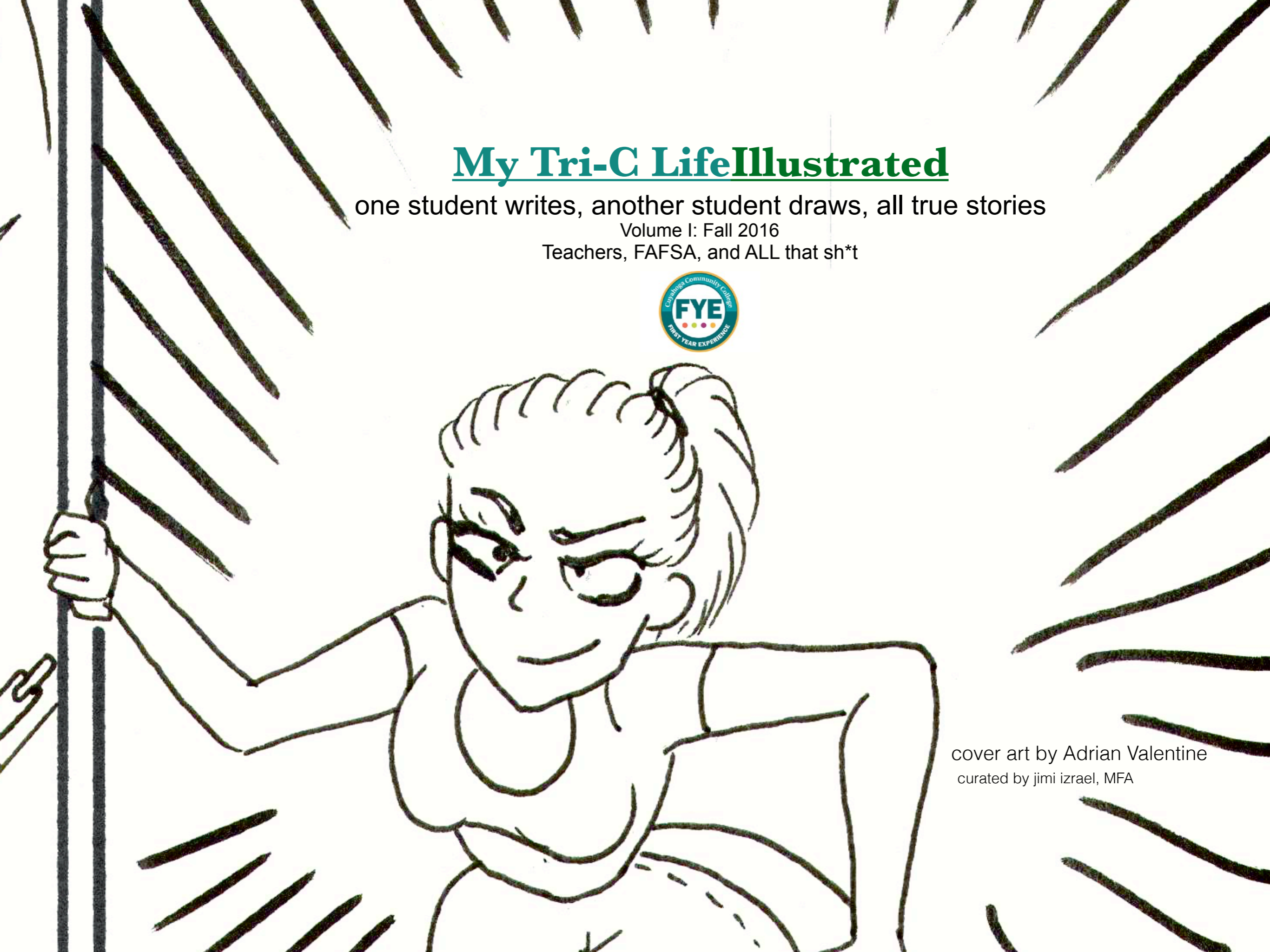


My Tri-C LifeIllustrated

one student writes, another student draws, all true stories

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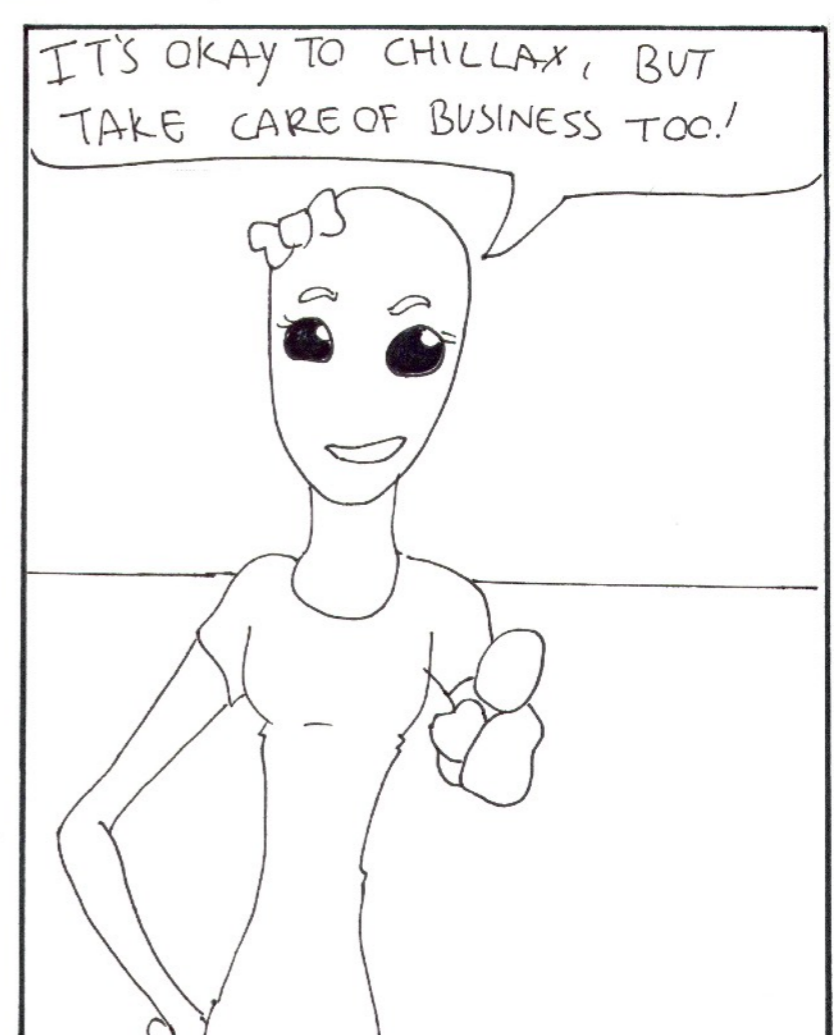
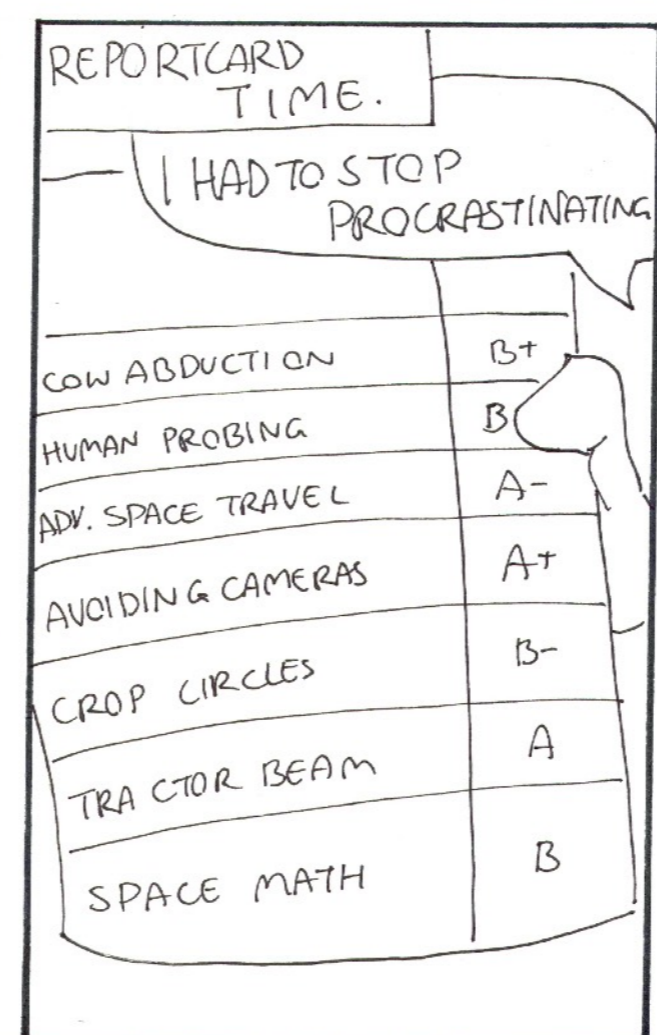
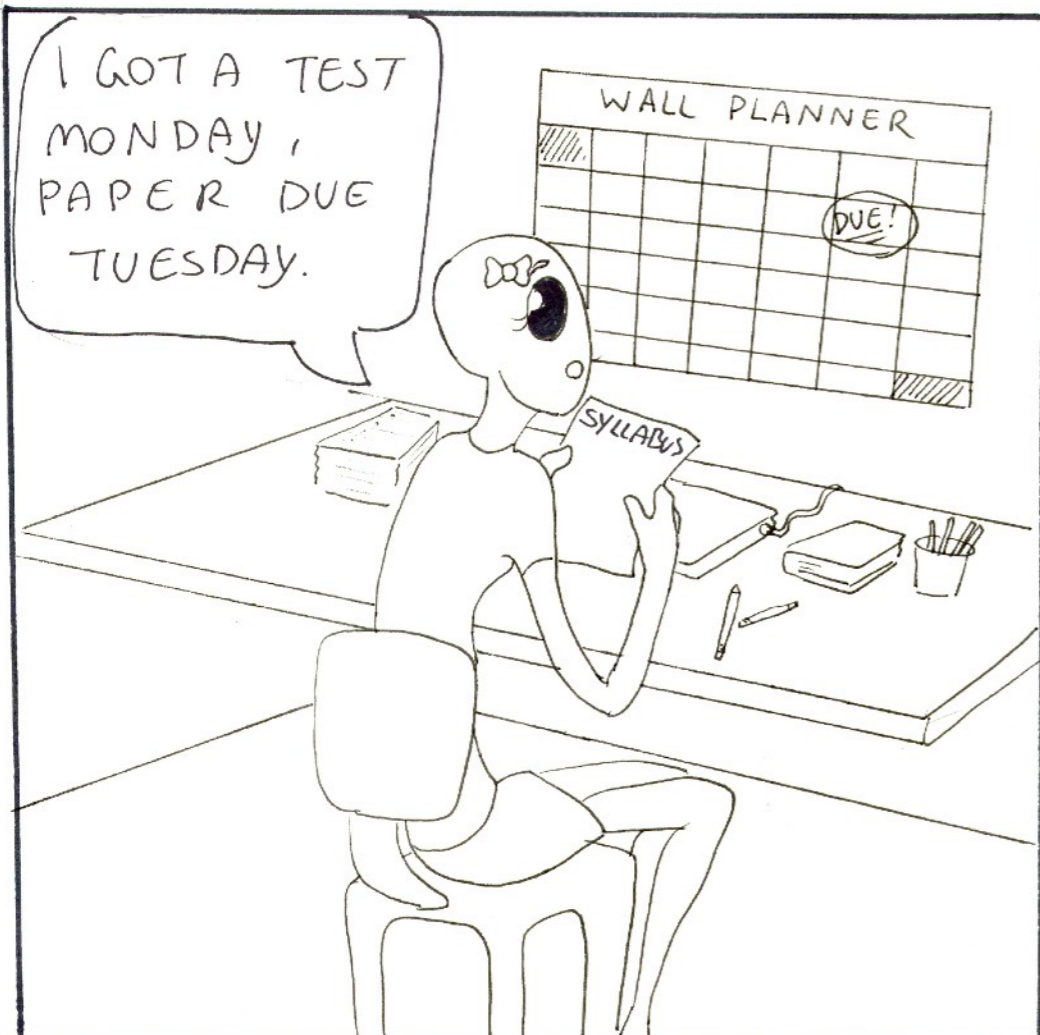
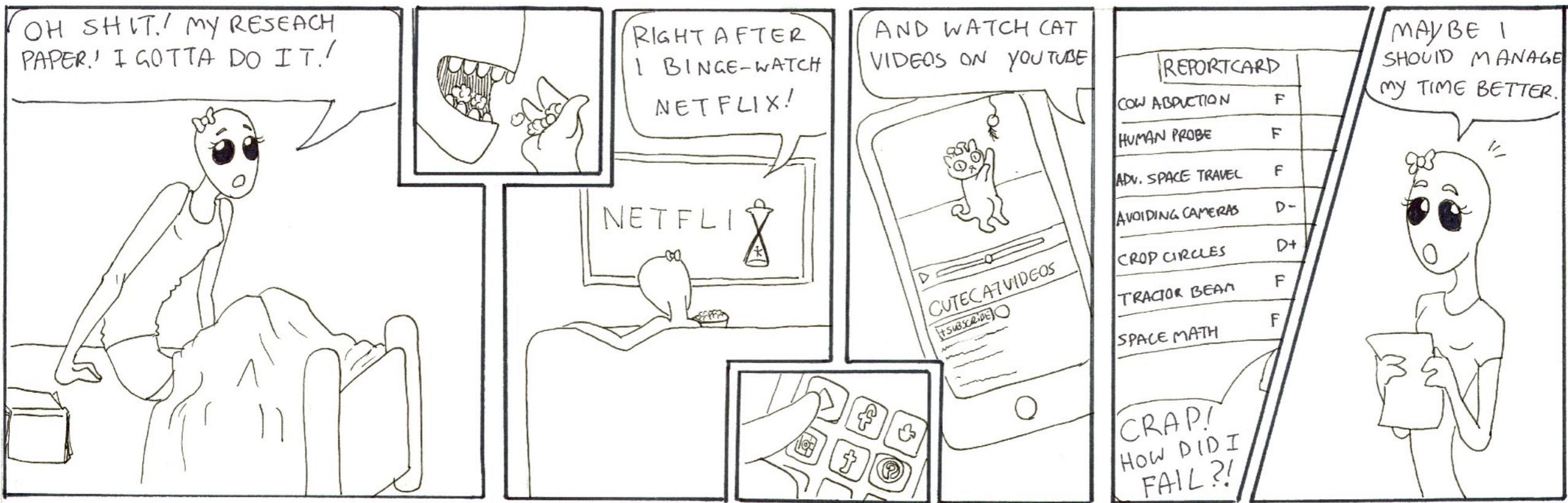
Teachers, FAFSA, and ALL that sh*t



cover art by Adrian Valentine

curated by jimi izrael, MFA

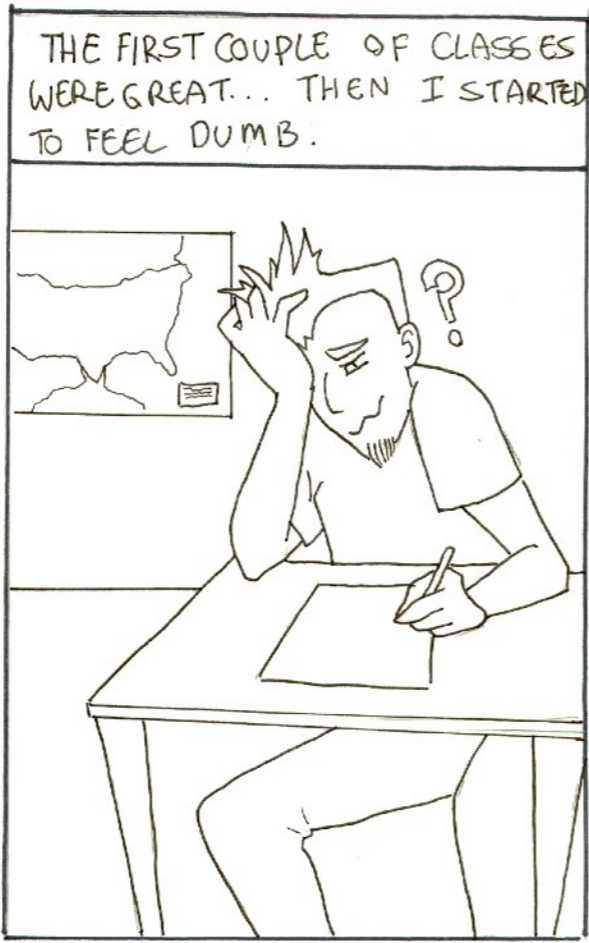
Chillax art by Adrian Valentine story by Portia Nichols



