

The original Marathon
DJ's name is Jeff
Michel and he DJed
as "The Mighty Spirit."
During the 1964-1965
school year, he
broadcasted for 6.5
hours under a shower
with a condomprotected
microphone.

BUT, that wasn't actually the founding of Marathon.

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The real precursor is the Money Mad Marathon in 1965 that lasted for 135 hours.

It all started when the finance committee announced a reduction of more than 50% of the station's tiny budget, so the protests began. The station sent a telegram to the committee that read.

"Never before have so many asked for so little to do so much!"

The Hullabaloo ran a front page editorial arguing for WTUL receiving full funding, and listeners wrote saying the same.



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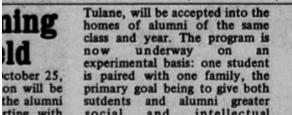


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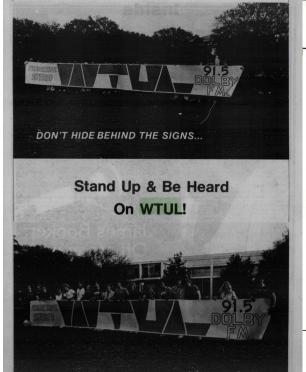
Tulane, will be accepted into the homes of alumni of the same class and year. The program is now underway on an experimental basis: one student is paired with one family, the primary goal being to give both sutdents and alumni greater social and intellectual enrichment through contact with one another. Any out-of-town students interested in this program should contact Miss Field in the alumni house.

Another of Miss Field's projects, which holds promise for the second semester, is a series of discussions among six to eight groups of students and alumni. According to Miss Field, the discussion groups were formed in the belief that the growth of even a small amount of understanding among people always pays off.

