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Benjamin Richardson

B Benjamin Richardson 00:00

Totally All right, are in. Ya know, like a lot of other people, like a lot of other people are doing projects on. I don't know stuff outside. And so they've been having to like, do observations when it's like 30 degrees out and on the ground. It's brutal. We get to sit inside and like to chill get all the coffee drink a hot hot chocolate come like,

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I'm like imagining or how do you guys observe? Do you like it like a newspaper and you're kind of like, like, like,

B Benjamin Richardson 00:28

it's the modern version that I just posted up on my computer and I'm like, literally peeking up over it. It's so funny. Sometimes I make eye contact with people and it's kind of awkward. Like, we're

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just gonna write down made eye contact. Anyways is this just like a it's for a capstone? A class isn't the character class.

B Benjamin Richardson 00:47

No, this is this is for the second research methods class for sociology. Nice. Do you like oh? Oh, yeah.



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Very cool. Nice. That's awesome. Yeah, I mean, my I'm doing psych. I have my second. I'm doing RIP 2. So we have like a little step like correlative study that we're doing so we're like giving service to people and stuff.



Benjamin Richardson 01:08

Which my one of my roommates Do you know, Emilio gray. Yeah, yeah, totally. I cute. He's also saying,



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Are you guys in the same we're not in the same we're not in the same group to class but I've done a couple classes with Amelia we've had Okay. class together has been nice. But yeah, I think he's in moral sacred now. It's like right next to me. And group two maybe is I don't know. It's always just gonna sweet. Yeah. Well,



Benjamin Richardson 01:28

worlds collide.



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Very small world.



Benjamin Richardson 01:33

Cool. Let me let me get into some questions. Yeah, for sure. We've prepared we've prepared some for you. Oh, hell yeah. Yeah. First of all, just for the record.



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What's your name? i My name is Nick Mancusi. And I'm a senior at Macalester.



Benjamin Richardson 01:52

Awesome, sweet. And where are you from?



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I'm from just outside of Boston. So not in Boston, but a town called Brookline, which is where I

I'm from just outside of Boston. So not in Boston, but a town called Brookline, which is where I live. It's about 15 minutes away from

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Benjamin Richardson 02:01

Boston. Okay, cool. Yeah. So I have a cousin who lives in



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Cambridge. Oh, really? I like them. Hansel there. It's that he really likes. That's cool. Place. Awesome.

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Benjamin Richardson 02:13

And where do you live now?



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I live so I live a 1411 was the average just run your tonos are not near goods close to town. I was in St. Paul. Obviously. Like 15. That's the opinion about walk from school are so sweet. Yeah, that's great. That's a nice place.

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Benjamin Richardson 02:31

How many people do you live with?



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I live with including these four people. So I live with three other guys. Okay. Joe, Christian, Zach. Okay, so this is our second year leasing was out. So we've had a this it'll be a sad goodbye. But it'll be it'll be nice. It's been great. We've got a good time here.

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Benjamin Richardson 02:48

We've had a long run. We've had a good run.



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You've been there two years. You said? Yeah. So junior year, we signed a lease and then at the end of last year, we sign another lease for this year. Okay. Nice.

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Benjamin Richardson 03:00

So you'd like to place? Yeah,



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it's great. It's, it's like, it's definitely like, I first I was like, oh, you know, like, how are we going to make it homey? But like we I, since we haven't had to move anything. We just been making improvements to it. So I really like it as nicely. We have a nice little garage. Sometimes we like host stuff and so it's it's fun. That's

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Benjamin Richardson 03:17

an awesome set. That's great. What? What What brought you to Macalester Groveland was it coming coming to Macalester, or at you've been around here before that?



