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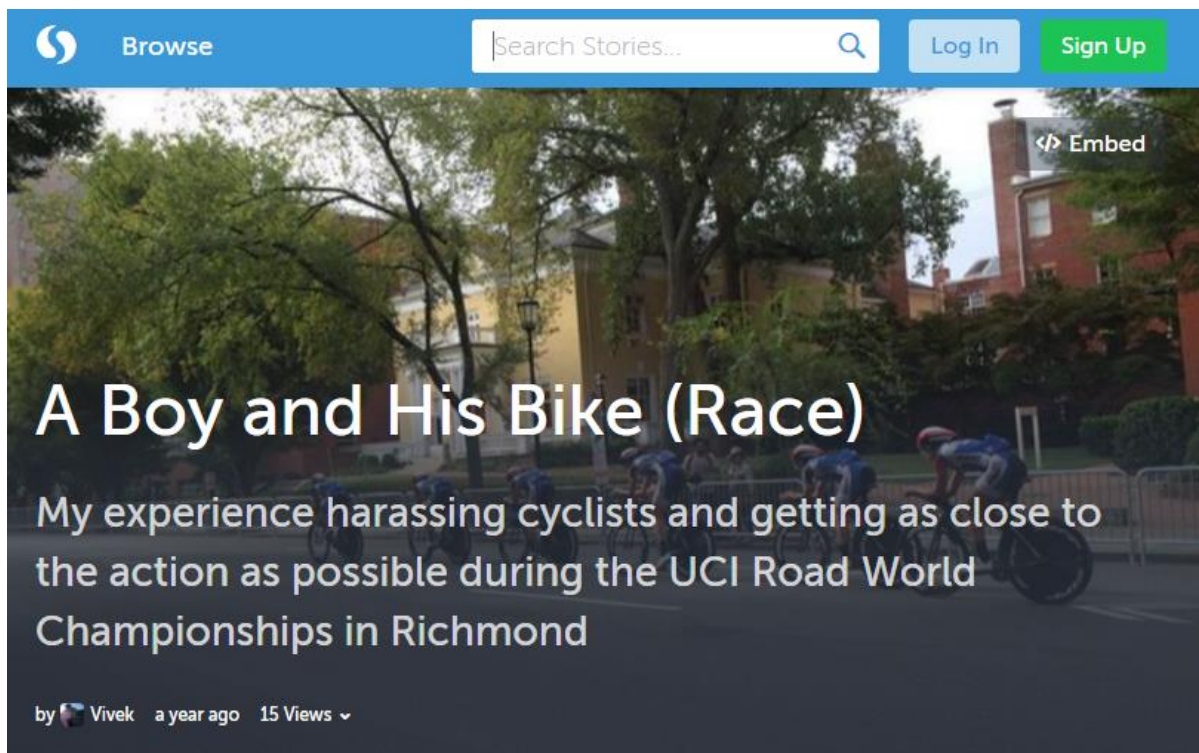
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A Boy and His Bike (Race)

October 8, 2015


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A Boy and His Bike (Race)

My experience harassing cyclists and getting as close to the action as possible during the UCI Road World Championships in Richmond

by  Vivek a year ago 15 Views

See You Real Soon Crowdsourcing Journalism

October 8, 2015

What an amazing experience. That is probably the best concluding statement I can make for this past week. I came into the bike race knowing nothing about cycling. The only cyclist whose name I knew was Lance Armstrong and I'd never even heard of UCI. Now I'm a fan of Marc Fournier, Jack Maddux, Ben King and the sport of cycling.

This class really brought me back to how I felt senior year in my journalism class and to a specific memory of live tweeting the state championship football game from the newspaper's Twitter account. It technically wasn't my responsibility but no one else was doing it so I decided to step up. That's probably the biggest thing that I miss: being a part of news team like that. We all were just working together to make content. That is what we did as a class here as well. We worked together to create content for the VCU bike race book.

I didn't think I would miss journalism as much as I did but this class helped me see it in a whole new light. Journalism is no longer just a fun class I took in high school. It is something I actually see myself doing someday. Whether or not I act on that idea is another story; I have a lot of ambitions and dreams and I won't necessarily get a chance to act on all of them in this lifetime. But it is nice to know that I have yet another thing that I wouldn't mind spending the rest of my life doing.