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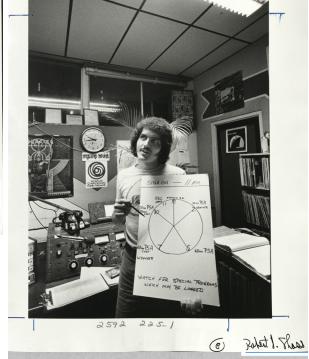
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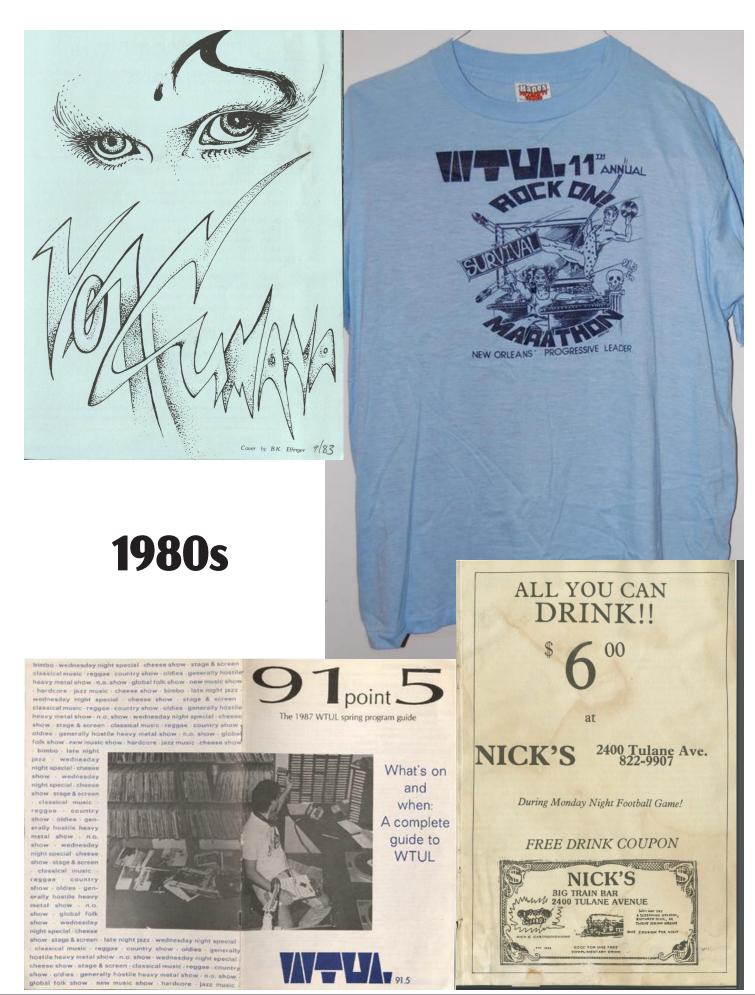
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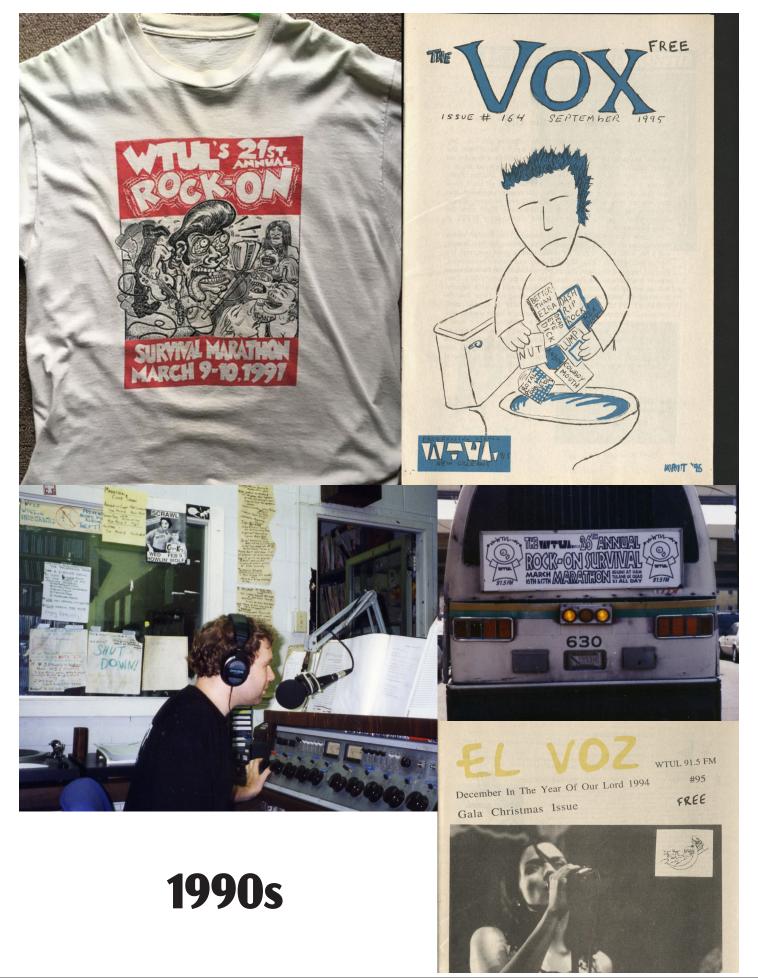
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Present days...



WTUL (semi-officially) celebrating the rise & fall of the great Ziggy Stardust outside Snake n Jake's when David Bowie died in January 2016!!

L-R:

W: Calder King (DJ Calder)

T: Michelle B. Perez (DJ Serpentina)

U: Ashly Cristia (DJ Pompeii)

L: David James Robinson (DJ D-Rob)



The Catharsis of **JOY**





[All photos by Beau Patrick Coulon]

An Interview with **Pasha Jovanovic** of New Orleans' own dance punks, **JOY**

<u>DJ Sight Unseen</u>: Pasha! Great to catch you. You've been focusing your creative energy in a big way lately! I can't wait to hear more about that. But first, please tell me about your band JOY. Why "JOY"?

<u>Pasha Jovanovic</u>: It's about claiming joy as a legitimate pursuit. We are entitled to it. JOY refers to dancing with friends and the catharsis of music. Yes, it's tongue in cheek because our music doesn't exactly sound joyful, but the sentiment behind it is sincere.

<u>SU</u>: I've only seen JOY written in all CAPS.

PI: It's not a rule. It just seems to look better when we write it out that way.

<u>SU</u>: JOY started out as a trio. When did you, Heiress, & Griz start playing together?

PJ: Since Mardi Gras of 2018.

<u>SU</u>: And y'all released your first recording—your self-titled cassette—last year?

PI: Yes, we recorded in August & it came out on October 17 [2020] on the label Girlsville out of Portland. We sold out of cassettes, but it's available digitally on our Bandcamp, with 100% of proceeds going to **NolaCovidMutualAid**.

