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DEAR FRIENDS,

As the new semester commences we are given an opportunity to start a new and shed the perhaps too familiar yet pleasantly modest visage of our old newspaper. With the drastic changes occurring on campus, we thought it appropriate to revamp The Voice Newspaper into VOICE Magazine. A free for all, honest, and thought provoking magazine for generations new and old, with a special emphasis on winning those fickle millennials over! This would require more than a few new stickers and a quick Instagram filter (are kids still using Instagram?), this would have to be a rebirth.

While the aesthetics may have changed, the goal remains austerely intact. The new team is dedicated to providing every single student, staff, and faculty member a platform where they can express their thoughts and feelings... within limits. To paraphrase Walt Disney, we will continue to grow as long as there is imagination left in the world.

And friends, this is your world, this is your magazine, and we hope to give voice to your imagination as best we can. We won't let you down.

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GET TO KNOW

What is this?

Get to know AUK's finests.

Every month we will be introducing to you different interesting people that will share their goals and aspirations through questions selescted by our Executive Editor, Lara Jadayel.

For this issue, get to know Voice's new team!



Shahad alMousa Editor in Chief

What is a personality trait you like and dislike in others?

Like: Brutal honesty.

Dislike: When they dislike animals.

What is one thing you wish you could be doing right now?

Swimming in the Maldives

If you could be the inventor of anything, what would it be?

The internet.

If you were given 3 KD right now, what would you do with it?

Buy as many pineapples as I can.

What is a saying/quote you live by?

Kindness is a virtue

What is a personality trait you like and dislike in others?

Like: Passive-aggressive people.

Dislike: Poor storytellers

What is one thing you wish you could be doing right now?

Building a home studio in Silver Lake, LA.

If you could be the inventor of anything, what would it be?

Paper airplanes and coffee.

If you were given 3 KD right now, what would you do with it?

I'd buy Kiwis and pass them out to Bulgarian people.

What is a saying/quote you live by?

"That woman is a godless multiculturalist."



Khaled F. Abdullah "Creative" Manager



Myriam Kotb Executive Editor

What is a personality trait you like and dislike in others?

Like: Straightforwardness.

Dislike: Being prejudice.

What is one thing you wish you could be doing right now?

Hosting my own art exhibition.

If you could be the inventor of anything, what would it be?

Anything dark chocolate.

If you were given 3 KD right now, what would you do with it?

Dunkin Donuts Caramel Latte and some Munchkin donuts.

What is a saying/quote you live by?

"If you want something, go get it. Period." – Will Smith What is a personality trait you like and dislike in others?

Like: Generosity.

Dislike: "Unfunny-ness"

What is one thing you wish you could be doing right now?

I want to be in a room with so many cats that I can't breath. I want to drown in cats.

If you could be the inventor of anything, what would it be?

Abortion

If you were given 3 KD right now, what would you do with it?

I would buy Dima some Munchkin donuts.

What is a saying/quote you live by?

"I wonder if illiterate people get the full effect of alphabet soup" - Jerry Seinfeld



Dima Jadayel Graphic Designer



What is a personality trait you like and dislike in others?

Like: A good sense of humor.

Dislike: Anger.

What is one thing you wish you could be doing right now?

Swimming. Always swimming.

If you could be the inventor of anything, what would it be?

A time machine.

If you were given 3 KD right now, what would you do with it?

Fries.

What is a saying/quote you live by?

I had to look up quotes for that one. My favourite is "Do what you feel in your heart to be right, for you'll be criticized anyway" - Eleanor Roosevelt.

What is a personality trait you like and dislike in others?

Like: When a person is nice to someone else.

Dislike: When a person is rude to someone else.

What is one thing you wish you could be doing right now?

Watching Kobe Bryant's final game.

If you could be the inventor of anything, what would it be?

Money.

If you were given 3 KD right now, what would you do with it?

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What is a saying/quote you live by?

Treat people the way you want to be treated.



Executive Editor

THE STUDENT OUNCIL: WHO?

I think we can all justify the existence of a Student Council in every school or university. A Student Council's role is to be the medium between higher authority and the student body. There are several major reasons we need a Student Council in AUK, including administering student run events, helping the student body voice their opinions and ideas, making connections regarding the student body needs, and hosting and raising funds for student activities.

