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Part One

My Tri-C Life Illustrated

one student writes, another student draws, true stories, real talk

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Sex, Drugs and The FAFSA Rollercoaster.

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'Bout That Life art by Adrian Valentine/story by Dantez Frazer

BEFORE TRI-C, I WAS 'BOU THAT LIFE.' GETTING MONEY.

I SAW FRIENDS EITHER DIE OR GO TO JAIL.

FAMILY PUSHED COLLEGE, BUT SCHOOL IS FOR SUCKERS

BESIDES, I BARELY GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL.

I PULLED UP MY PANTS AND ENROLLED AT TRI-C

SO FAR, IT'S CHANGED MY LIFE.

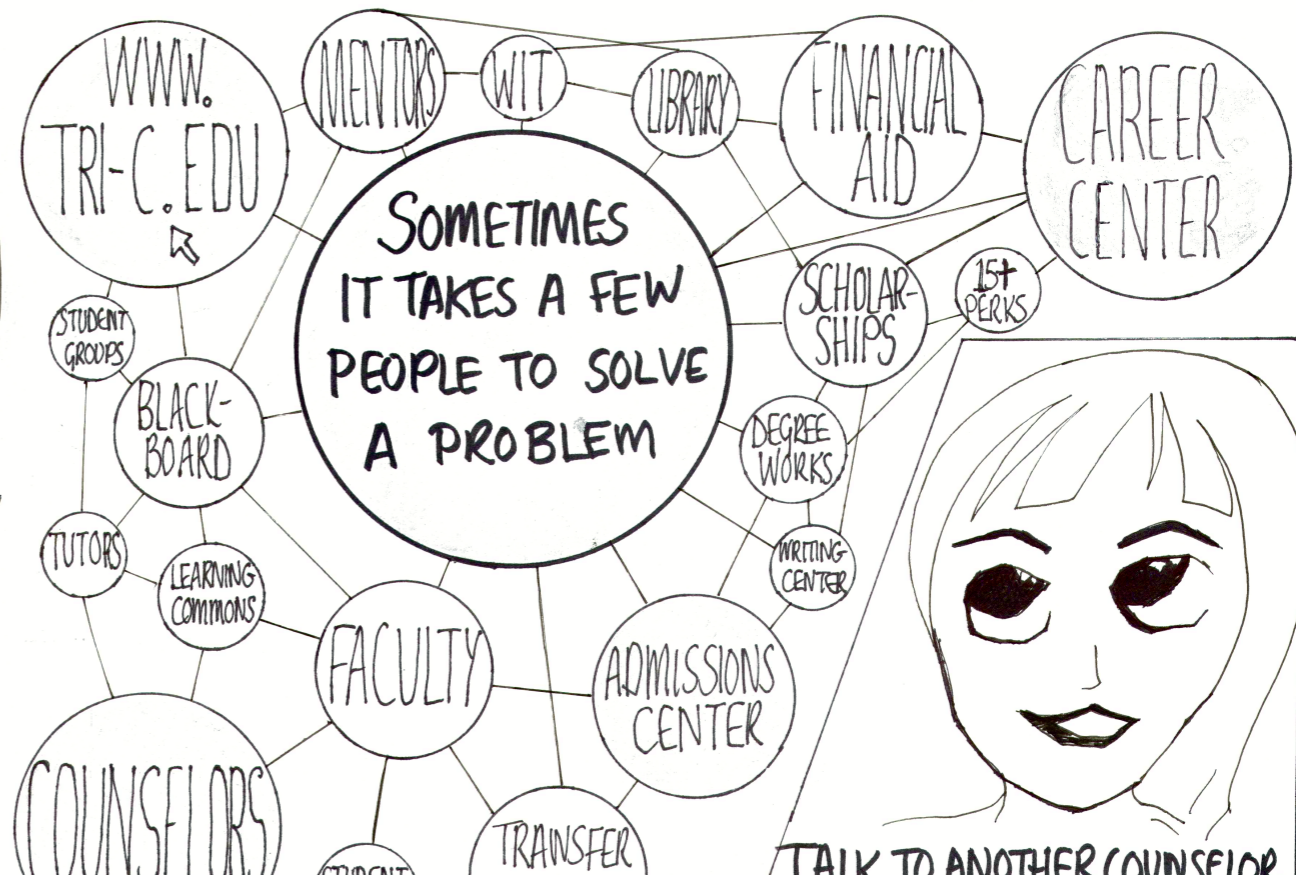
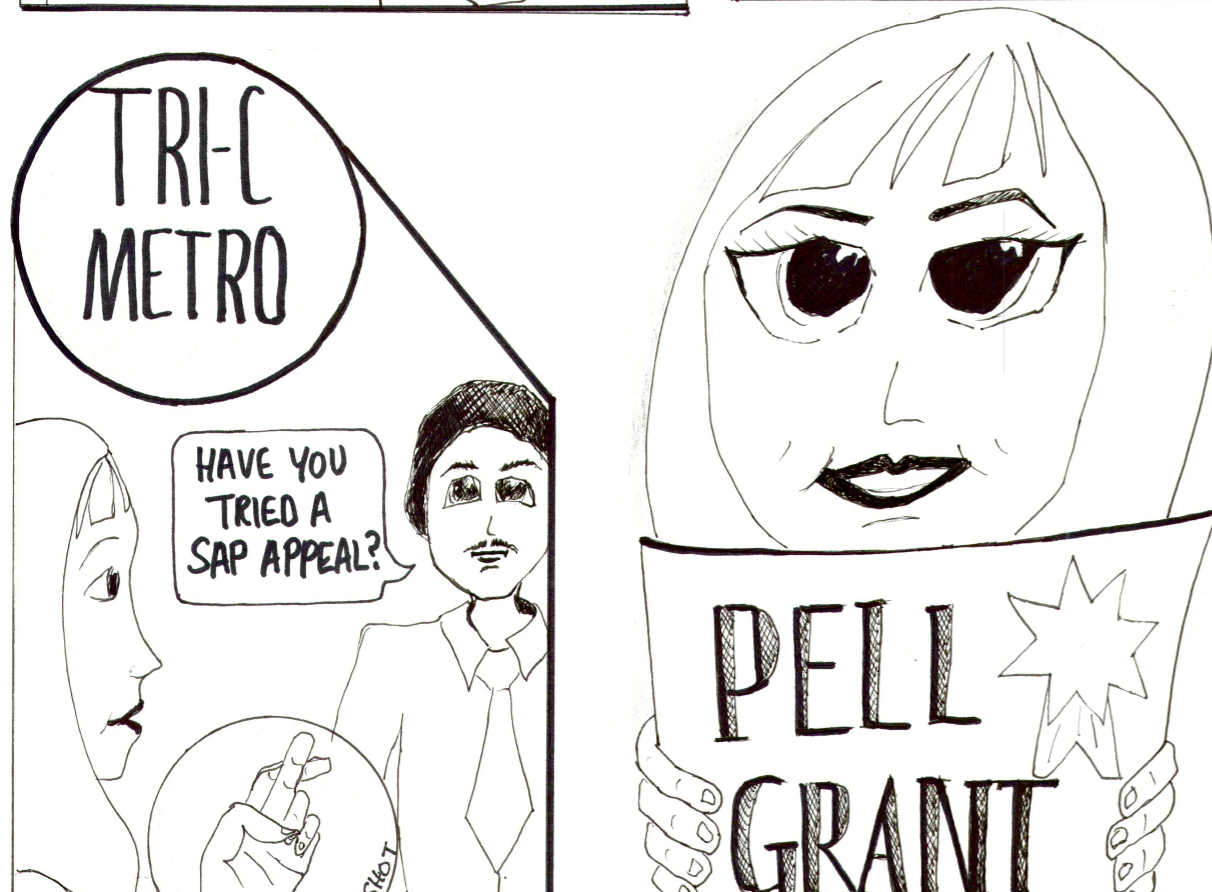
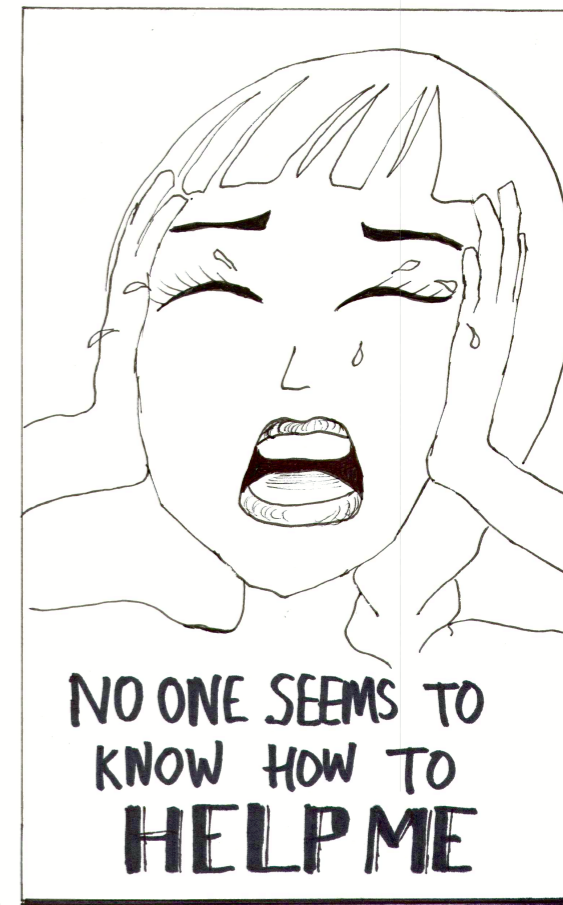
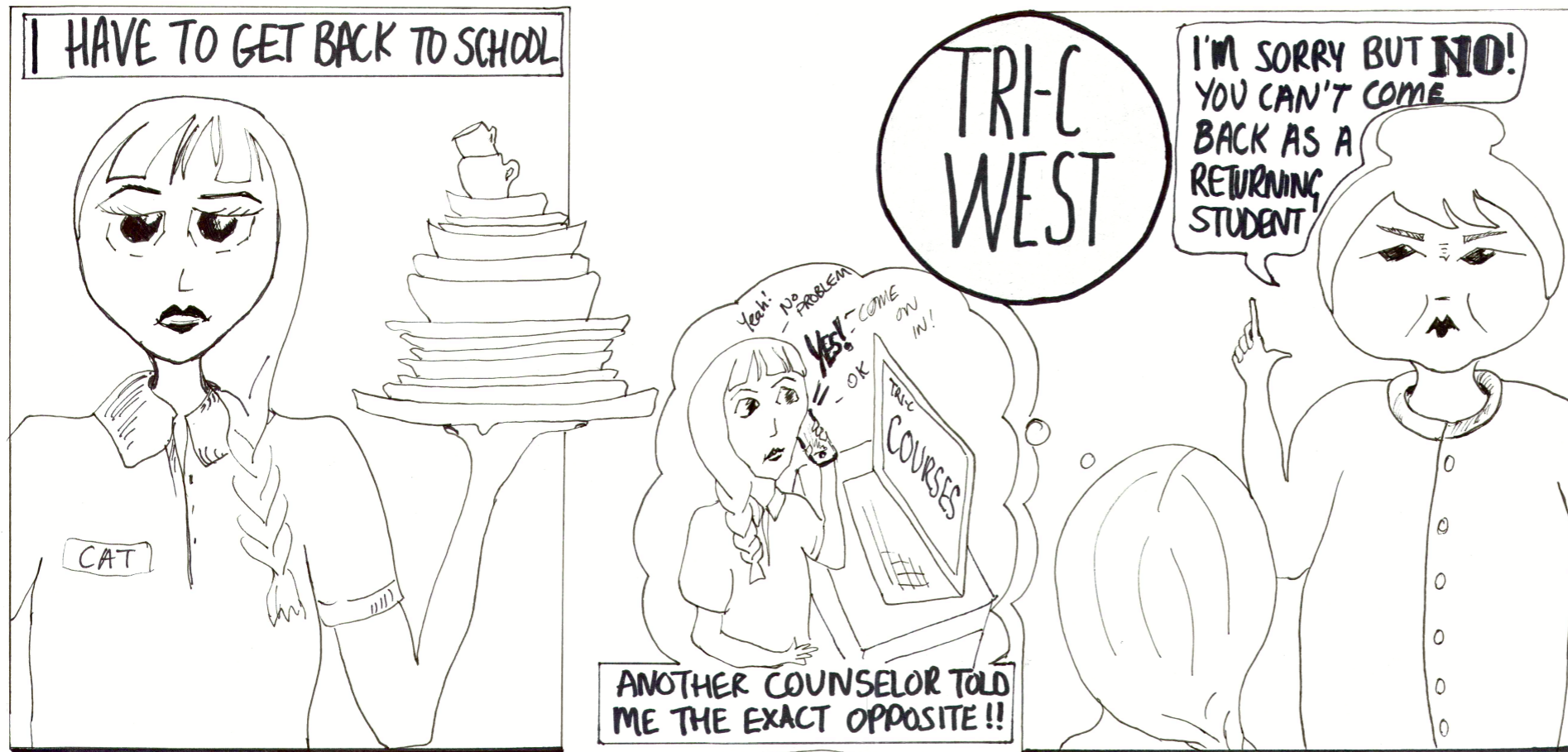
THE PROFESSORS ARE COOL