<u>SU</u>: That's what's up. The description of JOY's music—'anarcho-spice'—is excellent. What else do you consider your sound?

<u>PI</u>: That was a cute joke, but I'm ready to put it to bed. It fit those first recordings. Otherwise, I like 'dance punk' & 'anarch post-punk.'

<u>SU</u>: What were some of your inspirations as a trio?

PI: I was really inspired by the guitar sounds of classic *Gang of Four* and *Wire* — I love *Wire*! And *This Heat*, I love how they incorporated sounds & layered samples. I considered *This Heat* in our sampling, the pre-recorded voices & layers underneath the guitars. With JOY, my two guiding principles are *Kate Bush* and *Crass*. Kate Bush's layered voice arrangements are amazing. Crass's album "Penis Envy" specifically, influenced the three of us. The vocal delivery on that album: truly inspirational. Heiress & Griz were really inspired by *Rubella Ballet* & *Rudimentary Peni*, while Griz wanted to have the driving feeling in our music, keep pushing it forward, like *Zzounds*.

<u>SU</u>: What was the last live music you experienced before the world shut down?

PJ: The last show I went to was actually our show in February 2020 at the CAC [Contemporary Arts Center] for Meg Turner's exhibit, HERE AND NOW. Meg hosted a punk show called RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW, where we packed the museum with friends & her photos were all over the walls. Representation is everything. Meg's images capture communities that she's a part of from all over the last decade; it was a great experience to play a show in that space.





<u>SU</u>: Of course, no one knew that that would be it for a while, for shows, for seeing friends, an ongoing while. Wait, how many shows has JOY played?

<u>PI</u>: Literally two! It's not our fault. The pandemic ruined our lives.

<u>SU</u>: Well, when the pandemic's over, what band do you want to see, if you could see anyone?

<u>PI</u>: I mean, dead or living? That's tough. Actually, right now I just want to see Cyndi Lauper. I would love to go to a huge arena show packed with a million people.

<u>SU</u>: Recently, you've been writing & recording new material. What have you been working on & with whom?

PI: After the tape came out, I still had tons of ideas & creative energy. Heiress was involved in other projects while Griz was in New York, so I focused my energy on writing some new songs for JOY by myself. Ruth [Ruth Mascelli of *Special Interest* and *Psychic Hotline*] contributed a beat & Griz made a different beat before leaving town. Over these beats, I now have complete songs. I finished recording them on March 15, & I have had a music video idea in the works since October that Kat Sotelo & I will be filming the first week of April.

<u>SU</u>: Which came first, the video idea or the beat?

<u>PI</u>: They started out as two separate entities: I knew I wanted to make a video using my visual ideas, but I had no clue which song would match. While I was working on the song "The Ladder" & the video ideas in tandem, the themes of both began lining up organically. Thematically, I'm not trying to hammer home a message. I'm not attached to how people perceive what I make. In my own head, it's making sense & that feels great.

<u>SU</u>: Ruth & Griz each made a beat that you've used. Other than that, who else has been involved with your music?

PI: Given the pandemic times, where nobody knows what's going on, I've just got this energy right now and am fired up to create new material. I'm pushing myself to get it out there. I've got no expectations or knowledge of what the future might hold, but if Heiress & Griz jump back in, that would be great. I'm not too caught up in how it's all going to work out at the moment, I'm just working on making new things.

<u>SU</u>: Are you carrying the driving & pushing aspect from the first release into these new ones?

PI: The first tape had the driving element throughout, whereas now I am more interested in creating a *Kate Bush*-like narrative arc that can fill out a whole full length, creating an experience of wildly different emotions over one record. Some songs are driving in the same way because that vibe is important, but others go to entirely different places. I have no idea how I will play any of this music live, but I don't have to think about that right now!

<u>SU</u>: I didn't know about your visual creations. Are you inspired by any visual artists?

<u>PI</u>: Francis Bacon. Francis Bacon 100%. I'm not saying my art looks like his at all, but the feelings and the ideas of space he can communicate are really inspiring to me. My visual art right now is making physical rooms and environments to occupy. I don't paint to make a painting, I paint to make a scene. Kat & I are making these elaborate sets and props for the video. In that vein, I like a lot of Russian Constructivists who employed geometry to play with space and perception.

<u>SU</u>: I can't wait to hear and see what you've got up your sleeve. When are things going to be released?

