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Spires & Gargoyles

“There are too many freshmen.”

That’s how I assume Shirley Tilghman started her address to the freshmen, since the school kind-of-sort-of-definitely-did over-enroll the freshman class. Even the freshmen would probably agree there are too many, as the University’s solution for dealing with them was to put even more of them in Forbes. Going to Harvard may be better than living in Forbes.

It’s a bit of an odd problem Princeton’s faced with when it comes to the freshmen—the school was literally too popular for its own good. It’s the equivalent of asking three girls to your senior prom in the hopes that one will say yes, only to have all of them agree to go with you and then it’s awkward. I actually had a similar experience at my own prom, except instead of three girls who all expected me to take them, I didn’t go and instead cried myself to sleep.

The school itself won’t be the only thing suffering from a surge in popularity, though, so if you’re smart, you’ve already started stockpiling food, water, and fake sushi for the coming months. The rampant overpopulation of the freshman

will cause the resources of Frist to deplete, leading to famine, belligerent 2 am customers, and, frankly, utter chaos. Murray-Dodge will be the first to fall, taken over by swarms of students in thick glasses and “Class of 2016”-emblazoned flannel. Campus Club will follow, though only a handful of physics majors will notice. Soon, the entire campus (except the grad college, but who counts that anyway?) will fall to the horde.

But putting aside for a second the fact that they’re likely the bearers of the apocalypse, it can be difficult to be a freshman. And, like it or not, they’re probably going to need some guidance now that they’re here. It used to be that the fraternities—vital pillars of our Princeton society that they are—were able to share their wisdom and experience with the youngest among us. Admittedly, this occasionally took the form of toxic levels of drunkenness and just the right level of general debauchery, but sometimes you have to take the bad with the good. Unfortunately, freshman rush is gone, but imagine how much easier life would be if we let the freshmen join fraternities! In fact,

we should have just gone the other way on the whole frat thing- instead of slowly sticking the knife deeper into the system and watching as it quietly dies, we should have let them all have houses! All of a sudden, you’ve got a few hundred people moving out of dorms, which means plenty of space for all the freshmen. QED (I’m not a math major).

But freshmen: fear not. While the Greeks have left you forsaken, *The Princeton Tiger* has done no such thing. Let us be your Tibetan Sherpa, your Mister Miyagi. Not sure what to expect? We have 130 years’ worth of experience with social awkwardness to prepare you for any situation. The best way to learn, though is by experience. So rather than making you go out and experience things, we’ve created a little choose your own adventure to help you figure out how to navigate your first night out. There are many choices, but only one right answer.

Stay gold, Ponyboy!



Arrival

Choose Your Own Adventure

Your adventure at Princeton has begun! You’ve finished moving into your quad (formerly a single), your parents have left, and you’re now ready to see just what Princeton has to offer you. You were a little nervous before you got there—you’ve been placed in Forbes, and you’ve heard bad things. Still, it’s your new home

and you decide to make the best of it. You could scout out the area and give yourself your own personal tour, but you vaguely remember agreeing with some of the guys from your OA trip that you’d meet up after you finished moving in.

Try to meet up with one of your OA Buddies. Are you really going to walk around by yourself on your first night at college?

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The Guilty Pleasures of an Adult Heterosexual Male



Illustrated by KGR '15

Peeing in the Kiddie Urinal

Let's be real—we all do it when nobody's looking...

Scented Candles

They make my room smell fruity and delicious.

Garnier Fructis

It makes my hair smell fruity and delicious.

Adele

"Rolling in the Deep" is downright beautiful and I'm not ashamed to say it. It's the anthem of our generation and probably the best song that has ever been written in ever. When I get married and all I can ever think about during sex is Adele and it begins to tear my marriage to shreds and my

wife simply can't get over the fact that I never clean the Adele footie pajamas that I wear every night so that her face can be all over me while I dream of her so my wife leaves me and gets the kids (and their Adele lunchboxes) in the divorce it will all be okay because then I'll feel sad and get to listen to my sad times playlist: "Someone Like You" fourteen times in a row. God dammit she just gets me.

Being the Little Spoon

Sometimes it's nice to be held.

Spin Classes

Free weights are for pussies. Real men take spin class.

Milkshakes

Protein shakes are gross, and I want

all the ladies in my spin class to think that I'm into protein. Milk and ice cream have protein anyway, right? Plus, milkshakes make my mouth taste fruity and delicious.

Eating Little Food

It makes me feel like a big person.

Low-Carb Diets

After I eat large amounts of little food and feel a little large myself I'm big into low carb diets.

Dressing Up in a Skirt and Tube Top, Putting on Lipstick and Eyeliner, Covering My Arms in My Little Pony Temporary Tattoos, and Playing Settlers of Catan with 3 Shirtless Midgets

Self explanatory. —AJ '14

Meet With Your OA Buddies

Choose Your Own Adventure

You meet up with 3 of the other guys from your trip. One is putting on his Sean Connery impersonation, much to the enjoyment of the others. For some reason, his mock-Irish accent as he recounts a 15-year-old SNL sketch bothered you less when you were stranded in the wilderness with him. You're sure you'll get

over that though. You return from your musings to discover your friends talking about their plans for the night. One's heard about a frat party happening on campus, while the others are heading to an eating club.

Choice 1: Check out a frat party. Go to page 19

Choice 2: Hit up the street. Go to page 6

SUCK IT
TREBEK

How to Spice Up the Decor in Your Crack House



Illustrated by CSO '15 & AJS '15

Consider the Cookware

In recent years, technological advances have shaken the pan industry to its cast-iron core, so it's no surprise that your rusty old frying pan isn't stretching your product like it used to. But fear not – this 'must have' frying pan from The Martha Stewart Cookware Collection makes cooking "chickens" easy and enjoyable again! With 3 exciting colorways, this cute frying pan is sure to liven up any kitchen. Martha expertly designed the pan's hardy aluminum core herself to provide quick and even heat distribution, ensuring the same great quality all throughout your product; and at 7 inches, it's the perfect size for personalized batches.

Hide Kitchen Clutter

After a long day of trapping and moving product to the streets, there's nothing like unwinding with a little merlot and John Mayer. But it's hard to relax when bags, ammonia bottles and baking soda boxes are staring at you and your plug singing along to "Your Body Is A Wonderland." Thankfully, storage jars give your materials a home and inject elegance and class into your crack house's kitchen. We recommend this lovely set of 3 French-inspired earthenware jars. These functional yet gorgeous pieces act as a versatile visual balance to the rest of the room. Use the reclaimed counter space for a floral display or even a bowl of plastic fruit!

