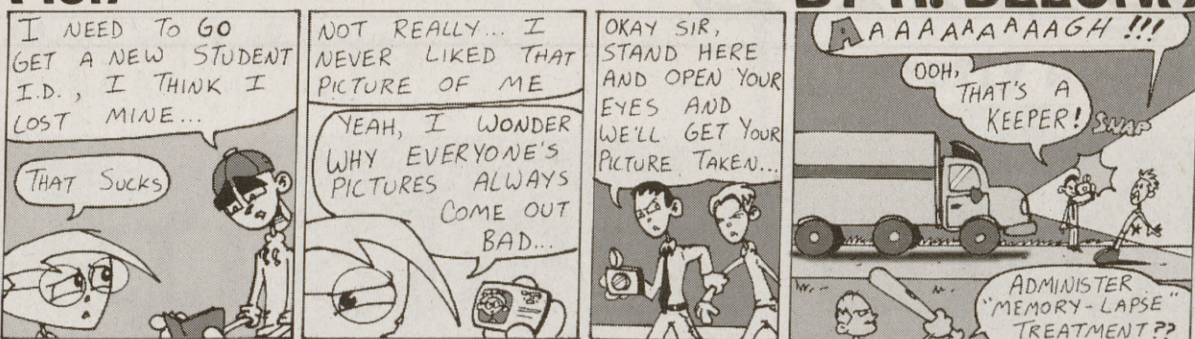


## Fish



## BY R. DELUNA Food for thought

Dangers lurk behind the freedom of off-campus living — in the kitchen.

Living off campus is something many students look forward to, especially those who dread dorm existence. There is freedom to choose the makings of a personalized, unshared room. One can walk out the front door to see a neighborhood street rather than the bell tower. The advantages continue from there.



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The paramount amenity is the kitchen. This is the location of the secret to healthy life: food is cheaper, there is simple access and ingredients are under the resident's control. There is no apprehension about what is contained in the chili surprise.

Waking up one morning, the representative student — let's call her Rhonda — walks into the kitchen. She is no doubt exhausted after a night of studying for her political science exam.

Rhonda's sight is not the best because her contacts are still in the bathroom waiting to be placed in her eyes. She must eat breakfast first. As she peers down to view the counter, she notices there is a lack of counter space. A more precise view is taken and dirty plates seem to be in abundance. Remnants of old spaghetti, ranch style beans, grape jelly, mustard and browned corn are sporadically placed on the plates.

Not only is this a devastation to the eyes, but there is an odor that is becoming of the combination. Who needs to wake up to Folgers when browned corn and grape jelly could be calling your name?

Rhonda decides to take action. She knows her roommate is responsible for the action. She knows she must do something to solve this problem. If nothing is done, the inconsiderate roommate will continue until she has created an attraction that could compete with a monster truck rally.

Food should not be left out for an extended period of time because, like anything else, when allowed enough time alone and exposed to the elements, growth inevitably happens.

The Second Coming will not be something attached with warning signs or polite acceptance. It will take over and become something that could previously only be found on aisle three of Super Wal-Mart at 2 a.m.

To refresh the memories of the forgetful, seven years ago, two students had fallen victim to the wrath of leftovers. The students, residing at The

Ridge, were consumed by ground chuck. The table was certainly turned when this supposedly lean product was given time to propagate. The misconstrued facts in the newspaper were actually true. The roommates were busy and were unable to clean up after themselves. The ground chuck was not sympathetic in any way, shape and especially form.

The meat was left out on Monday after roommate No. 1's girlfriend thought it would be charming to cook a romantic

er, there was what seemed to be

laughter coming afterward. Annoyed and frustrated with the shenanigans of the other roommate girls opened both bedroom doors. With a mutually baffled expression, the girls stood still. Their heads in the direction of the kitchen when of heavy breathing was heard.

Terrified by the situation of both girls slowly walking toward in the direction of the kitchen. Their apartment did have a right to what was happening behind the kitchen.

When both roommates reached the kitchen, they were astounded by what they saw. Every skillet, cup and utensil was in the kitchen. It appeared to be a meat substance.

The ground chuck had been working out for days to bring revenge on the human alliance, the ground chuck was able to control the staple cabinet filler fight back. Each one was

to recall a similar time when

one of the roommates had overruled the immediacy of cleanliness.

The roommates quickly realized it was a mistake to disregard the kitchen-rule. But at this point it was late — the ground chuck had taken and had no desire to reverse its decision. The propagation had reached its peak. The roommates were history.

Even though Rhonda's roommate does not cook meat, there are similar results that happen when other foods in the elements for too long. Meat happens to be the most evil of all — it happens to be the most evil of all — there is an expiration date carefully printed on the price label.

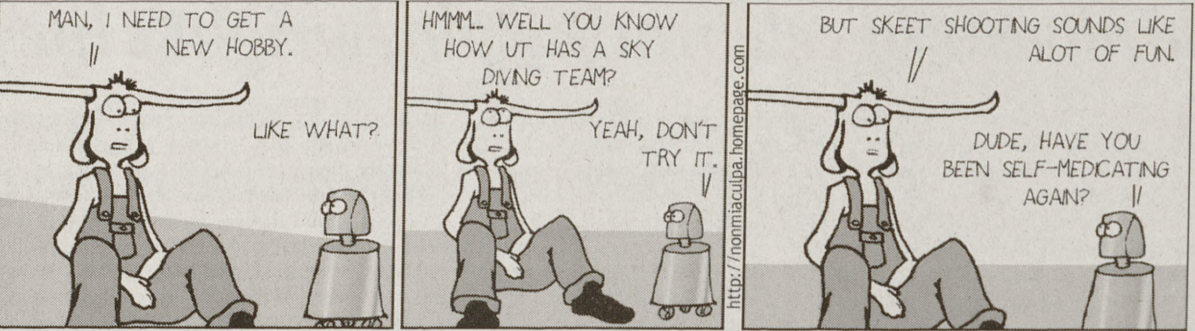
Rhonda finally approaches her roommate and explains the situation. She tells the tale of the two girls who lived at the Ridge. Rhonda and her roommate made a pact. The main points include: considerate of others using the facilities, clean up directly after the meal, do not count on the other roommate to be the maid and of course, remember the wrath of forgotten ground chuck.

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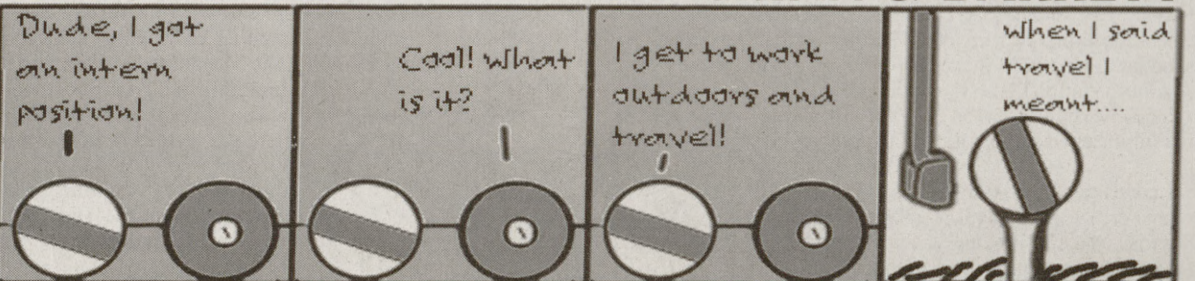


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