As the fall semester inches its way closer, we notice the effort the Student Council has been putting into making this year the most memorable year we have. There are changes they would like to implement that would enforce and enhance school spirit amongst students. For that to happen everyone on campus has to be more involved. Whether it is joining sports teams, sharing ideas, or even partaking in events, the vision the Student Council has is to give back to a community that is allowing them to change who they are and how they think of the world in a better way.

The Student Council strives to teach their peers about their rights and responsibilities as students in AUK. Not only do they offer assistance in social activities, but in academics as well. If a student has an academic concern they would like to bring up, chances are it is easier and more beneficial for the student council to approach the appropriate departments rather than a student. The Student Council has bigger and better opportunities that allow their voices to be heard by the administration.

The council wishes to use their voice to help students academically, and their doors are open to any ideas and concerns regarding social activities, event planning, academic assistance, clubs, media, public relations, social affairs and concerns, and many more. Their team consists of nine hardworking students, and there is at least one person that will be responsible for every obstacle or idea handed to them.

The Student Council would like everyone to feel like AUK is their second home. They want to provide AUK students with an amazing and comforting atmosphere, and they will not rest until that is achieved.



DEFENTING THE SUMM

Lara Jadayel

I really wanted to write an entire article discussing the importance of staying hydrated in this dreadful heat. However, I realized it wasn't the heat that was bothering me; the semester approaching at a high and intense speed was actually the real reason behind my sweaty forehead.

Whether you spent the past three months sipping fancy iced drinks under the sun, or looking at Instagram posts of fancy iced drinks placed perfectly in the hands of your friends, we are all prone to the highly unenthusiastic emotional reaction of going back to our "real" lives. This emotional reaction is known as the "Post-Vacation Blues."

The post-vacation blues are definitely a thing. A person becomes comfortable to the "sitting back and not doing anything stressful" mode for three whole months. And with that mode bringing us pleasure, we are more likely to acclimate to it than the nine months of hard work.

So how do you ease the "blues" if you feel you might, or currently are, experiencing it?

HOW TO DEFERT THE POST-VACATION BLUES.

1. Change something in your routine.

A small incremental change in your routine- the one you were carrying out before going on your vacation- will eliminate the feeling you would usually have coming back. For example, if you usually wake up to a cup of hot coffee, try changing your morning ritual into something you like equally as much, lets say iced coffee. Changing the pattern of how you get to and from university is also another example. So, instead of getting into your car and directly driving to university, pass by a bakery, and have something you usually wouldn't because you typically wake up too late. These changes will create a whole new image and routine, making you more likely to look forward to the day awaiting.

2. Change how often you use your electronic devices.

Since we no longer use photo albums, and our phones, tablets, computers hold all our pictures and videos, including the ones we just took during our vacation, we become prone to continuously going through the pictures and videos of our vacation, which in return makes us nostalgic. So forcing yourself, at least for the first couple of weeks, to minimize how often you use your electronic devices, will allow you the space you need to get accustomed back to your reality.

3. Motivate yourself with a desirable focus.

Coming back from a vacation that really made you happy makes you want to experience the same excitement again. So, in order to eliminate the post-vacation blues, use this excitement to motivate yourself to keep going until next summer. Hang a picture of the country you want to visit next time, or even start saving up for another trip. This will be set as a personal reminder of the possibility of experiencing the same level of excitement and bliss you felt during your vacation.

4. Understand that the "Post-Vacation Blues" are a temporary feeling.

Coming back, we are susceptible to believing that we absolutely hate everything except for the vacation we were just on. But that's not true. Acknowledging that you didn't hate your routine and you simply needed to recharge is the correct phrasing. We all need to drift away from the rituals we spent half of our time doing. As humans, we are always seeking to do the things that bring us the most pleasure. So, understand that you feel down because you enjoyed this specific time period, not because you disliked your routine and reality.



How To Keep Your Pets Cool in the Summer

Shahad alMousa

Just because certain species, animals, or breeds can tolerate heat more than others, doesn't mean they should be spending more time in the scolding sun. With every hour spent in the heat your pet is inching their way towards their next, if not first, heat stroke. Before we begin discussing how to keep your pet cool in the summer, understand their tolerance for heat, study the signs of heatstroke, and never ever forget that their health is more important than their pleasure. Your pet can go from running around happy to experiencing symptoms of a heat stroke within minutes. Make a strict command for them to get in the shade once their playtime is over.