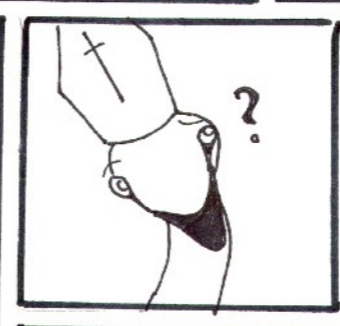
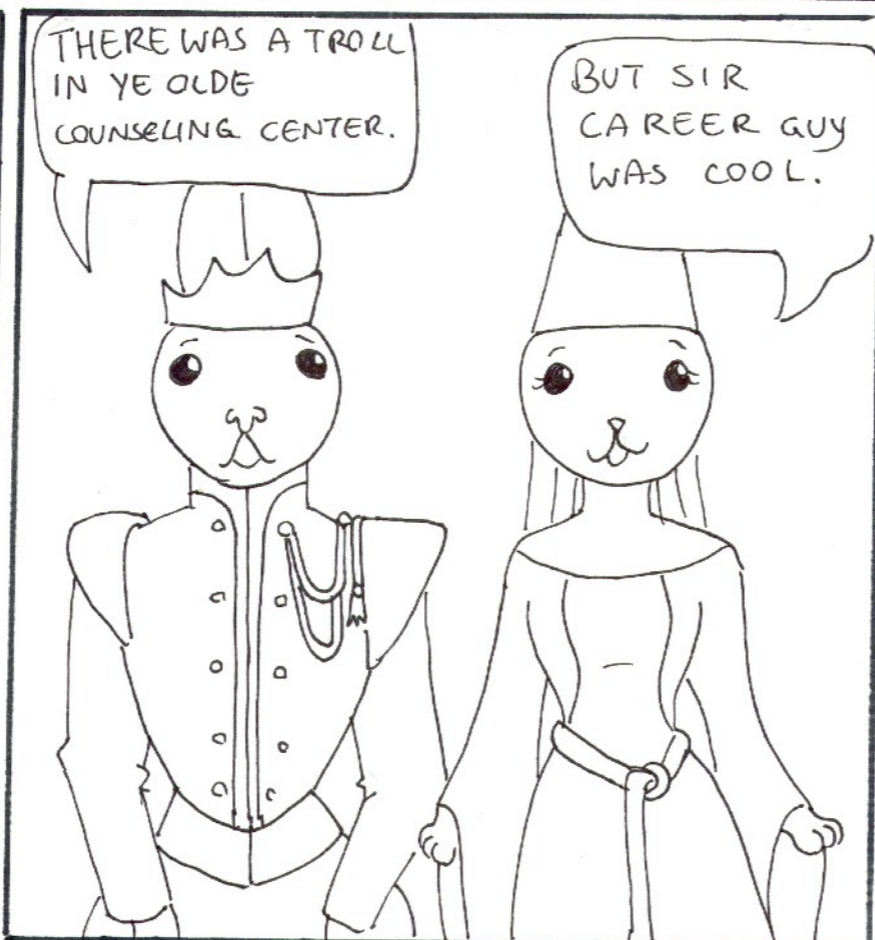
Find The Balance art by Michelle Nguyen story by Natasha Burrell



Pride Almost Cost Me My G.E.D. art by Adrian Valentine story by Michael Sawyer



Welcome to Tri-C Kingdom art Adrian Valentine story by Hope Beck



YOUNG GIFTED AND BLACK, IN 1968, I HAD FEW OPTIONS.

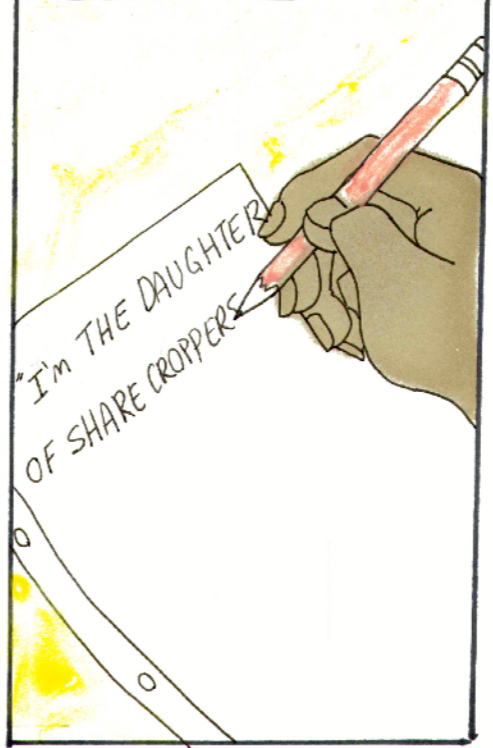


POLITICALLY, RACIALLY AND LITERALLY, CLEVELAND WAS ON FIRE.

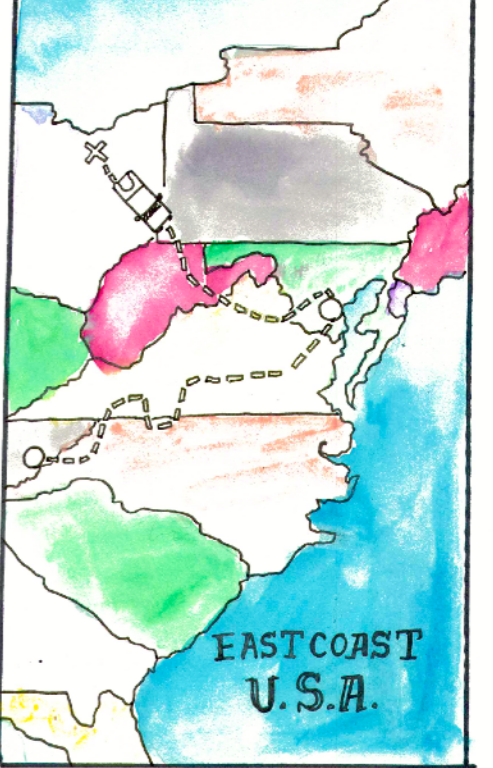
I HAD NO JOB, NO PROSPECTS, BUT A GREAT OPTION: TRI-C.



IN CLASS I WOULD SHARE MY STORY...

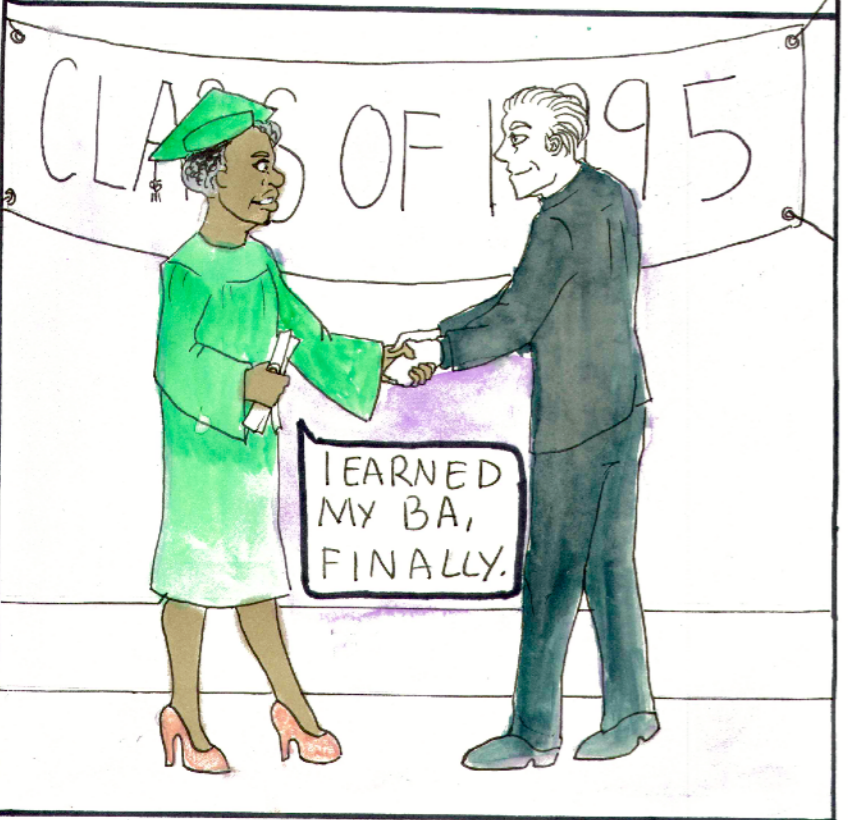


I HAD A NEW BABY AND A NEW JOURNEY AHEAD.



EAST COAST U.S.A.

1995, LEMOYNE-OWEN COLLEGE, TENNESSEE.



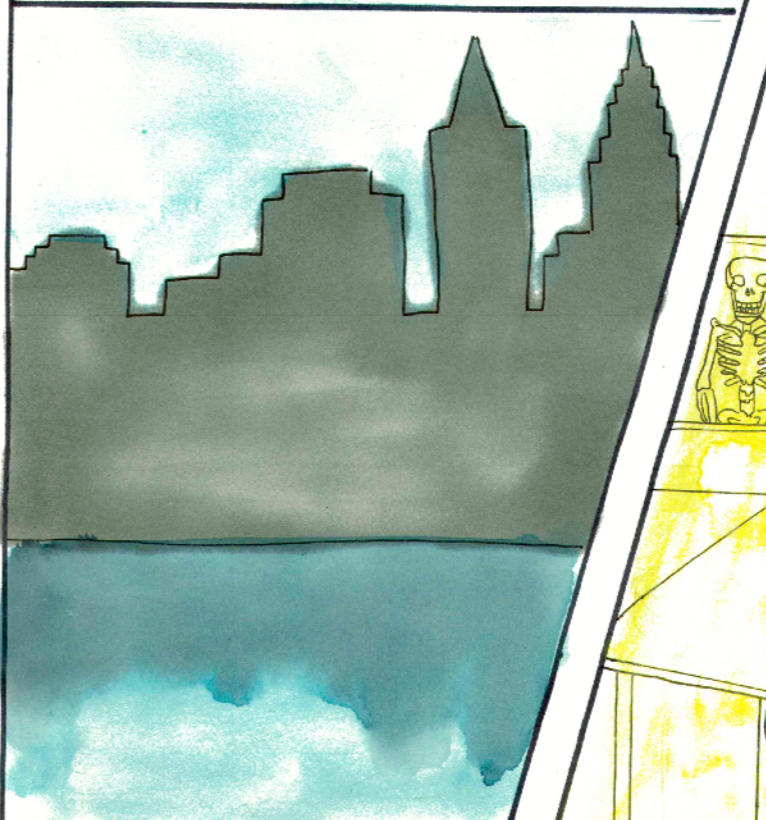
DAUGHTER'S GROWN, WHAT NOW FOR ME?

TRI-C, 2016

I AM A PROJECT 60 STUDENT NOW, AND I LEARN FOR FREE.



THINGS CHANGE - THE GOOD NEWS IS

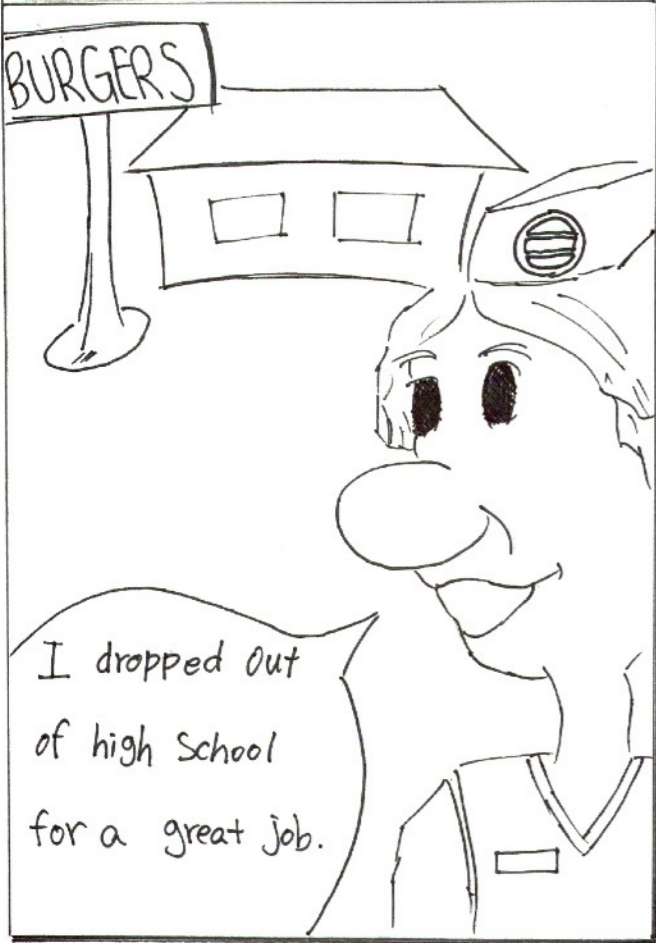


IT'S NEVER TOO LATE.

