivation in doing anything other than getting out of bed and begrudgingly logging onto my Zoom classes. What else is there to do when the days seem to drag on forever? It’s no secret that we, as humans, get lonely. But in this strange day and age with a worldwide pandemic, things seem to be even lonelier. Why is this? I believe it’s because the small interactions we’ve had with others have been taken away. Simple actions such as going out to see your friends or giving someone a hug goodbye are now out of the question. Heck, even buying a reasonable amount of toilet paper seems taboo nowadays. Over the past week or two, (I’ve lost count of the days at this point) I’ve asked myself how to cure this seemingly never-ending loneliness. And like my most recent math quiz, I’m left with a lot of blank answers. However, in my endeavors, I discovered that, like myself, everyone else is lonely too. And a simple phone call or text does a world of wonders. A face-time or skype call with your friends can make even the worst day of quarantine seem a bit brighter. Going out for a walk on a sunny day helps a lot too. And if you don’t feel like going outside, putting on your favorite album or movie never hurts. In all fairness, we live in a great time for self isolation. We have an endless stream of entertainment at our fingertips and it’s really easy to keep in touch with friends. I mean, imagine if we still had to send messages via carrier pigeon? That would stink, and I mean that literally. Those birds smell.

What we need to remember is that this quarantine isn’t going to last forever. We will be able to enjoy the things and the people we love in due time. Right now it’s important to stay inside and do our part for the benefit of the world. So sit back, relax, read a book, or call a friend. We will get through this together, standing 6 feet apart, but together nonetheless.

The impact of the new coronavirus, COVID-19, is being felt around the world. It’s important for us all to take the necessary steps to keep ourselves, our loved ones, and our local and global communities safe. Of course it will have an effect, with the outbreak forcing colleges to close campuses and move classes online after spring break. I have attended some classes online since last week and honestly, I prefer studying at the campus. It’s always the best.

Since COVID-19 happened, so many people have been panicking. They feel scared when they stay close to people who cough and sneeze. People must wear masks to protect themselves and others when they go outside. After the week of spring break, I continued to stay home with my loved ones and to now disconnect for a long time. After the governor made the announcement that New Yorkers must stay home and avoid going outside, I tried to stock up on food and necessary things to protect myself from this bad situation. I bought hand sanitizers and masks became a part of my body. Sadly, I took my time to find masks and in most stores there were no masks left. Some stores charged double the price. COVID-19 is spreading quickly and is so difficult to control with New York officially having 30,000 confirmed positive cases.

Now home is the best place to self quarantine. Maintaining social distancing means keeping a safe distance (approximately 6 feet) from others and avoiding gathering in spaces such as schools and public transportation. People should stay aware of the latest information on the COVID-19 outbreak. This is the spring season and I should be outside. The weather is beautiful for roaming around the city, but I love myself and my safety should come first. I actually had plans to travel to Los Angeles during spring break. I had already bought my ticket and the hotel was reserved. My dream plan has now been held back to a later time.

I now spend my everyday life with myself in my room. In the morning after I wake up, I pick up my phone to get updated on the newest information about the virus and what is going on around social media. I now have more time to sleep than just 8 hours per night. When I feel hungry, I walk through the kitchen. I enjoy cooking Thai food for every meal as well as learning how to cook. I then sit back with my laptop and I take a nap. Afterwards, I grab something to eat. This is currently my daily routine. I think I should gain weight before ever catching COVID-19. I have to stay home to save lives. Staying home is currently my daily routine. I think I should gain weight before ever catching COVID-19. I have to stay home to save lives. Staying home is currently my daily routine. I think I should gain weight before ever catching COVID-19. I have to stay home to save lives. Staying home is currently my daily routine. I think I should gain weight before ever catching COVID-19. I have to stay home to save lives. Staying home is currently my daily routine. I think I should gain weight before ever catching COVID-19. I have to stay home to save lives. Staying home is currently my daily routine. I think I should gain weight before ever catching COVID-19. I have to stay home to save lives. Staying home is currently my daily routine. I think I should gain weight before ever catching COVID-19. I have to stay home to save lives. Staying home
What I’ve Learned After Contracting COVID-19

COVID-19 has made me look at my life differently.

