

The PRINCETON TIGER



Self Help

SPRING 2022 COURSES

REL 226: Stephen Teiser **The Religions of China**

A thematic introduction to Chinese religion, ranging from ancient to contemporary. The first half focuses on classics of Chinese thought (Book of Changes, Analects of Confucius, Daoist classics, etc.). The second half utilizes journalism, ethnography, and history to consider topics such as contemporary China, state control of religion, cosmology, gods and saints, divination, gender, and ritual.

REL 252/CLA 252/HLS 252: Elaine Pagels **Jesus: How Christianity Began**

Who was Jesus of Nazareth, and how do we know about him? Why did some interpretations of truth -- and his message -- win out over others? How have these particular ways of thinking influenced western culture, shaping our views of politics, race and ethnicity, sexuality and gender, civil and human rights even now? To answer questions like these, we'll investigate the earliest gospels, letters, Jewish and Roman sources, prison diaries and martyr accounts -- as well as how artists, filmmakers, musicians and theologians interpret them. Regardless of religious background, or none, you will learn a lot, and be able to contribute.

REL 260: Gabriel Citron **Eliminating Suffering: Netflix, Drugs, and Spiritual Practice**

We suffer. Sometimes more, sometimes less -- but we all suffer, and often profoundly. What is it about the human condition that seems to make suffering inevitable? What can we do to deal with it? One approach is to try to change the external conditions causing the trouble. A very different approach sees the most important change as being within ourselves. Can we eliminate -- or at least assuage -- our suffering by changing the way we direct our attention (Netflix...), by changing the way we experience (drugs...), or by changing our manner of desiring (spiritual practices...)? We will approach these questions practically and theoretically.

REL 271: Judith Weisenfeld **Cult' Controversies in America**

In this course we examine a variety of new religious movements that tested the boundaries of acceptable religion at various moments in American history. We pay particular attention to government and media constructions of the religious mainstream and margin, to the politics of labels such as "cult" and "sect," to race, gender, and sexuality within new religions, and to the role of American law in constructing categories and shaping religious expressions. We also consider what draws people to new religions and examine the distinctive beliefs, practices, and social organizations of groups labeled by outsiders as "cults."

REL 281: Jonathan Gold **Buddhist Philosophy**

An introduction to the Indian Buddhist philosophical tradition from the time of the Buddha until its decline (c. 400 B.C.E. - 1200 C.E.). Topics include Buddhism's view of the world, the person, and the path to nirvana; equanimity, compassion and meditation as core elements in Buddhist ethics; early Buddhist metaphysics; the doctrine of "emptiness" and its various interpretations in the Great Vehicle schools; Buddhist epistemology and philosophy of language; and modern attempts to apply Buddhist philosophy to contemporary philosophical issues.

REL 303/CHV 305: Daniel Rubio **God and Humanity in Catholic Thought**

This course will examine thought about the relationship between God and humanity in Roman Catholic thought from the Spanish world. We will focus on four figures, two from the sixteenth century and two from the 20th: St. Theresa of Avila, an important mystic whose influence on modern thought has only recently been recognized by contemporary historians of philosophy; Francisco Suarez, one of the foremost late scholastic philosophers; Jon Sobrino, one of the foremost South American liberation theologians; and Gustavo Gutierrez, another liberation theologian. All of these thinkers fall within the same intellectual tradition, but offer interesting and diverse ways of thinking about what God is, what humanity is, and what to say about one of the most salient issues in the relationship between God and humanity: the seeming divine indifference to the suffering of the innocent.

REL 307: Elizabeth Li **Kierkegaard: Religion, Philosophy, and Existence**

This course is an in-depth examination of the authorship of Søren Kierkegaard and his call for an existential revision of religious, theological, and philosophical inquiry. With focus on the dynamic, but complex relation between religion and philosophy in his writings, we will consider topics such as the relationship of ethics and religion; paradox and the limits of philosophy; the task of selfhood; faith and reason; subjective vs. objective thought; the concept of existence; the religious individual in society and culture; neighbour love; freedom, sin, and despair, and critique of state religion.

REL 347: Leora Batnitzky **Religion and Law**

A critical examination of the relation between concepts of "religion" and "law," as they figure in modern Christian and Jewish thought, modern legal theory and contemporary debates about religious freedom. If religion gives law its spirit, and law gives religion its structure, then what is their practical relation in both religious and secular life? This course explores the relation between Jewish and Christian conceptions of law, both in their ancient and modern contexts, and the relation between traditional religious and modern secular views of law in debates about the modern nation state.

