

## News/ Current Events w/ an Academic Spin

<http://www.alldaily.com/> - A wonderful service of the Chronicle of Higher Education. Interesting news articles, reviews of new books, essays and opinions- topical and often at the intersection of pop and academia. The left margin is full of links to online magazines, blogs and articles of note ( ex. "Math in the Simpsons", "Steve Martin's Virgins")

<http://www.mcsweeneys.net> - Daily- updated, literature and humor site (especially popular with the hipster literary set.) Particularly interesting: B. R Cohen's Annals of Science and John Moe's Pop Song Correspondences

<http://www.salon.com/> - From Wikipedia: "Salon's covers a variety of topics. American politics is a major focus. It has reviews and articles about music, books, and films. It also has articles about "modern life", including relationships and sex. It covers technology, with a particular focus on the free software/open source movement. Salon covers all of these issues from a liberal political viewpoint, although the site has also featured regular columns from such conservatives as David Horowitz and Andrew Sullivan. Salon has always been an interactive site to some degree. The salon (gathering) concept is played out in two extensive discussion board communities open exclusively to online subscribers, Salon Table Talk and The WELL, and since 2005, comments on editorial stories open to all readers.

<http://www.thislife.org/> - This American Life. I highly recommend this site. A radio show from Chicago. Each show has a theme, "Kids as Adults", "Before It Had a Name", and "Fiasco" are some examples, explored in four acts. They feature field recordings, essays memoirs and stories. These shows are fascinating and infinitely relatable. Their website has a section of their website specifically for educators, where teachers from several disciplines give examples of how they've used specific TAL stories in their classroom.

<http://slate.com/> From Wikipedia: "features regular and semi-regular columns such as Explainer, Chatterbox, and Dear Prudence. Many of the articles tend to be short and relatively lighthearted pieces. There are also many meta-columns: collection and analysis of major newspapers, magazines, blogs. It has a number of associated blogs, including some of the most notable on the Internet, such as the Kausfiles. It also features frequent week-long diary series from interesting people and a link to each day's Doonesbury, whose website Slate hosts. Slate also features podcasts of several of its shows."

## Science:

[http://scienceblogs.com/?utm\\_source=rightcol&utm\\_medium=link&utm\\_content=topmodule](http://scienceblogs.com/?utm_source=rightcol&utm_medium=link&utm_content=topmodule) - An index of science blogs, organized by category, including a category for academia, philosophy of science and policy/politics

<http://dsc.discovery.com/fansites/mythbusters/mythbusters.html> - This is the website of the TV show Mythbusters, where the hosts take common myths- such as toast always landing butter side down- deconstruct them and the science behind them.

<http://www.intuitor.com/moviephysics/> - This is a site that reviews movies based on the accuracy of the physics involved. Very funny and informative. They also have demonstrations – such as a lit cigarette dropped into a puddle of gasoline.

<http://www.livescience.com/> - Index of new and interesting science stories. Categories include, strange news and the science of fiction. The articles are not uniformly rigorous but could be good introductions to more academic subject matter.

<http://www.mathsci.appstate.edu/~sjg/simpsonsmath/> - Website devoted to math as it appears on the Simpsons.

## **Tech/Nerd news**

<http://wired.com/> - The online site of a cyber-culture magazine that follows technology and its effect on politics, culture and the economy. Great reviews of videogames and new gadgets: it's a good place to go if you want to know what's hip.

<http://slashdot.org/> - The ultimate geek index of news and current events. Wikipedia tells us Slashdot, “features user-submitted and editor-evaluated current affairs news with a nerdy slant. It is known for the Internet forum-style comments section attached to each story; Slashdot was one of the first popular websites to include a commentary section in such a prominent manner.”

<http://www.boingboing.net/> : Begun as a zine in 1988, now an award- winning group blog. Features all the latest news of the strange. Tracks internet trends- think the “numa numa” guy. Wikipedia says: Boing Boing was an influence in the development of the cyberpunk subculture. Common themes include technology, futurism, science fiction, gadgets, intellectual property, Disney and politics.

## **Humor/ Oddities**

<http://www.comedycentral.com/> - Home of the venerable Daily Show (parody news show) with Jon Stewart and The Colbert Report. Also, Chappelle show, South Park and the Sarah Silverman Show. The site has clips from all of these shows, which play through streaming media.

<http://www.theonion.com/content/> - Ultimate parody newspaper. Hands down. They also feature podcasts of select articles. They cover all the topics a traditional paper might: national and international politics, science, education, entertainment, etc.

<http://www.collegehumor.com/> - Pretty low-brow, some pictures of inebriated people with permanent marker all over their face- but if you want to know what they're watching.....

<http://www.ebaumsworld.com/> - Same as above, but with more elaborate categories: games, viral video, pictures, audio, prank call templates, soundboards, flash animation. Warning: with the above two links, some content is highly offensive

## Music

<http://www.allmusic.com/> - Best, most comprehensive, place to go if you need to know the basics, or even the details of an artist you've heard about. Each artist's page has links to their musical influences, followers, biography, music videos etc.

<http://www.billboard.com/bbcom/charts.jsp> : Billboard tracks most popular albums, singles, tracks, etc. Also tracks within each genre or category. They also have articles about artists at the tops of the charts in a section called "Chart Beat"

<http://www.allthelyrics.com/> : If you find a song

<http://music.yahoo.com/>

## Movies/ Television/ Celebrities

<http://imdb.com/> : Also TV

<http://tv.yahoo.com/>

<http://www.eonline.com>

## Graphic Novels

<http://www.powells.com/psection/GraphicNovels.html> - check out the education, history/criticism and textbook sections

<http://www.scottmccloud.com/index.html>

- Author of Understanding Comics, Reinventing Comics, and Making Comics (essential reads for anyone interested in the visual language and history of comic books)

<http://www.nmajh.org/exhibitions/maus/>

- MAUS at the National Museum of American Jewish History

[http://www.education-world.com/a\\_curr/profdev/profdev105.shtml](http://www.education-world.com/a_curr/profdev/profdev105.shtml)

- Eek! Comics in the Classroom!