OLD, GIFTED AND BACK AT TRI-C... FOR FREE!



Just A Start art by Ji-Sung Kim story by Johnny Ocasio



I dropped out of high school for a great job.

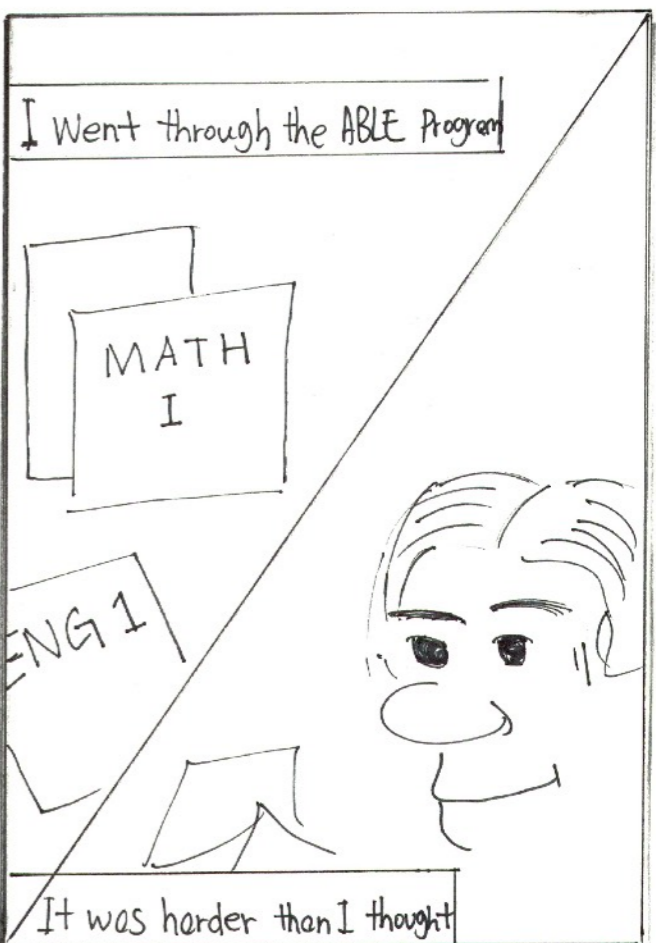
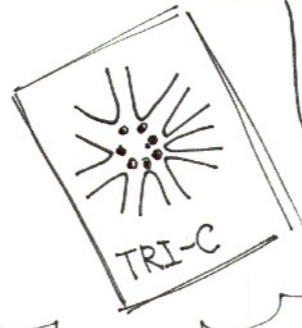


Two years in..

This sucks BALLS. I need to finish School

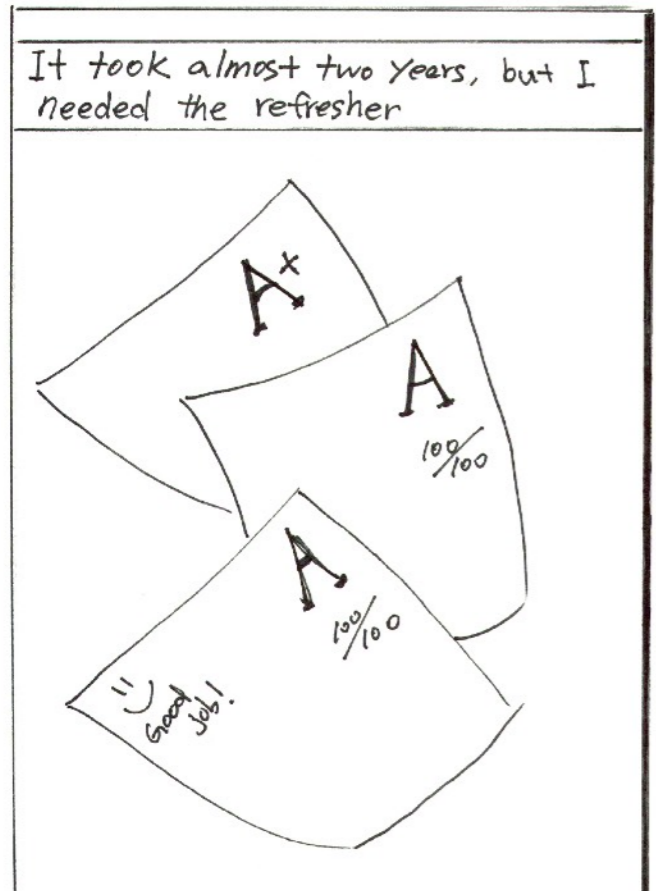


Have you heard about TRI-C?

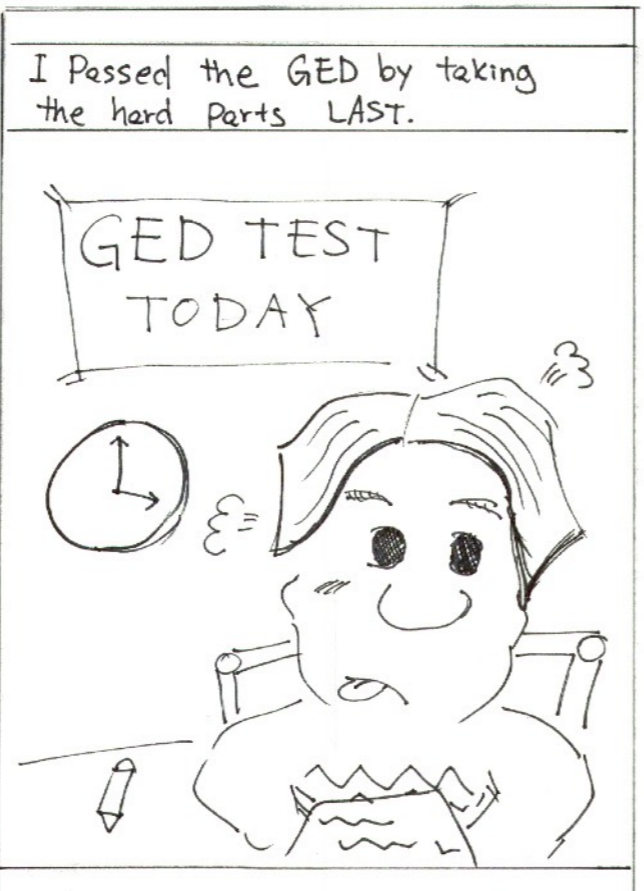


I went through the ABLE Program

It was harder than I thought



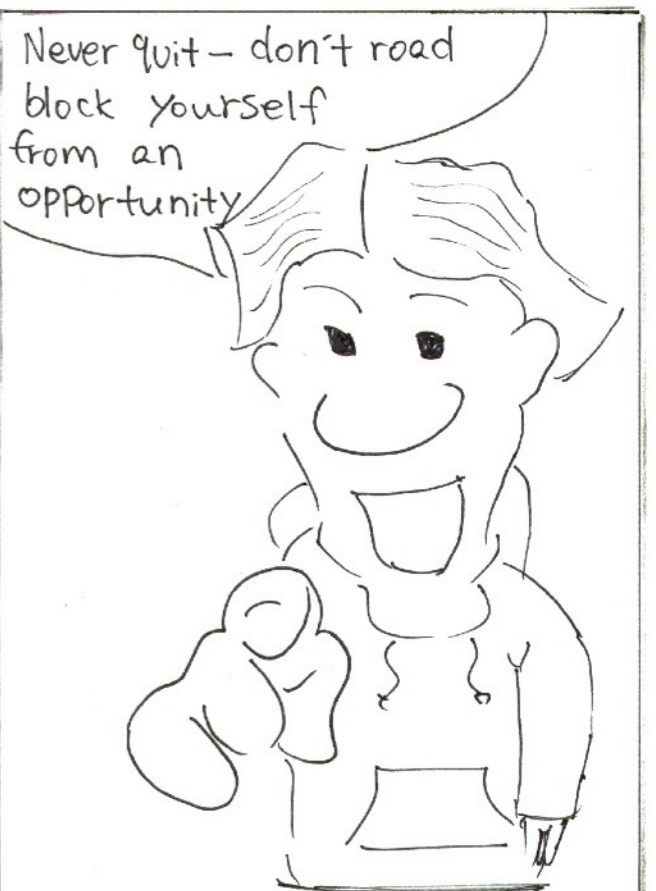
It took almost two years, but I needed the refresher



I Passed the GED by taking the hard parts LAST.



Today, I'm a Freshman. But it's just a start.



Never quit - don't road block yourself from an opportunity

FAFSA art by Peter Schalch story by Daisja Greer



I was excited about starting at Tri-C, but there was a snag

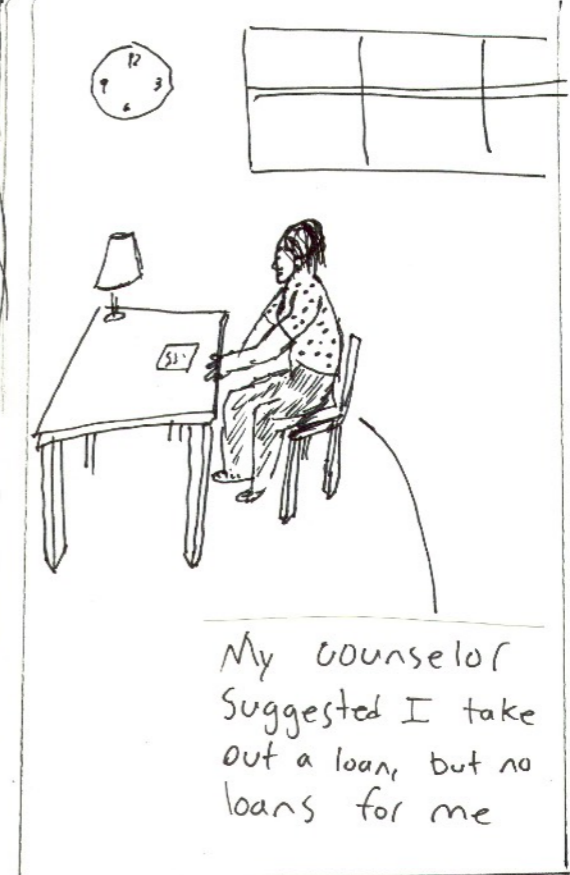


My counselor told me my Fafsa hadn't come through



I didn't have that money.

How was I going to go to College?



My counselor suggested I take out a loan, but no loans for me



FAFSA came through finally, but I would owe about \$350 per semester



I picked up a few hours a week at work



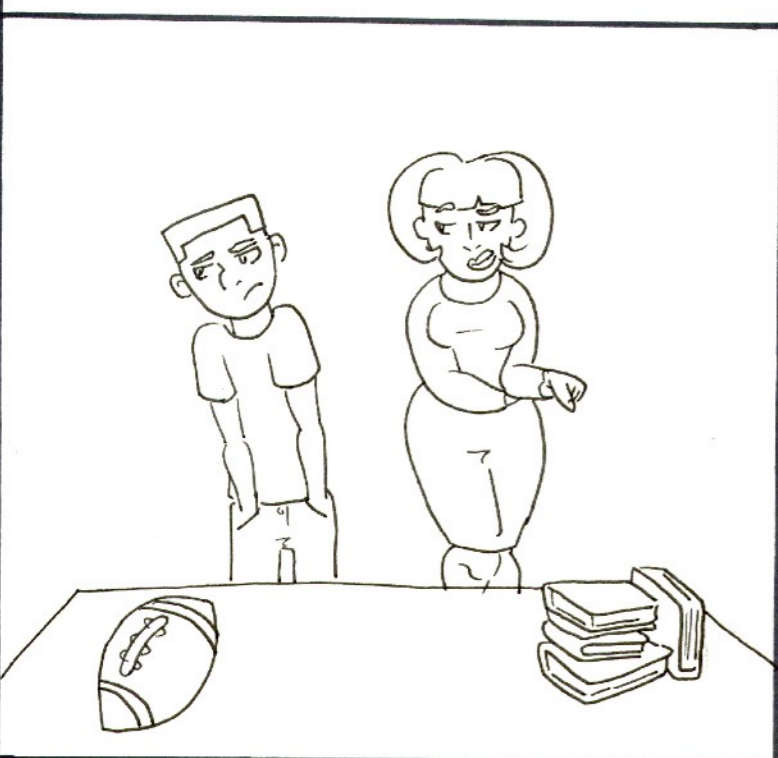
FAFSA might not cover everything, but I'm still here



Gotta stay focused on the bigger picture

Dear Mama art by Adrian Valentine story by James A.

TOO SMALL FOR A FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP



MAMA SAID I HAD TO GO TO COLLEGE, BUT HOW?

TRI-C WAS NOT MY FIRST CHOICE.

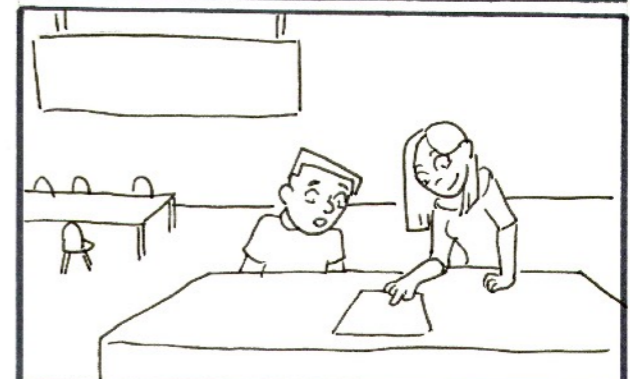


SO I FLUNKED ALL MY CLASSES, OUT OF SPITE.

WELL MAMA DON'T PLAY THAT, SO I STRAIGHTENED UP.