PI: My plan is to release the song & video single this spring, & then finish the full length by the end of the year.

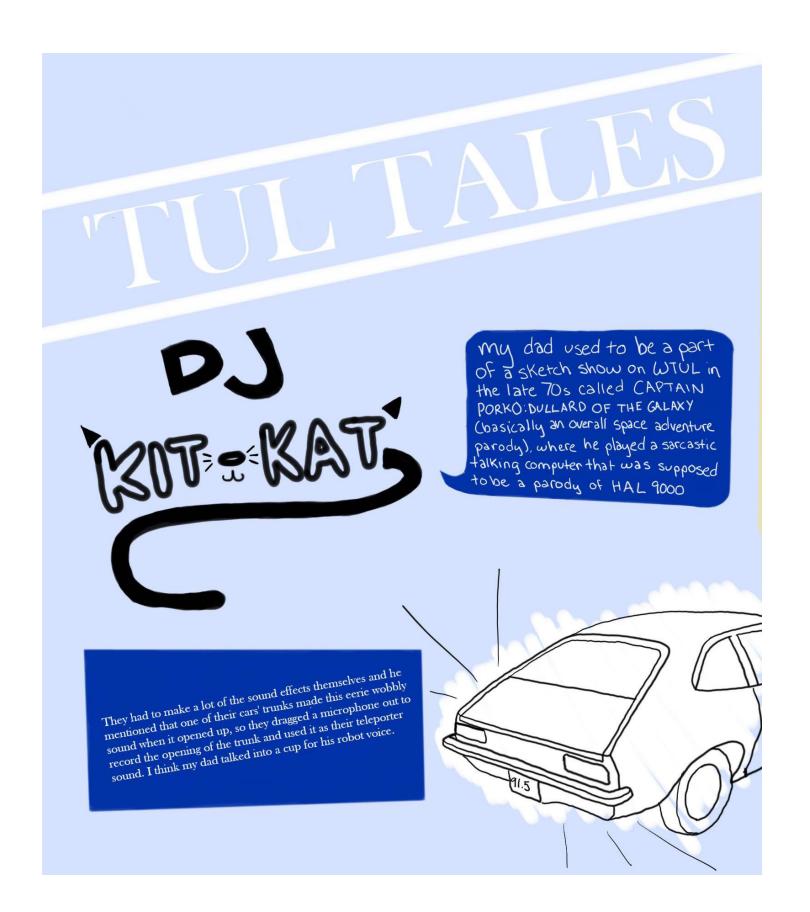
<u>SU</u>: Heck yeah. Ok, please tell me more about the music video rooms!

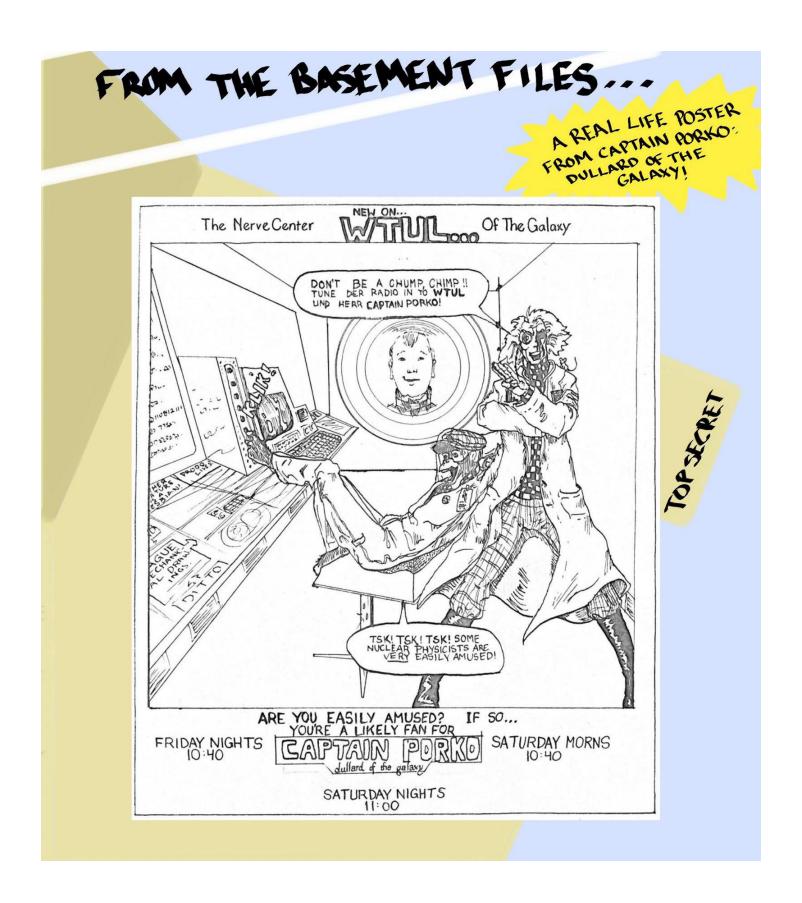
<u>PI</u>: There are five sets: each is its own environment. Kat & I each have our own worlds that we inhabit. In small ways we affect each other's worlds. It's an overwhelming, bright visual feast with saturated color. We will transport you.