Begin by understanding why your pet is prone to heat stroke? How long are they allowed to go outside and play around? Do they need certain amounts of exercise and does that interfere with the duration of their playtime outside?

There are generally two major reasons pets get heat strokes. First there's hyperthermia. When pets are trapped in small places with high levels of pressure, like cars, their body absorbs more heat than it dissipates it, allowing for heat stroke. Second, paralysis of the larynx. Some pets, especially ones with pushed in jaws or faces, have difficulty removing heat from their bodies through panting. Make sure you know why so you can enforce the proper rules.

If you have difficulty in showing your pet that you are the boss, or if they need to release their built up energy in any way, then save your outdoor walks and playtime for the night or early morning. Pets are smarter than they look and when it comes to it. They would rather stay in the cool air conditioned indoors than run around outside. Exercise is essential for them, however, it is best to keep that for more cool times of the day. Keep them in the shade! If you find yourself outside for any particular reason during a hot summer day then try to keep your pet in the shade, and keep their paws cool. Remember, hot asphalt or tiles can hurt their paws. It is easy for your pet to cool themselves if they are hydrated, panting, or if their paws are kept cool for them. If you find obstacles in keeping your pets in the shade then remember there are pet shoes you can invest in.

Leave them at home. If you're sure you're going to run errands where pets are not allowed, leaving them at home is a way better option than keeping them in the car. Solar heating can raise the temperature in the car and essentially hurt your pets.

HYDRATE! Allow them access to cool water 24/7. When you have a little extra time get a kids pool filled with cool water and let them play around in it. Certain breeds with a more flat shaped face are more susceptible to heat stroke, so take extra caution during more warm hours of the day.

Trimming your pet's hair can be both harmful and helpful towards heat protection. Keep a thin layer of hair so that their skin is not in direct contact to the heat, however, brush it as much as possible so that it doesn't prevent cooling. In some cases also consider pet sunscreen.



Surviving the SUMMER HEAT

LARA JADAYEL

If you take a look back at how your day escalates, you would realize that getting into your car and driving to wherever your destination might be records as the hottest point in your day. Here's why:

The inside of your car gets much hotter than the outside because the air heats up rapidly and stays trapped in. This is why the temperature inside your car is unbearable compared to the outside temperature.

Here are two ways to reduce the heat inside your car greatly:

Leave a half filled water bottle inside your car with the cap off. If you were hoping for a scientific explanation of how this reduces the heat trapped in your car, then you won't find one here. It works wonders and I am sure that someone out there has the answer, but not me. You obviously throw the water away along with the plastic and replace it everyday. This cools your car for the next time you get into it.

Bring down all the windows slightly. Now that we know that hot air inside cars causes the interior to heat up, cracking the windows slightly allows the hot air to travel outside, which in result reduces the heat from intensifying.

