

# Brain Farts: The Collected Works of The University of Chicago Bathroom Graffiti

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# Preface

Many are familiar with bathroom graffiti. It's everywhere—from CTA stops to the finest of restaurants, where there is a bathroom, bathroom graffiti is surely close behind. Works may be humorous, political, dirty, or just plain obscure; there's everything from "Jenny kissed Sarah here—2001" to "war sucks." Everyone has felt the urge to scribble on a public space while no one is looking, knowing others will come in and read with glowing fascination, and may perhaps comment or elaborate.

The anonymity and collaborative nature of bathroom graffiti makes it an amazing reflection of the world we live in. People can write what they want to, in their own, honest words—it is a clear window into the modern human psyche.

80. *Brain Farts: The Collected Works of The University of Chicago Bathroom Graffiti* (organized by theme, but attributed to location). [102 points. 15 bonus points for an inset detailing the entirety of the "Grout Work."]

Never before has this vast artform been explored—until now. With these grout words of the 2004 Scav Hunt judges, this book came alive. I now present to you a collection of bathroom graffiti works from The University of Chicago—a collection to be preserved and cherished for years to come.

I cannot claim any of the work herein, for I am merely the messenger. This is the art of the people. This is your art.

mitcho (Michael Erlewine)

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Chicago, IL

# General

You may not  
function as before--

Pierce 6

Cobb 1M

Rainbow  
party  
tonight

They  
are  
that

Cochrane-Woods Art Center

Regenstein 5W

Cobb 3M

Krystal  
Samuels

is a fat, ugly  
bitch.

Sat. 9/10/05

2005

But you're a jerk

ABANDON  
YOUR SHIT  
HERE

FUCK  
VULGARITY

Cobb 1M

IF you're happy + you know it  
CRAP YOUR PANTS!

Regenstein 5M

W.W.J. D.

He wouldn't  
defile school  
property,  
that's for damn sure.

