Nothing is the same for col-
lege students, thanks to the corona-
virus. Most have moved out of resi-
dent halls. Their classes have moved
online. Labs now bear little resem-
blance to normal. But one thing has-
’t changed, at least at some colleges:
They’re still being graded.

A chorus of students from across the
country is lobbying schools to stop
grading on a traditional letter
scale this semester. Instead, stu-
dents are asking for a pass/fail or
system. It’s hard enough to manage
the major disruptions caused by
COVID-19 without having to worry
about grades, they argue. Moving to
online classes brings its own difficul-
ties, too, as some subjects typically
require in-person, hands on elements
that don’t translate well to video.

In response to the recommendation
from the Student Government Asso-
ciation and given the concerns of
various members of the faculty, Rose
Hulman’s faculty have approved
temporary revisions to the institute’s
grading policy.

It remains a decision per student for
any class completed for undergradu-
ate credit during Spring quarter, if
the grades they receive will be re-
ported as a traditional letter grade or
the credit/no credit option.

If students decide to use the credit/
no credit option, the grades they re-
ceive for Spring quarter will not be
used to calculate the student’s new
GPA. Students are allowed to trans-
fer as many or as little credit as they
want towards the new option. Stu-
dents currently on probation or dou-
ble probation will retain that status
until one week after they do not take
at least 12 hours of graded course-
work during the Spring term.

This year however, Burning Man
find’s itself restricted to the same
rules as the rest of the world. The
COVID-19 pandemic will force the
festival to do something they’ve
never seen before; they are going
virtual. Honestly, a perfect fit to
this year’s theme: Multiverse. The
annual building of Black Rock
City will not happen physically
this year, it will instead be 100%
online. Funded purely by dona-
tions, artists are going to have a
change of pace. If you’ve never been
to the Burning Man festival, like
me, this may be an excellent place
to get initiated into the craziness.
How to Make Roasted Vegetables

When you want some toasty veggies to snack on.

Graham Hepworth

1. Turn your oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit or 176 degrees Celsius.

2. Is the vegetable really soft? Like Zucchini or Eggplant? Slice it up, lay it out, and salt it before throwing it in the oven. Wait 20 minutes to 2 hours until it’s dry-ish.

3. COAT. Coat the vegetables, sliced or not, in oil and salt. Preferably a good American Olive Oil.

4. Throw them in the oven, leave them be for the first 10 minutes, then start checking on them occasionally.

5. Are they done? Almost done? If so, then turn the broiler on, cause you need some maillard in your life.

6. Broil for like, 2 - 5 minutes.

7. Let cool so you don’t burn your mouth.

8. Enjoy! Preferably with a good steak, scotch, or pasta fisch.

Mike Love

The Real Villain

Graham Hepworth

If you asked the average Brian Wilson stan what Mike Love’s contribution to the band “Wouldn’t It Be Nice” was, they would answer something like this: “He’s awful, and stupid, and republican, and idiotic, and he wrote nothing as said Don’t Fuck With The Formula and the Beach Boys would be better without him”.

Yes, the Beach Boys, that oldies band you don’t care about.

The Beach Boys. I bet you haven’t even thought about them since your mom totally embarrassed you by dancing along to “Fun, Fun, Fun” and saying “This is what we thought was cool back in my day” as you wished you could go back listening to Simple Plan.

Well shame on you, dear reader, for The Beach Boys are pretty much responsible for creating modern pop music, as well as the now lauded Bayouque Popp movement of the 60s. You know Phil Specter’s favorite student? Brian Wilson. Who was America’s first heartthrob hippie pretty boy? Dennis Wilson. Who’s melodies and harmonies made America swoon to all hell and back? Mike Love.

