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## REMEMBERING KIK MESSENGER: 2010-2019

On Tuesday the world was faced with the news that the beloved messaging app Kik Messenger would be shutting down permanently.

Surfacing on the App Store way back in 2010, Kik had a massive impact on the overall pre-teen middle school experience for my generation. You see, for some of us kids who had parents who believed that for some reason it was better for their child to own an iPod Touch than an iPhone, we relied on this system of messaging in order to “text” our friends. Although, in middle school, did anyone really have “friends”? Yes? Maybe that was just me, then.

Kik Messenger was the place where you would finally tell your crush how you feel about them, and the place where your crush would send screenshots to her friends of a conversation with some weird kid telling her how he feels about her. It was where you would find yourself stuck in six different group conversations because there was an argument in one, and all your friends had to talk shit behind each other’s backs in side-chats. Many would use it to express their feelings, changing their username to “.” and making their profile picture some depressing quote from Supernatural, or How I Met Your Mother, or something.

Kik was also the place where kids first discovered the dangers of the internet. No, that beautiful model named Heather who has the username “hottie3z77h456gh8” is not a real person. No, she did not find you in her contacts for some reason “thought you were cute.” She is a bot and she is going to take your credit card information.

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If you’ve been on Kik Messenger in the past three years, you’ll see that it has seen better days. It kind of resembles that old scene from The Twilight Zone, when the guy with the glasses comes out of the bank vault to see that the world world has been nuked. The app looks like it hasn’t been touched by a single user or developer in eons. Yet, for some reason, they still have the same set of shitty knock off emojis, including the one where the guy has a comb for a mouth. I never fully



Kik Messenger will forever be a glowing display of tween nostalgia for me and many others. However, in 2018, BBC News reported over 1,100 police-reported child sexual abuse cases on or relating to the app in the UK alone. In response, Kik Interactive founder Ted Livingstone said they were “constantly assessing and improving its trust and safety measures.” Again, the app looks like it hasn’t been tweaked by developers in years. The thing has aged worse than Michael Cera. So I guess the moral to be learned here is that all things must, and in this case should, pass.

### NEWS

-Jack May, Peaked in 7th Grade

## THE WORLD’S BEST AND WORST RAP AD-LIBS

Ad-libbing, the act of melodically improvising to compliment a song, has become an integral part of rap. Ad-libs are usually obtained by recording someone step into a scalding hot shower or by mumbling incoherently into one’s microphone. This is done to fill dead space (rhyming for two to five minutes straight is really hard) and occasionally to make a song sound better. Here’s a short list in no particular order of my favorite ad-libs right now.

Generic Dog Noises - DMX

Glaww!/Graww!/\*bird call\*/Mama!/Migo!/Whoo! -Migos

“BOW BOW BOW BOW BOW BOW BOW BOW BOW  
BOW BOW BOW BOW” -Waka Flocka Flame

“YAWK! YAWK! YAWK! YAWK!” -Schoolboy Q

“DJ KHALED!” - DJ Khaled

“HEE-HEE!” -Michael Jackson

“Whoop-di-scoop-di-poop” -Kanye West

S’Gucci!/Wop/Guwop -Gucci Mane

-James Whitney, Sophomore Editor

# CLEAN UP OR CATCH A CASE

Alright listen up, the IPCC, or the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released an updated report on how climate change is impacting the Earth, and it's not looking too pretty. As of right now, the oceans and the cryosphere, aka the "frozen parts" of the planet are at the central points of reference. Most simply put, the ocean levels are rising, glaciers are melting, the Earth is warming, and this is what we call climate change. Climate change is a real thing and it's probably best that you don't let the guy in the White House lead you to believe otherwise. Though the continuous warming of our planet, (no this is not a good thing), is dependent on a few things that we have little control over, such as the Sun, there are ENDLESS issues associated with global climate change that we do have some control over.

So why should you care? Well you should, because yes this is a global thing, but this is also a local thing. We live on a beautiful campus with so much greenery and flora. We straight chill with the deer. If you're not heartless and this means anything to you, then you need to start playing your role in preserving our Earth, and that starts on this very here campus.