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Yeah, definitely just coming to Macalester, and I, I never wanted to be at a school that was too big. I just didn't really like that vibe. Also, like I was super into frats I didn't really go to school or frats where I was gonna be like a main password social life. And so I also want to be in a city because I'm close to and from kind of from part of a city. So like, that's kind of something that I wanted to stick with. And like, I know Macau says a laptop but the only liberal arts college and like a metropolitan area. And I was like, Yeah, I guess it's kind of true. You guys kind of art. And I applied I didn't really want to go because I didn't like flying I hated line. So I was like, trying to get but I got in I eventually and then I was like yeah, this is actually seems like actually a great place. And so that's what kind of brought me it's just like a cool, super cool school. I felt like there's a lot of things going on there and like close to city would be awesome. And it seems like everyone's pretty like minded Linna nice way and they pretty open from what I've heard. And so some people who from my high school who went there and who I talked to you and they said they liked it a lot. So

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Benjamin Richardson 04:28

nice. Yeah. What what is it about a city in particular that kind of drew you to, to the transition?



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I think like I knew nothing about Minneapolis or St. Paul. Yeah. So I think just like there's maybe partially I'm used to but also partially I just think there's a lot more going on in the city. Just a lot more opportunities to like meet people out like more event it just like seems like it just seems to act with that kind of like the activeness And so if that if that the place where I go to school has offered, like, can offer that because I really want to be at a school that was like in the middle of nowhere and like campus is like the only place where you can socialize, you know, you can go out to places and like go out to dinners. And so it's kind of like that. That's

mean, like, different kinds of community, which I think is what I kind of like about cities in general. Oh, 100% You're from Chicago, right? Or like, Yeah, okay. Yeah. So yeah, like I was in Chicago, and I was like, dance. So cool. Yeah, like very much. So yeah, definitely. Considering living too.

B Benjamin Richardson 05:32

It's an excellent city, many, many, including myself called the greatest city on Earth. But I don't

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know why. Brian, I think it's out there. And.

B Benjamin Richardson 05:45

Cool. So you said you like to spend a lot of time socializing? It's an active place. Yeah. Transitioning a little bit too, like activities in cities. Do you spend a lot of time in coffee shops in general, for example?

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Yeah, I'd say yeah, I'd say like it's a great place to eat if I'm not like socializing. So you know, the you go friends, but some just go by yourself. And it just nice that there's social things going on. But yeah, I'd say I do. I'd say like, I like to do work there a lot. I go to like, you know, like, I go to Denver as mostly obviously, it's close, but I like it. But like, like spy house like Jay has been there's other places that it's just a nice environment. It feels like you're not like in a sterile, like room and like there's things going on. So I'd say that's like a big thing. I do like going to coffee shops a lot and like trying new places like that.

B Benjamin Richardson 06:36

Yeah. Okay. How would you describe the vibe of of the, the coffee shops that you enjoy the

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most? Yeah, I think like, um, I like the ones I enjoy the most, I think are like a wide variety of people. Like there's like like Dunbar's, for example, there's like, obviously, Max Jones, which is really nice, because you have friends but like, like, kind of random people. There's regulars. They're just kind of funny. Like, there's this old guy John, who's always like chatting me up. And I'm like, Yeah, you're kind of a cool guy. And I think just like people, yeah, like, it makes it people like, nice stuff. Like people who like they, it seems like they care about coffee, too. I feel like that's kind of a good sign. And when it's not super, like expensive and cheap, like I kind of

like yeah, not like a sterile place like it's active in numbers has a nice little charm to it. Like, I like roots, but like roots is also kind of like things like super modern. I don't know it doesn't I don't really care that much. But like if I had to pick like, I like that kind of vibe better.

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Benjamin Richardson 07:33

Ya know? 100% Yeah. Are you big coffee drinker?



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I honestly wasn't all into the comments, McAllister. Now I'd like a big coffee drinker, I'd say. Yeah, like numbers coffee. We had a little punch cards. We just like keep like rubbing up. That's great. Yeah. Making money man making and making money moves.

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Benjamin Richardson 07:53

That's awesome. Okay. Sweet. Yeah. I live right across the street from Ritz.