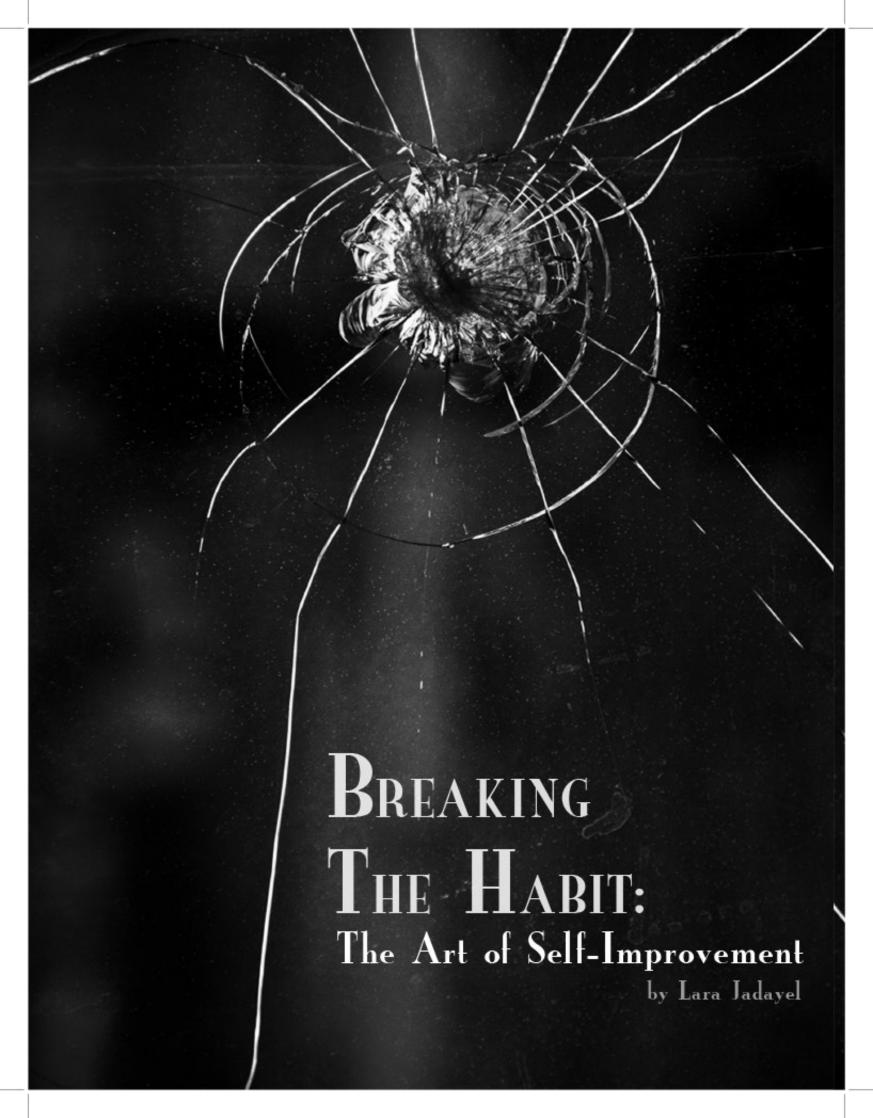
Steps to Survive the Summer Heat:

Drink plenty of cool liquids. We've all been told to "drink plenty of water," and that would sometimes anger us because really, how much water can a person drink before they get absolutely bored of it? Probably a lot but that's not the point. The point is to consume liquid drinks that contain high amounts of water. For example, drinking watermelon or melon juice guarantees a great deal of water in take. Avoid sugary and soda based liquids as they are packed with sugar that in return, make you much more thirsty.

Shade yourself. The norm would say "sit indoors," but we all know that sitting outdoors allows us more space to breathe (even if it's burning hot air). So, protect yourselves with sunglasses and hats while asking to sit under an umbrella. However, if your outing grows longer than expected, moving inside into air conditioned areas would be increasing your chances of survival.

Dress accordingly. Wearing loose clothing is the best option when the summer heat is threatening to make you sweat uncontrollably. Avoid wearing tight clothes, or colors that attract the sun's heat (black and the greys). Stick to the white family and clothes that allow your body to breathe (metaphorically speaking of course).

The most important factor to acknowledge about the summer is that we are all victims to the heat. One second we could be smiling and laughing, the next we could be moodily complaining about the amount of sweat our hair is assembling. So by taking precautions and taking up the steps of reducing the effects, you will become a master in beating the heat.



MAKE IT OR BREAK IT

Whether it's biting on your fingernails, smoking, or stress eating, a habit remains a habit until you take the initiative to stop it. Ever wondered why you go back to eating junk food a few days after you induced you self with the reasons that a new and clean diet is needed to live a healthy lifestyle?

The reason is simple; you might understand why you need to start a new diet, but you do not know how to go about doing so. Or, you might not understand why you need to start a new diet, but know how to go about doing so. The key here is to master both the why and the how to effectively make or break a habit.

The "why's" and the "how's" are equally important. But surely, the "why" comes first when planning out the making or breaking process of a habit.

The "Why?"

If you don't fully understand why the habit should be made or broken, then really, it's like not visiting your professors during office hours before a midterm; you are simply wasting your time.

When the time comes and you finally want to make or break a habit, ask yourself some of the questions listed below to help you map out the reasons, concerns, and outcomes of committing to making or breaking the habit. Ask yourself questions like:

Why am I making or breaking this habit? Why is it important to make or break this habit? Why will I need to make or break this habit for my overall wellbeing? Why is it difficult to make or break this habit?