There are several ways for those of us that are either A) eco-loving tree huggers or B) inhabitants of this planet, to do their part to potentially stop the murder of our Earth. Starting at the least complex we could just not litter, that would be cool. Think about the red solo cups that litter the campus on the days of Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays,... Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays...since we have no chill. Realistically, I don't think it's much of an inconvenience to put your solo cups in the trash, where they belong, and not on the Beach! Reducing litter on campus keeps our ecosystem clean and it's the simplest way to help the environment.

If I've inspired you to go out and hug the trees on this beautiful hill we call home, some other effortless ways to help save the Earth include using a reusable water bottle, using your own travel mugs when you're getting coffee at Slayter, recycling the remains of your package, shortening your unreasonable 2 hour long showers, etc.

Do your part to keep the campus clean, and it will contribute to our environment in so many positive ways! If you don't, consider the idea that you're assisting in the murder of our planet and that is a legal charge, so unless you're trying to catch a case, please recycle your recyclables, reduce your water use, compost everything, and if you still believe climate change is a hoax, you might as well compost yourself while you're at it.

-Nicole Zeid '22

## OPINION

### STUFF THAT'S GOING ON

- The Denison Film Society will be holding a screening for Sorry to Bother You today at 8 PM in the Slayter 4th floor auditorium. It's free and conveniently located above the Slayter market so you can pick up snacks before you go.
- The Department of Music will be holding their first concert of the year in the Eisner Center tonight from 7PM - 8 PM. A free ticket is needed if you want to listen to their smooth jazz, you can claim yours at [bit.ly/2nHusER](http://bit.ly/2nHusER)
- The Bullsheet will be hosting an open house to celebrate our 40th anniversary from 2 PM - 4 PM this Saturday. Bring offerings.
- This year's Gala will be held in Slayter on October 5th from 9 PM to 12:00 AM. The theme is "Night in New Orleans" and there should be plenty of food and dancing and fun. Dress to impress.

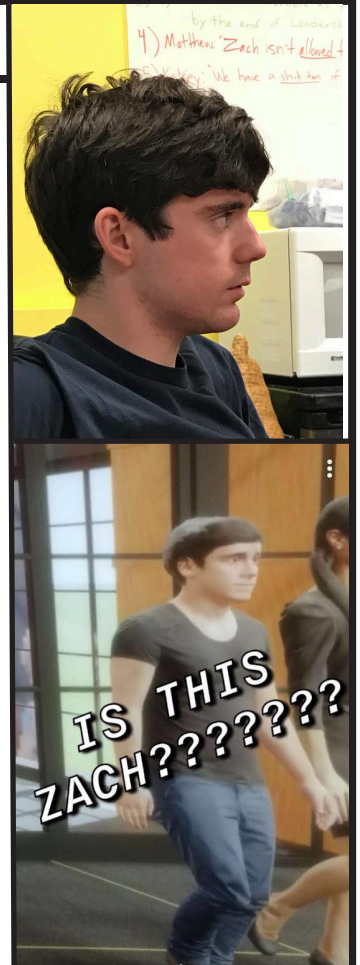
### IDENTITY THEFT

Ok, what the hell is this? Why is this my head on some random body?!?!?! Like this is my actual head. How does this happen? I need answers, we all need answers!!

I know I signed something before coming to Denison saying that the university could use photos of me but does that include a poor, disproportional photoshop of my head on some other person's body? My head is too big, it's like Lord Farquaad's from Shrek.

Like seriously if anyone knows who did this or how my head is on some muscle boy's body please email me at [correi\\_z1](mailto:correi_z1)

-Zach Correia, Head Writer/Head Mannequin



### Staff "Gala Outfit" Box

- Jax "Lots of bead necklaces" Preyer, Managing Editor
- Isabella "A neat hat" Puccini, Senior Editor
- Sophia "Yoga gear" Menconi, Senior Editor
- James "Feather boas" Whitney, Sophomore Editor
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- Zach "Jorts" Correia, Head Writer
- Jay "Sperrys" Huff, Senior Writer
- Charlie "Suit and tie" Schweiger, Junior Writer
- Elizabeth "Sensible clothing" Arterberry, Junior Writer
- Katie "Creepy Mardi Gras mask" Kerrigan, Junior Writer
- Jack "nude" May, Sophomore Writer