I MEET OTHER FOLKS GETTING THIER LIVES RIGHT TOO.

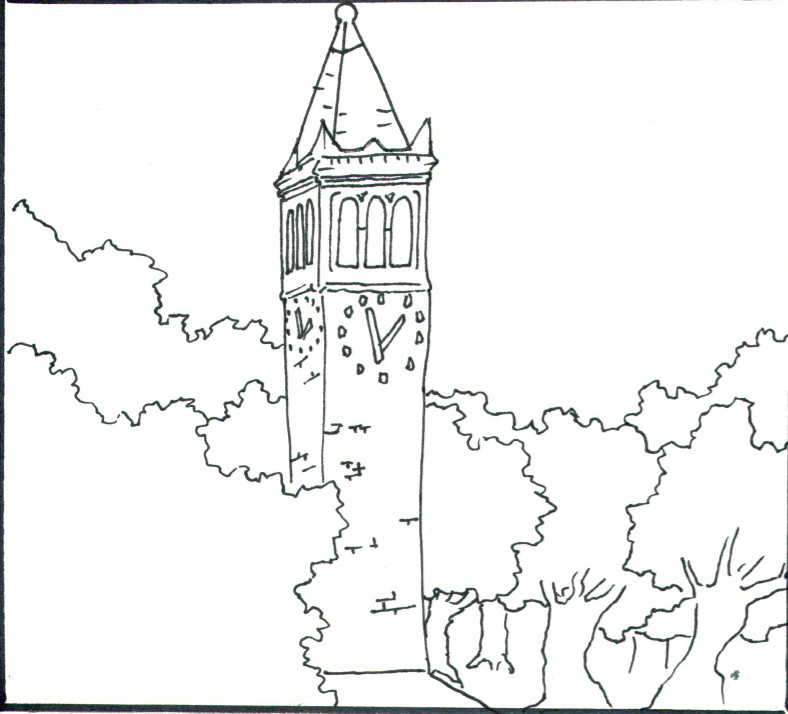
IN THE STREETS, I WAS GETTING DUMBER BY THE DAY.

FROM TRI-C, I'M GOING TO UNIVESITY, THEN BRINGING IT ALL BACK HERE.

TO THE PLACE WHERE I FOUND ANOTHER LIFE.



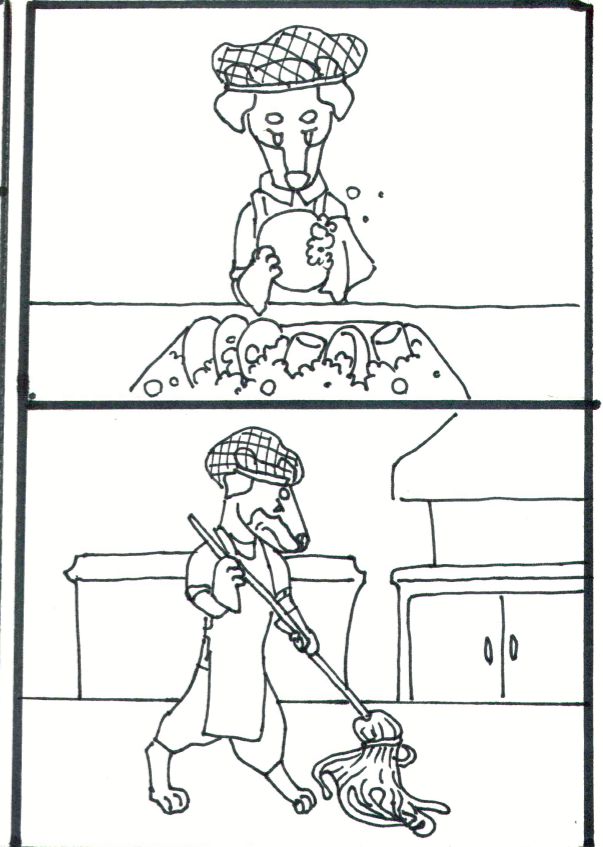
I WAS A STUDENT AT MY DREAM SCHOOL
UC BARKLY



