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Donor # 4276
Interview Notes

Donor 4276 is a self-assured, modern hippy. He came to our interview wearing a faded black t-shirt, holey green khaki shorts, and brown leather Birkenstocks. He completed the ensemble with a worn brown leather back pack and bicycle helmet.

At 6 feet, donor 4276 is thin and lanky; his face narrow and features fine. His skin is a deep tan color with sun freckles leading me to believe he spends much of his time outdoors. His hair is cropped short, save one curly little tail falling down his back. His face is boyish and young with a pouty lower lip and sparkling green eyes flecked with blue. This donor could easily be compared to Danielle Radcliff in his role as *Harry Potter*, but with a slimmer face and nose.

Donor 4276 has many interesting hobbies and tastes which he highlighted in our interview. He plays the accordion, which he learned by shutting himself into a room for 3 months, listening to Klezmer music, Celtic, Eastern European, Ska, Ragtime, and Balkan Brass. He is part of a two person band that likes to play outdoors in public spaces. He told me about how in high school he hatched a plan to make homemade alcohol in his room, but his mother caught him before he could get very far. He decided to continue a legal version of the hobby by fermenting other foods such as sauerkraut, kim chi, kruass, ginger beer, mead and wine. I got the impression that this donor is the kind of person who doesn't just skim the surface of the things he likes; instead he dives into them, head first. Like a young child, when he finds something interesting, he takes it part to see how it works.

When I asked him questions, he considered each sentence before responding. His voice is high which makes him seem younger than he is. His naïve exuberance comes across in his idealistic expressions and on the answers he provided on his Health History. Donor 4276 comes across as well intentioned and in search of education and enlightening experiences. I enjoyed my conversation with this young man.

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