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Oh, yeah, I know exactly where he has the app because I know Amelia was done immediately. I know Amelia lived there before me because I stopped at his place one time to get some some stuff but yeah, that's you guys had a pretty cool sweet place. Yeah, it's like right across routes. That's pretty nice. Yeah,

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Benjamin Richardson 08:15

I fucking love this. This house. So



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yeah, it seems it seems sick. I haven't really been sad. But I saw I saw I don't know if you used to have it. There's like a graffiti table. Yeah.

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Benjamin Richardson 08:27


Yeah, that's right over there.




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How many people you live with?


B Benjamin Richardson 08:31
Three? Three others? Me Emilio Jack's orally and cabinet. Colmar, Dorsey. Oh,

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that's sweet. Yeah, that's, that's nice. That's nice group. Yeah. All Ultimate Frisbee ears. Oh, yeah. Nice. You got How you guys doing this year.


B Benjamin Richardson 08:49
We're good. started off the season two, two losses to high school teams, which was a rough start.

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It's a good humbling moment.

B Benjamin Richardson 09:01
It is a good humbling moment. And the good news is you can only go up from there. Exactly. You're good to go. We've made steady progress. But it's it's good. It's a pretty good we got a good number of freshmen. Yeah, on board this year. So we've got plenty of new blood to impart with us to I think we're prepared to go to go pretty

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pretty deep. Yeah, no, it's I wish you guys practice out there. I have clot like class I get out at like 430 and I was coming. Oh, yeah. So like, it was proud.

B Benjamin Richardson 09:30
Yeah, you're on the hockey team.

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Yeah, on the ice. It's so fun. Meet me Ben. Last year like you know what like fucking like, why don't we just joined we never played hockey before. We're still not good. Like, I'm not good. And I haven't played it's still fun. Like it's a it's a good time. It's not really that serious. So it's

kind of fun. Yeah, he's had like a little hockey progressive the other day, which is really nice and nice. Run the team. Super cool. And like, everyone's very chill. So I like it. Yeah, it's fun. It's fun. It's hard.

B Benjamin Richardson 09:59

I'll be gone.

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I can't tell my skates that I always have to have someone do it for me to ask the game on central apple and everywhere. Is that humbling experience?

B Benjamin Richardson 10:09

You get humbled right at the beginning. Exactly. 100% back to the coffee shop it. I know you mentioned earlier that you like to go with people sometimes. But you also like to go with yourself. Like how often would you say you do one over the other? Or are they about comparable? I would say they're,

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they're about comparable, I probably said go a little bit more by myself just because like sometimes I'll just stop and quickly. Like if I'm doing work, like I'll go someone else that usually I kind of like that. It's like the grunt work. But also I kind of, I would say go a little bit more about myself. I'd say like I either stopping at a quick coffee and then go home or like sit down for like a second. Like, if I'm in there with people, I'll sit down there for a while. But that's not like, Max, I'll sit down as like 2030 minutes, get some quick work done and then go back. Right. Like, I gotta be focused with someone. I can't be focused by myself sometimes when I'm in there. Yeah, it's kind of nice to go by yourself. Sometimes it's kind of it's like a night, it's like more than routine. I like doing the routine part of it. That's, that's,

B Benjamin Richardson 11:14

that's very real. So do you have like, a regular time that you go? Or? Yeah, I

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would, I would say so. I think like, at least for Tuesday, and Thursday is I have class. I have a class at 8am. And then I have a class I to class back to back in the morning. So I get a lump of team. And so usually, I'll go right after that. And usually like I have a friend that has gets out of the class at the same time. So we either like go together or we like end up just meeting there. And that's like it's great. Yeah, so like I would say on Tuesdays Thursdays I go around that time like after class and then I won't go all the time Monday Wednesday Friday, it's very different

cuz I work until like somewhere else. Until like about one usually. I don't have class those days. So I don't usually go as often. Somebody it's more random that time but like yeah, Tuesdays Thursdays and other weekends when I when I can I just stop and quickly wake up.

