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The most unique clubs on campus

Do you like dance? Rockets? Pets? Games? Barrels of monkeys? If you answered yes to any of those questions, there's an extremely awesome and absurd group on campus for you.

Jordan Mady gives us the breakdown

Barrel of Monkeys Improv Team



Left to right: Douglas Gibbens, Martin Bennett and Jacob Mazer

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When the Barrel of Monkeys team gets together, anything goes. That's the beauty of improvisation.

The improv team was formed in 2009. Brendan McGowan, the founder of the team, was originally part of Oakham Amateur Campus Theatre (OACT), now known as the Ryerson Community Theatre. It was one of the executives at OACT that suggested McGowan start an improv team at Ryerson.

"It started with the idea of having an improv group but to get as much of the Ryerson community involved as possible," said Martin Bennett, a fourth-year film student who has been involved since the group's beginning. "Improv is accessible to anyone."

Ryerson's only improv team meets regularly to play games and get to know each other. Each week's activities are different be-

cause of the spontaneous nature of improvisation.

Originally, the group called themselves the Improv Team but in 2012 they rebranded and became the Barrel of Monkeys Improv Team.

"The name of the team was literally based on the barrel of monkeys game and a pirate ship," said Douglas Gibbens, the current Barrel of Monkeys president.

The team is now an official Ryerson Students' Union group and has grown in size over the past few years.

But out of all the student groups on campus, Gibbens said they're one of the only ones who are "totally informal" and are "always looking for a laugh."

So, what's the requirement to join?

"You must be able to play Barrel of Monkeys," Gibbens said.

Responsible Pet Owners RU

Even though members of Responsible Pet Owners RU are passionate about animals, founder and club president Jenny Liu wants people to know they're not activists.

She says they're a group of 30 to 50 people that "just want to pet cats."

Liu has loved animals ever since she was a kid.

When she was just five years old, she found a rooster hiding in a bush and took it in as her pet.

Liu called the rooster Chicky and decided she would try to train it like a dog. After a while, Chicky learned to go for walks with her and play fetch.

Responsible Pet Owners RU was founded in January 2012 and is Ryerson's first student group for animals.

The group's passion for animals comes across through the way they do throughout the semester.

Recently, they ran a campaign cautioning pet owners to not leave animals in their cars during the hot summer months.

"It's enough to love them," Liu said. "But we want to do more for them."



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Association of Ryerson Role-players and Gamers

The Association of Ryerson Role-players and Gamers (ARRG) meets regularly to play games and engage in live-action role-playing, or LARPing. Members dress up in costumes and use swords or other props to create a fantasy game world.

Marco De Crescentiis, president of ARRG, said what makes his group unique is the difference between how ARRG members feel in

and out of the ARRG atmosphere.

"You find people who aren't asking 'Why do you have a latex sword?' but say 'Cool, you have a latex sword!'" De Crescentiis said.

ARRG was founded just over five years ago. De Crescentiis said that the current group of more than 60 dedicated members still enjoy the same types of games that were played when the group first started out.

Some of the group's favourite picks include board games like Settlers of Catan and trading card games like Magic: The Gathering.

De Crescentiis said it's the balance of great people and fun games that have made the club such a success.

"We're about games, but it's the people that make people stay," said De Crescentiis.



Left to right: Marco De Crescentiis, Lowell Williams and Garfield Noyah

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Curious to see what other unique clubs we have on campus?

Check out theyeopener.com to read about the rocketry club, urban hip hop union, and gaming and multiplayer e-sports of Ryerson.