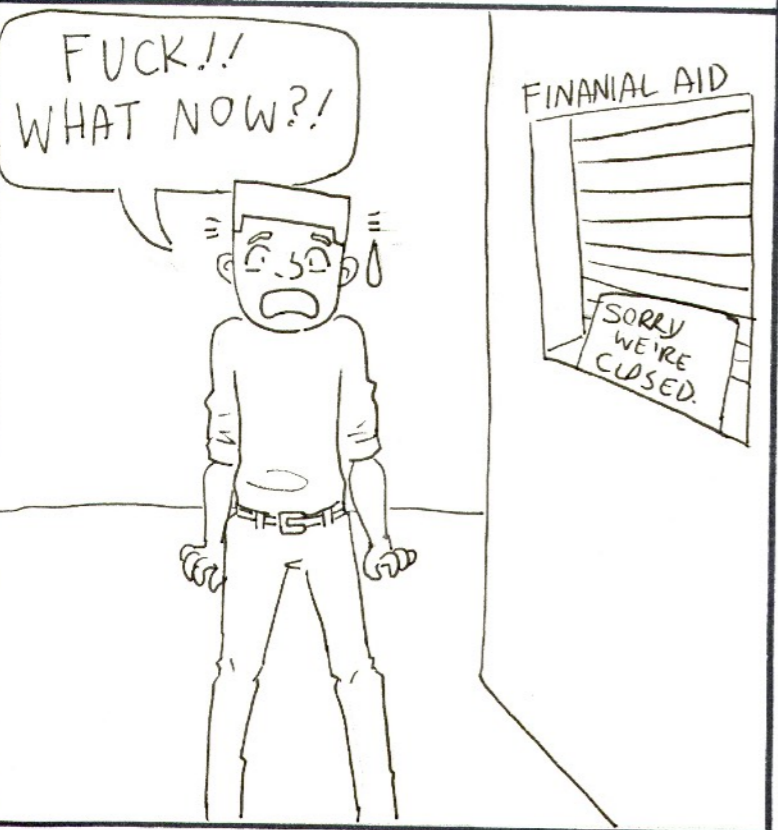


I HUMBLED MYSELF AND ASKED FOR HELP

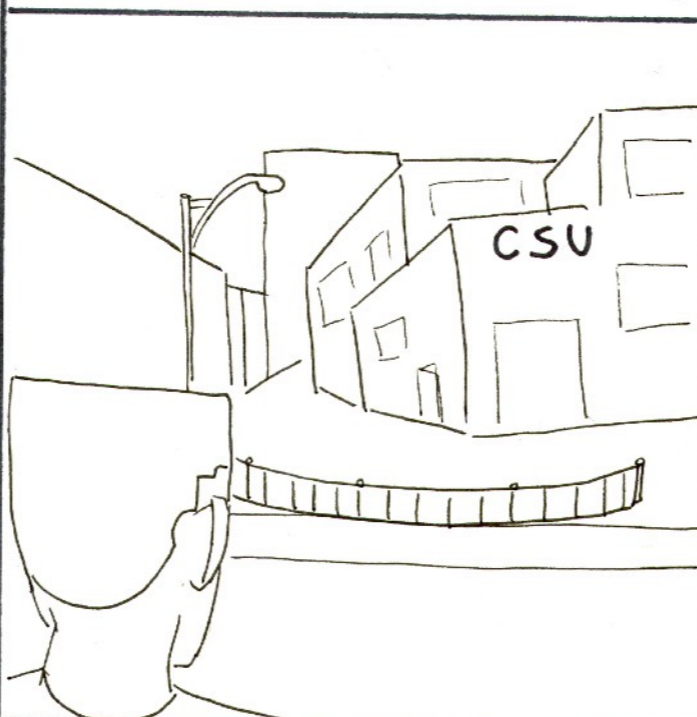


I GOT ALL THE HELP I COULD HANDLE

I TURNED THINGS AROUND JUST AS FINANCIAL AID RAN OUT.

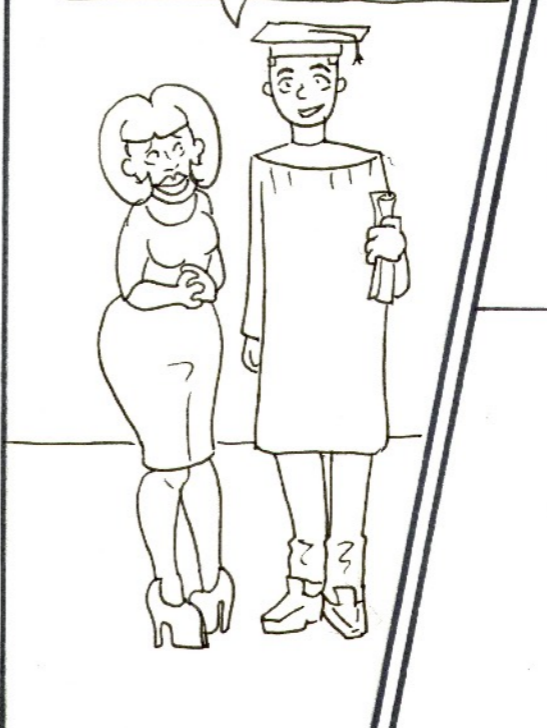


I TOOK MY CREDITS AND MOVED TO CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY.



I WASN'T TOO PROUD TO ASK FOR HELP EITHER.

I EARNED MY 4-YEAR DEGREE THANKS TO TRI-C ... AND MAMA.



Ch-Ch-Ch-CHANGES art by Adrian Valentine story by Cheree Williams

AFTER HIGH SCHOOL I HAD TO FOCUS FOR TRI-C.



EVERYTHING CHANGED.

REGISTRATION



MY FIRST DAY CHANGED EVERYTHING FOR ME - GAVE ME PERSPECTIVE.

I HAD TO GET MY PAPERWORK RIGHT SO I COULD START ON TIME.



THEN, I WENT ON ORIENTATION THAT WAS KINDA HARD TO SCHEDULE...



I NEEDED HELP GETTING EVERYTHING DONE.



NO PROBLEM.

I FOUND OUT COLLEGE ISN'T LIKE HIGH SCHOOL - THAT'S FOR SURE.



COLLEGE IS A CHALLENGE. IT'S A CHANGE.

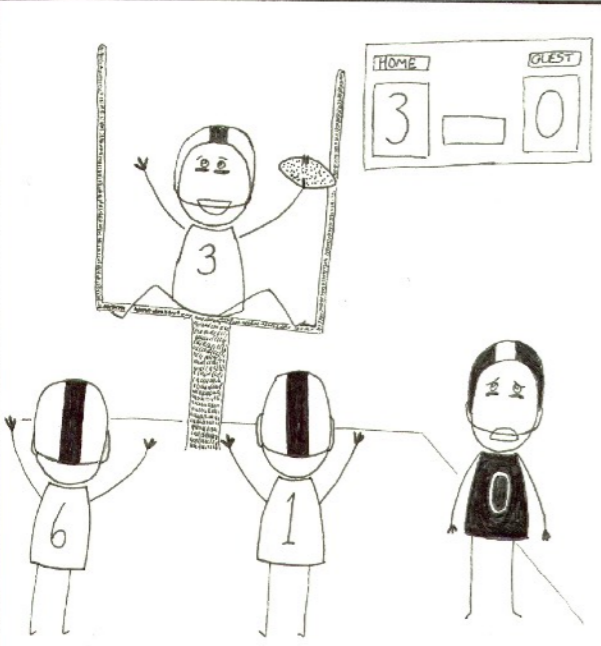


CHANGE IS TOUGH AND HARD. BUT IT'S GOOD.



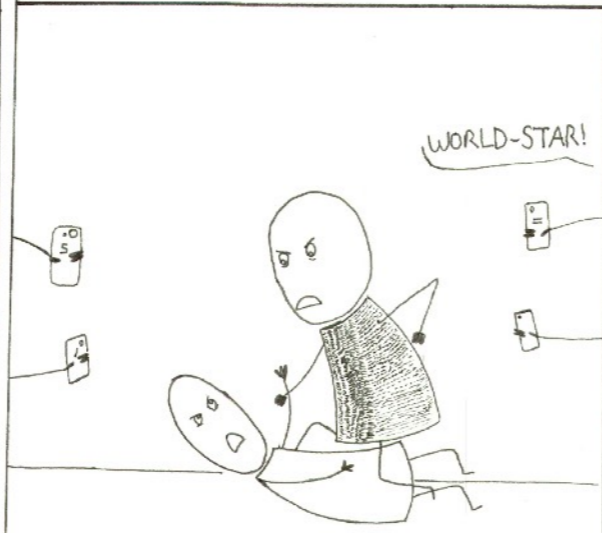
Football, Trouble and Better Choices, huh? art by Moses Herfeild story by Nathaniel Johnson

I made the highschool football team...



... but, I had to stay out of trouble

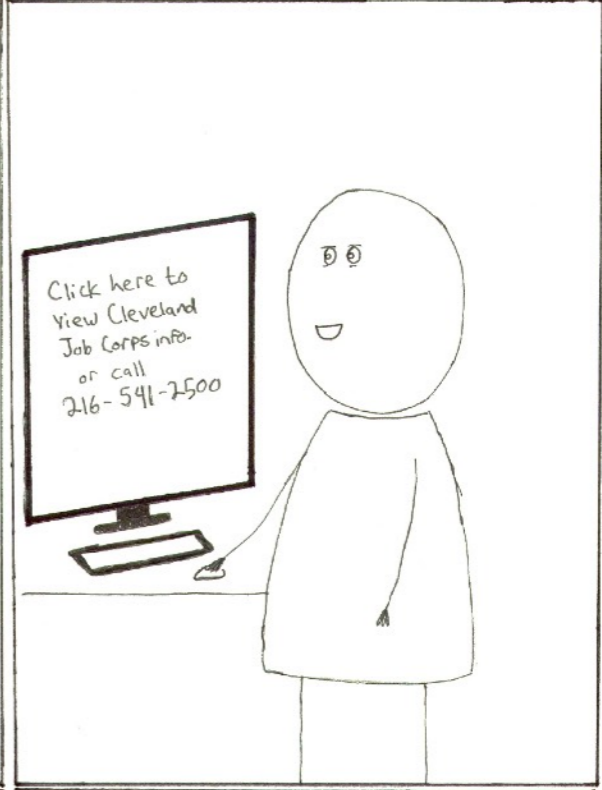
Somehow, I got into a fight.



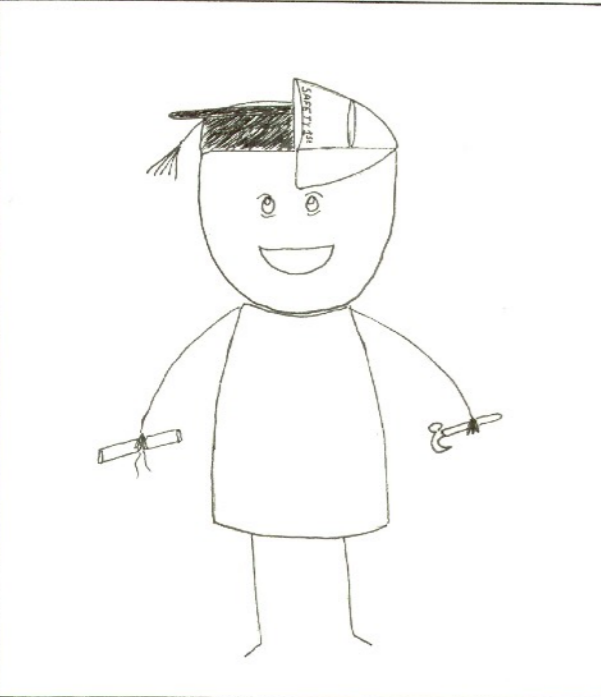
it was pretty serious-I got expelled.



I went on to another school-ish situation

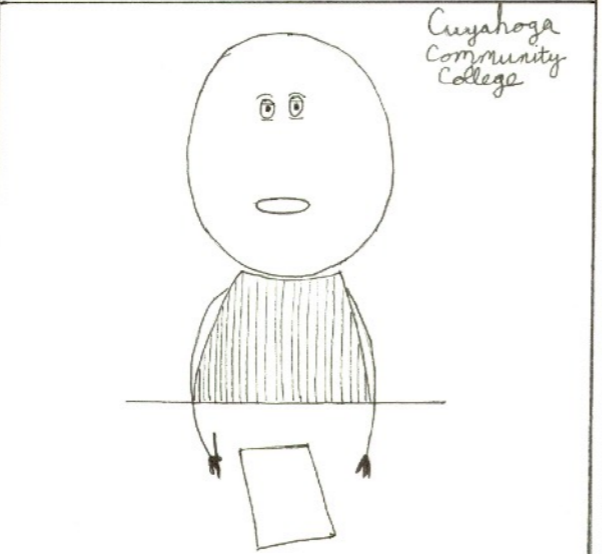


At Job Corp I got my highschool diploma

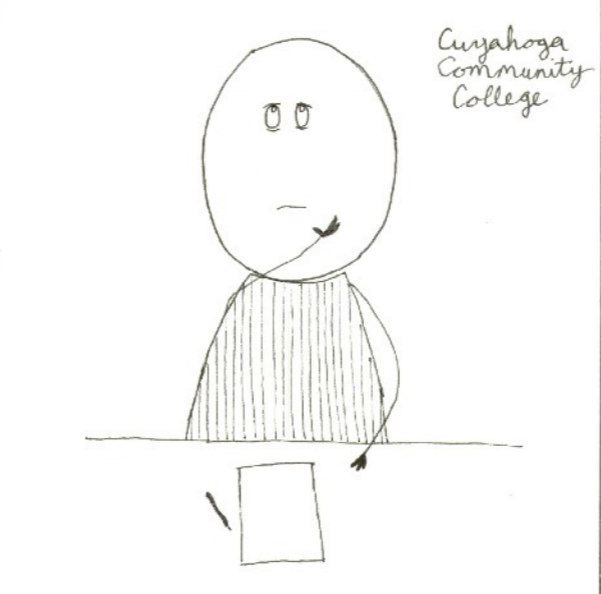


Plus, I learned a trade.

