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THE END IS NIGH!!!

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Look outside! Snow is everywhere. Class is cancelled. Curtis, Slayter, and Huffman are all closed. And we're all out of electricity! The end is nigh... at least I assume it's nigh by the time you're reading this. You see, I'm actually writing this article in advance. Back in "before times" when this winter storm was nothing but a concerned whisper. I figured campus would need one last Bullsheet before taking a cold plunge into the frozen apocalypse, so I'm writing this on Saturday. It's step one of my 12 step program. Not A.A but an elaborate survival plan. I cannot disclose every step, but I will offer some sage advice to all the survivors who still managed to pick up this sheet. 1) Stock up on everything. Do not share. It's everyone for themselves now. There is no such thing as too much toilet paper. 2) Give the Bullsheet staff your extra supplies. 3) Granville's deer make good meat. I've been storing venison in The Bullsheet office for years in case of an event like this. 4) When making a fire for warmth, do not use The Bullsheet as tinder. This is a valuable piece of paper and is actually fireproof. Hence why it's so valuable. 5) Do not go to the Bullsheet office. That is already my secret hiding spot- oh. Um... Ignore that. I'm afraid I disclosed too much! I hope this sheet has made the end times just a little more enjoyable. And if the world doesn't meet its snowy end on January 26th, I will see you all next week!

DENISON LOVES AI!

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I am lucky enough to say that I have finally sat through my final syllabus week and if one thing became clear, it is the fact that Denison University loves academic integrity (AI for short). Professors won't stop telling us how we should always be using AI in the classroom! Meaning each student should show up to class ready to do honest and disciplined work, which should honestly be the default expectation in a college setting but I guess professors feel it needs repeating every single first day of every single semester. One thing AI prohibits is plagiarism. The act of lazily stealing work without citations and then passing it off as your own. This includes stealing from published works, other students, and even your own sloppy work from previous classes. Very recently, work generated by artificial intelligence has been declared as a form of plagiarism.

All of my professors have explicitly prohibited the use of artificial intelligence as it is anti-AI (academic integrity). Although some professors have admitted to seeing the benefits of using artificial intelligence while still banning it across the board. This ban covers every form of its use, from generating content, locating real sources, and even organizing your own thoughts. At this point you may think that this article is about to defend artificial intelligence in hopes of scoring some sweet sweet money from Mr. and Mrs. Grok, but I personally think that this is all great news! Artificial intelligence should be banned from classrooms for reasons that aren't funny enough to list. However, I find this decision strange because...

Denison loves artificial intelligence! Maybe not the professors. Maybe not every art student. But Denison University as an institution supports artificial intelligence (AI for short). Last semester I saw multiple posters with art that I suspect was generated by machine and not one of the countless talented artists on this campus. Over the past four years, I have received several emails about Denison-hosted workshops on how to boost your AI skills as well as advertisements for AI-powered resume builders. And if you don't trust my experience, Google "Denison AI," and Denison's official website will tell you, "Denison University is leading a new model for AI in higher education. Here, AI is not just a technical tool; it's a lens to ask deeper human questions, foster creativity, and prepare students for meaningful lives and careers." In short, according to Denison, artificial intelligence is a method for deeper thought and genuine meaning while simultaneously being a lazy and dishonest way to get work done. Talk about mixed signals!

Denison loves AI (artificial intelligence) but wants us to learn AI (academic integrity). But Denison, you cannot have AI with AI. That's like having your computer generated cake and trying to eat it too. You look stupid gnawing at your screen and as a result it makes it hard to take any of your high standards seriously. So either proudly embrace AI or completely ban it from our campus.

In totally unrelated news, I lost a grand trying to score an AI girlfriend. The file got corrupted and I've been in a sour mood ever since.

TOP 5 WORDS OF THE YEAR: 2025 EDITION

Carter Seipel,
word girl

As a creative writing major, my one and only job is to know words. Luckily, there are many major dictionaries to help with this lofty assignment. Every year these dictionaries select one word to become **THE WORD OF THE YEAR**. This esteemed title goes to a word that captures a year's essence. Yet, these dictionaries can't even agree on a word! That's right, there are multiple words of the year. I took a look at a list of these words on Wikipedia and ranked some of my favorite words of the year.

#5 "6-7" (Dictionary.com) ~ This easily goes straight to the bottom of the ranking. For starters, numbers are barely words. At the very least it's not a descriptive word for a year. Did we forget every year is already described by a number? Also, in their word of the year announcement, Dictionary.com admits that "we're all still trying to figure out exactly what it means." They don't even know what the word of the year means! By their own definition it describes nothing about the year. It was only picked because of its rampant popularity. All style. No substance. Bad word of the year.

#4 "Vibecoding" (Collins English Dictionary) ~ Okay, I know I said my job is to know words, but I have no clue what this word means. A brief glance tells me it has something to do with coding, but I couldn't be bothered diving deeper. What do I look like, a stem major? This word has the opposite problem of 6-7. It's not popular enough. All substance. No style. Not feeling its vibe.

#3 "Parasocial" (Cambridge Dictionary) ~ Parasocial describes the feeling of an intense connection with a celebrity or fictional character who cannot reciprocate these feelings. I felt as though it was a little late to make this the word of the year since parasocial freaks have been a staple of online culture since the early internet. However, I noticed the Cambridge Dictionary added people who feel strong one-sided connections to AI to their definition. Unlike 6-7, this captures something about the year! Calling out media, celebrities, and AI companies that prey on the chronically lonely to make a quick buck is a good choice; however the strong connection you have with the Bullsheet staff is completely different and entirely real. Because of this oversight I cannot rank this one any higher.

#2 "Slop" (Merriam-Webster/American Dialect Society/The Economist) ~ Not one, but three different sources picked slop as the word of the year. In this case, "slop" is used to describe lazily made internet content often with the use of AI. I find this to be the most depressing word of the year. It signals a quiet acceptance of the slop-ification of content, media, and art. You can find slop everywhere from your instagram feed to the sharp decline in quality of Stranger Things. Well, slop is everywhere except the Bullsheet! We're still turning out top quality content everyday there's classes! Reject slop. Embrace sheet.

#1 "Ragebait" (Oxford University Press) ~ This is it. *The* word of the year. It takes the bleak reality "Slop" offered, adds the viral popularity of "6-7," and contains a scathing critique similar to "parasocial." If you don't know, ragebaiting is the act of doing or creating something with the sole intent to anger or enrage. On one hand ragebaiting has been used to farm views and divide the country but on the other hand it can actually be so much fun! Examples of fun ragebaiting include people trolling the chronically online, poking at government officials, and even the Bullsheet's parking ticket stunt! It's up to you to take the admittedly rude act of ragebaiting and turn it into something funny or even positive. And isn't that what 2025 was all about? Taking an awful reality and having a good time on the way down?

And if you disagree or find yourself upset by my ranking, please consider this article a successful attempt at ragebaiting. It is the word of 2025 after all!



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