Presentation is Everything

Plastic dime bags are so last year. Treat the streets by packaging your crack in some cute, unbleached, 100% cotton drawstring bags from Williams-Sonoma. Best of all, they're reusable, so you'll be the most environmentally friendly slanger on the block. To show your appreciation to your best customers, fill a small wicker basket with an eightball and artisanal crack pipes; then, top it off with a few handfuls of Easter grass or some colored tissue paper. For a personalized touch, tie a silk ribbon around the basket and write the customer's name on it with a glitter or gel pen. — AJS '15

What to Bring to a Potluck Dinner

- Hashish Kabob
- CannaBisquick
- Bloody MaryJane
- Bong Bons
- Potklava
- Weedabix
- Takeout from Hempire Szechuan
- Spliff Pea Soup
- Marijuanton Soup
- Blundt Cake
- Ganjambalaya
- Doritos



Hit Up The Street

Choose Your Own Adventure

You've arrived at last at the fabled Street. Legends are made in these very clubs (or in your case, yards). You've got a couple drinks in you, wingmen on either side, and 18 years of enforced repressed sexuality rearing its head. Now's your chance to score. Unfortunately, your friend is being a total playa hata and wants to go to "Hoagie Haven" instead. "I hear it's really good!" he says as you scan the field for which of the mad biddies you'll be hitting up tonight.

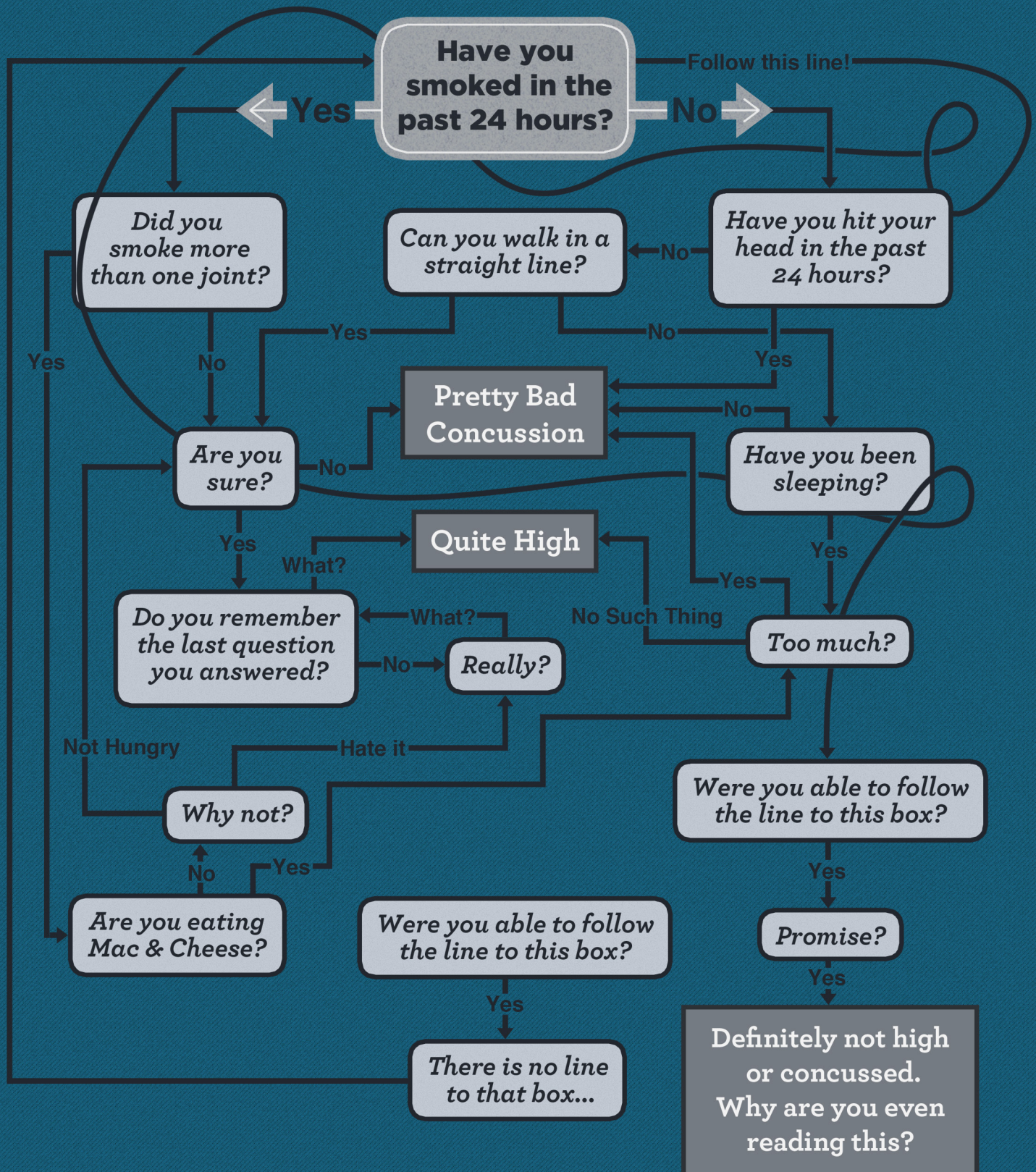
Choice 1: Check out Hoagie Haven
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Choice 2: Try your luck with the ladies
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Are You Concussed or Just High?

— PV '15 & CSO '15



TOM MARVOLO RIDDLE

~~Lord Earlston Vomit~~

~~Motor Marvel Dildo~~

★ ~~Immortal Love Road~~ maybe

~~Mortal Dildo Mover~~

~~Marmot Dildo Lover.~~

~~Pildo Lovett Rat-Mom~~

I Am Loved Old Mr. Ort

~~Mild Doomed Lover~~

~~Dermal Drool Vomit~~

~~Old Immortal Lover~~

~~Mill Moor, Dad lover~~

~~Vim Troll, Dad Romeo~~

~~Marmot Dool Devil~~

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~~Tom, Pils = Ram Lover~~

~~Tom, or MARVEL DILDO?~~

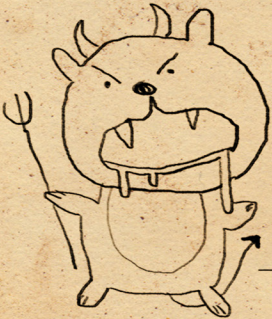
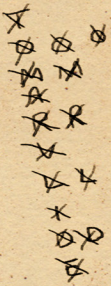
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Daddy - Mom, Art Lover