Pierce 9



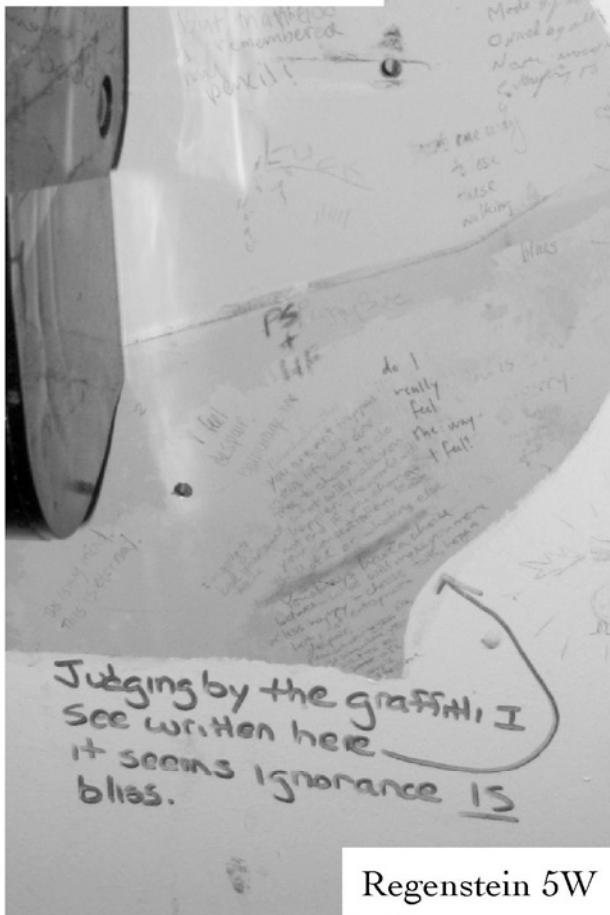
Regenstein 5W

Morgestern LIVED!  
NOT in the lost  
4 years  
she didn't

Regenstein 2M

hey yo it wasn't even like that

# Drawing



Regenstein 5W



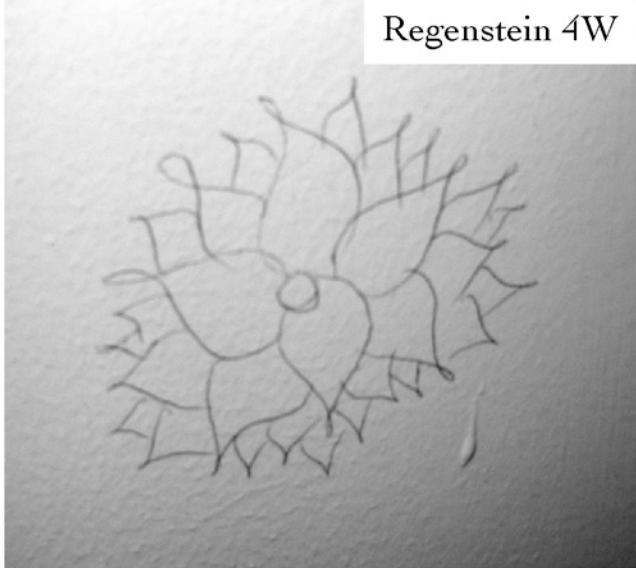
Pierce 5



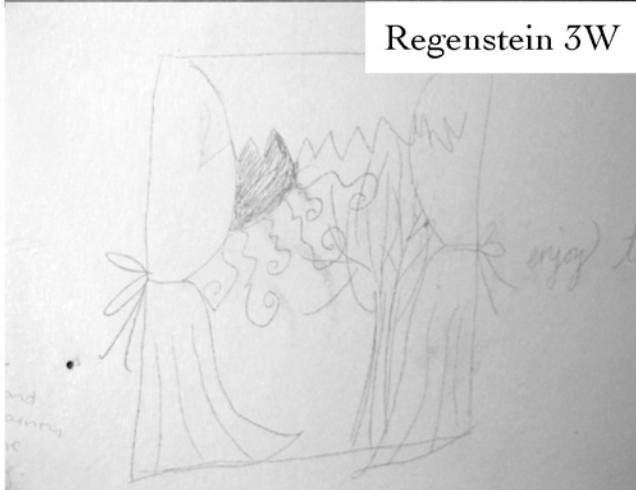
Regenstein 5W



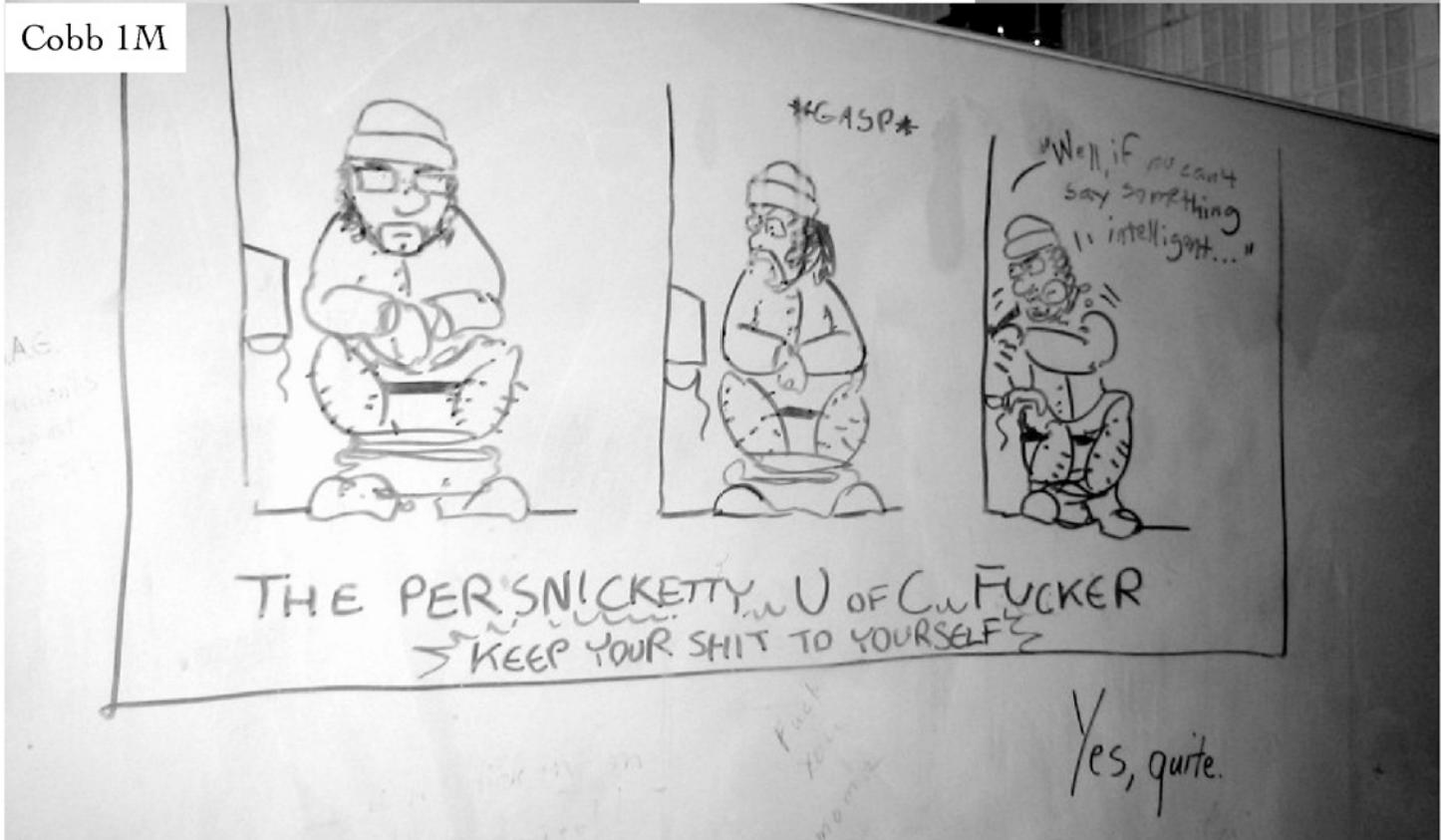
Regenstein 4W



Regenstein 3W



Reynolds Club BM



Sex

Regenstein 4M

Give in  
to  
puberty

Cobb BM



Regenstein 5W

I ~~is~~ lost my  
virginity

Reynolds Club BM

wear condoms  
people

Dec 03  
need uncut cocks

Cobb BM



we dir  
hören, but  
d can't  
get any!

First there was  
a sharp and profound  
pain, and then, soreness.  
All the while it felt  
good, even when it  
hurt the most.  
Now it is sweeter.

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# Politics

Harper Memorial 2M

WAR  
AGAINST  
PREMEDS

Regenstein 4M

FUCK  
GW-BUS

Well if you can't  
be intelligent about  
Something you may  
as well be articulate

Cobb 1M

Fuck YOU  
WAR IS GOOD

DEMON VEEN = D. VEEN = DIVINE  
SCAVENGE YOURSELF

Why does

Regenstein 3W

Clearly you've  
thought about  
this as little  
as possible

welfare system = poor allowed to steal from rich

tax returns = rich having to give back what they stole from the

since wh  
stealing  
benefits

# Foreign Languages

Mi parolas esperanton, kaj vi?

I speak Esperanto, and you?

In our bathroom, pig meat is found. (Turkish)

Tav佚物找不到了  
et'i

Regenstein 2M

Regenstein 2M

な