Once you are able to answer some of the basic questions, you are closer to making or breaking the habit as you now understand the severity of why it's needed and not just wanted. Moving onto the how factor becomes much easier and much more achievable.

The "How?"

As much as you are convinced for your need to quit smoking, the how to do so is not as easy. It's been said that it takes about 21 days for a new habit to settle in, but do we know why we need that certain amount of days to make or break a new habit?

Well, according to James Clear, writer for the Huffington Post, Maxwell Maltz, a plastic surgeon in the 1950's noticed that it took his patients 21 days for them to accustom to their new looks post surgery. Maltz explains his findings further by claiming, "These, and many other commonly observed phenomena tend to show that it requires a minimum of about 21 days for an old mental image to dissolve and a new one to jell."

This better helps explain why an individual will need that specific amount of time to shift from an old habit to a new one, as waking up the morning after you planned to read more is not very feasible.

Preventing yourself from biting your nails, smoking a cigarette, or ordering junk food for a period of 21 days will give you enough time to see the positive change resulted (unless you enjoy the taste of your fingernails.) Similarly, planning to drink more amounts of water, increasing the times you work out, or smiling to strangers for a consecutive of 21 days will also give you the incentive to keep going, since the positive effects of doing so becomes apparent.

Dear Curly Sue

How do you balance between academics and extracurricular activities? Both are important for your future job or career, but how do we know which to prioritize?

Sincerely, Girl with Hopes and Dreams

Dear Girl with Hopes and Dreams,

Kiddo-this is what you gotta start doing immediately. Prioritize academia over everything for Freshman and Sophomore years. See your friends once a week outside classes and never even think of being part of any extracurricular activities at your university. Dedicate all your thoughts toward schoolwork. Go to your professors' offices and talk about your hopes and dreams at least twice a week. Become your teachers' pet, but do it with class and dignity. By now your professors adore you. When you've guaranteed their love and assured they see your "potential," proceed to the next phase of this Four Year Master Plan (FYMP). By Junior year slowly start working on your own projects and hobbies, and even get a job at your university. Perhaps get a job at your school magazine and start an advice column too. Schoolwork isn't the light of your life anymore, and certainly your professors will start to notice a rapid decline in your school performances. They'll ask for explanations and reasons. This is when you play the "I Don't Feel Challenged enough and I'm Losing Interest" card. If they express their disappointment, do not run. Since you've hammered your place in your professors' hearts, you'll be just fine. Milk their love for you til the end of Senior year but do it with the façade of wanting to improve yourself as a student and a person. So, Girl with Hopes and Dreams, prioritize manipulation and bestow your existence to it.

Note: Prerequisites to completing FYMP are smarts and charm. If unattainable, prioritize extracurricular activities. Learn how to play the guitar and dedicate every minute of your waking life to interpreting and covering Radiohead songs. Practice in public, loudly, and trust yourself. Only then will middling become you!

I Love You, Curly Sue

MYRIAM KOTB'S

"HOW TO FORGIVE"

but Remain the Person you choose to be for the Rest of your 20s (Or Even for Life if you're Lucky!)

"Forgive and forget," a phrase so incredibly maddening and equally inoperable as any other unsolicited, inspirational Mickey Mouse Clubhouse expression written on a Hallmark eCard. But "how?" you may inquire. How can we forgive and forget if we don't feel in the wrong; nav! when we know we aren't, and the thought of us being so is so far and beyond our breadth. To "forgive and forget" is simply unconceivable at times. It was only a matter of time that people amended it to "forgive but never forget." and it's only a matter of time until it's "never forgive and never forget." Of course, that's a logical fallacy. Of course, you don't care because who really does? And of course, that's at least three other fallacies but let's not diverge too much. Diverging! I take it back, we don't diverge enough. Why else would it be this difficult to cut others some slack?