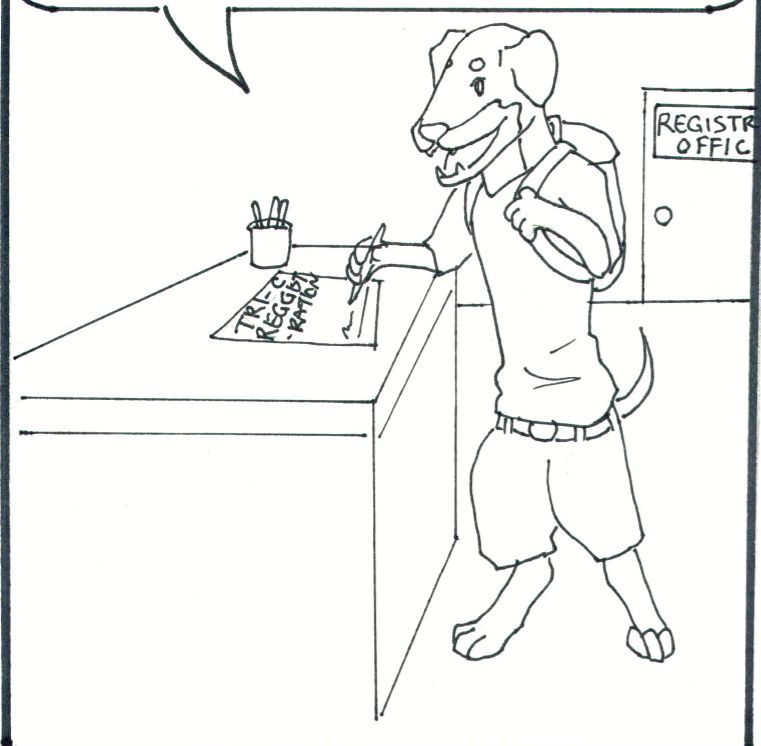
CLASSES WERE HUGE.
I COULD NOT FIND MY PLACE.



I WAS A HORRIBLE
STUDENT, SO THEY
KICKED ME OUT.



I DECIDED TO TAKE
SOME CLASSES,
WHY NOT?



I GOT INTO PROGRAMING
AND GAME DEVELOPMENT -
AND LIKED IT!



MY PROFESSOR WAS REAL SUPPORTIVE

I KNOW SOMEONE WHO
NEEDS A DEVELOPER,
INTERESTED?



THE DREAM
SCHOOL WAS
IN MY BACKYARD.



Change The Plot art by Chaya Cohen/story by Aman Jamal

BEING ON REDDIT MADE ME WANT TO BE A JOURNALIST

REDDIT REDDIT

THE MEDIA BIAS MADE ME CONSIDER A NEW CAREER GOAL.

NECKTIES = TRENDY

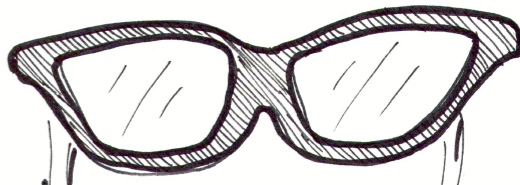
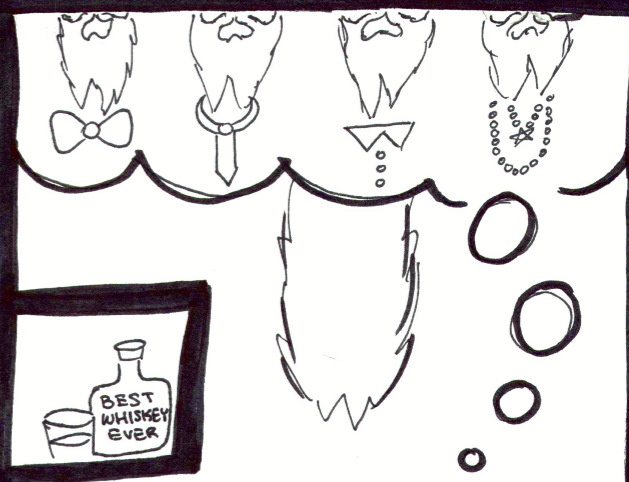
... all newspapers lie...

A PERSONALITY TEST SAID ENGINEERING WAS FOR ME.

TEST
 ENGINEER
 ENGINEER
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BOWTIES = TRENDY

... yea I need order and accuracy.



MY TRI-C PLACEMENT TEST SHOWED I HAD HIGH MATH SCORES.

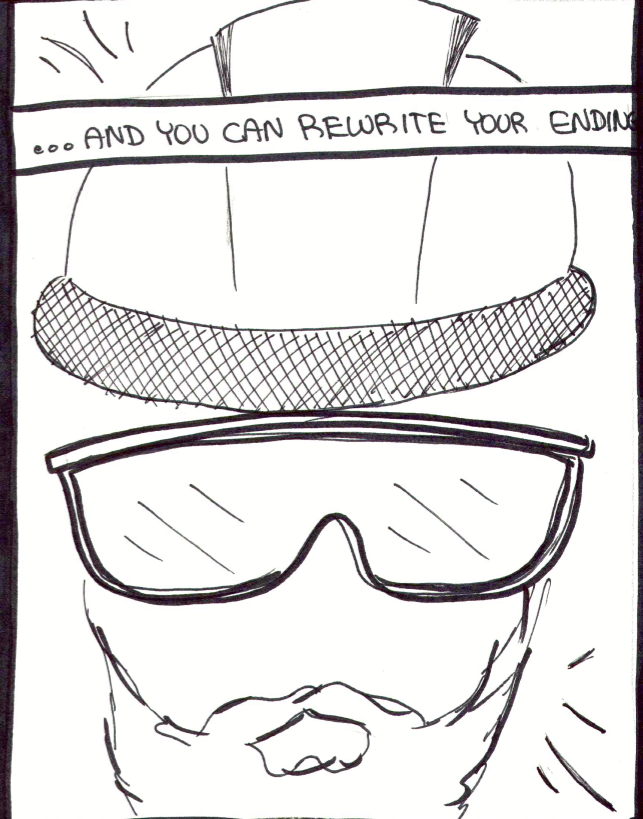
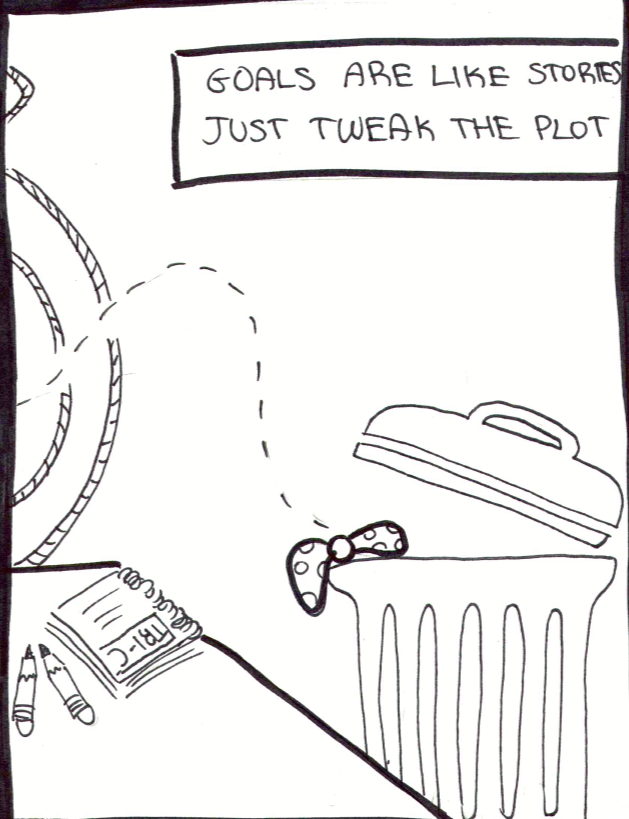
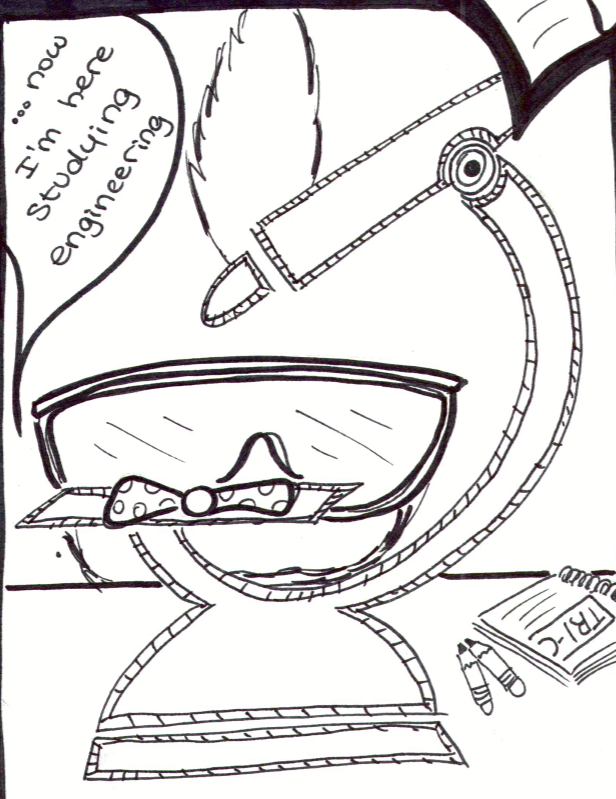
... now I'm here studying engineering