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Benjamin Richardson 12:08

So if you're if you're going there, would you say like if you're going in to sit down? Are you going there to do work? Primarily?



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Yeah. Primarily, sometimes I would like to go read like in the summer that's I would go in just to read. Okay. Any work to do but yeah, usually it's now just doing work. I don't usually like read in there if I have stuff to do. Like yeah, it stresses me out. That's, that's fair. To come in here. Like if I buying coffee, I need to do something productive. So that's Yeah, so I usually just do work. Okay.

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Benjamin Richardson 12:40

Okay, fair. Um, do you prefer? Okay, I'm confession. I'm not a big coffee guy. Holy Family really got into it. Drunk for tea, but I'm still wary of caffeine.



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And I guess that's a good entry point. I like it. Yeah.

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Benjamin Richardson 12:56

So would you in your opinion, do you prefer the coffee Edinburgh's over other places? Can you not really tell the difference? Is there any Yeah, that you put into it? A



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little bit of both. I'd say like it's so cheap there and like, I kind of just the main reason I go is not because my father's coffees like, I'm not like I like drink coffee and like I I think you can tell us 1000 copies, like decent or not, but like I don't I don't really give a shit because it's kind of just like it's caffeine. Uh, but yeah, I think it's cheap there and like buying I'm like, I'm kind of buying the experience a little bit more than other places like there might be other ripoff that's better, but like, I like buying me like going there and buy like that. It's my routine, but like the coffee is like not the most amazing in the world. I would say I don't mind it at all. Like I think it's totally fine but like I there's probably better coffee out there. Okay, yeah, but I do like it I think it's great. Yeah, awesome. Sweet. Yeah.

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Benjamin Richardson 13:51

Do you have do you go there for any of the other beverages at anytime there's coffee or we're gonna go to item



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I think coffee is my go to I think like I used to like give me what's called with the tea Oh like London Fog you know London. Have you read a long film do bang there they bang I used to get this all the time but then I was looking at what's not It's not time to for me anymore. I think I used I tried to tell the line between being addicted to caffeine and not coffee is kind of cool. And then like I tipped over and then it's just not enjoyable

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Benjamin Richardson 14:25

Yeah, that's super fair. Yeah. Would you would you describe your average trip to Dunbrody if there is an average trip like if you're going in there to sit down like what are you doing? Yeah, yeah,



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so I guess it go in you know I'm either I'm either don't back out. I usually either I'm coming out of class from school or I'm leaving friend's house and like that. And I'll go in you know, get a little coffee. I either go right back like If I'm home like sometimes I say to my girlfriends and then I'll go and like walk back on the way back to my house usually that's happens on the weekends. And then like Tuesday, Thursday, I'll go in like either sit down and do work and like hang out like I talked to people. If they're in there, like this guy, John, like these, this old guy is always there. I don't know if you don't know if you've probably seen Yeah. Beats.

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Benjamin Richardson 15:22

He's always towards the door loves. Yeah,



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he likes that. And like, last few, he started talking me randomly that every time I go in, he's like, Oh, can I like talk to him for like, a minute, if I see. He's interested. He's a very interesting, man. He's very interesting that he's nice. He's nice guy. So I'll talk to you or I'll just do work or I'll either do work for a little bit or I'll leave immediately after getting coffee. Okay. I said like 30 minutes like yeah, like talk socialize, if there's opportunities to if not do work and yeah, just kind of hang out.

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Benjamin Richardson 15:53

You do you talk to people that you know there or do you try and meet people? They're



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mainly the people I know. Yeah, cuz I there's a lot of people like I feel there's a lot of like, there are definitely a lot of Maximus. Like, I've definitely met people with numbers, but like, usually, it's like, part of the routine. I'm just like, if I'm talking to people, probably I know them already. Right? Yeah. Sometimes. That's right onto my second page of notes. Hey, there we go.