I Am Lord Voldemort

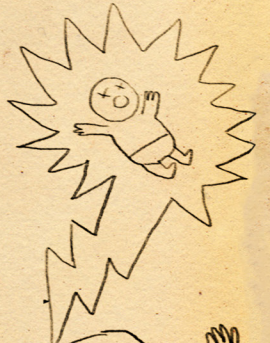


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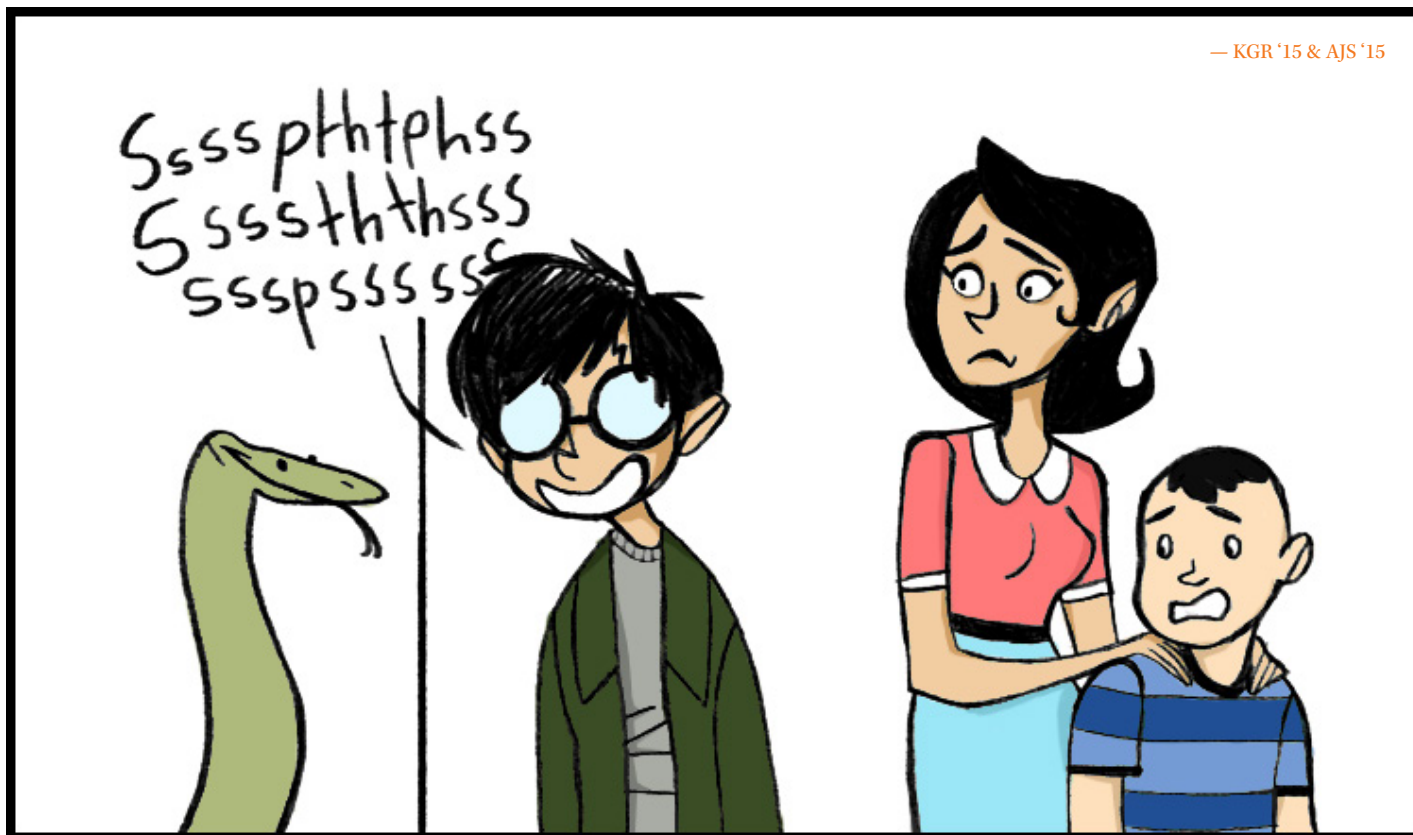
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The real reason the Dursleys were embarrassed to take Harry out in public

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Best Courses of the 2012-2013 School Year

PSY 314 - Advanced Sleeping

This course offers a valuable extension in the understanding of sleeping to students who have completed PSY 313 – Sleeping through Alarm Clocks. This is a class focused on student participation, heavy on hands-on and face-on-desk experimenting. While the first half of the course will expand techniques learned in PSY 313 to sleeping through lectures and important life-altering events, the second half of the course will focus on slumber-related activities such as sleepwalking, sleeptalking, and somniball-roomdancing. Furthermore, there is a required regiment of 120 hours of sleep per week. This will be strictly monitored by creepily intrusive (but friendly) TAs. In addition to the sleeping assignments, this class has a midterm and final. The midterm will be a three-hour exam in which students will attempt to remain sleeping while being routinely electrocuted and waterboarded. The final will be a practical exam in which students must navigate an obstacle course while completely asleep.

ART 999 - Multimedia Origami

This course will be an intimate examination of how to engage in the ancient Japanese art of paper folding using materials that are not paper. Throughout the semester, students will be bending metal bars, bricks and the Honor Code as they design and create their own origami sculptures. True to the art of origami, there will be no tools allowed. Safety goggles, aprons, and Band-Aids are strictly prohibited.

ART 253/PSY 253 – Graphic Design: Intro to Blackmail

This course will explore the many ways to screw with your enemies. Students will familiarize themselves with the “crop” feature of Photoshop as they manipulate Facebook images to ruin lives. In addition, there will be an emphasis on the psychology of the art of blackmail. As an advanced psychology course, this course will examine ultimatums, bargaining, and alcoholism. This class has no midterm or problem sets. Students must

blackmail the professor into giving them an A. Prerequisites include: PSY 202, ART 101 and no self-respect.