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Current Location: France

My name is Mathilde Sudol, I’m from Paris and I studied half a semester at NYIT at the New York City campus. My semester was cut short because of a virus that has affected the world. I am a victim of this virus and I’ll tell you my story.

At first, when I heard about this virus, I didn’t pay any attention to it at all. I told myself that it was only a small disease and that it would stop soon. But in the end, it was the other way around. Months went by and the infection got worse. It affected the world, but also the United States, especially New York, where I was. I remember that I used to make fun of a friend of mine because she was always disinfecting her hands and getting paranoid about having it. But eventually it fell on me. You don’t know how you get it or even by whom. This virus is everywhere.

I started getting symptoms. It started with fatigue, aches and fever. I thought I just caught a cold. And as the days went by, it got worse. I couldn’t get tested because the hospital didn’t have enough tests. But I’ve had all the symptoms and it had been going on for three weeks. I’m still sick and I wonder when it will end. This virus hurts, I was taking it lightly and it was a big mistake on my part. I hope you don’t make the same mistake I did. We keep saying it over and over, but protect yourself! I’ve learned a lot from being sick with this virus. At one point, I was in such a critical condition because I couldn’t breathe much and it was the first time in my life that I was so scared, scared of dying. That’s when I realized that I only had one life and that I had to enjoy it before it all stopped. I also told myself that I had to live from day to day because it’s important to live every moment 100%.

I decided when I felt better to go home to my family and spend the confinement with them. It feels good to be surrounded by the people you love and I think you should enjoy it while there is still time. I’m currently in my third week of illness and I’m getting a little better. I hope that next week I’ll definitely be cured. To finish, if I can give you advice from my experience it is to be careful and protect yourself against this virus, but also to enjoy life so that you don’t have any regrets because unfortunately we only have this one.

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A brown girl in quarantine is like Rapunzel trapped in her tower (without the magical hair) I asked a few different people to describe their isolation experience, and here is what I got:

“Well as brown women, having the freedom to be out really only began when we started college, started working, and had some sort of excuse to be out living on our own terms. With the quarantine happening, my one single opportunity to leave the house is gone and it’s reminding me of those honestly dreadful and dark days when I had no choice but to be locked up in these 4 walls just because I’m a girl and it’s the only option we have. Especially for brown women with mental illness, I know the isolation and being stuck with family members (who are sometimes toxic and draining) can be a catalyst for us spiraling back to a dark place. I’m coping by cooking, getting quality time with my sisters, watching films & shows.”

- Anonymous 1

“I am woken up every day whether I like it or not at like 6–7 am. I have been on my period so I can’t pray but I’m still woken up very early. Then they start talking to me about marriage which just brings so much joy to my life (insert sarcasm). This pandemic really was a game-changer for me. Now I can’t just get away from family problems, or the constant family pressure and dynamic that is in a Desi family. I started to lose my patience day by day and now I’ve started to develop some kind of boundaries that you already know are extremely hard to build in a Desi family. The constant pressure of doing household work, praying and being forced to spend time with your family (all the time) made it difficult for me to be sane. Going outside and being myself away from home really gave me life. I’ve been trying to cope by isolating myself whenever I can. I think alone time is super important and in brown households, we barely get any.”

- Anonymous 2

“My dad still has this thing where he doesn’t like us being out so late when it’s just us girls. But the boys being out super late is okay. It’s ridiculous. They say “You can do it after you’ve married” well I could do it before if I didn’t think I’d run away with some useless boy. I’d rather run away by myself than with some dude. Men are completely useless and raised here and they still want a girl who’ll cook for them and wait up for them. Like damn you’d think their mothers would have raised them right. It’s women who say this shit too, “boys will be boys.” If they raised their sons better maybe they wouldn’t be idiots.”

- Anonymous 3

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Photo: Zenab Shafiq
As 2020 began, I had high hopes that it would follow in 2019’s footsteps and be a great year. I was wrong. This new disease, COVID-19 (coronavirus), has flipped our worlds upside down these last few weeks. I do not believe there is one nation, one town, one person that is not being affected by this pandemic. Being a college student who lives out of state from home, the virus has ruined all of my plans for the upcoming months.

