

Misunderstood Lacrosse Player Wishes Someone Would Read His Poems about Lacrosse-Playing

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Greg Milton BK '08, a three-year member of the men's lacrosse team, has voiced frustration and disappointment over the fact that no one wants to read his lacrosse-themed poetry, sources close to the student report.

"The dude has just not been himself on the field," said Vance Carnegie IV ES '09, a varsity midfielder. "I mean, when he dropped that around-the-world assist during the line drill, we knew something was up." The team has announced that it will stand by its left attacker as he seeks acceptance for his sensitive side. When asked whether he had read his friend's poems, however, Carnegie responded, "Do I look like a fucking pussy to you?"

An American Studies major, Mil-

ton discovered the joys of poetry during a cross-country road trip with his bros his sophomore year. He says he finds inspiration in "how sick lacrosse is," although he has been moved in the past by "those douchebags on the hockey team." One of his poems describes "the sick sun shining on my bros" while "we cradle our A-sticks around the cage/body-checking the D." A more introspective verse reflects on "pimpin' blue jerseys and white skin/so white, like the sails of the Mayflower."

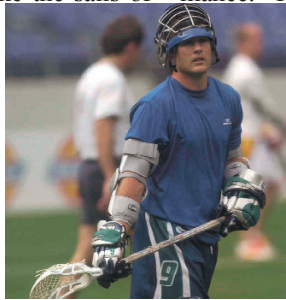
But Milton also revealed that fear of rejection and mockery cast a shadow over his creative efforts. "I always felt like no one would understand," he admitted. When

his submissions to various poetry journals across campus were overlooked last April, the varsity athlete lapsed into a depression.

"Those were dark times, bro," he said. "I started wondering whether all those Theta chicks really did like me for my mind. The world was spinning, although that could have been the beer."

Milton's professors also noted a decline in his academic performance. Herman Vaughan, who

teaches a seminar on Legos and their applications in American society, said: "He didn't even speak in monosyllables anymore. When he wanted to say something in class, he would use half a syllable, or



maybe a quarter of a syllable. Or he would talk using no syllables at all."

Yale administrators have long been concerned that stereotypes surrounding student athletes may limit their modes of self-expression. Under pressure from Milton's family, President Levin has announced his intention to open a workshop dedicated to increasing tolerance for "ballers and laxers with a penchant for pentameter and simile." Proposed topics of discussion include "How to Beat Up Critics of Your Poetry" and "What are Pentameter and Simile?"

Despite his limited readership, Milton has expressed his continued commitment to writing verse. "As long as there's lacrosse in my life, dude, I'm gonna have these words inside me," the three-year varsity veteran said. Yale's athletic department could not be reached for comment.

Inner City Cat Community Plagued By Curiosity

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In a stunning trend, urban communities of cats have experienced a significant rise in curiosity, resulting in devastating consequences for these groups of felines.

"It's terrible," said Angela Leibowitz. "My cat Fluffy used to be so responsible and easy to take care of. He used to be satisfied with milk just and balls of yarn. But now that he's been overcome by this curiosity, he's started wandering the streets at all hours of the night. His curiosity is simply insatiable."

"It started with just a mild flicker of interest," added Ms. Leibowitz. "But that turned out to just be the beginning of it. That was a gateway into full-blown curiosity."

The upswing in curiosity has been directly linked to a rise in violent

crime among cats. The once-harmless scuffles that cats fought amongst themselves have given way to all-out brawls. According to the National Association of Veterinarians, this has led to a significant rise in serious cat injuries and even deaths, especially among kittens.

Some advocates, however, disagree with this assessment. "They say that curiosity killed the cat, but that's ridiculous," said Ted McAbrams, an official spokesman for the Citizens for Curious Cats (CCC). "All these people who want to keep the cats away from their curiosity don't realize that it's not actually dangerous. Curiosity invites you to go out and explore. It can really take you someplace... a place that's really beautiful."

But Jonathan Schwartz, another cat owner interviewed for this article,

would have none of it. "He says curiosity takes you someplace beautiful?" thundered Mr. Schwartz. "Tell that to my cat Sylvester. He straggled home last morning after being beaten nearly to death by a group of alley cats and passed out on a street corner. Is that what the CCC wants for our cats?"

Debate over the curiosity epidemic's origin is ongoing. Some point to relaxed laws regarding the import of curiosity, and others to inadequate police enforcement. Still others insist that it is the result of a broader conspiracy – in fact, they suggest that curiosity was introduced into inner-city areas by the CIA in order to keep them from moving forwards.

"Yeah, man, the CIA is completely responsible for this whole thing," said Ben Walker, a former government

employee and expert on intelligence activities relating to felines.

"They were the ones who saw the inner city cats as a threat and didn't know what to do about it. But by letting the curiosity in, they were able to take care of the cats without appearing to be involved. It's criminal, what they did to those cats. Now a whole generation of cats is dropping out of obedience schools and taking to the streets."

However, most attribute the sudden rise in curiosity to broader, sociological issues in the cat community. "This curiosity is really just another sad result of the state of feline pop culture," said Anna Johnson, a New York-based feline-rights activist. "These cats hear all these rappers and they start to think they're invincible. It naturally leads them to this curiosity."

"But what these cats need to learn is that they don't really have nine lives."

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