ART 802/MOL 802 – Tool-less Ice-Sculpting

This course is a free-form seminar focused on the study of ice sculpting without aids. Students will use their body parts and warmth to carve out semblances of objects of their choosing. This seminar requires students to travel abroad to Greenland for the duration of the semester and will be the only course that enrolled students may take for the semester. Beyond sculpting, students will explore the consequences of tool-less ice sculpting, namely the permanent nerve damage practitioners sustain in creating transient works of art. In addition, there will be an emphasis on the artistic properties of bodily fluids and combating frostbite. The final will be a group practical exam in which students try to get back to New Jersey by creating and captaining a full-size ice replica of a 17th century British galleon. —KS '15

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Greek Life Restrictions Devastate Greek Economy

ATHENS, GREECE - Although countless Princetonians have complained about the University's recent decision not to allow students to participate in Greek life until sophomore year, nowhere has the policy had a worse effect than here in Greece itself. Ever since the ban on freshman rush, Greece has suffered from economic and social turmoil directly related to President Shirley Tilghman's new rules.

When the announcement was made last spring, withdrawal of Princeton's support led to a worldwide loss of confidence in Greece. Matters were made worse by the State Department's declaration that no American citizens could enter Greece until their sophomore year of college, which crippled the Greek tourism industry.

"If Shirley is against Greek Life, how can any of us continue to support it?" asked Prime Minister Angela Merkel, whom many have called the Shirley Tilghman of Germany, in a speech to the UN. The UN Security Council later determined to withdraw its support from Greece, despite the claims of many young Greeks that Greek society had provided them with a valuable support system.

"I love Greek life," said Achilles Pilates, a member of the Athens chapter of Greece. "I think it's good for Greeks to get involved in it as early as possible. If my little brother, Homer, has to wait until sophomore year to go Greek, what the hell is he going to do until then?"

Since the ban on freshman participation in Greek rush, Greece's economy has been ravaged, bringing

much of Europe along with it. Massive unemployment has ensued, along with rioting rowdier than any frat party.

Greek culture is also being frowned upon. When asked to comment, Turkish diplomats distanced themselves from their Greek neighbors, saying that they could not afford to be mixed up with such a disruptive country while in the midst of bickering the European Union. Princeton's administration recently announced that, in addition to being prohibited from going Greek, freshmen would no longer be permitted to take any courses that cover Greek language or culture.

"If Shirley is against Greek Life, how can *any* of us continue to support it?"

- Angela Merkel

"Classic works like Homer's *Odyssey* or Euripides' *Bacchae* are not the kind of positive experience we want freshman year at Princeton to be," said Tilghman. She went on to announce the removal of all Corinthian columns from campus.

Unfortunately, there is no easy answer for the citizens of Greece. Not even angry editorials in *The Daily Princetonian* by ex-members of the country could change the administration's mind.

"We just hate Greece," Tilghman explained. —SBW'15

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The 7 People You'll Meet Your Freshman Year



01

The Sorority Slave

She hardly went out in high school, but this is her chance to grab the college social scene by the balls and show everyone how included she is capable of being. By the fourth day of freshman orientation, she has already established a strong network of semi-attractive girls, along with some uglier ones to make her seem charitable and look better by comparison. She isn't really sure what she wants to major in, but she has already designed several versions of a neon green sports bra embellished with sequins and Greek letters. Last heard saying: "like, ohmigod, the Greeks have their own alphabet?!" Biggest secret: she is actually a classics major graduating summa cum laude and knows more about Greek history than you thought anybody would ever want to.

03

The Athlete

This guy is the one who doesn't bother wearing a shirt to go to the bathroom. Why, you ask? Was a shirt not readily available to him when leaving on his way to the bathroom? Was he studying shirtless? No one really knows. But men and women alike agree that this guy is profusely ripped (and proud of it). Is he just overcompensating for something? Could be. You never really learn this guy's real name because everyone calls him "Pumble." Is that a synthesis of the words "pummel" and "rumble"? You won't ever know because asking that is socially reckless, you will probably lose all of your friends if you do and there's a decent chance he would pumble you.

02

Your OA Trowel Buddy

This is the girl you always seem to run into in the dining hall when all you want is to sit in silence and finish your assignment. She likes bringing up how gross GORP got and how great it is not to have to trowel (even though its been like three months since the trip). Careful when you eat with her, because if you drop any food on the floor, she will scream "LNT!" and expect you to crack up. Failure to do so may result in a reminder of the meaning of the acronym.





04

The Kid Who's Just Really Excited To Be Here

This is the kid whose wardrobe is comprised of a rotation of all of the free residential college gear he received, along with a pair of khaki cargo pants (the cleanliness of which is questionable). When you pass your residential college's game room on the way to the bathroom, no matter what time of day it is, he is invariably in there silently playing ping pong. When you go to the dining halls to eat alone, don't panic because this guy will happily sit with you. He will also be the first person whose number you awkwardly add to your phone. Say hello to four years of "What's up?" texts!



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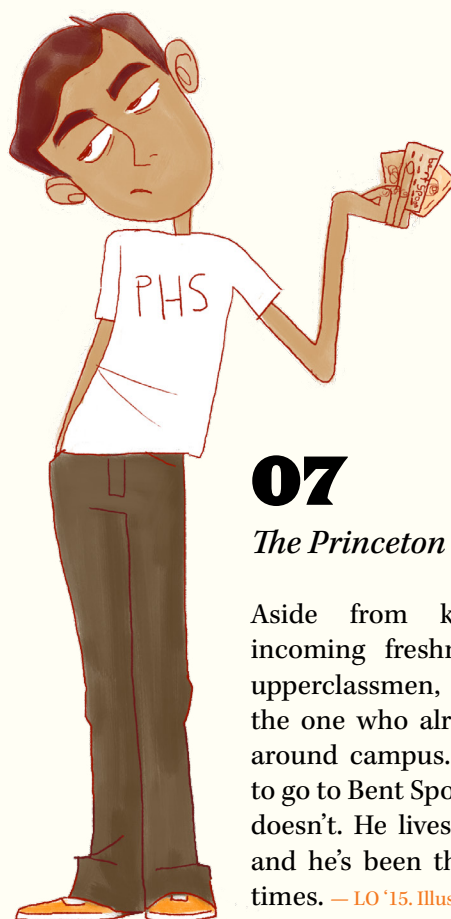
The Talkative Academic

This girl can't stop talking about how interesting and stimulating her classes are. She likes reminding you that she is taking Swahili. Also, do you know the name of all of the books she had to read last night for HUM?! Well, now you do. Last heard saying: "oh my god I have so much work!". Did I mention that she is taking Swahili? Because she is and she finds it really interesting.