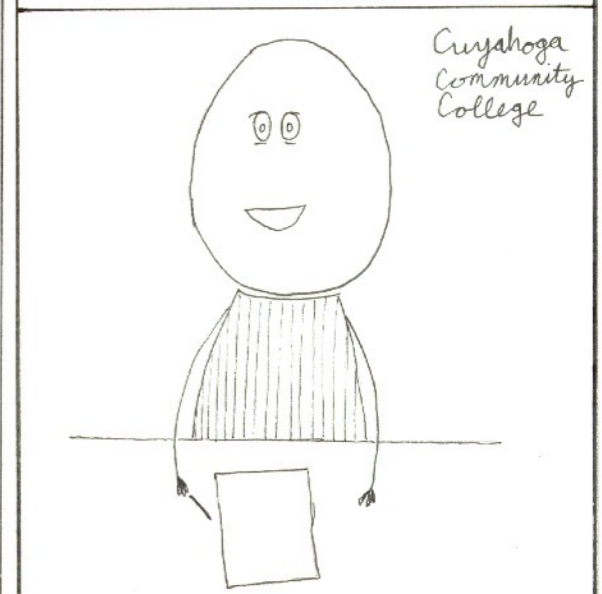
Now I am at Tri-C, working on my business management degree



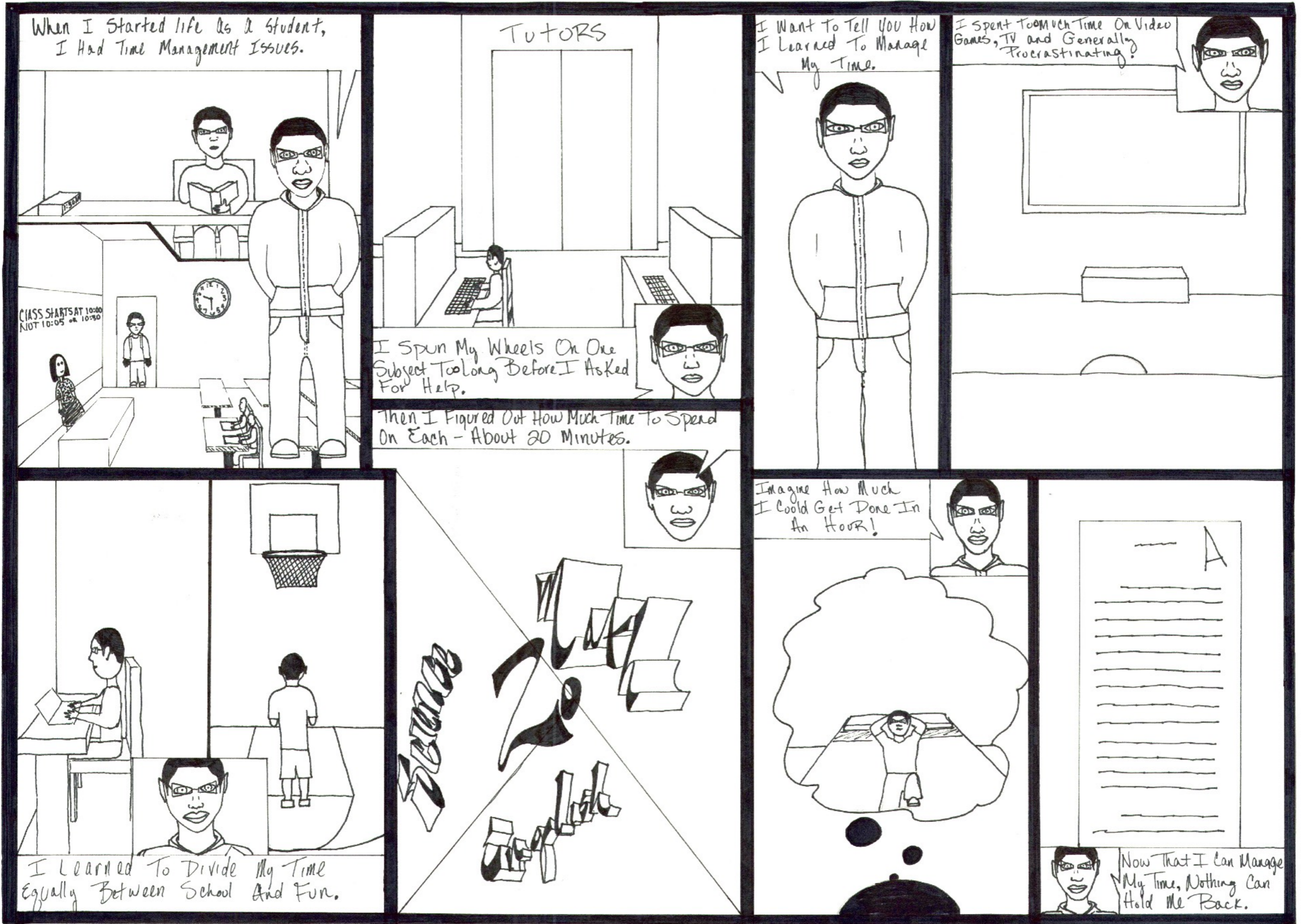
it was pretty serious-I got expelled.



Sometimes, life is about better choices.



Managing My Time art by Daniel Petty story by Desean Eleby

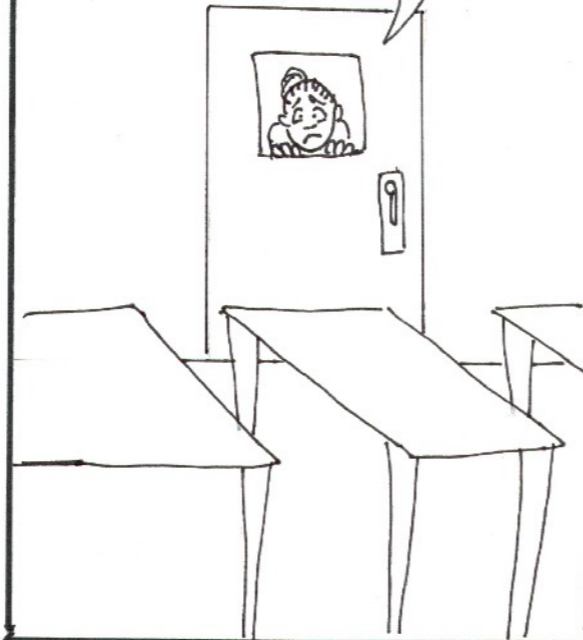


Office Hours art by Adrian Valentine story by Josephine Gainren

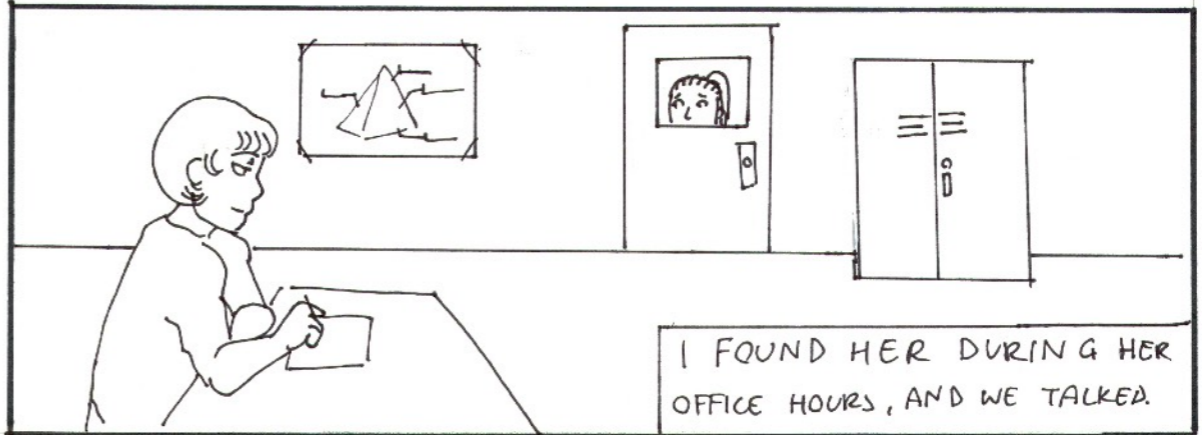
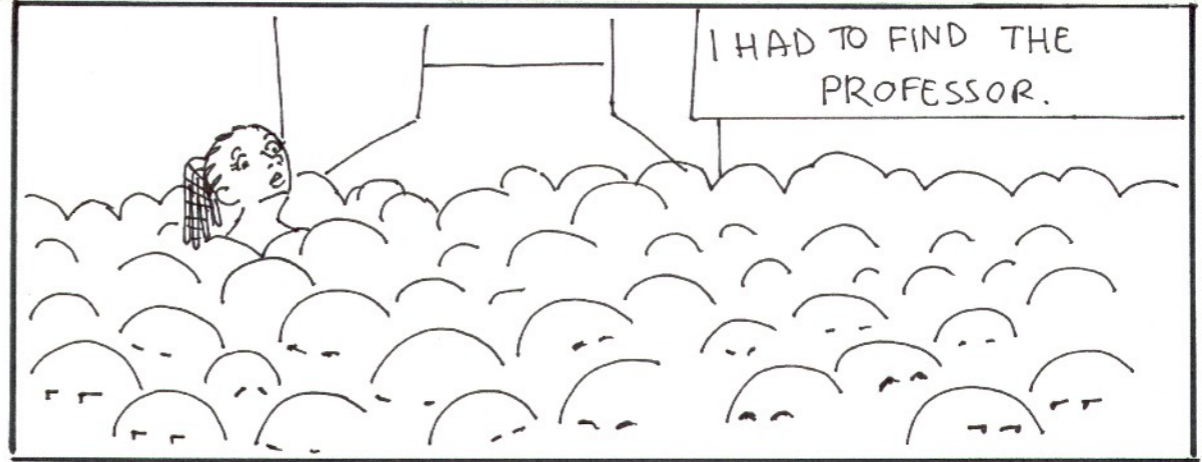
I WOKE UP AT SEVEN.
SUPPOSED TO BE UP AT SIX.



I MISSED MY CLASS,
AND THE LAST DAY TO
HAND IN THE PAPER.



I HAD TO FIND THE
PROFESSOR.



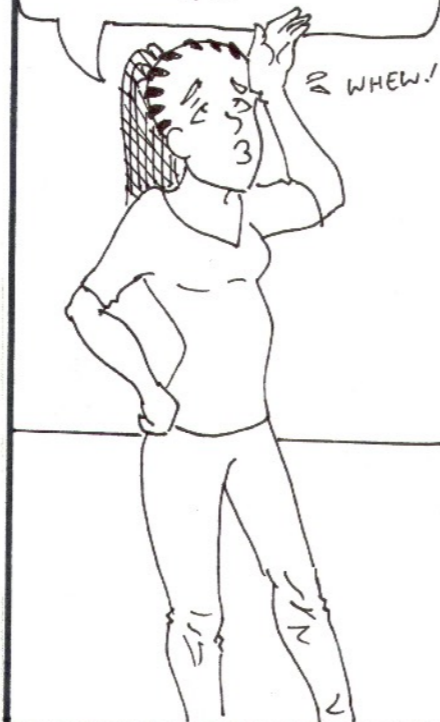
I FOUND HER DURING HER
OFFICE HOURS, AND WE TALKED.

SHE GAVE ME MORE TIME. —



A COUPLE OF EXTRA HOURS.

I GOT IT DONE
AND TURNED IT
IN.



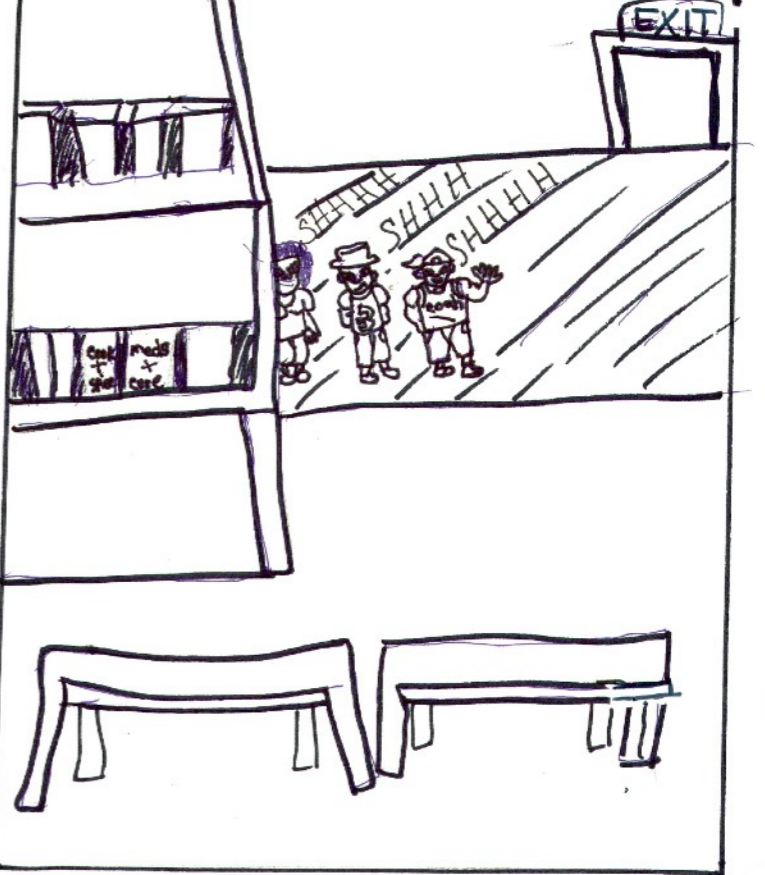
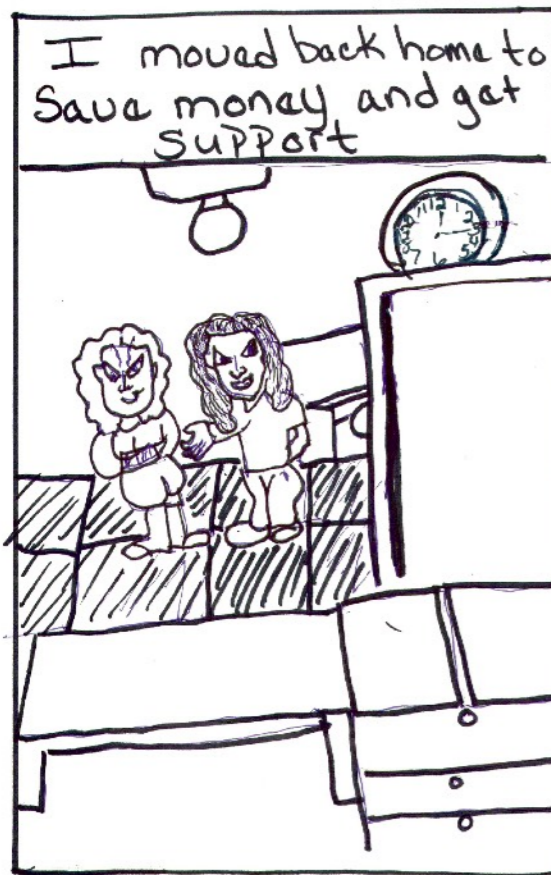
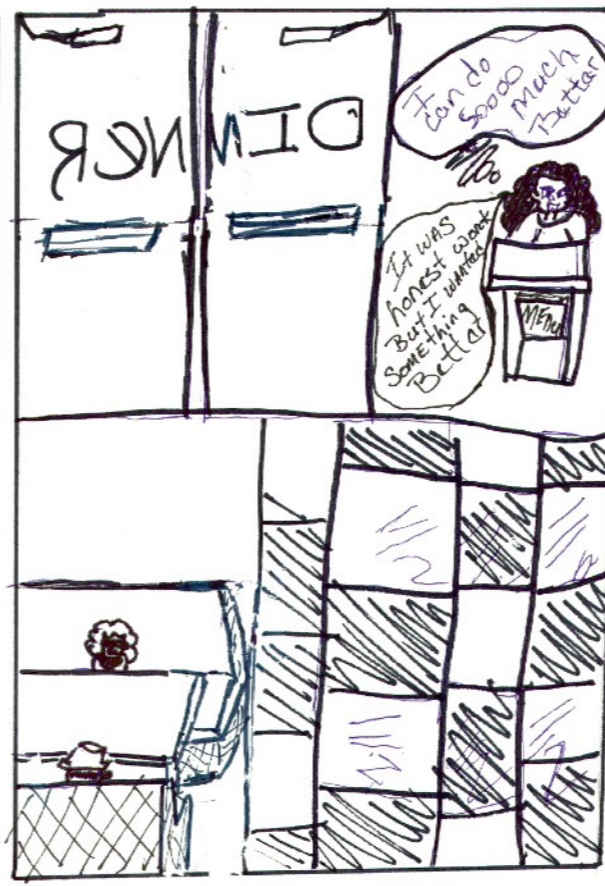
I PASSED
THE
ASSI-
GNMENT!



