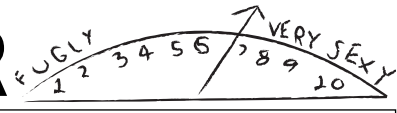


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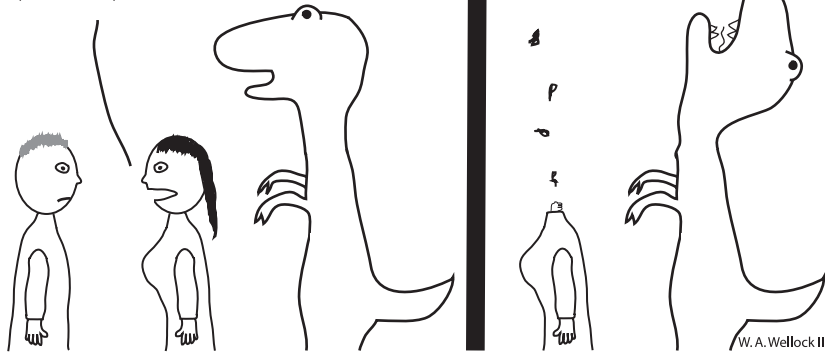
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CUTE	Students stage pillow fight on Pollock Road If only Comedy Night Club had kept it a secret. points: 7 comparable to: Iron Maiden
MEH	KoRn plays, perhaps drunkenly, at the BJC Sorry, there's no backwards R on this keyboard. points: 6 comparable to: Mastodon
UN-SEXY	Watch out, Penn State, JoePa has road rage Hold the phone — an old man has issues behind the wheel??!! points: 4 comparable to: KoRn

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MEH

overall average: 6 comparable to: Judas Priest

I'm worried T-Rex might have an eating disorder — his arms are really skinny



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Radiohead's influence now rivals the Beatles'

By Adam Clair

WHEN one talks about “the most influential band of all time,” the conversation usually begins and ends with the Beatles. Honestly, it's not even close, and from a strictly musical standpoint, it may never be. I couldn't even tell you how many bands and musicians I've interviewed who list the Fab Four as a primary influence, and circumstantially, I'm not so sure it could ever happen again.

But now, after years of being “our generation's Beatles,” the band that could so skillfully balance critical adulation with popular success, Radiohead is making its coup.

In some ways, the Beatles are still a ways off. Radiohead has its own sound, undeniably, but aside from the fact the Beatles themselves helped mold them, Radiohead still hasn't reached nearly the same level of commercial success. Moreover, the lasting impact of Radiohead remains to be seen. Today, there are only a handful of bands who would list Radiohead as a primary influence. Will the bands of tomorrow say their music was inspired by Radiohead, or by Nirvana or Weezer, by U2 (God forbid), or maybe even still by the Beatles?

Innovative music, lyrics and production throughout Radiohead's catalogue close the gap a little bit more, but what the band has done with *In Rainbows* is wholly unprecedented and may change, by way of merging, the economic and



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artistic landscapes of contemporary music.

The Internet has grossly changed the marketplace in recent years, and music has been affected as much as anything. For years, though, instead of adjusting, record companies and the RIAA have simply complained and sued everyone they could. Maybe they're hoping that this whole “Internet” thing will be a passing fad.

Yet, amid all the subpoenas and cease-and-desists, people still download music. They aren't going to stop doing it. The current business model has been dead in the water since Napster, and it was only a matter of time before someone came along and tried to change things. Radiohead certainly isn't the first band to offer some sort of innovation, but no one else has done anything this subversive, and they certainly haven't done it on nearly the same level.

And it looks like other bands are already following suit. According to an article in *The Daily Telegraph*, a British newspaper, Oasis and Jamiroquai plan on offering free material over the Internet, and Nine Inch Nails' Trent Reznor, no stranger to pissing off record labels, has made some cryptic statements implying he'll do something similar in the near future. It took no time at all for Radiohead's influence to be felt, even though it'll be a while until anyone catches up with Radiohead musically.

That being said, all these bands are already working with a pretty big fan base, a lot of capital, and therefore, a pretty big safety net. It remains to be seen how this will impact bands much lower on the totem pole.

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WOULD YOU RATHER:

WOULD YOU RATHER HAVE A 10-INCH TONGUE OR A 10-INCH NOSE?

“A 10-inch tongue because that's what the ladies like.”

C.J. Sindler
senior - geography



“A 10-inch tongue. I'd tell you why, but I don't want to be dirty.”

Nicole Barrett
senior - psychology



“I would rather have a 10-inch tongue because I guess no one else really sees it.”

Paul Fiset
freshman - engineering



“A 10-inch tongue, to have a 10-inch nose would be a horrible way to live smelling all that.”

Rachel Yaggie
junior - actuarial sciences



“I would rather have a 10-inch tongue because you can hide it in your mouth.”

Mary Beth Tobin
junior - health economics



“I would rather have a 10-inch tongue ... you could probably have more fun with that.”

Chris Leach
senior - biology