05

The Guy From New York City

There is one fact that every non-New Yorker is sure of, and that is that everyone who is from New York City knows each other. If your cousin lives in the City, be sure to tell this guy your cousin's name and where he lives, because this person will care very deeply. If ever caught between the spitfire of two New York City inhabitants on the Princeton campus, beware: you will be listening to several insufferable minutes of "oh my god do you know (insert Collegiate kid's name here)?"



07

The Princeton High School Dude

Aside from knowing 20 other incoming freshmen and about 60 upperclassmen, this kid will also be the one who already knows his way around campus. Does this kid want to go to Bent Spoon with you?! No. He doesn't. He lives like a minute away and he's been there like four billion times. — LO '15. Illustrated by KGR '15

Hoagie Haven

Choose Your Own Adventure

You stumble away from the Street with your friends and use the power of the iPhone to find your way to Hoagie Haven. You step inside and join the line of drunken students who had the same idea as yourselves. You don't really know what to order, but everyone else seems to be ordering something called a Sanchez (extra dirty), so you decide to go with that. You finally get your food and bite down. Suddenly, all your concerns melt away as you experience the greatest joy of your young life. You wonder how you lived so long without experiencing the intense pleasure of what is clearly God's greatest creation.

END: Congratulations! You have achieved Nirvana. Enjoy it while you can, though, because that sandwich just took 10 years off your life expectancy.

— TDM '14



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— AJS '15

Badass Interview Tips

How to nail that job interview

Are you the alpha-male? Do you get paid what you want? Can you lick your elbow? If you said yes to those questions, you are a sad, sad liar. But that's okay, because 'The Princeton Tiger' is here to make a badass out of your sad ass with these easy interview tips.

Be Early

This is pretty damn obvious. Early bird gets the worm. Earlier bird sees the stupid ass early bird swoop down to where he's waiting and eats him and the worm. Earliest bird fucking kills both birds (no stone required) and cuts up the worm to bait more dumbass birds.

Be Prepared

The worst thing you can do in an interview is be an unprepared wussy. Do some research ahead of time. For example, find out who your interviewer is. Find where he lives. Find out if he's married. Find out what all his phobias and allergies are. Find out his bone density. All these things can give you a conversational advantage that'll really astound your interviewer.

Communicate Effectively

Your interviewer only has a certain amount of time before he explodes from basking in your awesomeness for too long. Communicate effectively. Don't use wussy words like adjectives. For example, if he asks you how you are, the answer isn't "good" or "fine" or "excited to be here." Instead, use a simile. Inject some literary sophistication into the conversation. "Like a boss."

Compliment

Your interviewer is doing you a favor by learning how much of a badass you are. He's going to tell everyone how awesome you are so you don't have to. Pay him back with a few compliments. "You probably have a high tolerance for pain," or "You keep your pencil tips very, very sharp," can go a long way.

Breathe

Remember to breathe. Most interviewers aren't impressed by how long you can hold your breath. Instead, breathe deeply and loudly. Let your interviewer know that you understand that life is a zero sum game, and that you are taking his oxygen. This go-getter attitude is exactly what people look for in someone to worship. Extra points if your exhaling knocks objects over.

Don't Stall

"Uhh" does not convey how much of a badass you are, your fists do. Did the T-rex "stop to think?" No. That's why it took a goddamn asteroid to take her down.

Don't Be Drunk

Seriously, do not be drunk for your interview. Meth helps your focus way more. — KS '15

Decline in Science & Engineering Majors Due to Math Being Hard

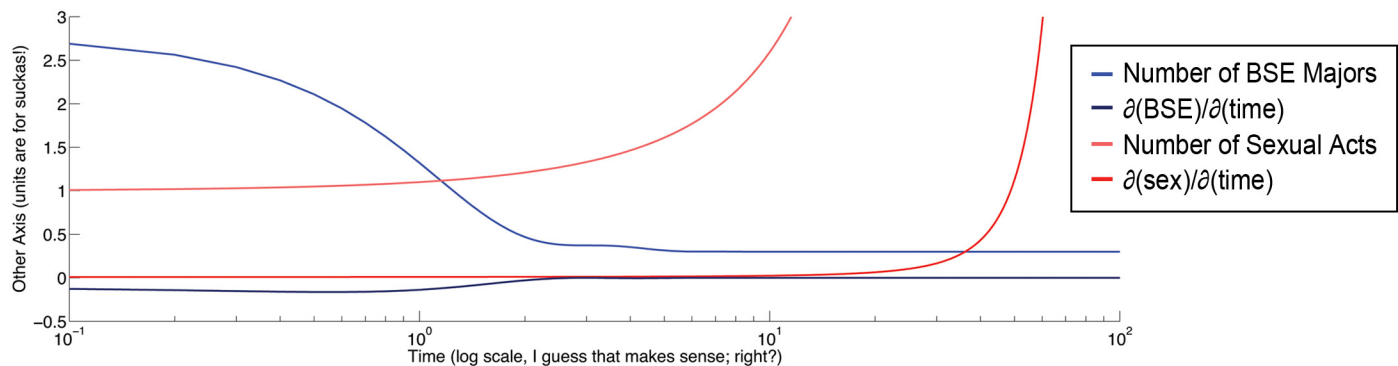


Figure 4: Relevant trends in my data over an appropriate time period. The two data sets have been normalized, but I forgot how. Super sorry about that. Error bars not shown for obvious reasons.

Illustrated by CSO '15

PRINCETON, NJ - This May, colleges across the country have reported a continuing decline in the number of graduating science and engineering majors. A recent study by a few of the few remaining scientists has shown that this trend has been caused by the fact that math is, in fact, kinda hard.

The study, led by Jamie Chen of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, surveyed twelve Rhode Island School of Design students and found a perfect correlation between students who were not science or engineering majors and students who thought math was hard.

The evidence seems to be incredibly conclusive for the causal relationship between math being hard and people not wanting to do it. "If I learned anything in statistics back in college, it was that correlation always implies causation," said Chen. "Either that or it doesn't. I'm not entirely sure - statistics was hard."

Such a study has incredible real world implications for ongoing research into making math less hard, and it may even some day lead to a cure for math being hard. Unfortunately the study has also had some negative consequences. Having realized that others avoid science due to difficulty, scientists nationwide have now

become at least twice as arrogant as they already were. "Well already we had big words nobody gets now obviously since nobody else can math 'cause it so hard we then are like more better now than them are yeah," said an anonymous scientist desperately avoiding eye contact, "anybody can language or talk people you know but not math like us. Hence better 'cause math now too! Pachyderm!" This recent ego boost has led to scientists suddenly passing movie stars in GDL and coming dangerously close to professional athletes. Fortunately, they still remain a long way from the top position currently shared by both male models and Donald Trump.