My name is Emily Peacock, I am majoring in global and electronic journalism, with a minor in culture and literature here at the New York Institute of Technology, on track to graduate in the Spring of 2021. After this semester I will only have one more year in my undergrad, so I have been setting up trips and plans with my friends for the next few months to make this semester a great one. We were going to go to California for Coachella, to Maine to have a lobster bake, and going out every weekend together. Now, it’s all cancelled or postponed.

I’ve been on the phone with bus lines and airlines, making sure that we will receive refunds for the trips lost; so far it has not been a nightmare to get ahold of anyone. Then on top of that, schools are sending students home. So now I also have to pack up all of my things in my dorm and move back to Maine for the remainder of the semester, and my friends are all going back to their home states as well. It is so hard to be pulled away abruptly from the routine and life that we settle into in college, it does not feel like an extended vacation.

All of my plans through August are now so shaky, there is such uncertainty to what may come next. It feels as though we are moving through an alternate reality, as if this is all just some nightmare that we will wake up from one morning. I am not sure how this year could get much worse, but I hope it only gets better from here.
The phenomenon of hoarding appears. Masks are sold very expensive while no one is wearing them. Maybe there are differences in culture between China and the United States. Chinese think that wearing masks not only can protect themselves but also others, while Americans think that it is a waste of resources. Only patients should wear masks. But people themselves don’t know whether they are sick, because the virus has incubation while it still has the ability of infection during the period of incubation. Therefore, due to the culture, we have to put the masks in the corner of the dormitory without wearing them.

When we were worrying that the epidemic might be serious, the school decided to suspend the class and encourage us to take class online. It made our mind at ease. Because we do not dare to contact others. This Spring vacation also lets us relax and rest fully. There is no doubt that some of the international students choose to return to their country. At that time, it was very busy for international students like us. We were confirming a lot of questions every day. Is it sure that the lessons for the rest of the semester are online? Will it affect our graduation if we go back to our country? When we have solved all these problems, they also have packed their luggage. Of course, there are still some people, like me, choosing to stay in the dormitory in New York. We are waiting. Once the epidemic has been brought under control, we will go back immediately. Because we think that there is a great risk on the plane.

During the quarantine, our food is in short supply. We have no choice but to buy them online. We will wash our hands every time after contacting the things outside. We may wash hands with hand sanitizer about 20 times every day. My hands even began to dry and peel, but we have no choice. Safety is of paramount importance.

Now, Spring break is over and online teaching is starting. But some classes like film production have to disrupt the previous plan. Because this kind of class needs practice and meeting together while we cannot go out. So that all the plans need to be decided and adjusted again. During the quarantine, professors must feel stressed because teaching online is very difficult. It brings some troubles like inconvenience. We should show our respect to the hard-working professors. Looking forward to the end of COVID-19. We hope to go out and breathe the fresh air. We expect to enjoy the vibrant world again.

Women’s Health: Self-Care in Quarantine

By Xiaoyi Xu
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Current Location: Manhattan, New York

COVID-19. When I returned to New York after my winter vacation, there was an epidemic from Wuhan to all over China. At that time, I felt lucky because I left China at the time of the outbreak. However, the United States has also been hit by the virus, two months later than China. Finally, COVID-19 spreads from a small city to the whole world. That does not mean that we ought to blame the people who like eating wild animals. At that time, China ordered wild animals. At that time, China ordered...
New laws are in the process of being put in place to reinforce sexual misconduct and harassment penalties on campuses. As stated in the New York Times in an article by Erica Green, “The rules will for the first time cement domestic violence, dating violence and stalking as forms of gender discrimination that schools must address under Title IX, the federal civil rights law that prohibits sex discrimination in education programs that receive government funding” (2020).

What this means is that school officials will now be trained to address complaints of harassment as civil rights violations; something that in the past has been taken much more seriously than issues regarding domestic violence and assault in campus settings. One of the larger issues that has made this law so prevalent, is that authorities and schools alike look at domestic violence and harassment as ‘personal problems,’ or issues that can and should be handled by the parties affected. But, what about when those problems become present in everyday life? When the victim cannot even go to class without feeling unsafe?