GOALS ARE LIKE STORIES JUST TWEAK THE PLOT

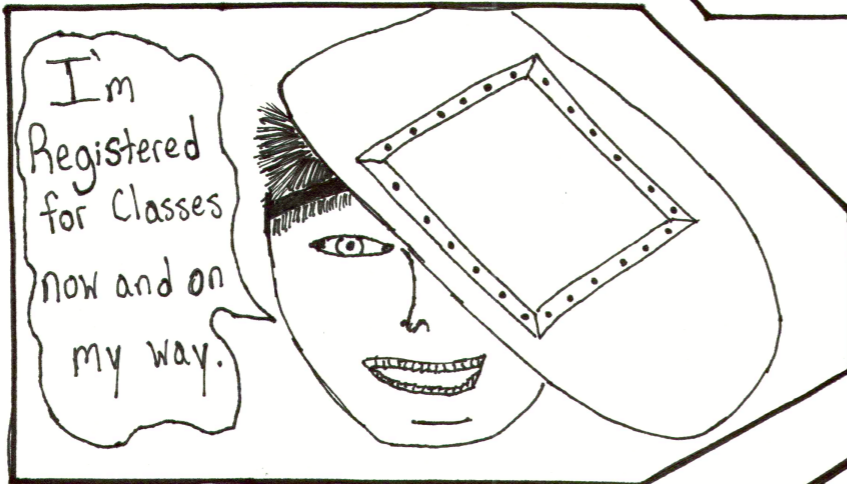
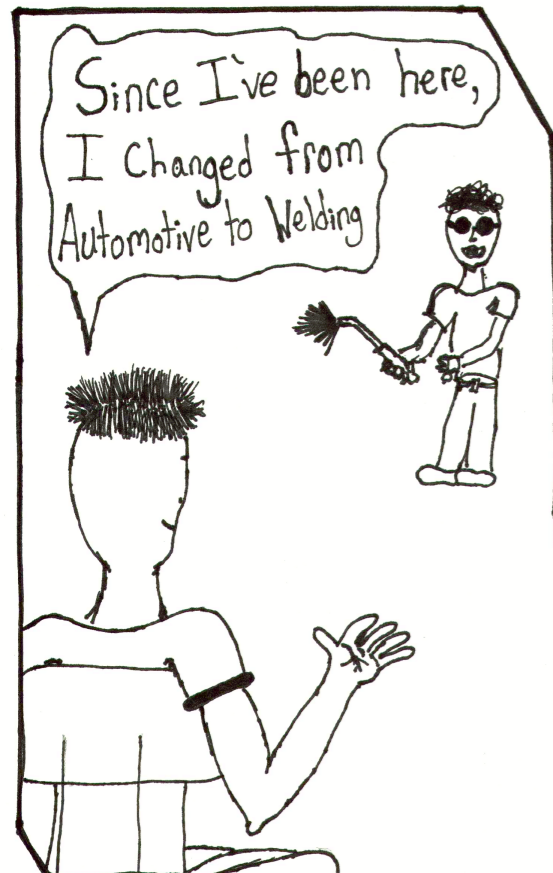
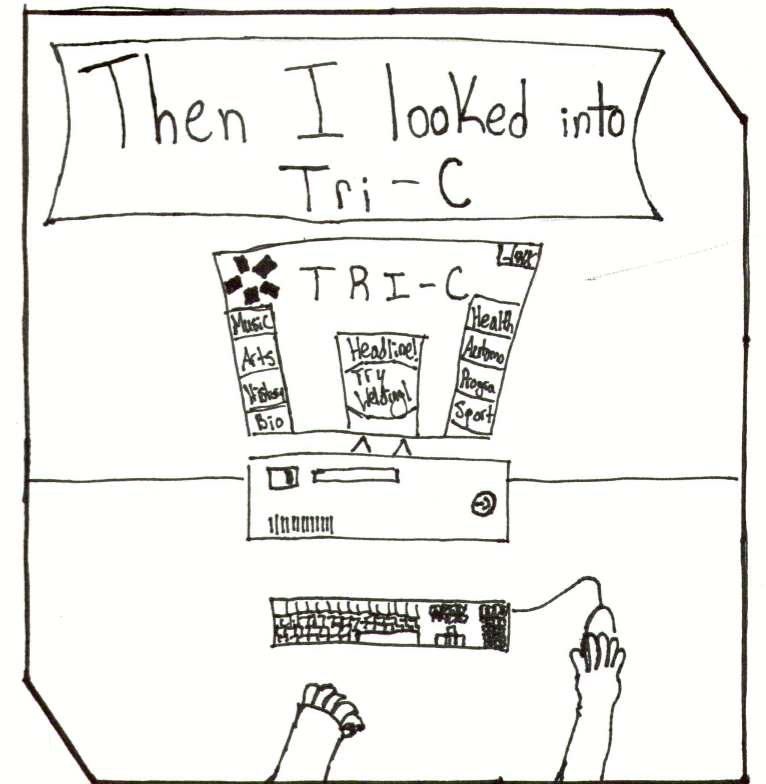
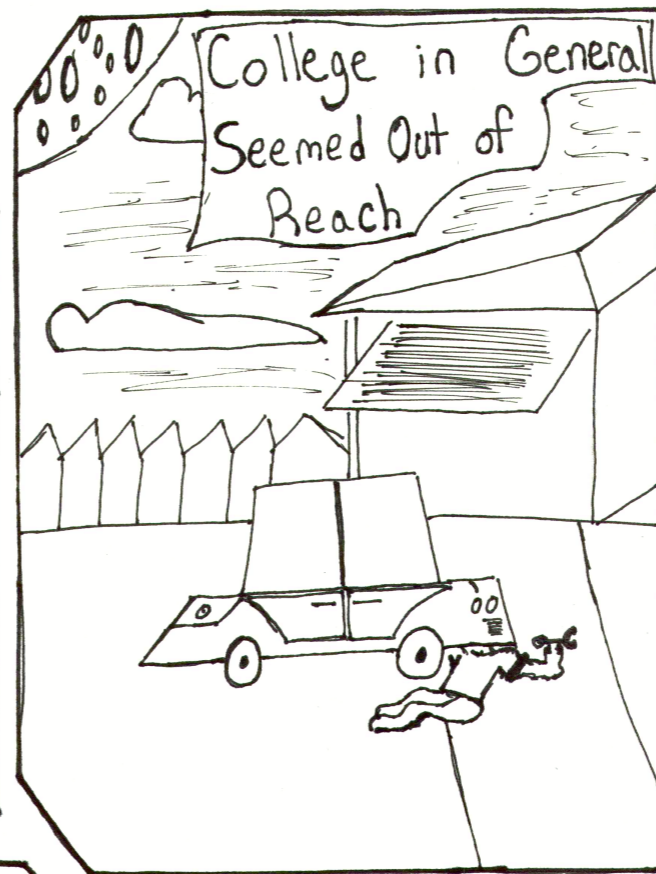
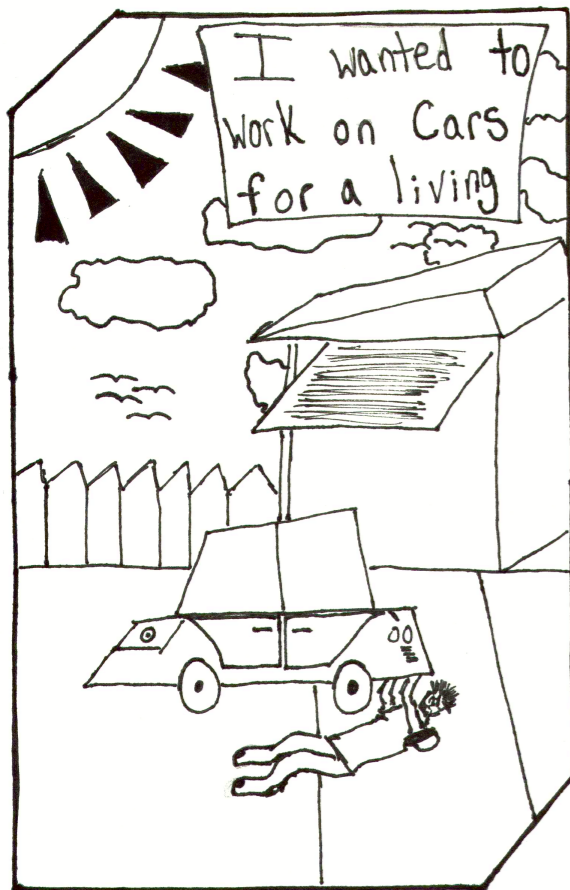
... AND YOU CAN REWRITE YOUR ENDING

BINGO!!!