Leaders nationwide are now encouraging further research into the declining number of scientists and engineers. "I myself would like to see some research about all the Asians being good at science," said Senator Mitch McConnell, "Maybe them being allowed in the country is as bad for our nation's growth. Maybe as bad as math being hard. Maybe we should send them all back to their own damn countries."

There has, however, been some debate over how accurate the results of the study were. In fact, some competing theories have been raised,

including the theory that people are doing less science because they'd rather have sex instead. "We've begun to realize that science and math are kind of really nerdy," said ex-chemistry major and aspiring NASCAR driver Kent Witherspoon, "and nerdy guys don't ever get laid. Racecar drivers though... those guys get mad pussy." Some have even speculated that the growing number of women in science has contributed to the overall decline. "Now that women can do science, why do we have to anymore?" said some random guy I talked to on the street, "Can't we just make them do that instead of like laundry and babies and shit?"

Several mathematicians or statisticians or something were interviewed about the reliability of the study. They seemed to regard it as "entirely inconsequential nonsensical drivel," "complete poppycock," and "comprehensively negligible in the eyes of those who deem themselves of intellect superior to a more obtuse rodent." Since these and the rest of their statements were completely incomprehensible, they have been disregarded, and there seems to be no evidence that the reliability of the study should be questioned whatsoever. — AJ '14

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Things to Do Instead of Rush

Rush Anyway

The University can't physically stop you from rushing – it can just promise to make your life a living hell if they catch you. So if you really feel like your freshman experience is lacking because you can't join a fraternity, go ahead and join a fraternity!

The tricky part, of course, is that it's not just you that will get penalized if you get caught; any fraternity that is exposed for having freshman rush will be in deep trouble with the school. So assuming fraternities are a relatively careful bunch, they almost certainly won't let a freshman rush. So if you're going to join a fraternity, your only real option is to impersonate a sophomore. You'll want to pick a department that you're planning on majoring in to improve your cover. You want one that isn't too small as to arouse suspicion, but you also don't want to be in the same department as any of your potential brothers (as they may catch you in your lie). Safe bets are probably physics and math. Most importantly, though, whatever happens, you must insist you are a sophomore and not a freshman. If Princeton does catch you, the moment you admit you're a freshman you're doomed. You need to fully commit to being a sophomore to the point where everyone else believes you actually think you're a sophomore. Pro move: if you make it to January, try to bicker an eating club to maintain your cover!

Join a Secret Society

The University says you can't rush a fraternity, but there are plenty of other organizations you can join that are like fraternities but aren't fraternities. The most famous of Princeton's secret societies is St. A's (why the Oakland Athletics have a secret society at Princeton is anyone's guess), but there are probably hundreds if not thousands of other secret groups at campus that no one has ever heard of (because, you know, they're secret and whatnot).

The downside? People can't be impressed by the fact that your existence has been validated by a group of your like-minded peers if they can't know your organization exists. So joining a secret society won't make you seem really cool in the eyes of your freshman friends, but you'll probably at least know an upperclassman who's willing to buy for you.

Recreate Greek Life

Want to have all the fun of joining a frat without all the University sanctions? Just do it yourself! You don't actually need a frat to do the whole rushing/pledging thing; in reality, you can completely simulate the process of joining a fraternity with nothing more than some supplies you can pick up at CVS and a few good friends who are willing to go along with your batshit

10 Places Princeton Could've Put The Extra Freshmen

- Repurpose unused Firestone carrels
- Quad
- Build a Forbes Annex Annex
- During Frosh Week, erect large fences around Cloister's backyard
- Charter a boat; discover new continent
- All Community Action groups will now focus on building housing for themselves
- Make Outdoor Action year-round, Princeton-based
- Lift the ban on the steam tunnels
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crazy ideas.

Some suggestions: lock your friends and yourself in a room for the night, and refuse to unlock the door for any reason until you've all memorized the Greek alphabet (bonus points if you do it in a room without a bathroom!) When you're done with that, why not try throwing together pretty much all the alcohol you have into one drink and adding in other liquids you have lying around for "added flavor"? You'll get the satisfaction of showing up at McCosh vomiting your meals from the last week up without all those messy disciplinary ramifications. Or if you're feeling really adventurous, dress up in a woman's bikini and hit the street. When people ask you what you're doing, you can explain to them that you're just pledging yourselves.

Explore other types of Greek Life

You probably think you have a pretty good idea of what Greek life is about from TV shows and movies growing up. But did you know there was actually an entire culture about 3000 years ago that modern Greek life doesn't even touch on? There are tons of fun activities you can do to get a better feel for what "going Greek" is really all about.

A few classics from the Classical Era: reciting epic poems, debating philosophy and the Socratic method are all very "Greek" things you can still do despite the ban on freshman rush. Other less well-known options

Try Your Luck With The Ladies Choose Your Own Adventure

You always knew that if those nerdy pickup lines you spent hours memorizing online were going to work anywhere, it would be at Princeton University. Unfortunately, it turns out they don't, so you pretty much just wasted a lot of time scouring the internet for the best plays on the word "joystick." It also doesn't help that you're

for the avid grecophile: ostracizing members of the community, reading sheep entrails and making fun of Macedonians.

Go to Class

Let's face it: you were going to try your best to make it to class for the first week or so of the semester, but after that it was going to become pretty much optional based on how much other stuff you have going on in your life. Now that you don't have to worry about rushing a fraternity, though, you are going to have far more free time on your hands. Why not spend it attending classes? Assigned coursework and lectures are a great way to expand your knowledge of a subject and further your education at Princeton University. You may find yourself even enjoying some of the classes – but you'll never know if you don't show up!

You might think that showing up to classes because Princeton banned freshman rush is akin to letting the University "win". Next time you think that, remember how much you're paying in tuition and accept the fact that the University won long, long ago.

Organize a Protest of the Freshman Rush Ban

Because that's definitely going to help. Maybe you can put it on your resume to demonstrate you have leadership skills.

— TDM '14

a freshman. Hopefully, you'll have better luck next time.

END: You won't have better luck next time. Or the time after that, in fact. It's going to be a long year. — TDM '14



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Romney Chooses Obama as Running Mate



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NORFOLK, VA – In a shocking turn of events, a source with intimate knowledge of the decision tells *The Princeton Tiger* that Mitt Romney has dropped Paul Ryan and chosen Barack Obama as his Vice Presidential running mate.