B Benjamin Richardson 16:21

Okay, sweet, sweet of like the like, because I know there's kind of a there's a wide range of like ages, who go to Dunbrody lots of Max students, lots of like, retirees at certain points of the day. And a good number of like, middle aged, millennial type, type characters. Do you do interact with? So obviously, you



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talk to John. Oh, yeah. John. Yeah. Classic John quote, of course, of course. Yeah.



B Benjamin Richardson 16:51

Do you talk to anybody else from like, different generations? Hmm. Have you ever interacted with people? Yeah,



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that's a good, that's a good question. I feel like, I'm sure at some point, like, randomly I have, but like, not not like super consciously. Like the regular older people. They're like, there's some like, like, John, for example, like I interact with him. He'll, like, always want to talk. So like, I interact with him. And he's like, I think he's he's retired. I think he's, maybe he's like 70 or something like that. Or anyone that more middle aged or like more millennial? Not really that I can think of? Yeah, like maybe yeah, like maybe randomly, but I like not. It's not like a conscious decision all the time. Yeah. Fair. If it comes



B Benjamin Richardson 17:39

if it comes up then Yeah, exactly.



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I'll give you this opportunity. Or like, I'm like, I use this chair. Not really like anything to like, how was your life? You know?

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Benjamin Richardson 17:51

Yeah, that's that's super fair. Do you have you ever observed like, I mean, John's all John's there. Basically, every time I observe Do you notice any other regulars when you walk in when you go in?



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I think I think so. I think there used to be this one guy who came in pretty regularly and he was he I really didn't really talk to anyone that much he was doing his thing. He always had this like, hat on I feel like I saw him either. Definitely are there's other like older men who I've seen in there that are pretty regular. But that you know, probably the more the older man. I'd say the more regulars I know is a jelly. How's it going? I'm one of those we're talking about numbers. But besides that, yeah, if you look older man usually is an older man there's like this guy who's like he's got a yellow white beard and he has like some trouble I think he's in trouble walking. I don't think I know if I've can't remember if he's there like all the time but and I there's definitely people that I don't know but like, but I know who are regulars based on the way they interact with people and I'm like, Oh, they're probably regular I don't see them. So I think it's but I feel like I get the vibe that it's like a super like people like it a lot and like really like someone said this like that was like the first numbers I don't know. Yeah. Which I think yeah, so I feel like people it seems like there's this there's like a culture and that people just like will really like it there and like it's a place for regulars like a lot of there's a lot of regulars there and just kind of like it just to like hang out. There's a lot of bikers that come in like every on the weekend. I figured like motor motorcyclists not motor set, but like cyclists cyclists Yeah. And they're like in there like bike gear. They like the aerodynamic helmets and sometimes, like coming from the porch and so it's like, I think just like a regular stopping point for people and I like to like socialize. There's always guys like sitting in the chairs, like by the bike rack, or like smoking things and see them to

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Benjamin Richardson 19:42

do do like going out to the back patio.



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Like actually, I love it. Yeah, that's like my, if I can if it's like warm enough, I'll go out there. That's probably my favorite place to go. It's just nice. It's like open like, Wi Fi is works, you know, so it's like you can do work. Yeah, so I do like in there sometimes gets cramped and said, so like usually in the summer I'd go out back and like hang out there. Reading or where? Yeah, it seems seems like a vibe out back. Yes. Pretty nice. Do you go to numbers a lot.

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Benjamin Richardson 20:11

I go to number rows. I didn't really go this past summer when I was up here, but I, during the school year. I generally go so I never really get to venture out back. Yeah, that's

school year, I generally go so I never really get to venture out back. Yeah, that's

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like, the fall the winter. Yeah.

B Benjamin Richardson 20:26

But I've always been like a bit of a no greener pasture out there. I've always wondered.

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I've always been curious. Yeah. So I appreciate that. Now, for sure.