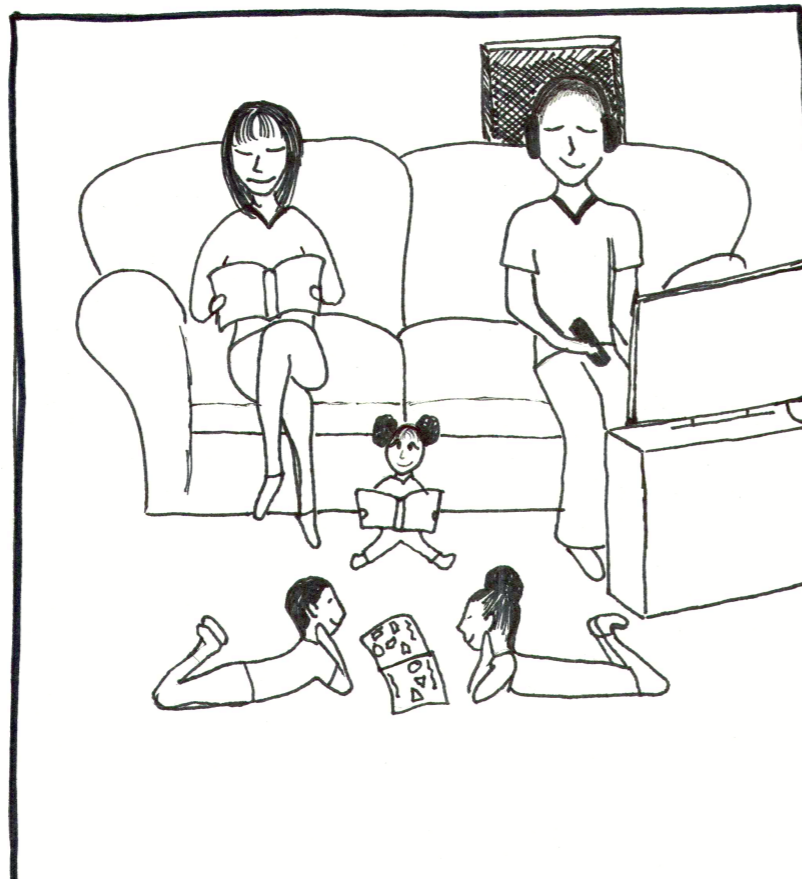
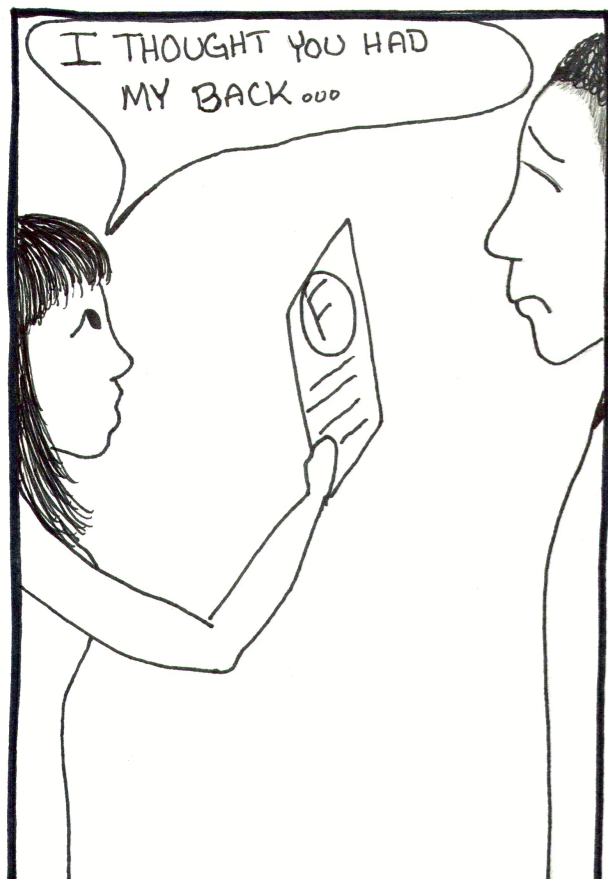
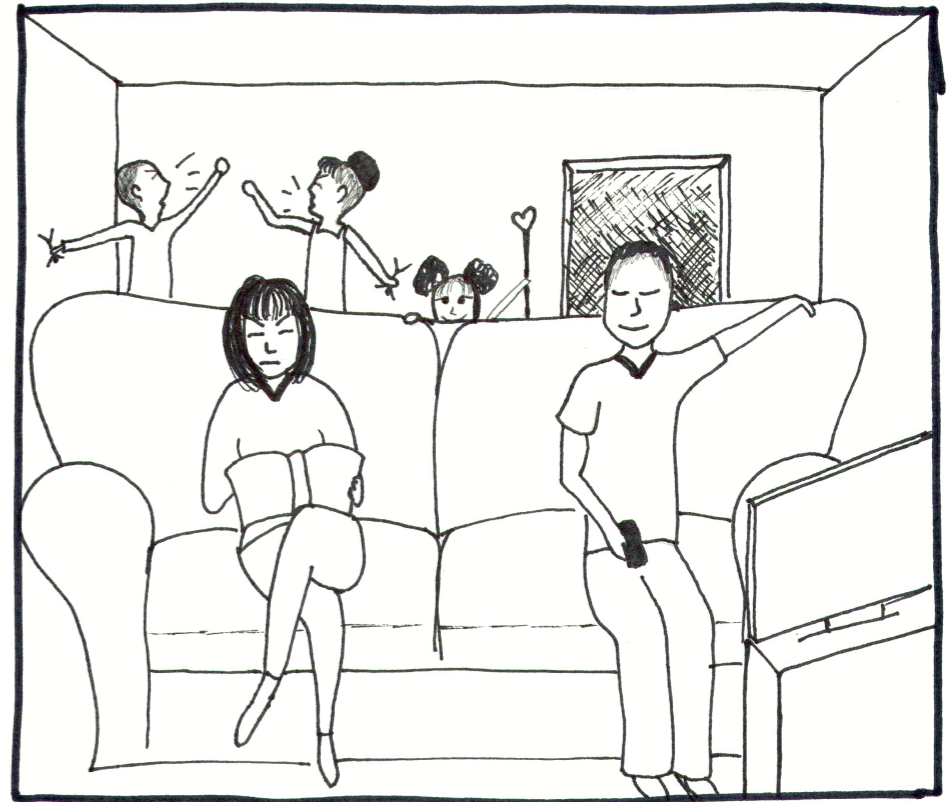
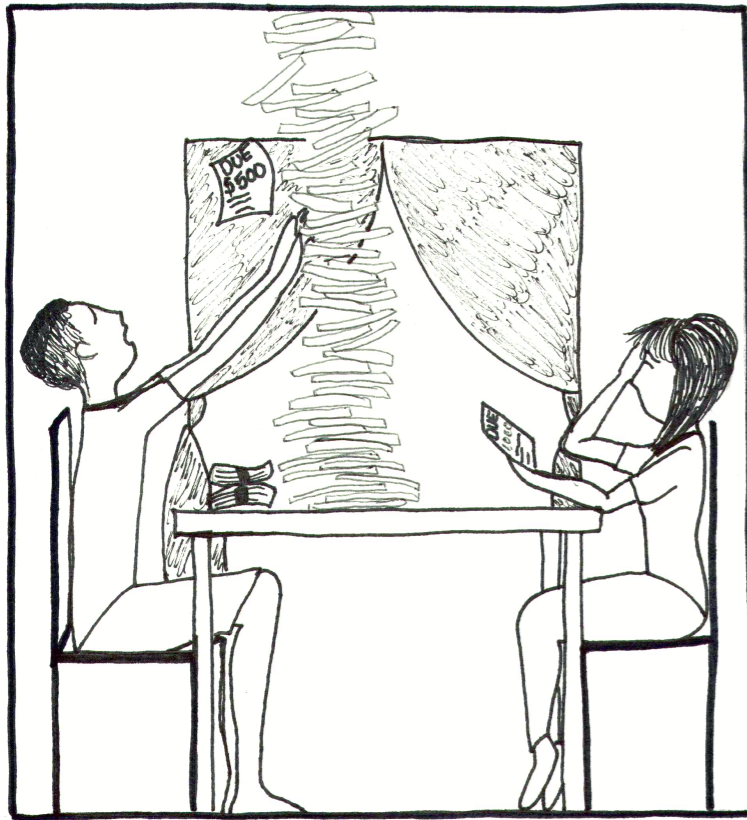
100% DIFFICULT MATH Q.