That’s what is happening on and off campuses all over the States; Girls are being ignored when coming forward to get help, only to end up fearing for their safety in places that no one should feel scared. The New York Times article highlights a story of a student that ended in tragedy, all because her fears were ignored. Lauren McClusky, 21, a track star at the University of Utah was hunted down and killed by her ex-boyfriend in 2018. This is after she made more than 20 complaints to her school, to six different staff members, all of which were ignored. Her parents say the school responded to Laurens fears with nonchalance due to the assumption that Lauren, like most women, was unreasonable, hysterical, hypersensitive, paranoid, overreacting to the situation and not being truthful. (2020). Unfortunately, this is how female students are treated far too often, and Lauren’s story is one of many that ended in tragedy in the last few years.

As a female student who has faced dating violence before, and has stood with others in the midst of their own traumatic experiences, it is about damn time that those who come forward for help, for acknowledgement, and for security are taken seriously; that abusers face the consequences of their actions. I know what it is like to not be heard, and to be told to be quiet, and to calm down. I am over it. We are over it.

It sickens me that it has come to this point, to girls being murdered, for laws to be changed and created to keep us safe. It is not enough for sexual harassment and domestic abuse to be treated as what they are (crimes), but campuses and authorities are being made to re-write the way they respond to such issues, to be taken more seriously as ‘civil rights issues,’ which is what they have always been anyways. Also mentioned in the NYT’s article is that these crimes have increased in recent years; truthfully though, more women are just coming forward and speaking out against their abusers, shining a larger light on the problem at hand.

I am not sure that this law will make much of a difference in the statistics of dating violence on campuses, but I do hope that it encourages more women (and harassment/abuse victims of any gender) to come forward and tell their stories. It is hard, and it is scary, but the more we share and tell our truths the more people will listen, and the more change will come.

The National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1 (800) 799-7233

**HOLY THRIFT!**

Here are some of the best places in NYC to go thrift shopping: advice from an actual broke college student.

**Urban Jungle**

118 Knickerbocker Ave

Brooklyn, NY

In the heart of Brooklyn is Urban Jungle, a funky, fun and eclectic store chock full of styles for everyone. The store is full of neon lights and the walls are decked out with graffiti. When you walk into the huge (and I mean huge) store you’ll be comforted by the sounds of artists like David Bowie and Queen. Because the store is so big you will have to do some digging, but once you find something you’ll love, it’ll be worth it.

L train

106 Knickerbocker Ave

Brooklyn, NY

Only steps away from Urban Jungle, this quaint little vintage store is a tucked away gem. If you’re looking for name brands like Tommy Hilfiger, Champion, and Levi’s, this is the place to go. They have an assortment of cool jackets, blazers and men’s dress shirts at pretty decent prices. You may have to spend a little more here, but you’ll definitely find something you can wear for years to come.

**Buffalo Exchange**

114 W 26th St

New York, NY

Any Buffalo Exchange store is a safe bet. I have never walked away from any of their stores empty handed. This chain is a buy and sell store, where you can sell your old clothes and buy new ones as well. Because of this, people sell some pretty cool stuff and you can find some great brands at a steep discount. Definitely good for going out clothes, trendy clothes, and style staples you need in your wardrobe. They offer a laid back environment and it’s wonderful for people just dipping their toes into thrifting.

**Salvation Army**

536 W 46th St

New York, NY

It’s your classic thrift store. Three floors full of absolutely EVERYTHING at dirt cheap. You can find homeware and furniture that are perfect for any apartment or dorm and they have a whole floor dedicated to clothes. It’s hard to believe that a store like this exists so close to Times Square, but it’s a little secret not many people know about. Plus, if you can’t find anything, Schmackary’s Bakery is close by and you can buy yourself a really good cookie to make your day better.

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Film Review: Jojo Rabbit

Jojo Rabbit, a film directed by Taika Waititi, recently won an Academy Award for Best Adapted Screenplay and was nominated for 5 other Academy Awards including Best Picture. This film was released in September 2019 but let’s explore what made Jojo Rabbit so unique.

Jojo Rabbit was adapted from the novel Caging Skies by Christine Leunens. The story follows Jojo, a young German boy, living through the events of World War II. Jojo is a fantasist and blindly follows the Nazis as his way of loving his country. This view starts to shatter as he accidentally finds that his mother is hiding a Jewish girl, named Elsa, in their home. The film shows the gradual spiral of implanted hatred and denial turning into a process of questioning to believing for Jojo. As the plot progresses, he gradually finds that his world may be a lie. Taika Waititi follows the main characters and plot of the original book, but boldly adds the character “Hitler” as Jojo’s imaginary friend. Instead of the heavy and sharp tone of the book, the film focuses on bright colors, youth and humor. It mirrors the youth of Jojo and the ridiculous views of the Nazis. Many 1960s rock songs are featured in this film. Narrating World War II in a humorous way is undoubtedly one of the main merits of the film.