B Benjamin Richardson 20:37

So going back to something you said a little bit earlier, you said, you can kind of tell who regulars are based on the way they interact with people might be kind of difficult to expand on that. But if you could, like, yeah, were they talking to like, do you know? What kind of things that are talking to? Is it to other patrons? Is it to employees?

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I think it's I mainly get it from, like the employees, because the employer should be like, oh, like, what are you having today and like, kind of have like a little banter with them. And they like seem to know each other pretty well. So like, that's how I can tell. And also I feel like I feel like again, like some of the older guys in there. I feel like they'll go and talk. They'll be much more talkative to other people. And like, I think I feel like I just get a sense like, oh, they probably have like, they've been here before. They're very comfortable here. Because if you're at a coffee place for the first time, I feel like you're kind of like a little bit more low key and they're kind of more extroverted. But yeah, I think mainly from the employees. Like they just talk to the employees and have like little banter and they know their orders sometimes. And the employees just say their orders without saying anything. So like, that's yeah.

B Benjamin Richardson 21:41

Have You Ever Have you ever had the opportunity to banter? With the employees like that?

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Yeah, you know, maybe a couple of times, maybe a couple of times, oh my gosh, show. So proud. It's gone now. But last year, I would go a lot. Just like after it, let's say me after class, I just like I'm so tired. I'm like, not gonna like, because honestly, if I made myself cough in the

morning, I probably wouldn't go but like, I just can't I just roll out of bed. So I was gonna get it. I went enough where they just like, knew my order. And I was on like, I was so happy. It was the fucking best thing ever. And then like, I stopped going for a while and they lost it. And I was like, back again. It was nice. So I've had the I've had the pleasure of being irregular, or feel like I was irregular by them for a little bit. It's great. It's, it's great feeling that that is a pretty, that's

B Benjamin Richardson 22:26

a pretty rewarding feeling.



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That was the peak, I think.

B Benjamin Richardson 22:30

So like, when I when I go into Dunbrody, I kind of always like I kind of generally get the vibe that people go in there just to like, either do work themselves read themselves, whatever. They're going to do it unless they come in with somebody else. Like they're going to kind of just keep to themselves regularly. Yeah,



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that's a that's true. Would you Would you agree with that? For sure. Yeah, I think that's good. That's a good point. I think that's yeah.

B Benjamin Richardson 22:54

Do you think that do you think that Dunn Bros has a community? I mean, kind of difficult, difficult phrasing. No,



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but I guess you're saying though, kind of like a, I would say, Yeah, I think like Yeah, I think I think it would I don't know how to like exactly to describe it. But I feel like they weren't like I feel like there's there's regulars there. There's people that like, a lot of Mac's students there. There's a lot of like, interaction between, like, different generations of people. I feel like, Um, and yeah, I think like, it's like, there's just people, I get the feeling that people like, use it. It's a good point. It's like their routine, like when they're like I've talked to John before, he's like, Yeah, it's like when you get to a certain age, like, your teens are so hard to shake. And it's like, it's just part of my daily life now. And so I feel like that's like, yeah, so I feel like that's a I think that's a good sense that, like, maybe there's like, I'm sure there's other people like that. And so

I get the sense, I can't specifically describe it, I get the sense that there is a community there. Like, there's a general sense of like, this is a community place for people around the area. That's pretty cool. Yeah, I would say,

B Benjamin Richardson 23:58

like this week. So kind of going off of that, like when you go into done bros, you feel comfortable when you go in there? I would say so. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. What, what exactly do you think makes makes it feel comfortable? Is it like, is it the possibility of interacting with people? Is that the vibe? Is it that you've been there a lot?