Heavy Mettle art by Martin Gall/story by Chris Bosak



Spousal Support art by Alex Robinson/story by Candiss Scott



MY FIRST YEAR OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL



I KNEW I WAS **GROWN**

SO... I STARTED TO SMOKE WEED



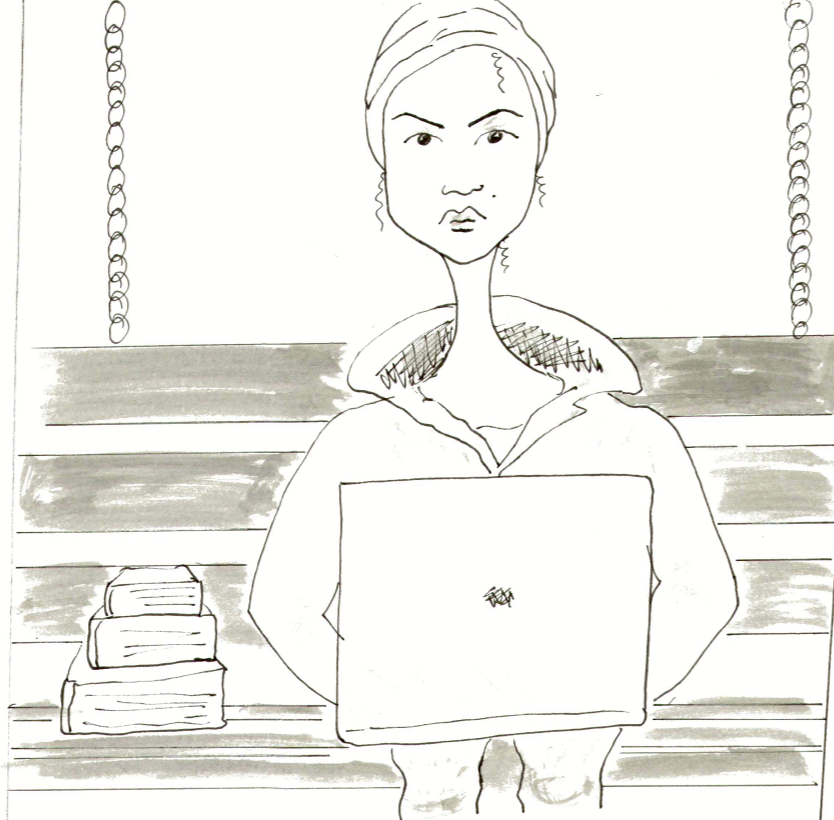
"JUST FOR THE SUMMER"

BY THE TIME I STARTED TRI-C, IT HAD TURNED INTO A HABIT...



I HAD TO CUT IT OUT OF MY LIFE
ALONG WITH A FEW PEOPLE

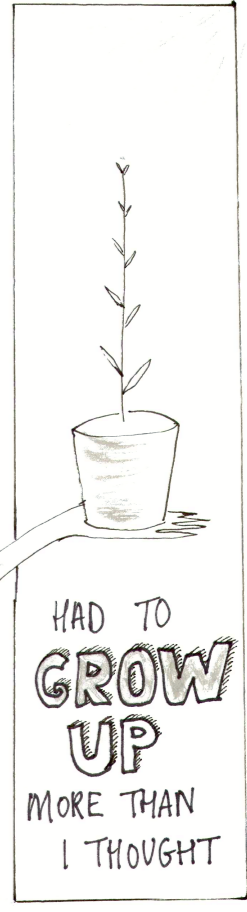
SLOWLY BUT SURELY ~ I WAS DONE WITH WEED



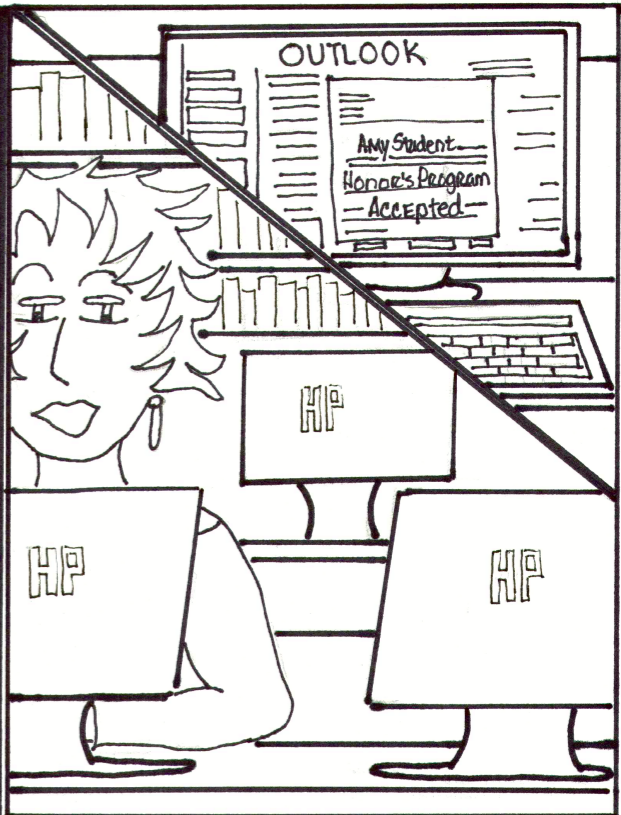
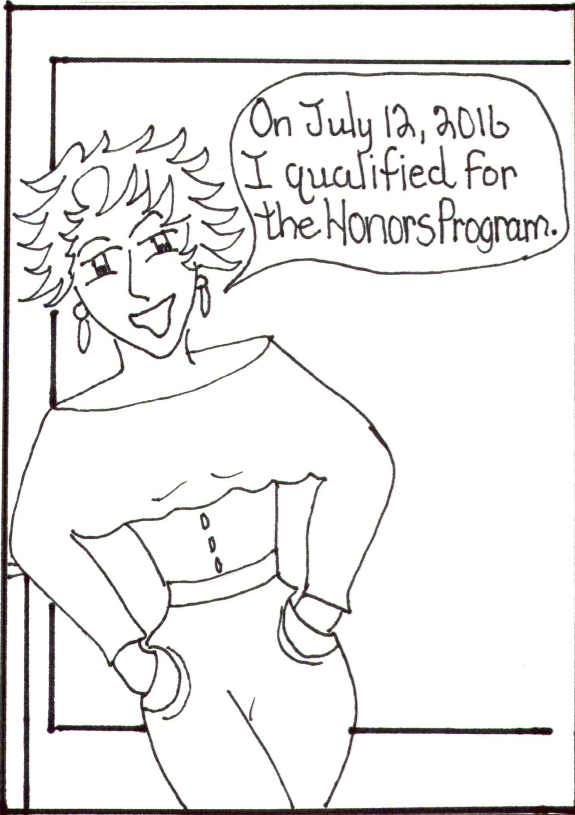
I MADE UP MY SCHOOL WORK