Every coin has two sides. As a result of using the comic and relaxed style, some may think this film is inevitably weak in telling the story. Some audiences think that it is the style and the angle of satire that brilliantly show the insanity of the Nazis. Jojo’s overheat attitude, as well as his imaginary friend Hitler support this very ironic plot. However, due to the combination of various elements in the film, some audiences think that the tone of the whole film becomes incoherent and its intention slightly blurred.

Although there has been some controversy surrounding this film, Jojo Rabbit is a film well worth watching. It decorates cruel facts with black humor and fully shows that an excellent comedy has a tragic core. It is wise and novel to narrate a deep theme in such a humorous way. Perhaps the narrative way of viewing the world from a naive and confused child is not new, combining history with family emotions is refreshing. It touches the toughest and most vulnerable area of the audience’s heart.

Artist Review: Tash Sultana

One of my personal favorite artists and a young woman of 24 years old, Tash Sultana, full name Natasha Sultana, makes psychedelic rock music. Hailing from Australia, Tash is a singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist. She plays many instruments such as the guitar, piano, trumpet, drums, pan flute, mandolin, saxophone, synthesizer, and the harp. She is also skilled in singing and beat boxing. She is an artist that I respect a lot because she made her debut on YouTube by doing covers of famous songs. Today, she is signed to a major label (Mom + Pop Music), and performs in huge festivals around the world. In 2016, Tash’s YouTube videos entitled “Bedroom Recordings” went viral, including her song Jungle, which has over 60 million views today. Tash is a unique artist because she always performs alone; she does all the instrumental work live on stage. This is a big reason why I admire her so much.

Rock comes to her through titans of the genre such as Jimi Hendrix, Pink Floyd, Fleetwood Mac, and Led Zeppelin. Bob Marley and Amy Winehouse have had an impact on her music as well. In addition to being a great artist, Tash is a member of the LGBTQ+ community. Sultana campaigns for gay marriage in Australia and starts all of her concerts by reminding people that homophobia, racism, and transphobia are not welcome. She is a woman who takes responsibility for her identity. She is also skilled in singing and beatboxing for her non-binary sexual identity. I think many people should follow her example. Sultana also speaks out about her past as a drug addict, her struggles with mental health issues, and represents the Australian non-profit association Beyond Blue, which provides information and support for people with mental health issues. I think, as an artist, Tash Sultana is a complete package. In addition to her talent as an artist, she helps many people to build confidence in themselves. For me, she is a role model, and I hope she can be for many of you as well.
Music Reviews

Man Alive!
By King Krule

There are times that I find I often listen to the same artists and genres all day. The lack of variation makes life feel mundane. To combat this, I check the “Browse” section of Apple Music to look for something new. This is where I stumbled upon King Krule’s new album “Man Alive!”. The description lists this album’s genre as “alternative”, a genre I don’t listen to too often. The way he blends punk elements with lush instrumentation offers a unique blend that reminds me of Tyler the Creator’s early work, mixed with the style of Rex Orange County. If you’re looking to switch up what you’re listening to for the day, I suggest you give Man Alive! a listen.

Changes
By Justin Bieber

It is impossible to state what music is good and what’s bad as fact, because we all have an opinion. To me, there’s no such thing as a “bad song” because of how so many factors can affect your perspective. There is only music that I like, if it doesn’t fit in that category then it’s “not for me”. Changes by Justin Bieber fits in the second category, not because the music is bad, in fact I appreciate the album’s sonic quality. However, I feel like Justin Bieber didn’t do anything in this album that I haven’t already heard from artists I have more connection to.

F*ck the World
By Brent Faiyaz

The feeling of falling in love with an album immediately off first listen is really amazing. Brent Faiyaz is among the artists that my friends constantly tell me to listen too. I didn’t take their advice until recently when his new album “F*ck The World” released and immediately it was clear why my friends loved him so much. Track one “Skyline” is one of those quintessential openers that puts you in a mood. The album is concise and to the point, only spanning 27 minutes. Albums that take this approach are so good because, while there’s a good amount of content, it doesn’t overstay its welcome.