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Yeah, I think like, I think the posit, I think there's a lot of Mac people, at least at first, like a lot of Mac people were there. And like, this is like a place that students go. And people have always been very nice, who I didn't know, they're, you know, like, random attractions or been very pleasant and like, it's lively, which it's kind of comforting for me. You know, it's like when they're like, it's like, I don't know if you feel like this, but like when there's like a if you're going to sleep and there's like cars because I mean, you felt like you're from the Chicago or near Chicago like you know, like, I feel like it's bustling sometimes. Yeah, it's it's kind of like a nice soothing thing. And so like it's kind of the same thing with Denver's I feel like it's like chatter it's it's comfortable. Yeah, no, I think like, there's always like, it's not like an uncomfortable place. We know like, sometimes he was like, I can't interact with people like because I'm just like, I'm just out of it. And it's like sometimes, like, I went, it's uncomfortable. It's sometimes like, Oh God, I'm gonna have like, an awkward interaction with someone and like, that's gonna be so bad. But like, it's it's a social place, but like, right, that's that's like very far and few between, like, that's not it, and it says that all stuff does make me uncomfortable. Just like I'm being awkward. Yeah.

B Benjamin Richardson 25:24

So if you get that, that kind of sixth sense of, you know, I totally get that. Yeah, you get that? If you get that sense, will you? Like prefer to not go there? Like, would you eat?

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I should probably go actually. Probably just go ahead. But I'm just like, I'm gonna be awkward if I like talk to.

B Benjamin Richardson 25:43

So fair, that's yeah, that's courageous. So you

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know, I try. I try to prep race to the storms.

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Benjamin Richardson 25:52

Okay, sweet, sweet. do when you go in to do work, do you like do? Do you feel like you're more productive when there's kind of that white noise ambiance activity? I would say you think that that would overall like hinder?

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I think I think both, I think like sometimes even the mood, like it's nice. Other times in there. Because, to be honest, sometimes I go in and be like, this is a place to work. And I know I'm not gonna do work, but like, just going there, to a place where I like, think to myself, this is a working place is enough to make me feel like I'm productive. And I don't actually have to do that much. So like, it depends on the time. Like, I've been super productive there. I've also like, done jack shit, and like, just listen to music and like, looked up things up, like, nice job. And after that I go home. So it's about definitely both, especially if you're like socializing. It's hard to it's hard to get work done, but I definitely got like, I've finished like, important things that need to do there sometimes. Yeah. Yeah.

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Benjamin Richardson 26:49

Do you ever go to done borrows with other people with the intention of not working and just to go and hang out? Like, just go get coffee with somebody?

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Yeah, I'd say so. I'd say definitely more during the summer like with friends or like getting coffee with someone you had got, like, a while or like, I definitely say so. Yeah, but I'd say much less during the school year, much less like, I think maybe it's like you go with the intention of doing wherever you actually do it. But they the intention is always like I'm gonna do some work you want to join me? And then like maybe you socialize but it's not I feel it's for me and like people hanging out with it's it's more like socializing happens, but it's not like the main goal when you go in because everyone's just busy and doing work. Right.

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Benjamin Richardson 27:29

So you were you were going in over the summer? Yeah.

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Yeah, I'd say pretty regularly, like right now like crazy regularly, but definitely like, I tend on the weekends, I would go in regularly on the weekend, like, Saturday and Sunday we go in and then like maybe once or twice during the week, but not really that was more than weekends

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Benjamin Richardson 27:48

Okay. Okay, fair. Would you so like, not, not as many not nearly as many Mac people were in Mac Groveland. Probably going to done rose quite as often. Was there any demographic shift between like, the school year and the summer that you could observe? While being



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interesting? Yeah, actually ever thought about that? Because it was like, always be like, a couple MaxiTrans maybe we're there for the summer. So like, you'd see them. But like, there's only a little bit it was much more empty. It felt like I feel like maybe just like more like the, the millennial type of people. If I had to say something like, not as young, definitely as young as more like middle age or like, young professionals just gonna get in a coffee or like, sit down. A lot of interviews. I feel like happened there. I feel like I see a lot of interviews going back at least. Yeah. Yeah, it was kind of cool. Yeah. It was. It's important. Like there's some, it's, it's not eavesdropping. It's nice to it's kind of cool to listen to him. Like, oh, like, I hope this guy does well, like. But yeah, I'd say it's like it was like more like millennial, for sure. Okay,