I ALMOST LOST IT ALL



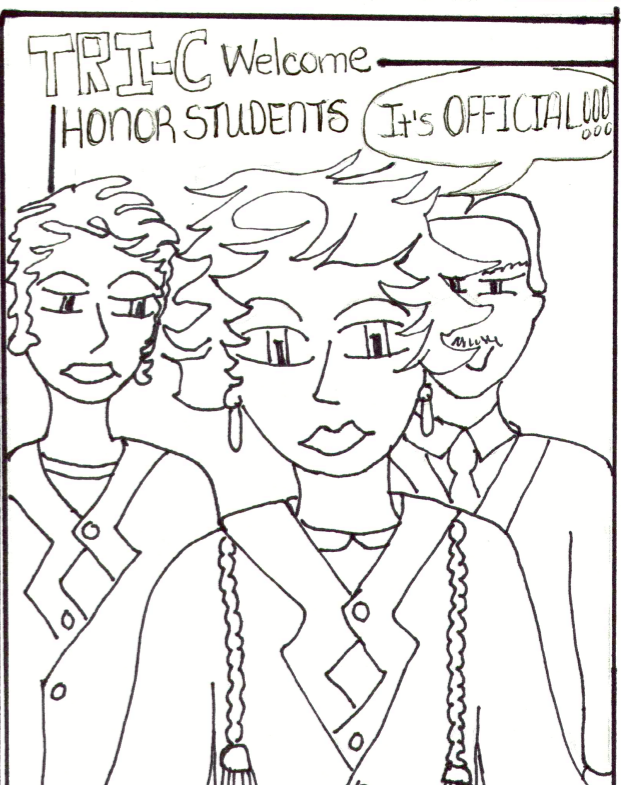
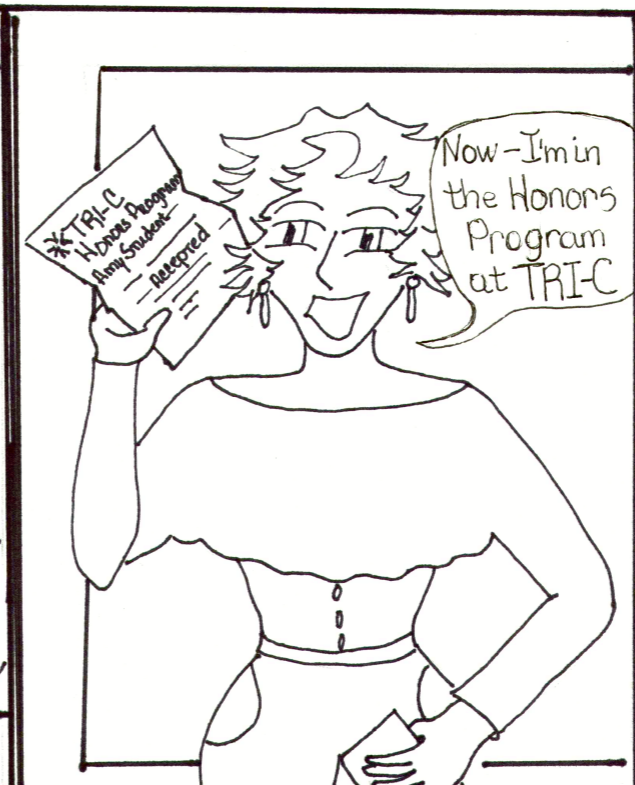
HAD TO **GROW UP**
MORE THAN
I THOUGHT



What if I didn't get it?

I put in my application online.

TLC at TRI-C



But to me a letter would make it OFFICIAL

Thanks Mom!

Now - I'm in the Honors Program at TRI-C

TRI-C Welcome HONOR STUDENTS It's OFFICIAL!!!

Definition of Education art by Keith Wisberger/story by Rebecca Johnson



MY UNCLE WAS MY DADS BEST FRIEND - IT WAS SAD WHEN HE GOT SHOT

RETURNING HOME FROM COLLEGE WAS HARD

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT MOVING BACK TO CLEVELAND?

I WAS GOING TO COLLEGE IN FLORIDA

BUT CLEARLY MY DAD NEEDED ME.

WHEN I GOT HOME, I HAD TO TAKE A SEMESTER OFF:

WHEN IS FLORIDA GUNNA SEND MY TRANSCRIPTS?

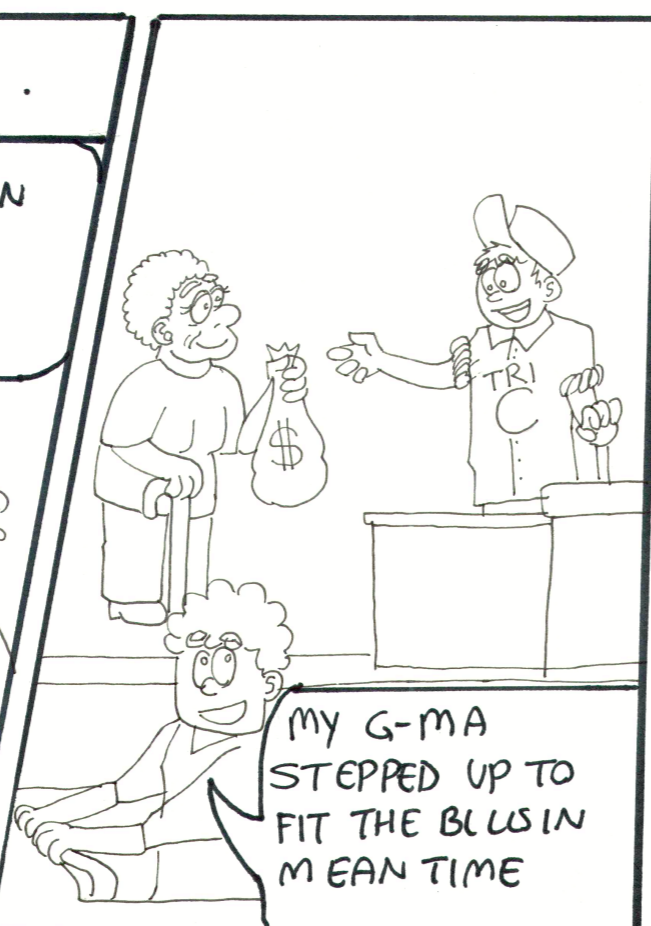
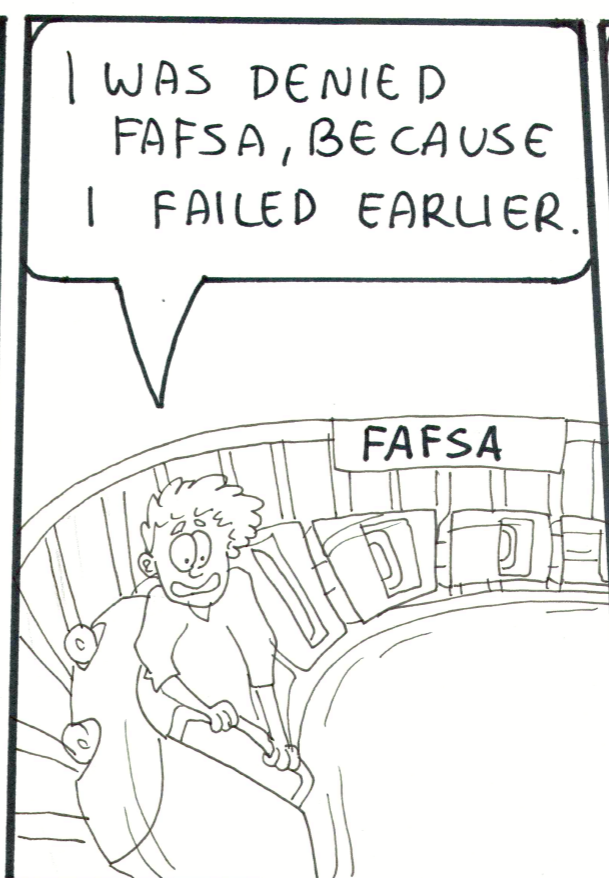
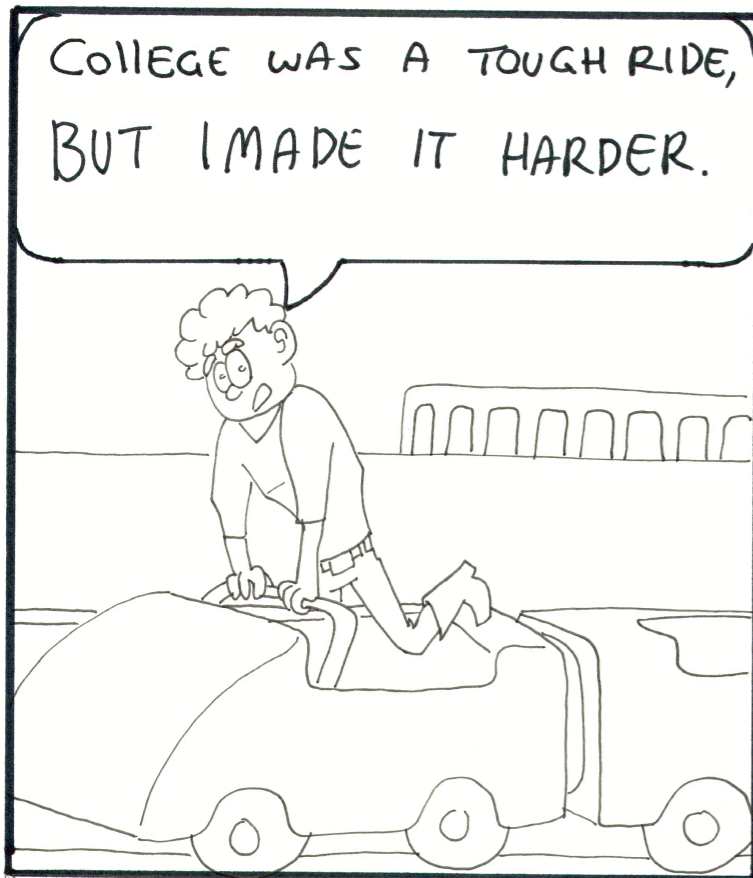
THEN I HEARD ABOUT JUMP START AT TRI-C AND JUMPED RIGHT IN.