DJ Sight Unseen [Tony Massarello] is a DJ & Assistant Music
Director with WTUL New Orleans

Check out JOY at joyno.bandcamp.com.
On their self-titled cassette, JOY is:
Pasha Jovanovic: guitar, lead vocals, samples
Griz Palella: drums, drum machine, vocals
Heiress V: bass





MORE ON...

There was this time I stayed on air for six hours because of a rainstorm. Happened two years ago. I got into the studio at about midnight (I bike everywhere so I didn't want to get soaked). My show ends at 6, right? I walk outside and it's fucking pouring down. - DJ Lank



I was a last minute sub for the D) after me Mardi Gras inmy first semester on air...

I had a 4a-6a slot my first semester. Most of the time I'd come down after working my bouncer shift at Banks and it wasn't too alarming to walk out into blinding sun. Those times when I biked to the station from the 7th ward though, definite twilight zone feelings after the show.

- DJ faeriegothmother



Khira Hickbottom

twenty

i confess twenty is numb

in the pit of my stomach the future creeps into now and time slides together

born into and out of distress i do not know what these decades mean but on good days i wake up and feel like i do

wait for the moon breathe in green and slip into milky sleep

i do not dream anymore just float in smoke and avoid mirrors

maybe i'll find it in the next lap around the sun

two mood rings

my mom got me two mood rings for my birthday because she couldn't decide which one i'd like better so now i wear them on either hand (they're already rusted i guess the cheap silver can't keep up with me) and i still can't tell you how i feel because they never say the same thing but i imagine it's all wanting to be loved and alone and to die happily and live forever with any luck one day they'll give it to me straight and i'll find myself somewhere between my left pinky and right middle finger

in times like these

the self knows nothing about being

thoughts are sung in accents the language you desire eludes you endlessly a machine does all your translating superficially to take a step outdoors requires mourning each morning slips to afternoon the day to dark the dark to darker you try to animate the faces of your heartbreak to think of the girl in the periphery of childhood to meet expectations of partnership and institution this brain was not built for solid shapes this brain was not built for straight lines I was built to live above the flood freedom is to run in a lime green field that expands wherever you look the grass will blow into horizon it is thick and lush sink into it

Romy Whitesell

pennies is what the past year equates to

limbs have stretched ties have broken you took me towards an inner peace telling me not to worry anymore as you sleep soundly beside me my mind dulls itself listlessly pushing off your entrancing lulls until I capsize swiftly I've never held a job a real job so who can say what I am working towards I've never held a purpose a real purpose they disintegrate too quickly this night is warm with a smoke filled wind take me to the mouth of the river lay me in the current to rest another season these feelings will linger despite all reason

Colleen Hugo

things I've learned since I moved to new orleans

Fresco will give for breakfast slow

avoid everything moves

Lowerline slow

kiss him at my blood solidifies while I

Audubon Park wait for the

in front bus

of when a cat is sterilized they call

mallards it the Z'otz baristas "fixed"

will implying something

confuse you previously the PJ's baristas broken i am too

also confuse you quick, i am too

but in less of an fertile and damaged and they

existential way
everyone is
cousins and
your name is
"baby"
to all the natives you

love it, they call me
Yank when i say it's
"wicked hot" but
nothing is wicked
here, light falls
longer and it is

meet a whole country in itself, you will fall in entire nations exist love three (3) within this crescent times, I am strong here

one for each I am stronger than I've

year of ever been residency as long as I Bruno's is blessed avoid Fresco the Boot is cursed skirt around a pen is a Lowerline pin is a and kiss him

pen kiss him at Audubon

everyone has Park.