This class has also provided me a lot of opportunities. I don't think I would have stayed and watched as much of the world as I did if it weren't for this class. Which means I would have never met the U23 French Cycling Team, or gotten a picture with Jack Maddux that won my friend two tickets to the VIP Finish Line area. I would have never gotten retweets and favorites from all those pro-cyclists and pro-teams. I would have never gotten a shout out from The Richmond Times Dispatch. And I would have never made it on international TV...TWICE!

I'm so happy that I am part of a school and part of a city where something this insanely cool could happen. And I'm so thankful to have been a part of the UCI Road World Championships.

All About Jennifer

September 28, 2015



Jennifer, 52 of Ontario, Canada, is an avid cycling fan. She got into this whole world of cycling when a friend introduced her to it. Now she attends at least two cycling races per year and has traveled as far as 1000 km to attend races. It is not very common among her friends and family to follow cycling however so some think she is a little nuts. Her favorite cyclists are Peter Sagan, who ended up winning the Elite Men's Road Circuit race, and Louis Leon Sanchez. Outside of cycling she is a municipal government worker. Her impressions of Richmond is that it is a very friendly city and she loves how nice it looks along the James.

Pedaling Pretty Good Pictures of the UCI Road World Champs

September 28, 2015



The Cannondale-Garmin racing team training for the Team Trial along Monument Ave



The Women's United Healthcare cycling team starting the climb up Governors St. during the Team Time Trial



The BMC Racing Team turning off Governors St. onto the home stretch



BTC City Ljubljana rolling down Main St. during the Team Time Trial



(From left to right.) Davide Martinelli, Eddie Dunbar, and Jose Luis Rodriguez ride down Belvedere during the Under 23 Road Circuit



The BMC Racing Team training for the Team Time Trial along Monument Ave



The Women's United Healthcare cycling team passing down Main St. during the Team Time Trial



Adrien Costa climbing up Governors St. during the Junior Men's Road Circuit

The Eyes of a Brownie

September 18, 2015



Freshmen Kyle Artone sits on a rock and admires the view of the James River after a hike along the Pipeline Trail



Kyle Artone takes a panorama picture of the James River Canal



Sean Wollenberg (Left) and Kyle Artone walk along the James River Canal walk



Sean Wollenberg (Left) and Kyle Artone pose for a picture along the Canal Walk.



Buildings along the Capitol Square before the area is flooded with people for the bike race.



Kyle Artone (Left) and Sean Wollenberg pose for a picture in Capitol Square Park



Kyle Artone (Left) and Sean Wollenberg pose for a picture in Capitol Square Park...again.



Kyle Artone (Left) and Sean Wollenberg take pictures of the Virginia State Capitol building.



The Virginia State Capitol building as the city prepares to be invaded for the bike race



The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart as seen walking through Monroe Park



Sam Hodgson Slacklines on Monroe Park as the sun begins to set



Johnson Hall Towers above its surroundings



Johnson Hall Towers above its surroundings as seen from Monroe Park



Sam Ahmed lackadaisically sips a soda in the commons after an exam

Brownies Productions Presents: The Intro

September 3, 2015

Hello world and all who inhabit it. My name is Vivek Kuruvilla. I am a Biomedical Engineering Major on a Pre Med advising track. I haven't ridden a bike since middle school and I haven't owned one since high school. Outside of my classes I am interested in writing, fitness/running, and politics (or at the least political science.)

I signed up for this course because of two experiences I had in high school. The first one is because I was on the staff of the newspaper at my high school. I took that class partially as a blow off class for my senior year and partially because a friend of mine was the Editor and chief the year before and said he would put a good word in with the teacher so I could skip all of the intro to journalism course work and go straight to writing articles. However, when the class started there was a new teacher so I still ended up having to do all of the intro to journalism material. But in the end it became one of my favorite classes that year and I was given more responsibility by being made one of the associate editors. I actually ended up getting an award for "Excellence in Journalism" during our senior award ceremony.

The other reason also happens to be the inspiration for the title of this site. During high school My friends and I started a "video production company" called Brownies Productions. Ever Since our first video Sophomore year, where we acted out all of *Macbeth* in 15 minutes, we have loved making videos. Because one of the original members is here at VCU with me this seemed like the perfect opportunity to do another Brownies Production.

The social media platforms I use are Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Snapchat. I would say that I use twitter the most, but for this class I'm hoping to use YouTube more or maybe a combination of the two.