WELCOME TO TRI-C JUMP START!

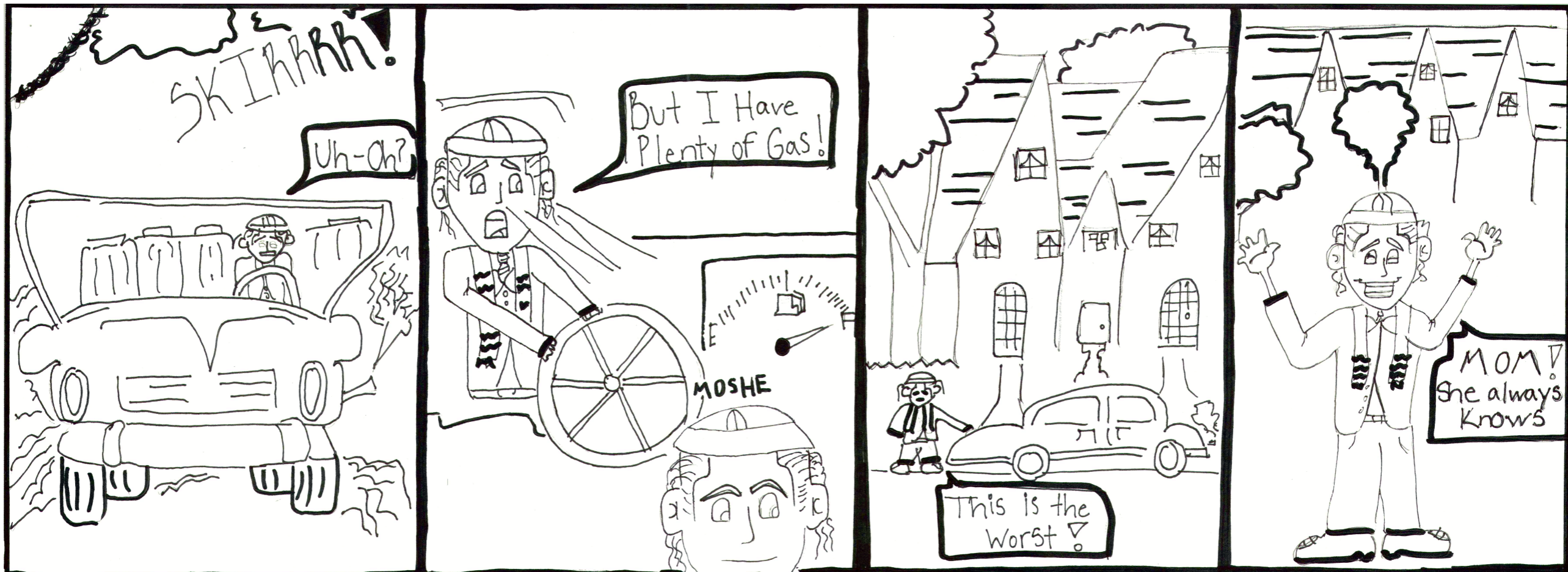
JUMP START WILL MAKE SURE I DON'T GET BEHIND

GOTTA BE HERE TO HELP FAMILY BOUNCE BACK

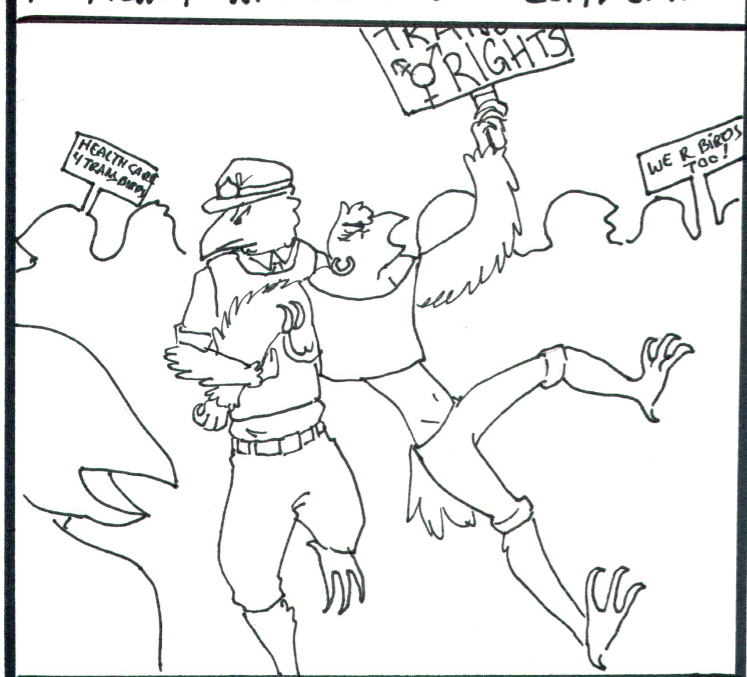
The FAFSA/SAP Rollercoaster art by Adrian Valentine/story by Hezikiah Sherman



Moshe – That Car! (no excuses) art by Cortez Allen/story by Moshe Applebaum




IVE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A LEADER.



NOT JUST THE FIRST DRAGGED AWAY

I GOT ATTENTION, BUT FOR THE WRONG REASONS.



MALE TO FEMALE TRANS WOMAN ARRESTED!

I WANTED TO SCULPT MYSELF, BE MY OWN CREATION, BUT LIFE WAS CARVING ME AWAY.



I TRIED TO FIX MYSELF, BUT I DID NOT HAVE THE TOOLS.

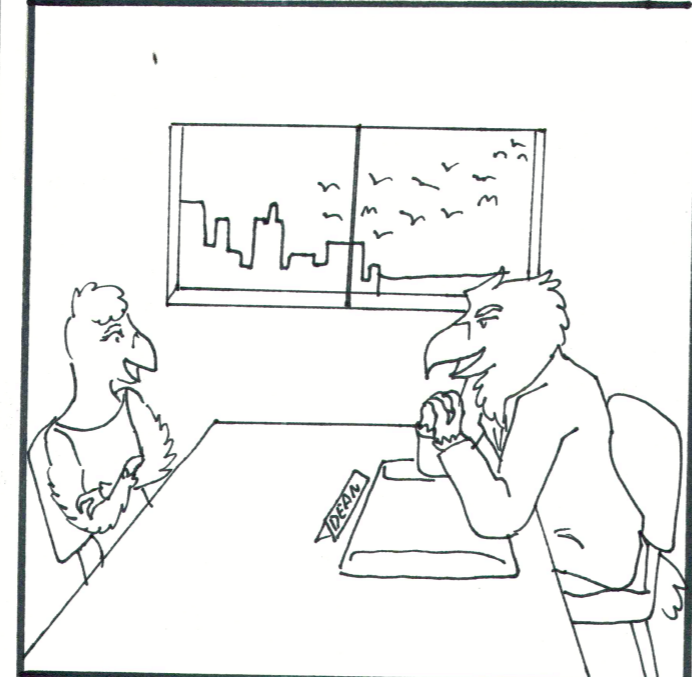


I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO FLY, BUT I COULD NOT MEND MY WINGS.




I KNEW THE ANSWER WAS A DEGREE.

I KNEW EDUCATION COULD OPEN A BOX FOR ME.



I ALSO HAD A MISSION.

I WANT TO CREATE A GUIDE FOR TRANS STUDENTS AT TRI-C!



WELL YOU KNOW WHAT NIKE SAYS.