Most of us, whether ostensibly or truly in the right, focus too much on just how wrong the other person is and all the "how could yous." Ultimately, neglecting how healthy it is to diverge our thoughts away from ourselves- from our "never-failing vice;" our pride. It is a choice myriad people make to indelicately place pride above all passions. And with such dominating passion comes an agonizingly self-satisfied I who creates axioms out of foibles. That's a person we choose to be sometimes, and if we're lucky, we end up becoming. That's a person others are... for life! So, the real question here, how can YOU remain as desirably insufferable and still find the place in your all too human heart to forgive? All you more tenuous

DIVERGE YOUR THOUGHTS AWAY FROM YOURSELF BY THINKING MORE ABOUT $Y \hspace{0.5em} O \hspace{0.5em} U \hspace{0.5em} R \hspace{0.5em} S \hspace{0.5em} E \hspace{0.5em} L \hspace{0.5em} F$

Diverge even more and forget forgiveness completely (and reward yourself for forgetting something too!) Your new predicament is this: you need the illusion of sagacity but you also need to maintain your puerility and choose your pride as your only savior. Fortunately, since most of us are naturally inclined to such insufferableness, it should be easy for the average but snowflake person to comprehend and implement the previous inviolable axiom. We are all deeply questionable people. R.E.M's "Everybody Hurts" wouldn't have been played in every romcom movie if it didn't hold some verity and pertinence. So, diverge and think of you the next time you find yourself in front of a person who's asking for your forgiveness. Make it all about you and ruminate the unthinkable. All those times the circumstances forced you to unintentionally, unknowingly, and non-purposefully add a generous amount of salt to the wounds of others. You must forgive because someday, over something so trifling, you might inadvertently chop up their limbs too, and you will be faced with the need to utter that dreaded, obsolete word: sorry. You ought to hold on to every second of silence before the grueling words "I forgive you" are will you fathom the need to forgive. To forgive for *you*.

TODDLER QUATRAINS FOURTH BATCH

By Omar Al-Nakib

STRAYS 3

Rub away green from grasslands. Rub from Sahara the sands, Into caves the mines of Ruhr. Iatraliptic razure.

"Governess, we can be coarse— But why the polo and horse?" 'cause a swifter whack awaits, Duenna obequitates.

They're pretty big boxes, yeah—watch your toes—But here are bugs that'll relieve your woes.

They've started up! Touch one of the crates!

Fritinancy vibratiunculates.

Wait, who's he? What about this guy? And him—there. Him. Didn't he die? RIGHT to LEFT!—who's on the krater? Seriatim, nomenclator!

"Ask the Irish, the French. Ask Croats; Never *ever* were there bad popes. Our lamb still bleats and your lamb brayed." Ultramontane rodomontade.

REASON 2 REASON 2

BY: EHAB SOLIMAN

There are few to little TV shows that end with as many cliffhangers as 13 Reasons Why. Who was the person in the ambulance? Why do so many teenagers have guns? What are the consequences of those tapes? All of these questions, and more, circle our minds every time we hear the series' name. By now each viewer has thought of his own theory, and I'm sure they are convinced their theory should, or most likely would, happen. With Netflix announcing the pickup of season 2 here are some of the theories that have been circling the internet:

Theory Number One:

The photos of the 13 reasons hung in Tyler's darkroom is actually a hit list for a killing spree. In last episode of the season, a scene is shown where Tyler has a stash of guns hidden in his bedroom. This, along with the darkroom view, could indicate that he is trying to take revenge on all those who bullied Hannah into suicide. Simultaneously, all those people left him out of the "13 reasons circle" while they all devised a plan to shut the whole thing down once and for all. Theory Number Two:

The dark room view is a hit list for a school shooting.

Tyler's guilt for what happened to Hannah is shown to turn into rage rather than sadness. It is expected that alongside someone else, he is planning a shooting similar to that of The Columbine High School massacre in 1999.

Theory Number Three:

Alex didn't try to commit suicide. Although throughout the whole show we have seen how dark Alex has become, he has spoken more than once about taking his own life and has shown, in several scenes, symptoms of a suicidal person. However, with all these guns in every teenager's hand, it is possible that someone else shot Alex and made it look like a suicide.

Theory Number Four:

In one scene, in a darkroom, Tyler is shown pulling down a picture of Alex. Presumably all the pictures hung are targets, Alex could either be taken down because he stood up for Tyler and is hence removed from the hit list, or because he was already suffering a shot previous to the scene, indicating that the target is already taken care of.

Theory Number Five:

The tapes, might be a flash forward of events that Hannah is trying to prevent from happening. In the last episode, when a list of the 13 people who have wronged Hannah was found, the police investigation was dated November 2017, a few months in the future. This could either mean that the producers are hinting for viewers to stay alert to their surroundings before anything happens to the people closest to them, or it could mean that the whole season was a flash forward. Clay is listening to the tapes in real time and acknowledges Hannah's cry for help; therefore, allowing him time to figure out how he can fix the situation before it even begins.