IF YOU GET TO CLASS
ON TIME, YOU WON'T
WORRY ABOUT CATCHING
UP.



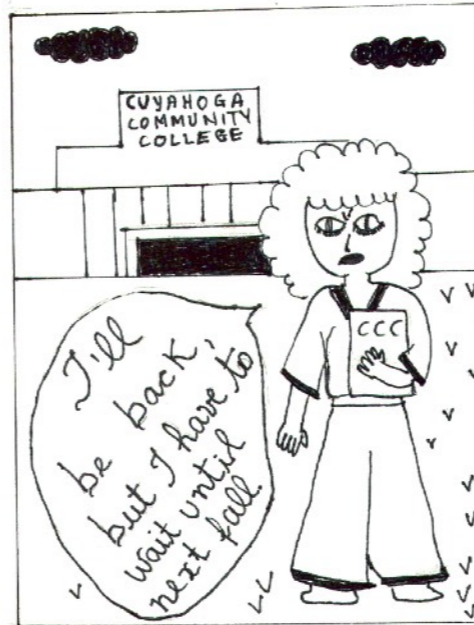
SHHHHHH! art by Brenda Fialko story by Amelia Baker

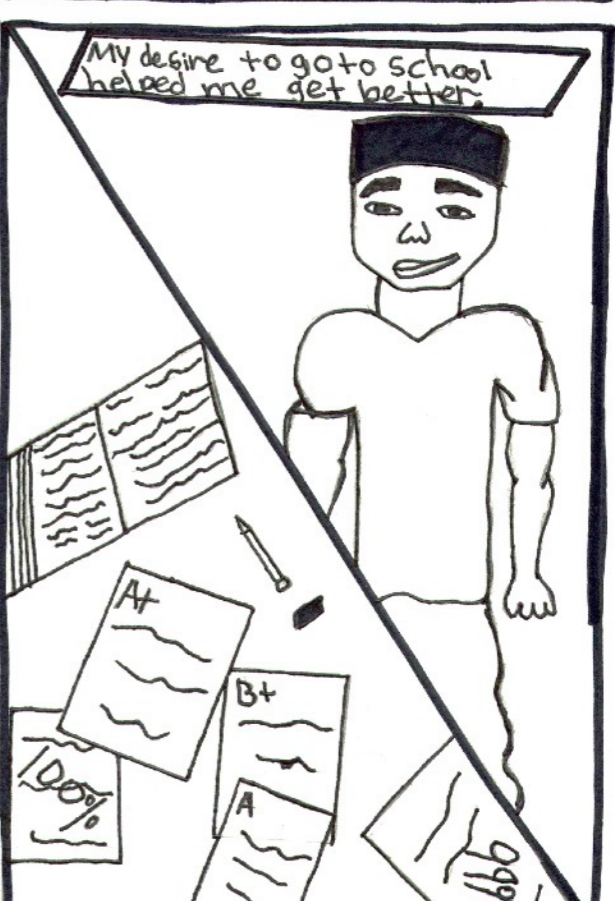
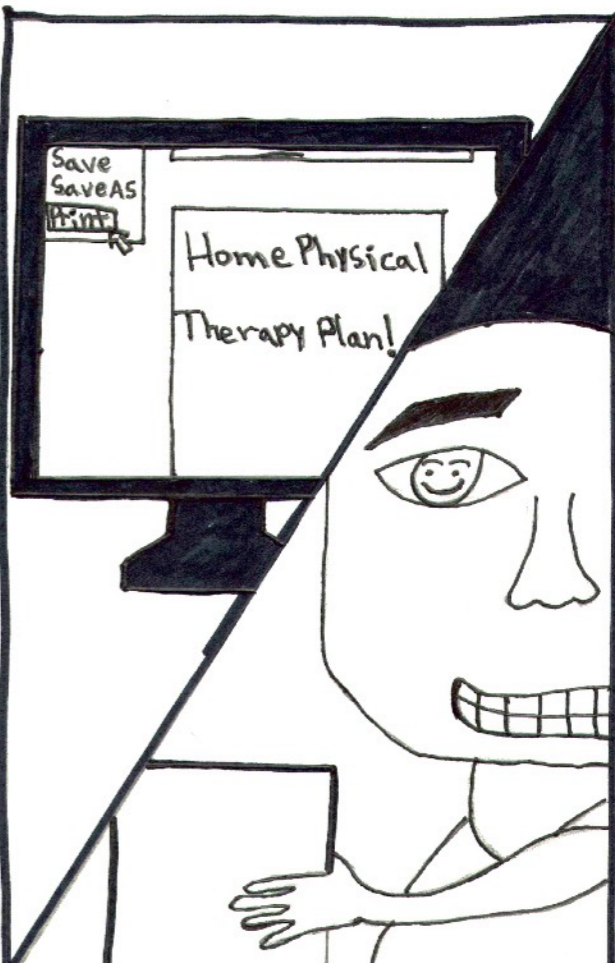
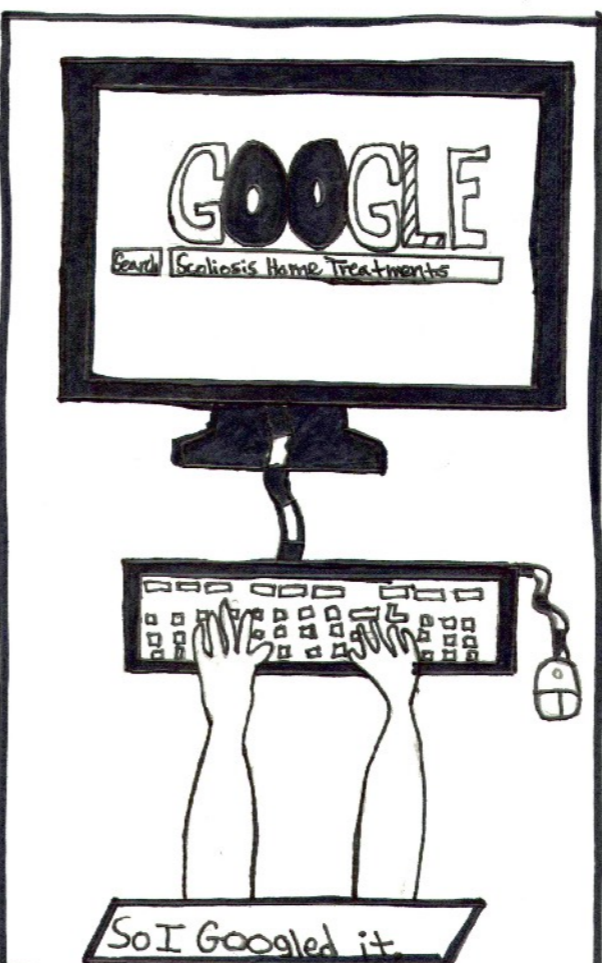
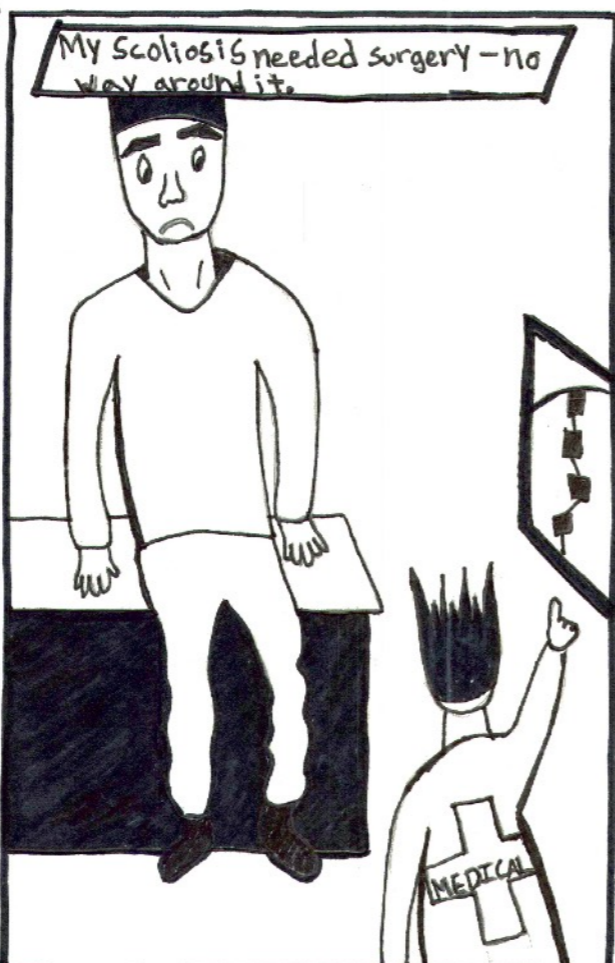
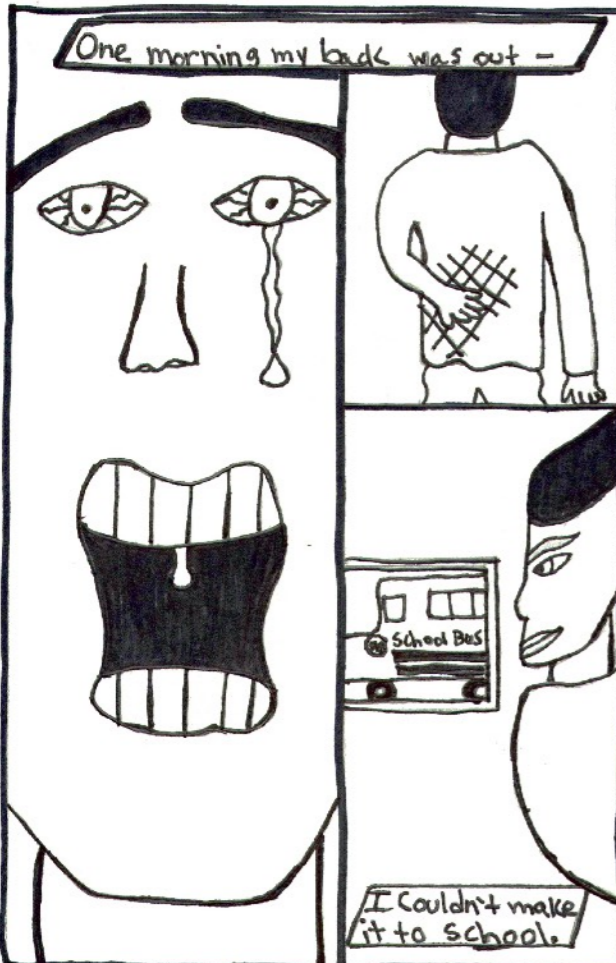


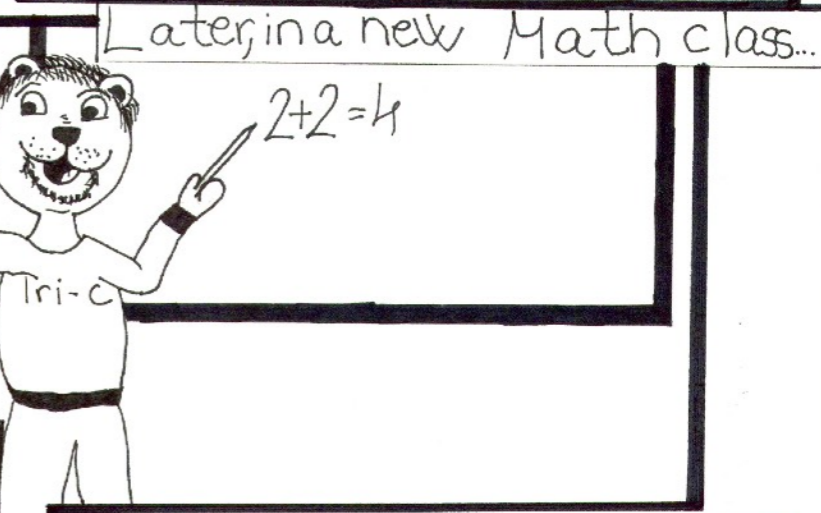
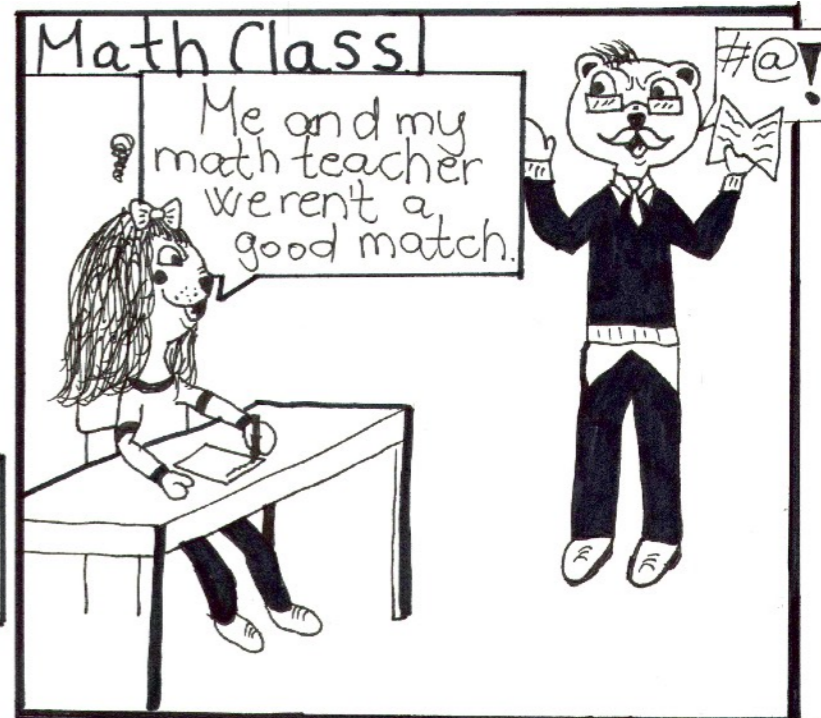
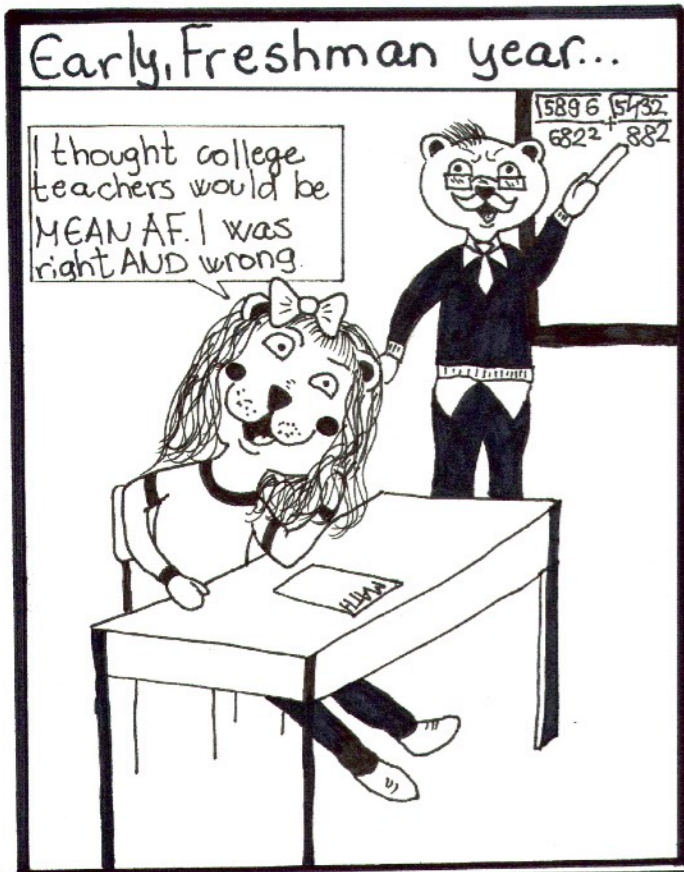
Starting School Is Scary art by William H. Beaty III story by Erika Williams