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Benjamin Richardson 28:57

cool. That's awesome. Oh, well, we've made it pretty well through all of our questions, actually. So you've done excellent work. My last big question for you is like, after me leading with all these questions, is there anything that I haven't asked you that you'd want to share that you've been thinking about? If not so cool. That's,



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uh, I don't know. I don't think so. I think okay, that's, yeah, it's like a cool place. You know, it's chill like everyone goes there. It's a nice time. It's like a nice little routine. I think that it seems like a lot of people do it just kind of like the routine doing nice and like the community around there is nice. So then people want to make it their routines. Yeah. Yeah. But yeah, I think besides that, nothing else.

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Benjamin Richardson 29:47

That is super cool. And we're all done. Sweet. Awesome.



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Well, I appreciate you reaching out it's it's a cool it's a cool thing. I definitely want to hear about it at some point. Let's say this sounds like a pretty sweet, sweet idea. Are you interviewing a lot of other people?

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Benjamin Richardson 30:01

Yeah, no, we're so each we're in a group of four people. It's me. Rhiannon. Jesse silverbirch. Aveiro?



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I don't know if you know him. Maybe I don't I'm not super sure. Okay. And Felipe, a bedroom and

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Benjamin Richardson 30:18

so on the football team. Oh,



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that sounds great. I don't think I've met him but sounds very familiar. Yeah,

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Benjamin Richardson 30:23

yeah. Okay, so each of us have to do two interviews. So I'm gonna do qualitative data, one with you. Yeah. I'm with you. And I was thinking about doing one, seeing if John would be up for one.



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Do you like have you talked to him before?

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Benjamin Richardson 30:38

I've never talked to him before, which today, it'll be a year off. I feel like he's got it. He's got a lot to say. He's that kind of guy. He's



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very he's very, he's like, he's very philosophically like, always reads philosophy in there. He's like, you know, he just like goes off on tangents that are random.

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Benjamin Richardson 30:57

Perfect, that that's exactly what I would want.



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Is that sick? That'd be cool.



Benjamin Richardson 31:02

I'll be sure to let you know what our findings are. I am



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super appreciate you doing this interview. Yeah, no, of course, dude. Of course. I'm glad Glad I could help out and someone. Yeah. Awesome. Awesome.



Benjamin Richardson 31:15

Thank you again. Of course. Thank you. How did the threes basketball Good. Are you in touch



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for now? It's not a two there. It was. I thought it was a four. We were open to you know, I think we actually joined a competitive league. And yeah, we're doing fine. But they're all like athlete. They're all like athletes who are just like, big and strong. And I'm like, you know, what can I do? Like, I'm not really gonna do anything. Yeah. So it'll be fun. It'll be fun. We'll try to play artists.



Benjamin Richardson 31:40

You know, you guys will say, Who do you play today? I don't know.



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I never know some like I think it's gonna be another athlete team. If like, the track record is pretty good for athletes. are so scary. Oh my God.



Benjamin Richardson 31:55

Have you guys played the twins yet? There? No.




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We played two people played baseball. Who were like baseball people. Like two teams that

were from baseball team, I


B Benjamin Richardson 32:06
think. Okay, fair.

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They're pretty good. Are you do you play by Are you playing basketball? Yeah, not

B Benjamin Richardson 32:10
not. Not in. Not in threes. Maybe? Um, I might

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hop back in for fives. But I'm definitely someone that's in the future. That's in the past as a Frisbee settled down. You know, you guys win the champ yet? So I gotta fill your time with something. Yeah, exactly. Same drive.

B Benjamin Richardson 32:30
Perfect. Nice. Well, yeah, I appreciate

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it. Man. I hope it goes well. Appreciate the the well wishes. No, of course, of course.

B Benjamin Richardson 32:37
Good luck in your matchup later, man. Thank you. I appreciate it.