And who could forget Carl? Yes, Mike Love was useful and good and good and useful. No one can deny the beauty of some of the Beach Boys’ harmonies, led by an ascendant Love, or “I Get Around”’s incredibly dreamy falsetto lead. He was instrumental and lyrical composition of “California Girls” and “Good Vibrations”. He helped process the quiet desperation and sadness of “In My Room” into a veritable classic. Mike Love was necessary in creating these hits and more, and to diminish the role he played in the development of the Beach Boys during the early 60s only serves as an exercise in hero worship. It allows the listener to revere Brian and Brian alone, to create a fantasy world where Brian Wilson wasn’t stopped by his internal demons, but by outside forces.

This is the fantasy world where the term “Don’t Fuck With The Formula” comes into existence. In any good story, there is a hero and a villain, and who better to play the villain than the man who wrote the innate lyrics about surfing inspired by the saint Dennis, who tragically died before this narrative formulated. He’s certainly a better fit than Carl, whose reign of the band was just too good to warrant true villainization (in an alternate universe, Carl toured with Mike Love).

No, Mike Love is the villain of this story for a few reasons. He wrote innate lyrics about surfing, while remaining completely unlikeable and not knowing how to surf. He had intercourse with many women, but still carried the ‘creepy uncle’ vibes on and off stage. Worst of all, the musician just wouldn’t write a good tune. “Kokomo” remains one of the worst things ever turned loose upon humanity, in my opinion, however it was adored by the public. Unfortunately due to its success it unleashed the one of the most disappointing phases of the touring Beach Boys I’ve ever seen, as well as the most horrific recorded version of the band since 15 Big Ones ruined American classics circa 1976.

It especially hurt because it was recorded and released at the same time as Brian Wilson’s most beautiful piece, “Love and Mercy”, a song still revered to this day, and the one with which Mr. Wilson ends all of his live performances.

All this makes Mike Love just the perfect scapegoat, the man who ruined the Beach Boys and kept Brian from recording his masterpiece Smile, destroyed the band’s creative spirit, and overall just made life difficult for us fans by releasing insipid music.

Instead of on Stuttering through, instead of just the title track. Learn why Brian Wilson fell apart. Do research on how Brian’s state affected recording. Acknowledge Dennis’ friendship with the Manson Family and finally come to terms with his death. Recognize the good and the bad in all of the band members. Stop blaming Mike Love for Smile’s failure. And above all: take “Kokomo” out of your Beach Boys playlist.

Next Week, a piece on The Smile Sessions and Brian Wilson’s Smile. Next Week, a piece on The Smile Sessions and Brian Wilson’s Smile.
Hopes and dreams about the future of mobile phone charging

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Modern phones, whether Apple or Android, have some sort of wireless charging capability. You put your device on some sort of “Qi-certified” charging pad and the almost empty battery icon changes to tell you that your precious lithium ion battery is sucking in energy through the wonders of inductive charging. Now, since this technology is in its infancy, of course it’s limited to purpose-built charging pads and docks. However, what if we removed that constraint? You walk into your house, put your phone on your bed or your nightstand wherever, hop in the shower, and when you come out you feel refreshed, but not just because of the shower, because your phone has charged! We can always dream. But maybe we don’t always have to dream: wireless charging like this exists already, albeit in a sort of meta-infancy. A newborn technology contained within a newborn technology... don’t read into that sentence too much. Anyway, a quick Google search of “over-the-air charging” led me to the Energous WattUp, an Amazon Echo doppelganger designed purely for charging devices with the same wireless charging technology, with a range of approximately 15 feet. It doesn’t seem to be in full production, as it was shown at CES 2019, which is basically an event that companies like Samsung or LG show up to in order to flex their bendable displays (get it, flex?) and Smart Pillows and what have you. This WattUp device, as well as some products I’ve used myself, has got me thinking about how the future could shape up if we invested more in wireless charging tech. You see, I’m one of those people that labels myself as a savvy consumer, but in reality it just means I spend too much money on things that most people consider gimmicks. For example, I bought this hundred dollar Logitech mouse pad that charges my (also Logitech) wireless mouse. It’s sort of an overpriced proof of concept, but at least it’s a proof of concept that works. However, the device’s design has given me some interesting ideas about what we could do for the future. The pad itself is about the size of this big rubber unit that makes up the bulk of the device and has the actual charging circuit in it. The other portion is an interchangeable surface piece that lets you personalize the pad a little bit. I can’t say I have a particular preference for either, but let’s say we extrapolate this idea to something bigger... Say you’re having a house built, or maybe you’re doing some remodeling. You decide to replace your old faux wood kitchen counter with some nice granite, or maybe go with some butcher block with a nice coat to give it some shine. Instead of buying just any old counter, though, you get some new, high-tech offering that has wireless charging technology inside it. Can you imagine how cool it would be to set your phone down to charge on any flat surface in your house? I think it would be really cool if we managed the same thing without needing to put down the phone at all. You walk into a building and your phone starts charging over the air. I don’t really have the knowledge to say if something like this is physically possible, but imagine the problems that could be solved with something like this: your phone never dies, you don’t have to deal with tangled charging cables, you don’t have to fill up boxes (and eventually landfills!) with bundles of cables, and you never have to dig through a pile of Lightning cables to find that one USB type C cable you need. Even if these things are just pipe dreams, I think we’re still in for an exciting, wire-related frustration-free future.
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WACKY PROF QUOTES

