'Beer Swigger's Bible' a must for college life

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"The Complete Book of Beer Drinking Games" by Andy Griscom, Ben Rand and Scott Johnston is the best collection of recreational drinking rules around. Best of all, it comes with a custom barf bag.

This "Beer Swigger's Bible" contains all the usual games near and dear to every college student's heart: "Quarters," "Bullshit," "Boat Racing" and "Beer Softball."

The games are ranked according to the amounts of alcohol consumed. "A boot factor of '1' describes the lowest potential for tossing cookies, while a boot factor of '5' warns of an almost assured heave." One Boot Factor Five game "Boot-a-Bout" is brilliant for its simplicity and deadly for players. This game was custom-made for any gnarly drinkin' joint. A pitcher of beer is passed around the group, each player drinking as much as he desires.

The beauty is the game's only rule: "The player who drank just before the player who finishes the pitcher must buy the next pitcher." Before you think that this sounds boring, consider the amount of beer you would be willing to drink to ensure that the person before you has to purchase the next round.

"The Complete Book of Beer Drinking Games" is a worthwhile investment for anyone who believes the sole purpose of college is to drink and have fun



Authors Ben Rand, Andy Griscom and Scott Johnston spout beer at each other.

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Dope is very important to all great musicians, he explains. "Look at Jimi Hendrix, the Doors. Look at the Beatles." He raises his eyebrows and throws a sideways grin at his students who are never sure when they're being had.

In 12 short weeks, the students cover rock 'n' roll's milestones, from its birth in rhythm and blues to the newer progressive rock. Most of the course is devoted to the legendary acts — Chuck Berry, Little Richard, Jimi Hendrix, Bob Dylan and, of course, the Beatles.

Debra Bailey, a senior journalism major, said she likes Ramal because "he doesn't take himself too seriously but you still learn everything you could possibly want to know."

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trip to Toronto, Canada.

"We were sitting at Burger King talking about where we could go," Haston said. "When we said Canada it was like a magical word. Everyone's eyes lit up, and we said 'Yeah, let's go to Canada.""

"We basically went because of boredom. We were waiting for classes to start, and we had to do something," Wooten said. "We were looking for something big."

On a long road trip, rules are bound to emerge. Wooten said they agreed to split any speeding tickets acquired on the trip.

"The guy in the back could sleep. The guy riding shotgun had to stay awake to keep the driver company and the driver couldn't drink," Wooten said. "The whole way up there, we kept looking at each other saying 'Can you believe we're going to Canada?"

The feeling of disbelief is one that Ford Stokes, a senior marketing major, knows well. Last fall, he and two friends drove to Atlantic City, N.J.

Pure chance led them to their destination. They decided on Atlantic City by flipping a penny on an atlas, Stokes said. "It landed on Atlantic City and we were gone about 10 minutes later."

Despite penny pinching, the students lost \$300 gambling at Trump Plaza. "We came so close to having only \$6 to our names," Stokes said, "but we won it back."

All of our road-trippers agreed that the best aspect of their trip was having no deadline. "We made it a point to stop every time we wanted to," Wooten said.

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