After weeks of speculation linked him to numerous individuals including Tim Pawlenty, Bobby Jindal, Chris Christie, and Rand Paul, Romney announced on August 11th that he had chosen Wisconsin Congressman Paul Ryan. However, after Ryan failed to give the ticket a boost in the polls, the Romney camp began looking at alternatives that might help him with minorities and young voters. Romney has struggled mightily to gain support among these groups, specifically women, African-Americans, and voters 18-25. His troubles with these demographics had initially led to speculation about a running mate specifically targeted at these groups, such as Condoleezza Rice. With this power play, Romney took that notion to the extreme, neutralizing the Democrats' advantage in all of Romney's trouble demographics.

A Gallup poll from Friday had the Romney/Obama ticket in a dead heat with the Obama/Biden ticket, trailing 47 to 46 (± 3).

"Obama's experience with the executive office and with presidential campaigns will be an asset to the ticket and will compliment Mr. Romney

very well," said the anonymous source from the Romney campaign. "The Republican ticket now has something to appeal to everyone and we should now have some very interesting debates."

The Obama/Biden campaign quickly went on the offensive after receiving knowledge of the choice, releasing a statement saying the choice was "a thinly-veiled attempt to appeal to moderates" and that it would result in "the same-old-same-old failed Republican policies" since "adding an elitist Washington career politician to the ticket will not make them any less out of touch with the American people."

The Obama campaign has a tough task ahead in trying to criticize the Republican ticket without damaging the image of its own candidate in the eyes of voters. Lead Obama spokesman Jay Carney told reporters Saturday that Obama would make a much better President than Vice President because he "is terrible with authority" and "doesn't really like" Romney. He added that he "would be like Cheney 2.0."

Republican party officials expressed relief that the Vice Presidential candidate choice is finalized at last, so they can return to their number one objective, which is winning the election in November and making Barack Obama a one-term president. And then vice-president.

— MFG '14

Marginally Computer Literate Teenagers Heralded as Technology Savants by Mothers

SILICON VALLEY, CA – Today, the tech sphere was ablaze with celebration as American 13 to 25 year-olds were honored as technosages before a congregation of their mothers' friends, family, and peers.

Exalting their average-intelligence teenager with no knowledge of advanced computer skills such as programming or database management, mothers bestowed the supremely significant designation of being "so good with computers" upon the unremarkable age group before an audience of their co-workers.

"Jacob is so gifted with technology," said one mother proudly, who was unable to remove a paper jam from the copy machine in cluster B this morning. She insisted that she would have easily resolved the problem "if only he were here," and compared her C average student to a more sociable and attractive version of the Rain Man, a young Steve Jobs, and MacGyver.

The commemorations came today in recognition of over a decade of repeated demonstrations of savant-like proficiency in multiple categories of basic computer usage, including attaching files such as pictures and videos to e-mail messages, restarting the router when the Internet wasn't working, changing the ink in the



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printer, and demonstrating how to use the help function which is "in literally every fucking program, Mom."

Two teens, Daryl Lewis and Natalie Mendoza, took home special awards this evening. Lewis, 13, wowed his mother by managing to banish once and for all those pesky green lines in Microsoft Word. Mendoza, 14, helped her mother set up a Facebook account, which would allow her mother to comment on pictures and monitor conversations with boys—had Mendoza not shrewdly placed her mother on limited profile. — AJ '15

Check Out A Frat Party

Choose Your Own Adventure

"But aren't freshmen not allowed to do stuff with frats?" you say, but your friend dismisses your concern and whisks you off to a nearby dorm room. As soon as the door opens, you're hit by a blast of loud music. The vodka runs freely from handles of Popov as guys in tank tops high-five and cavort. Much to your surprise, you're actually having fun! You're just starting to enjoy yourself when you hear a loud crash! A hazy smoke fills the room and your eyes sting as the tear gas hits you. You hit the floor as a group of Public Safety officers in SWAT gear kick down the door, followed by Shirley Tilghman herself. She does not take kindly to your fraternizing with Greek life.

END: For violating the University's Greek Life Freshman Ban Policy, you've been expelled, deported, and excommunicated. — TDM '14

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How to Read Your Friends' Terrible Poetry

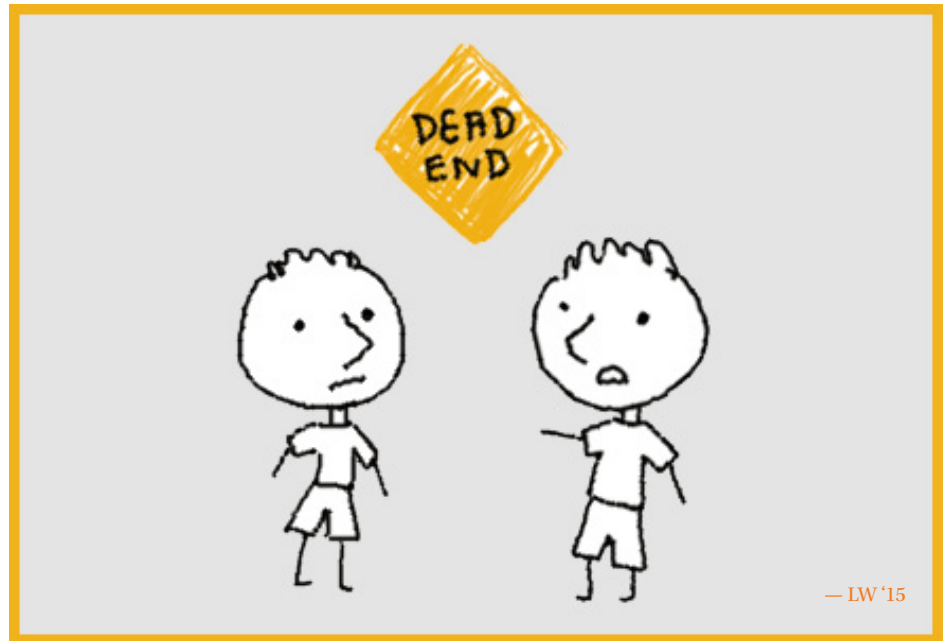
We all have friends who write poetry in some way. Maybe they do it at the corner table in the dining hall, maybe they take their moleskine notebook out while sitting cross-legged on the quad, or maybe, God willing, they don't feel the need to write publicly. Regardless of how they write poetry, the fact is they still write poetry, and unless you're going to school with Allen Ginsberg, chances are it's terrible poetry. Actually, chances are it's terrible even if you are going to school with Allen Ginsberg.