"How big is the methane plume? Bigger than your mom!"
- Dr. House

"That's truly the Rose way--doing everything fast whether we understand it or not... oops I mean 'with high quality work'"
- Dr. Tarrant

"Does anyone else want to try, I have more alcohol?"
- Dr. Thom

"You know how we know he was a good Mathematician...He spent the last few years of his life in the crazy house"
- Dr. Green

"Just sit back and enjoy this lecture. Its like a concert onl much better."
- Dr. Eichholz

"Have you ever tried eating your teeth, with your teeth? Yea, its like that."
- Dr. Micah Taylor

"So we can do it the brilliant way or go through misery. So we're going to do the misery way. Why? Because we need to suffer first."
- Dr. Butske

Joke of the Week:

What’s black and white and read all over?

Not the Rose Thorn

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CONTROVERSY AFOOT: Apple claims they had no idea the fruit came first

Billy B. Ghades

With the coronavirus causing widespread panic and causing most of the country to go into a self quarantine, traffic has never been better. 1, being the incredibly smart person I am, took this opportunity to visit one of my least favorite places, Apple HQ, to try and piece together why they are so bad.

As the number of people working at Apple HQ decreases, so does the likelihood of being caught trespassing. Using this brilliant idea the fruit came first

Me: Why the chairs Steve?
Steve: They help me maintain a stern façade even in the face of high quality silliness.

Me: Why electronics as your industry of choice?
Steve: If you work with and create the most advanced technologies, no one will bat an eye when they do something as simple as taking a multipurpose tool and making it a computer.

M: What’s your favorite dessert?
S: The simulations are slowing down, can you feel it? They are running out of time and ideas.

Make of these answers as you wish, but I think one thing is for certain: that was definitely not my ADHD medication I took earlier. I cannot tell you what these responses mean in terms of the controversy at hand, as Mr. Jobs refused to answer any questions regarding the company logo.

I will continue my efforts to uncover the real truth here. Did Apple know they were stealing a fruit's name? Did doing so bear witness to the modern economy? And if I were a worm, would you still love me?

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Top Ten Mixed Drink Recipes That are at Least 90% alc.

1. Everclear + Moonshine = A Really Fun Time
2. 375mL (NOT 750 mL) bottle of Scotch
3. Cupcake Moscato
4. VODKA
5. Top Ten Opinions on Tiger King
6. Top Ten Ways to Withhold Funds From the State Gov'ts
7. Top Ten Things That Are Better than the Rose Thorn
8. Top Ten FDA Unapproved Ways to Enlarge Your Deceased Husband's Genitals
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10. Top Ten Ways to Stay Sane During This Shit

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Top Ten Opinions on Tiger King

Our opinions on Tiger King: 1. TOTALLY REAL 2. NOT FAKE AT ALL 3. ABSOLUTELY LEGIT

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