The Slow Rush

The concept of time and how it affects everything is something that we all experience. We, as people, all have different perceptions of time. Some think they have all the time in the world, whereas others can’t help but feel like they don’t have time to do anything at all. Time and music go hand in hand, as it’s all about keeping the rhythm and making patterns. Kevin Parker, better known by his stage name Tame Impala, uses the music to share his perspective on the different aspects of time, which is the central theme of his new album “The Slow Rush”.

I wasn’t familiar with Tame Impala’s music, but I was inspired to pay more attention after a friend of mine played a couple tracks. I instantly fell in love with his melodic voice and the psychedelic instrumentation. Upon first listening to The Slow Rush, I immediately was drawn to songs like “Posthumous Forgiveness” and “Breathe Deeper” because of how beautifully the melody and instrumentation meld together to create a blissful experience much in line with the album’s title. Even the album’s cover is an artistic representation of the passing of time by depicting a sand dune that engulfed a red room. Overall, the entire album creates the feeling of a “slow rush” with its 12 tracks, which may come across as a short album to some, stretching out over an hour.

Listeners who enjoy figuring out the meaning behind a song more than just listening to the music should pay extra attention when experiencing this album. Tame Impala is one of those artists that can effortlessly hide what he is truly saying behind the upbeat music and melodic voice. For example, the song “Borderline” is about Tame Impala on the edge of a drug overdose. While in this state, he begins to question if he’d be loved after he’s gone. However, once he realizes that he’s starting to sober up and the suns coming up, that everything’s alright, at least as far as him overdosing goes. Another song, whose meaning I did not catch until reading all of the lyrics is “Tomorrow’s Dust”. This song sounds pleasant enough, but what lies beneath is a song about coming to the realization that there’s no point in trying to be in a relationship that clearly isn’t working.

The flow of time is something we all abide by, whether we like it or not. It will always move forward despite what we face in our everyday lives. Tame Impala clearly knows and accepts this fact. The Slow Rush is a beautiful representation of all that he experienced and learned in his life.
A coin has two sides. The issue of whether using too much Internet gives us enough resources to explore and learn faster. Some people insist the Internet is harmful, while some people argue that social media addiction harms marriages. “In a 2016 study published in the journal Psychology of Popular Media Culture, 70 percent of women revealed that smartphones were negatively affecting their primary relationship,” said Lesley Alderman (2017), a journalist and writer for New York Times. Imagine your partner finds that their phone is more attractive than you, this can really drive women crazy. If you really want to cherish your relationship, quit using your phone or computer so much!

Stop being hooked by our own lies! A has two sides. The issue of whether using too much Internet is bad for our lives is highly debatable. So, if you really want to cherish your relationship, quit using your phone or computer so much!

The popular Korean group BTS (Bangtan Sonyeondan) made their awaited comeback on February 21. Their new album Map of the Soul: 7 marks the beginning of a new era for them. After the Love Yourself era that had spread positive messages about self-love, BTS now explores the darkest side in people. BTS member Suga says, “One message that penetrates the album as a whole is that you must face your inner shadows but resist becoming submerged into its depths.” Whatever the dark period that happens in the future, they believed the virtues of the Internet can beat the drawbacks. Nice try!

The truth is, that’s only if you use it sparingly, the bad influence of internet addiction is much more serious than you think and is reflected in harming health conditions and destroying close relationships. First, staring at the screen for a long time can actually lower your eyesight and affect your brain activity. Unfortunately, I learned this from my personal experience. In the last 2 years, my eyesight has lowered to 1 diopters because I was extremely addicted to a phone application called “Instagram”. At that time, every day, the first thing I did is to open up Instagram and see how many followers I got last night or how many comments I received. I used to have good vision, what a shame! What’s even worse, the radio of a phone or computer may increase the rates of getting cancer. “The radio-frequency radiation used by cell phones could indeed have biological effects — enough to damage DNA and potentially contribute to brain tumors”, writes Alice Park (2010), a senior writer at TIME. As a result, it is better to stop being a slave of the Internet because it is harmful for both your eyes and brain.