Men buy coffee for their wives

At the cafe where I work and hope to God they are sometimes men come in surprising her with the coffee to order for an absent wife (brightening a bad

girlfriend day compensating for a marital

mother spat bringing a sister birthday gift saying daughter thank you saying sorry wooing her loving

and they talk like I know her getting

the absent wife flowers when they girlfriend mother sister daughter friend leave my shop).

girifriend mother sister daughter friend quite personally

(this I love) they'll say:

"She wants a medium with two sugars..."

and I'll fill the cup and mix the Splenda and wonder who

She is

wonder about the woman

who is out of sight at the moment perhaps in the car or else holding the dog's

leash outside

or at home waiting with a

newspaper in her lap.

Sometimes the men read the order from a little post-it note

to get it just right and when they don't I imagine they know it

by heart

having spent enough time with Ms. Medium Two Sugars

to know just how she likes it.
On a good day

I may take it a step

further

At the cafe where I work

sometimes men

buy coffee for their wives

girlfriends mothers sisters daughters friends

"almond milk, please, she's lactose intolerant" and my heart sings. They talk like I know

these women personally and I do

I know this one hates

vanilla syrup and this one loves our seasonal and this one needs

decaf (because of her heart, you know) I know just how

maybe forty-five New Orleanian women

take their coffee

(or tea or shake or juice)
I know they have men in

their lives who love them

I know them personally I know them intimately and I have never met

a single

one.

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Whoreoscopes





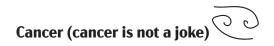
aries szn lets FUCKING G0000000000!! do some classic aries things today to honor your birth month, like losing ur temper



happy spring bb! now u can officially switch from seasonal depression to regular <3



this is a good month for your tits. show them off! a mysterious stranger will approach you with a secret mission while in line for pjs. Remember to bring a corn chip to thank him



Cancer is not a joke but those midterm grades are. the libraries still open bestie!



hey you. yeah you with the weird little face. stop fucking staring at me and read something else you seem

Virgin

Spring has sprung, and your fertility is at its peak! Now is the time to experiment with cross species intercourse (or else!)



Buy some new slippers this month. Yell at your mom

scrappy hoe

Get the vaccine, then complain about the side effects for like. Three days too long.



You're looking for hard drugs in all the wrong places! Trust your intuition this month, what you need will come to you through the infinite power of the universe



Apologize more. You always mess up. Then apologize for apologizing.

Ass square ass

Be the tree this month. Non moving, aging slowly, photosynthesizing



They're onto you! Make a run for it and don't look back.



Letter from the editors <3

Hey everyone!

We missed you since last issue... we thought about texting but didn't wanna come on too strong.

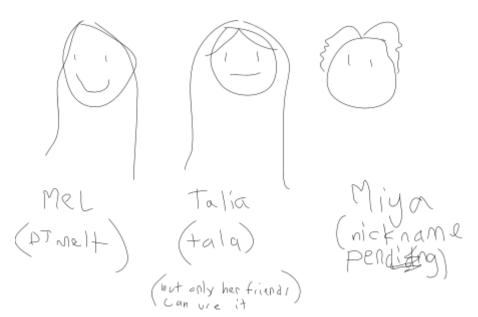
Despite our lack of experience, we have somehow been entrusted with this very special edition of the Vox Humana... Marathon! As we gear up for the marathon to start, we wanted to use this issue as an opportunity to look back on both the last year as well as the past marathons (the ghost of marathon past if u will.)

Talia and I (miya) DEFINITELY understand how the marathon/wtul/radio shows work, just don't ask us for too many details even though we aren't DJs. We do know that it's tax season, meaning you should throw your money around!!! Especially to amazing, grassroots, creative cuties like everyone at WTUL:)

Anywayssss back to the issue at hand (literally! the issue! Ha ha get it like an issue of the vox!? U get it right?) looking back on the year honestly fucking sucks, but we hope we can reframe it for u in these 30 ish pages. Take some time to smell the flowers, hunt the bees and break the camel's back this week as you think about how much better (or worse or exactly the same) your life is since last year's non-existent marathon.

Okay love you bye.

(hope u enjoyed)



If u see us on campus say hi this is what we look like ^



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