Theory Number Six:

We have all missed the idea behind season one. The characters and viewers have been focusing all their attention on Hannah and the tapes, they have failed to see what's going on in the present. In the present day, Alex is suicidal. Yet, no one acknowledges it because they are too busy trying to understand what drove Hannah to her fate, and are oblivious to the fact that what they did to Hannah is exactly what is happening to Alex, and are consequently pushing him towards suicide as well.

Jason Falkner's life and career is explored in Khaled F. Abdullah's seminal article. "Author Unknown: The Unmitigated Genius of Jason Falkner" This 'Voice Classic', 13 years in the making, has been lauded as the single greatest article of the May 17' issueHere it is reprinted, in all it's glory with a new design and a hot new title designed and typed out on a REAL computer by Khaled F. Abdullah himself.

It was about two years ago when I first laid ear (not a saying) on the music of Jason Falkner. Which is to say, I have been FURIOUS for about two years. But before we delve into my anger issues, lemme ask you this: When was the last time you heard music that genuinely fed your soul? Music that inspired and elevated your own art and ambition? What's that you say? Kanye? Yeezus? Why are you even answering me? It was a rhetorical question. You're talking at PAPER, you dunderheaded (REDACTED). Ok. Now that I've insulted you, we can begin.

Jason Falkner or 'The Falk' is a musician from Agoura Hills, California who (whom?) specializes in crafting daring, original 'pop' solo records. And by solo, I mean SOLO. Falkner happens to be one of those infuriatingly talented artists who can do everything. He plays drums, guitar, keyboards, and bass all while singing lead (and harmony). He's the writer, arranger, producer, and engineer on the majority of his records, and excels at EVERYTHING. As a bassist, I'd put him up there with Deacon (Queen), Entwistle (The Who), and that guy from The Beatles.

And much like that guy from The Beatles, Falkner never got his commercial due. Critically, he's received (well deserved) unanimous praise, but with the music business being what it is (soul-sucking garbage), someone like Falkner was never permitted to dominate.

So he is, to put it simply, a commercial dud. But you wouldn't know that from his music. A youthful exuberance, and commendable lack of bitterness underlines every one of his records. He is miraculously optimistic and has done some of his finest work in the last 10 years. He's also virtually unknown.



With Piano

"... my music kind of dances on a fence. They're songs, therefore they're pop... But the hooks aren't typical and the songs aren't typical, so, for a guy who's working at a radio station with a baseball cap on who just wants to instantly get pulled into the simplicity of pop music ... He's gonna be like, 'I don't get it."

It's an inevitable scene. Anyone that's walked around campus has come across the fella with the (poorly tuned) guitar, sitting on the grassy knoll (possible JFK assassination connection; we'll circle back to it) strumming 'Wonderwall', the ubiquitous Oasis track, or 'Time of Your Life', the inescapable (and misunderstood) Green Day song that has been a staple at Weddings, Funerals, Graduations, and Season Finales since 1997. Now, don't get me wrong, I've got a broad taste in music and enjoy both of those bands, but boy would I love to hear 'She Goes to Bed' too. It's one of MANY 'Falk' songs that were destined to be hits, but never quite ... hit. 'Holiday', 'Eloquence', 'See You Again', 'Contact', 'This Time' and even demos like 'Became Anita Captured' and 'Ode to Lethargy' are absolutely transcendent. They're ALL hits. They just require a little bit more thought. It's not as immediate as the general public may like it, but what the hell do they know? These are the same people that deemed "Kesha" acceptable a couple of years ago. They don't want to be engaged, they don't want to be challenged, they're barely alive. And that saddens me.

The man is in a league of his own. Take all the truly great, innovative pop of the 60's and 70's, give it a punk rock ethos, and name it Jason Falkner. It's like Bowie, Macca, and Rundgren had a love child and it is GLORIOUS. That's not to say Falkner is simply an amalgamation of the aforementioned artists.