In addition, paying too much attention to your phone or computer can break the relationship with someone who is just staying by your side. I am one of these victims. One day I was having dinner with my mom while playing on my phone during the whole meal. At the end my mom asked me, “Why did you call me to come and have dinner with you if you only want to play on your phone? Stop watching your phone, I’m much prettier than your phone!” At that time I realized too much phone usage has affected the relationship between my mom and I, as well as my friends. Further, research also showed that media addiction harms marriages. “In a 2016 study published in the journal Psychology of Popular Media Culture, 70 percent of women revealed that smartphones were negatively affecting their primary relationship,” said Lesley Alderman (2017), a journalist and writer for New York Times. Imagine your partner finds that their phone is more attractive than you, this can really drive women crazy. So, if you really want to cherish your relationship, quit using your phone or computer so much!

Quarantini Drink
For those who are 21 and older

1 Pack of Emergen–C
3 oz of vodka
One lemon
Optional Add Ins:
1 oz of tears
1 bottle of of hand sanitizer
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First grab your favorite bottle of vodka or gin. At this point, you can stop at this step and just chug it all (no one will blame you) or you can pour it into a glass and continue making the drink. Next, stir in one pack of Emergen–C, not for flavor but because your body desperately needs it. Shake lightly and drain the mixture over ice. If you’re underaged, feel free to replace the alcohol with your very own freshly cried tears (if you have any left). Lastly, you can garnish with lemon peel and enjoy. If you want to take this drink a step further, take one bottle of hand sanitizer and squeeze the whole thing into the drink. This will not taste good nor will it be good for you but if COVID–19 doesn’t kill you, this probably will!
Boris and the Dark Survival: The Unexpected Chapter in the Bendy Series

It has been nearly a year since Joey Drew Studios’ elaborate announcement of their next game in the Bendy universe titled Bendy and the Dark Revival. The game’s first chapter was to be released in the fall of 2019, but it was not until December that it was announced that the game would be delayed. Many fans speculated that the game would be released in February, just in time for the third anniversary of the flagship game Bendy and the Ink Machine. However, this was not the case, and on the anniversary on February 10, Boris and the Dark Survival was released.

This game is a slight prequel to Bendy and the Ink Machine. We are able to play as the friendly character Boris the Wolf, who was an important character in Bendy chapters 3 and 4. The objective of the game is to search for and collect items scattered in a randomly generated area. Collected items are then carefully returned to Boris’ safehouse. The main threat is the ink demon Bendy that never leaves the floor once it spawns. Scattered on certain floors are audio logs from characters of the original game, and scrap paper that forms a collage when all of the pieces are found.

The game features a fantastic score and sounds that keep the player on edge. It is complemented by the ambiance that has been shown in the original Bendy game. Boris and the Dark Survival is a simple game that is still filled with the rich story that made Bendy and the Ink Machine successful. The game is rather simple to play, but nevertheless still very fun. Boris and the Dark Survival is available on Steam, the App Store, and Google Play.

executive dysfunction

you want to watch a movie. you put it on. two hours have passed. you haven’t watched the movie. there are five new tasks in front of you. you want to watch a different movie.

there is an object in your hand. it is extremely important you don’t lose it. you look down. there is nothing in your hand.

you don’t know your friend’s name. you’ve been friends for months. they just told you their name. you do not know their name.

your friend didn’t laugh at your joke. why didn’t they laugh? do they hate you? they assure you otherwise. you know they are lying. did they ever like you?

there is something you’re forgetting. you check. you check again. there is nothing you’re forgetting. there is something you’re forgetting.

you had something to say. you can’t remember. it was important. wasn’t it? you can’t remember.

there’s a task that needs to be done. it takes ten minutes. you check the clock. it’s been five minutes. you check the clock. it’s been two days.

Coming Back from the End

It is all disconcerting—
A blessing quietly revealing
Where a curse is easily made;
When will this thought fade?
Its malice is always near:
The thrill of the pain of fear.

I made the promise many seasons ago
Yet a thought of death in the mind
Is harder to leave behind.
Terrifying life was edging to the end,
I needed you then as a friend.
Terrifying dreams mirrored the day
Full of faces and the evil they conveyed.
I never wanted to leave then.
A blessing will quietly reveal;
I need it now to become real.
I never wanted to leave then,
Yet now I’m waiting for the mend.

What is this funny thing in life,
To make me break under strife?

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