DROPPED! art by Paula DiFrancuso story by Arreyona Bawling







Mind Over Matter (M.O.M.) art by Adrian Valentine story by Alonzo Sessions

I TRIED OUT FOR THE TRI-C BASKETBALL TEAM FEELING LIKE LEBRON.



I WAS GOOD IN HIGH SCHOOL BUT THIS WAS NEXT LEVEL.



COULD I REALLY PLAY COLLEGE BALL?

I TOOK MY HIGH SCHOOL TROPHY TO THE COACHES OFFICE.



WHEN I GOT HOME, MY MOTHER HAD A SUGGESTION

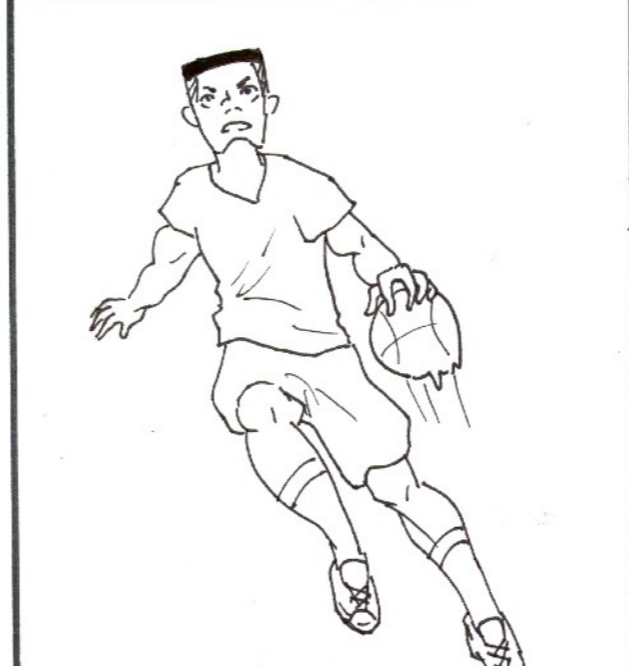


DON'T STRESS OUT - MEDITATE.

MEDITATE?!

SHE SHOWED ME HOW.

MY NEXT PRACTICE WAS DIFFERENT.



I RAN THE COURT, BUT TWISTED MY ANKLE!

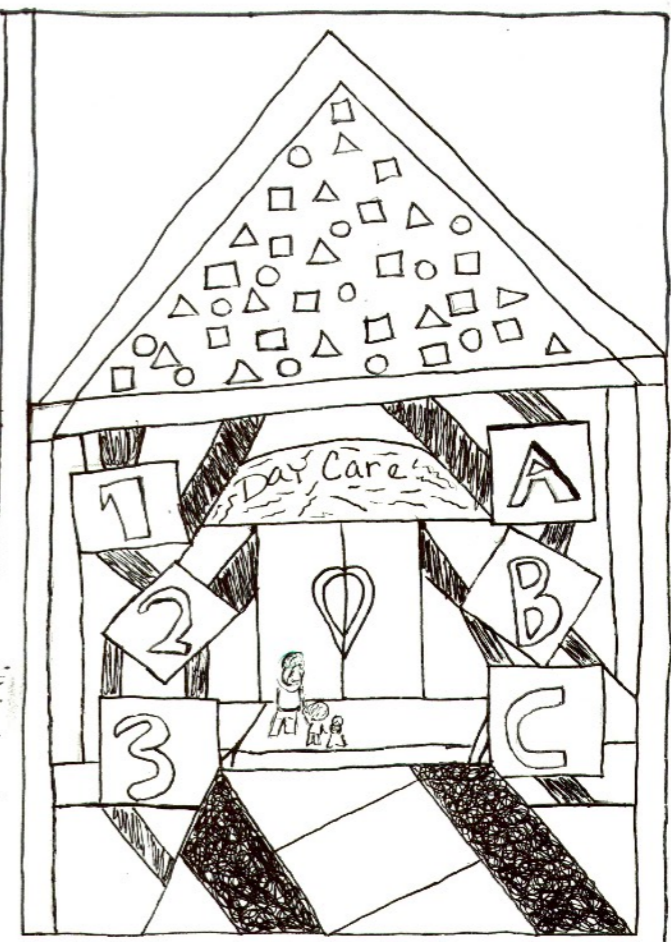


MIND OVER MATTER I GUESS.



JUST BE CAREFUL!

Outside the Box art by Brenda Fialko story by Sirena Johnson



UphillDownhill art Adrian Valentine story by Jennaja Owens



I STUDY JOIN STUDY GROUPS, AND GET A TUTOR.



This "College" Thing art by Adrian Valentine Story by Larry Fedor

2002



I WAS GUNNA HANDLE THIS COLLEGE THING, NO PROBLEM.

AFTER A FEW YEARS I HAD NO FOCUS, I WAS LOST.



2006



I DROPPED OUT AND GOT A JOB, NOT MY BEST IDEA.

I FELL INTO DRUGS AND LIFE ON THE STREETS LIFE FELL APART...



I OVERDOSED, I KNEW LIFE HAD TO CHANGE.



MORROW A GIFT



ONE DAY AT A TIME

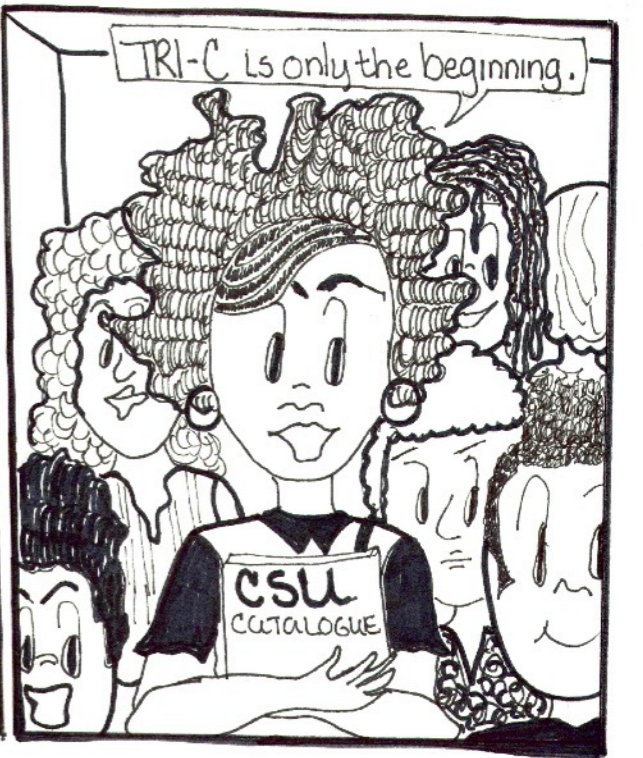
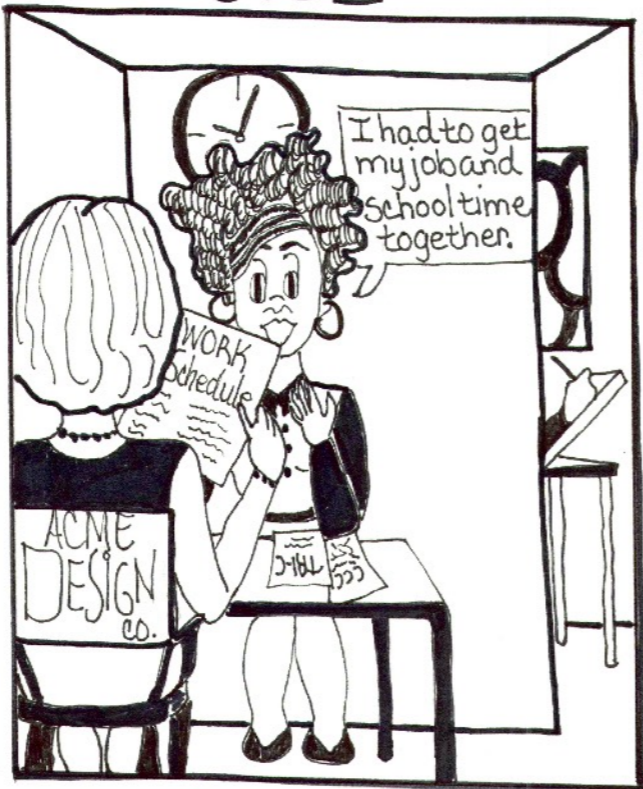


I'M BACK AT TRI-C WITH ONLY TWO CLASSES UNTILL I GRADUATE

THIS COLLEGE THING HELPED ME CHANGE MY LIFE.



THE HUSTLE



Deborah Lane

Why I Go To College art by Adrian Valentine story by Juan Pena

IN HIGH SCHOOL, I WANTED TO BE SUCCESSFUL AND HAVE STUFF.



I THOUGHT FAST-FOOD, NOT COLLEGE, WAS THE WAY

MONTHS LATER



THE MORE I WORKED, THE MORE I KNEW I WAS WRONG

SO I HAD A CHOICE TO MAKE, MORE WORK, OR GO TO COLLEGE.

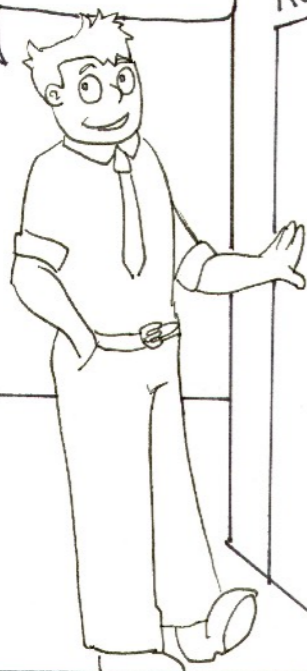


I TRIED WORKING 43 HOURS A WEEK.



THAT SUCKED. SO I QUIT.

I WAS UNEMPLOYED FOR A WHILE, SO I REGISTERED FOR CLASSES.



I DIDN'T LIKE SOME OF MY TEACHERS OR CLASSES RIGHT AWAY.



BUT THE MORE TIME GOES BY, THE MORE I LOVE IT.



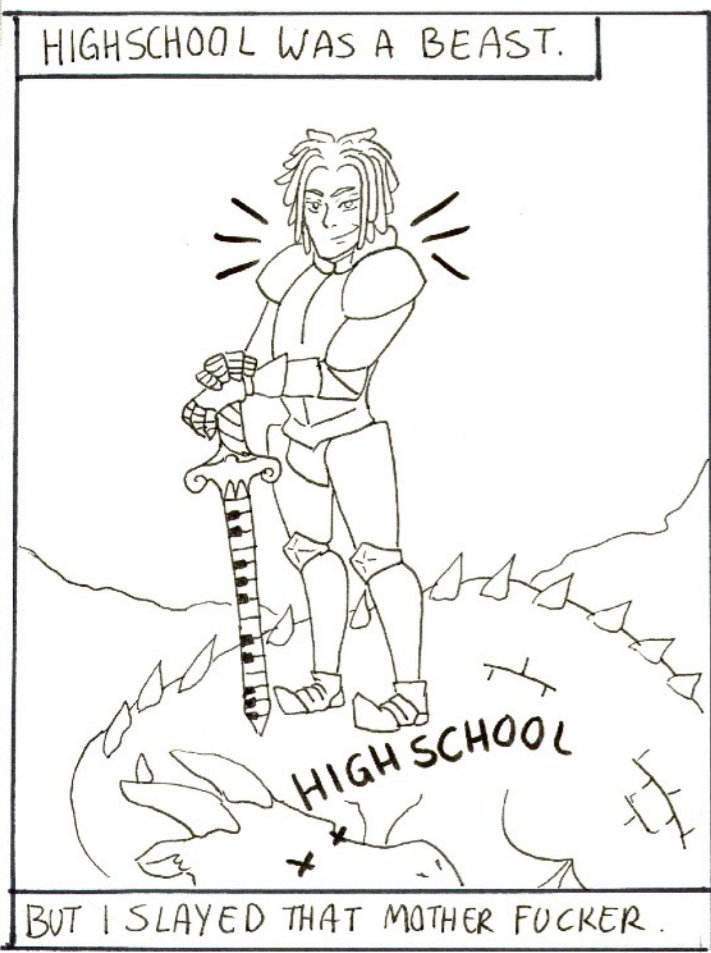
FRIENDS AND FAMILY GOT MY BACK.