He's not simply anything, which is, in my opinion, part of the appeal. 'Can You Still Feel?' (1999), his brilliant sophomore solo album, opens with a 25 second track that sounds equal parts Cole Porter as it does 'Honey Pie'. Then comes the anthemic 'Author Unknown', a ludicrously catchy, balls to the wall rock song. And just when you think you've got his number, 'Revelation' an uplifting, heartache of a song that sends chills down my spine upon every listen. "... Why am I down when there is life all around?" a simple enough line that doesn't sound particularly insightful or "deep" in print, but is absolutely heartbreaking on the record.

I'm running out of words. And I'm trying to sell you on this guy because I adore music and he makes beautiful, urgent music. There is no sound, however small or low in the mix that is superfluous. There are no 'rice is nice' lyrics. And what I find particularly admirable is his willingness to abandon convention with the same gusto he has for embracing it. Odd time signatures, mode mixture, and bizarre chord changes may be part of his repertoire, but don't be fooled by the musical jargon and my embarrassing fandom... it's all so damn fun. The author may be unknown, but he is exceptional.

Get to know him.

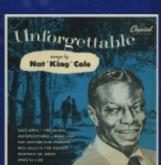
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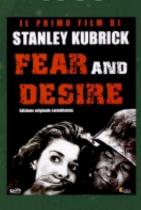
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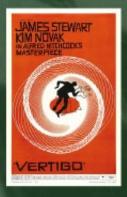














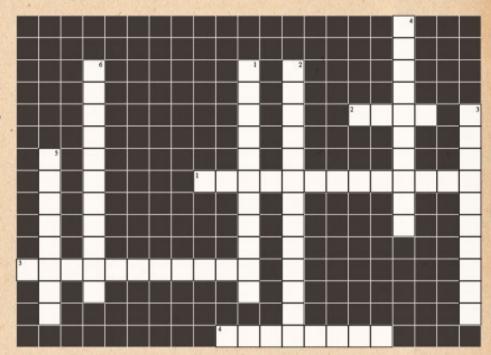
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across

- Dean of Student Affairs
- AUK's mascot
- The Voice's new graphic designer
- How long has AUK been open for?

Down

- AUK colors
- Location of The Voice office
- On the old 'Voice' logo there was a
- The new Director of Student Life
- What is The Voice?
- AUK's President



MAD LIB

Dear Freshmen,

Welcome! Avoid the	(place on campus) and	spend your time at the		(place on
campus) and be a good	(noun). WHATEVER	YOU DO, DO NOT		(verb) in
class. If you think you need to join	an extracurricular activity,	join(a	activity/club/spe	ort).
Control your anger when you visit	the(center	on campus): they are	just doing their	job!
Befriend the class	(adjective). DO NOT get in	ntimidated by the masc	ot;	(guess
the person under the mascot) is frie	endlier without his/her costs	ame on!		,
Yours truly,				
Concerned(adject	ive + noun)			

Aries

March 21st-April 19th

An abrupt end to your good fortune is upon you. Accept it with grace and dignity. Do not cry. Whatever you do, do not cry.

Taurus

April 20th-May 20th

Stop being so stubborn, it will ruin you. Give in to your temptations and good things will come.

Gemini

May 21st-June 20th

Your self-absorption will be the end of you. Stop looking in the mirror and start looking at others. And in that humanity, you will find peace...

Cancer

June 21st-July 22nd

I'm so sorry; there is nothing we can do. Spend time with family, get your affairs in order. I'm so very sorry.

Leo

July 23rd-August 22nd

You've got to stop blaming others for your failures and taking credits for your successes. Don't push your friends because they'll push back. Eat more bananas.

Virgo

August 23rd-September 22nd

You're perfect just the way you are. Your life will continue to be middling.

Libra

September 23rd-October 22nd

You're too obsessed with beauty. Find it in the ugly. And the ugly will find itself in you.

Scorpio

October 23rd- November 21st

You're vindictive, and I do not appreciate your tone. Lighten up and the ugly will find itself in you.

Sagitarius

November 22nd-December 21st

Lower the volume of your voice, allow your spirit to shine. And then you will be loved.

Capricorn

December 22nd-January 19th

Focus on your work, and continue your ascent to the middle.

Aquarius

January 20th-February 18th

Whatever you're thinking of doing, don't do it.

Pisces

February 19th-March 20th

You will find love soon. Or you will lose it. It's not really clear. Also you can't sing, let it go.

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