Japanese and classical  
Chinese for “what”

# Grout

Regenstein 3M

GROUTS OF WRATH

Jumbo

GROUTS OF WRATH

I'M COMING GROUT

MOVE BITCH GROUT THE WAY

MOVE BITCH GROUT THE WAY

GROUTFUL DEAD

<-- I'M GROUTA HERE!

I'M GROUTA HERE

KISS MY GROUT

KISS MY GROUT

KEEP UP THE GROUT WORK! -->

KEEP UP THE GROUT WORK

THE GROUTEST DAY OF MY LIFE

THE GROUT ESCAPE

THE GROUT RACE

FROM THE GROUTSIDE LOOKING IN

ALEXANDER AND THE TERRIBLE, HORRIBLE, GROUT GROUT GROUTY GROUT GROUT

Regenstein 3M

## GROUT, GROUT, LET IT ALL OUT

These are the things we can do with grout!

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Groutwork to the  
Metaphysics of Mores

I'M GROUTING  
MYSELF

I'm tired of all  
this grouting.

It's tire to com grout of the closed

Cobb 1M

IN GROUT WE TRUST

TWIST AND GROUT - THE BEATLES

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WOULD YOU GROUT WITH ME?

"SHOUT, SHOUT, LET IT ALL GROUT" - TEARS FOR FEARS

Harper Memorial Mezzanine M

- A.R.S. GROUTICA

FOR A GROUT TIME CALL 555-GROUT

MUCH ADO A-GROUT NOTHING

THEY CALL ME MR GROUT!

THE GROUT PRODUCT

I AM THE GROUTEST

IT'S A GROUT TIN

IT'S GROUT YEA

WISDOM GROUTER'S

NO GROUT

GROUT OF THE CHRIST

YOUR GROUT'A HERE

GROUT OF THE CHRIST

YOUR GROUT'A HERE

GROUT EXPECTATIONS

IT'S GRRROUT!

SIT, GROUT, SIT!

IT'S GRRROUT!

GIVE ME THE GROUT OF THAT MAN

MAKE HER GROUT FOR MORE

WHO THOUGHT OF THIS GROUT IDEA?

# Colophon

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ADAPTATION  
YOURSELF IT  
HERE