1. Take a Long Time to Read It

This is a win-win. If you stop reading right after the first few lines (which will probably be along the lines of: "Carol doesn't know she is the pen/ on the wrinkled napkin of my heart"), the "poet" will get suspicious. Taking an excessively long time to read the poem gives him or her the idea that you're trying really hard to understand it while you're actually trying really hard to come up with something positive to say. Consider shifting the paper around in your hand or even switching hands - something to show that you're giving it a second reading. This way, they will know that you are intrigued and, if they're anything like every "poet" I know, they'll think you're having trouble grasping the concept. This will be a high point of their day, something they will be discussing in poorly-lit coffee shops for the next month: "Some of the people I showed it to definitely took a while to grasp its ethos," they'll say. Interesting side note: nobody knows the definition of the word "ethos." But that doesn't stop them from putting it on Vitamin Water bottles.

2. Say Something Positive and Pretentious

Did you stall long enough? Let's hope so, because now it's time for you to start the conversation with a compliment. The trick here is to say something positive that will make them think you like it while still appearing to have read the whole



"You see, the use of imperfect rhyme here between the words 'dead' and 'end' really instills within the reader a sense that something formidable is coming..."

thing. As you can imagine, this is hard to pull off. Never say, for instance, "Oh my God, this is incredible!" or "Wow, this sounds like something Frost would write!" Collegiate poets are dumb, but not that dumb. Plus, since their work is constantly in a state of revision (in order to ensure that there is never a terrible finished product, just a "draft I've been revising for years now"), they'll find it odd if anyone says that their poem is the next "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening." Your compliment should be kind and thoughtful, but it should also give them a vague sense that you found the poem somehow lacking. Try something along the lines of "I really like where you're going with this draft" or "You're hinting at a very interesting ethos." Anything to

let them know that you don't think this is the final draft. The final draft, if the poet ever admits that he or she is actually finished, will appear either in one of the school's four literary magazines that nobody reads or in the trashcan in the kitchen of the cafe where the poet works. Or both.

N.B. - It is important to *always* give a compliment. Do this even if they specifically ask you what's wrong with it or tell you not to give them false praise. Remember: it's college. All praise is false praise, but it's what keeps everybody going.

3. Offer an Insight

Here's where creativity comes in. If you want to appear the least bit

legitimate in the eyes of your terrible poet friend, you need to suggest a way for him or her to improve the poem. You have a lot of freedom here, but don't go too far. That is, telling them that they sound pretentious or that they clearly don't know what they're writing about is a no-no. Appropriate criticisms sound like "There are a few awkward point-of-view shifts" or "You need to clarify the narrator's motive." Luckily for you, there are thousands of critiques like these that apply to pretty much everything ever written. The Gospel According to Luke, for instance, has some really distracting point-of-view shifts. And the Declaration of Independence? Ugh.

4. Let Them Talk

If you know any terrible poets, then you know that shutting up and letting them talk about their work is much harder than it sounds. Odds are they're going to tell you either A) why your criticism is wrong, or B) that they had known that was a flaw in their work and wanted to see if you picked up on it or if they were just "being my own worst critic." Resist the urge to punch them by thinking about something else or, if you're in a restaurant, by

stabbing yourself in the thigh with your knife under the table. The pain will distract you, and the reward is worth all the severed arteries in the world. That's right—once you've let them talk, you're only two steps away from ending the conversation.

5. Have the Last Word

If you only have a few sentences to say about their work, a poet will get suspicious. And when poets get suspicious, they either lash out at you or act hurt. Either way, it's just going to lead to more poems. How do you assure them that their poem has deeply affected you? Whatever they say, get very serious and tell them how great they are. If you were smiling, stop. If you didn't seem to have just undergone a profound paradigm shift, start acting like it. And start using the words "paradigm shift." If you can convince a terrible poet that they have truly gotten through to you, it's checkmate. That's all they will ever need to hear you say. This is especially easy if the poem is about A) a failed relationship, or B) some social problem or humanitarian cause, like stopping global warming. Most terrible college poems deal with these issues on some level or another,

so all you have to do is tell the poet that his or her message got through. This can be a long speech about how much more ethos you have now, or it can be as simple as saying "You were too good for him" or "Al Gore was too good to be president."

6. Get the Hell Out of There

So, congratulations! You're free. The poet may say, "Thanks for checking out that draft!" the next time he or she sees you, but you've paid your dues. Plus, if you were critical enough in step 3, they may have decided that you're not a good judge of literature. In all likelihood, however, you will be subjected to terrible poetry in the future. Remembering these steps should get you through it intact (save the knife wound in your leg), but there might be some emotional pain left over. Trust me, I know - that happens to me a lot. You know, when I feel hurt or overwhelmed, it actually really helps me to write about it. I happen to have written something like that recently, in fact. It's just a very rough draft, but I actually think there might be some valuable ideas in there. Here, just check out the pages I've marked down in my moleskine notebook...

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But you'll have to go to Harvard first,
Which isn't that much fun.

Philadelphia's a nice town,
And Penn's a decent school,
Or perhaps you'll prefer "Wharton,"
So says the classic tool.

But when night falls you're sure to find
There's something you've forgot—
If you don't stick close to the quad
You're likely to get shot.

Perhaps you'll study English;
Then Yale might be for you.
But New Haven's just West Philly
Without the nice parts too.

And if you aim to engineer
Or reject the liberal arts
I think you'll find your choice of Yale
Wasn't very smart.

"Ithaca is gorges"
Is how the saying goes.
Recall that in December
When it's seventeen below.

Though half the school's an Ivy,
The other half is State—
So take care from which department
You choose to graduate.

Columbia's in the City,
Good old NYC,
But if you're looking for a campus,
It may be hard to see.

A couple city blocks is all
Columbia may claim,
So I'd choose to be a Tiger
O'er a Lion any day.

Brown's not quite as lively
As the color may suggest,
And, in truth, quite cultish,
Though their weed may be the best.

Plus Emma Watson's gone now,
So I don't see the point
Of living out my college days
With no fun but a joint.

Dartmouth is distinguished
For one surprising fact:
"Kappa Kappa Kappa"
Is still one of their frats.

They swear there's no allegiance,
To that group of infamy,
But why they won't just change it
To me's a mystery.

Now, Stanford's not an Ivy,
Though it sure pretends to be,
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Now I'll admit their weather's nice
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