TRI-C IS HELPING ME FIND MY WAY.



Just Another Dragon To Slay art by Adrian Valentine story by Hery Rivera (Mota)

HIGHSCHOOL WAS A BEAST.



HIGH SCHOOL

BUT I SLAYED THAT MOTHER FUCKER.

CLEVELAND STATE WAS NEXT...



RHODES
CSU

AN INCREDIBLE CHALLENGE

IT BEAT ME.



I AM BEATEN, BUT NOT BROKEN.

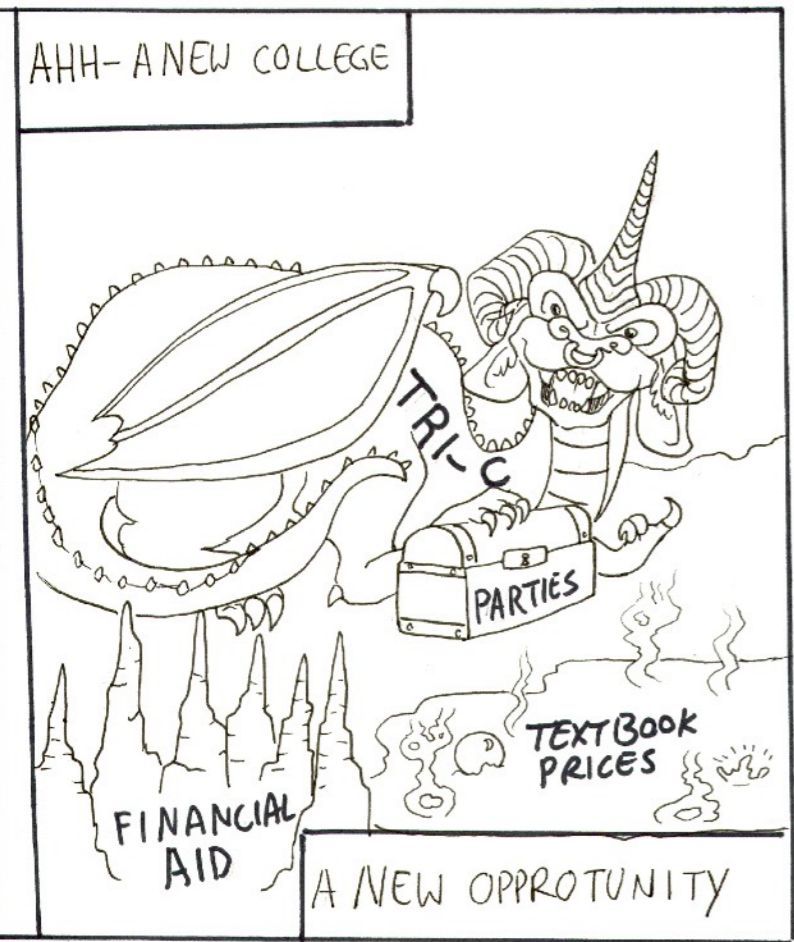
I TOOK TIME OFF FROM THE QUEST...



BOSS

BUT I AM NOT MY JOB..

AHH- A NEW COLLEGE



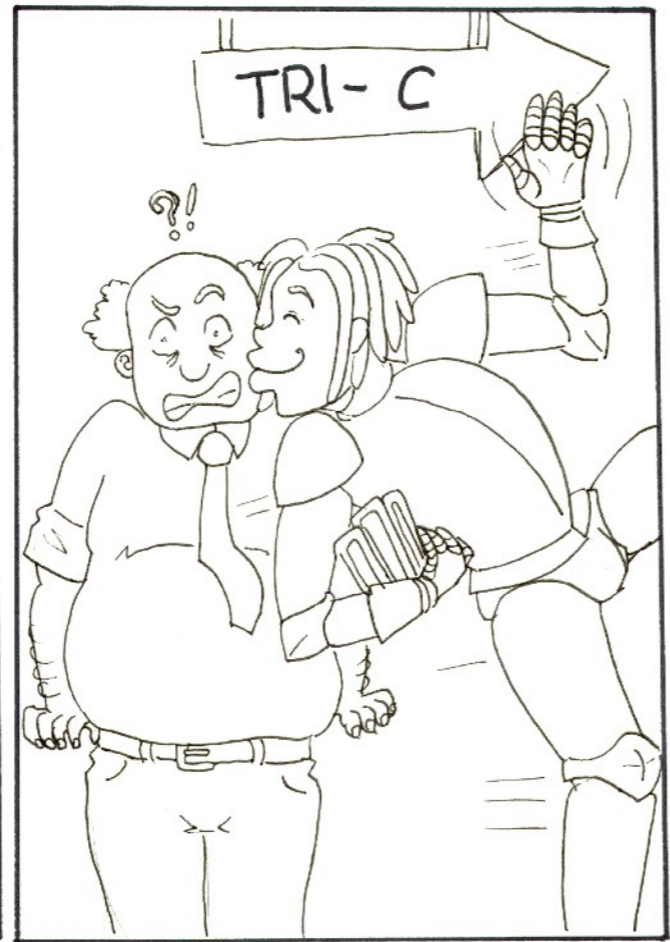
TRI-C PARTIES

FINANCIAL AID

TEXTBOOK PRICES

A NEW OPPROTUNITY

TRI-C



TRI-C



I WILL MEET THIS CHALLENGE

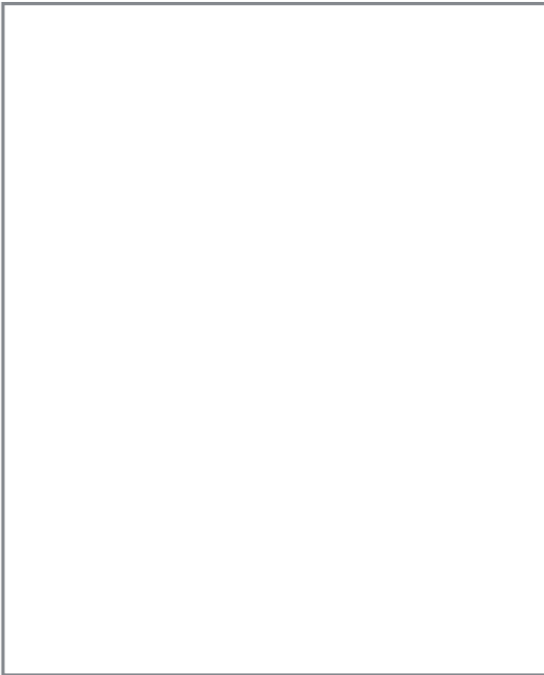
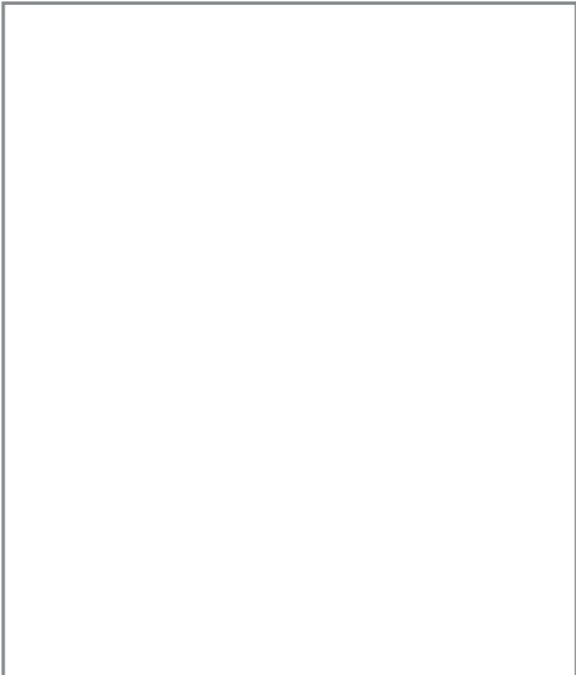
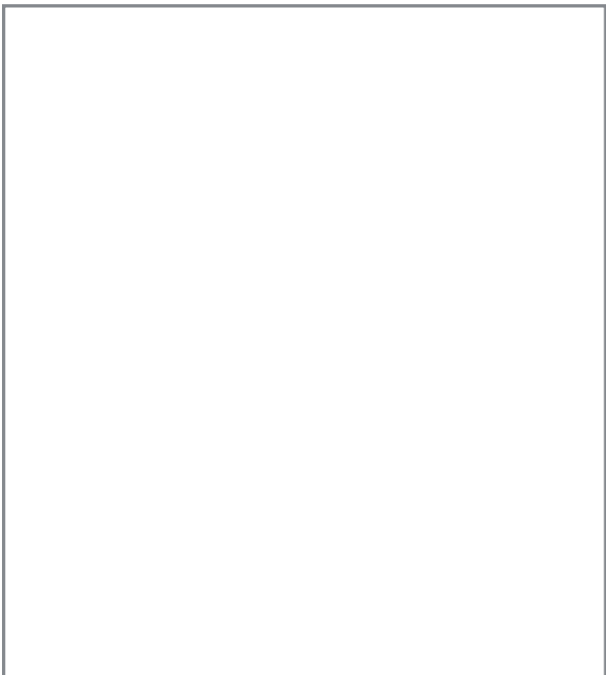
ANOTHER MONSTER WILL BE SLAIN!



ANOTHER MONSTER WILL BE SLAIN!

Share a scene from YOUR First Year Experience, GOOD, BAD OR ...? — email james.izrael@tri-c.edu

FYE/MyTriCLife “THREE ACT STRUCTURE FOR EIGHT-PANEL COMIC STRIPS” SCRIPT/ART RUBRIC by jimi izrael, MFA
(shout out to Joseph Campbell’s “*Hero With a Thousand Faces*” and Robert McKee’s “*Story*”)

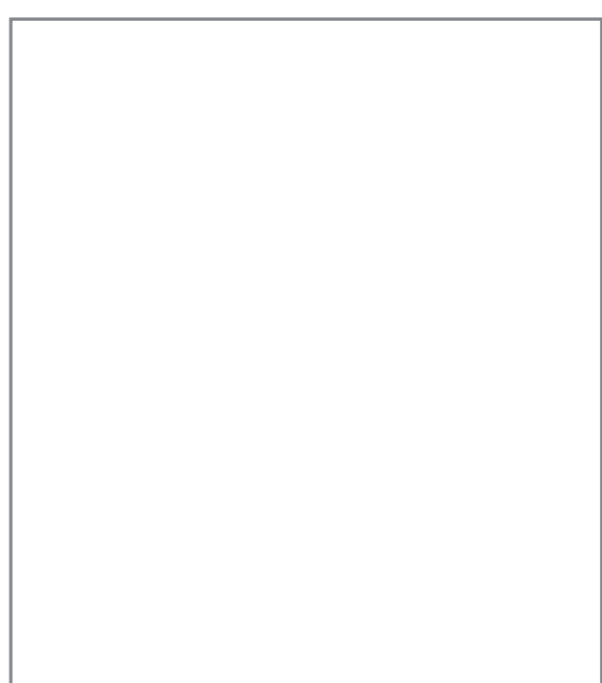
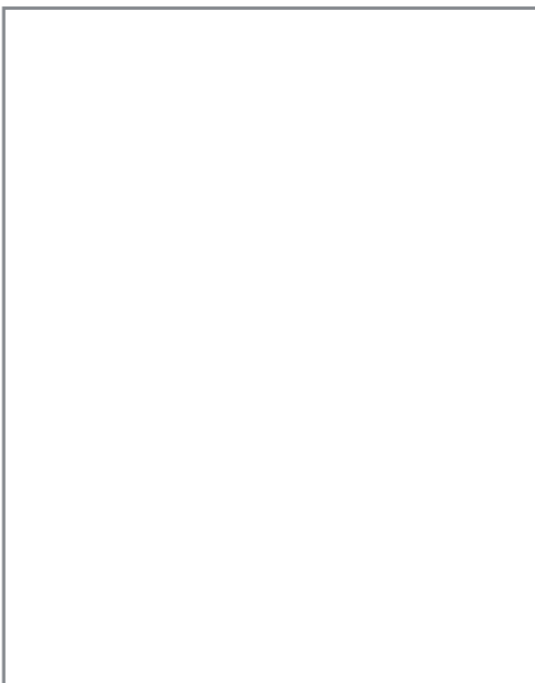
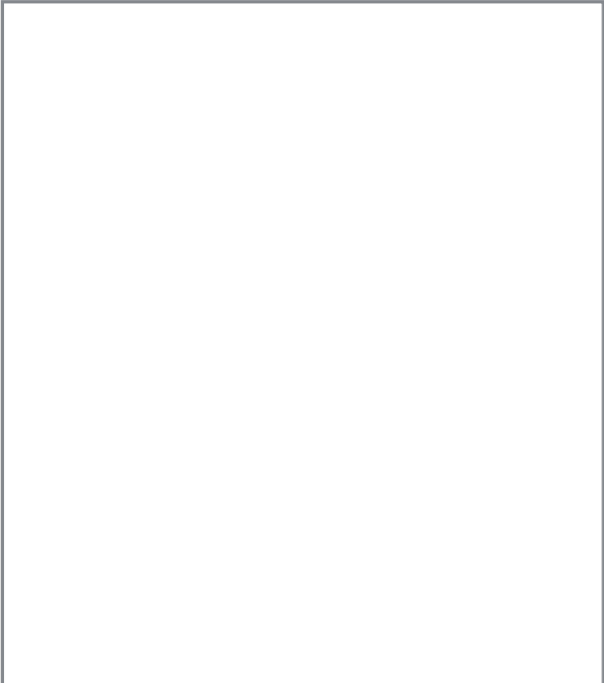


ACT ONE:
STORY BEGINS ON AN
ORDINARY DAY.

ACT ONE CONCLUSION:
SOMETHING HAPPENS &
EVERYTHING CHANGES. THE
STORY TURNS.

ACT TWO:
NOW THERE IS A PROBLEM
THAT MUST BE SOLVED.

ACT TWO:
HOW TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM?
TRIAL AND ERROR HAPPENS.



ACT TWO:
A SOLUTION BECOMES
CLEAR.

ACT TWO CONCLUSION:
THE STORY TURNS — THINGS
ARE NOW DIFFERENT—
GOOD, BAD OR OTHERWISE.

ACT THREE:
THINGS ARE DIFFERENT—
MAYBE BETTER, MAYBE NOT-
FROM THE FIRST PANEL.

ACT THREE CONCLUSION:
(EPILOGUE)
MORAL OF THE STORY.