REL 393: Rebecca Faulkner **Muslim America**

This course is a seminar for undergraduates. The course begins with the intertwined history of Muslims in America and America itself. We will then apply that foundation to topics in contemporary Muslim American life—for example, authority in mosques, fashion and coolness, and representation in movies. Students will encounter primary as well as secondary sources. For example, students will read an 1831 autobiography of an enslaved Muslim named Omar ibn Said and analyze a Chicago-based Ahmadi newspaper from the 1920s. We will use a range of media, including film and material culture, to emphasize the varieties of Muslim experience in America.

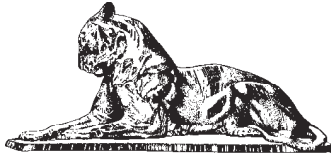
AAS 318/REL 318/GSS 375: Wallace Best **Black Women and Spiritual Narrative**

This course will analyze the narrative accounts of African American women since the nineteenth century. Working from the hypothesis that religious metaphor and symbolism have figured prominently in Black women's writing (& writing about Black women) across literary genres, we will explore the various ways Black women have used their narratives not only to disclose the intimacies of their religious faith, but also to understand and to critique their social context. We will discuss the themes, institutions, and structures that have traditionally shaped Black women's experiences, as well as the theologies Black women have developed in response.

JDS 202/REL 202: Ra'anana Boustán **Great Books of the Jewish Tradition**

This course is intended to introduce students to the classical Jewish tradition through a close reading of portions of some of its great books, including the Hebrew Bible, the Midrash, the Talmud, the Passover Haggadah, Maimonides' Guide for the Perplexed, the Zohar, and Spinoza's Theological-Political Treatise. We will pay particular attention to the roles of reading and interpretation in forming the Jewish tradition.

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A message from the chair

You wake up every morning and drift off every evening encompassed in their warmth. They check in with you, make sure you're eating, staying afloat in your classes. They hold you when you're sad, dance with you in joy. There's love. But it's not always good. Sometimes, they're unkind. A few days ago, you were eating lunch together, reveling in the comfortable silence and the perfect ratio of tangy and sweet in your Tomato Bisque, when they brought up on a whim that time your mom told you your right eye socket was deeper than your left. The insensitivity of it, the cruelty, stunned.

Still, they're worth it. Why? Because they're you - talented and nuanced, kind of a baddie, and most importantly, your lifelong partner regardless of your preference in the matter. Luckily, navigating this complex relationship is not something you need to do alone, and there are resources to help. In your lowest of lows, counseling is the tried-and-true option. In your highest of highs, the Costco Coupon Book is the obvious choice. But sometimes you're just tryna be doing alright - and for that, look no further. Here at The Princeton Tiger, we've perfected the art of just getting by. And that's why we wrote this here guide for you.

We've got it all - how to manage your finances, become romantically viable, resolve a work conflict, impress your classmates. Sometimes, the answer is violence. But sometimes, it's other things, like considering what the conveniently tubed bodily fluids of your peers could do for you. Our advice won't always be flowers and 10-minute versions of emotionally validating Taylor

Swift songs (though it does help, go watch the short film), and maybe it will involve overcoming your preconceptions about what it means to be an acceptable member of society, but part of this journey you're taking with yourself is discovering how faith fits into your story.

This holiday season, you have an opportunity to enrich the relationship between you and you. Yes, it's challenging, but this thing you guys have got is real and powerful. My recommendation? Start by reading and discussing the contents of the present work over a bottle of wine. Embrace the intimacy that your joint commitment to the Gruber Grindset imbues in the space. Remember to practice compassion, patience, forgiveness, and love. And if all else fails - well, at least the sex is fantastic. No one does it better than you.

With love and mirth,

Amanda Vera '22
Chairman

Managing Your Finances, The Tiger Way

The Tiger knows you, as a busy Princeton student, don't always have the time to budget out your spending for the week. Here's a helpful guide on how to turn a \$100 monthly spending plan into a map to future financial and personal success!

\$35 – Networking Expenses!

Coffees, train tickets, beers – there are natural costs to moving up the business ladder, Tiger! As a college student, the largest share of your expenses should be implicit investments in your future. Grab a cup of joe at Small World with a professor whose research you can claim is fascinating! Bring a six-pack to the pregame your friend's hosting – the one who's a senior in Ivy, of course, and whose dad is an executive at Morgan Stanley (not J.P. Morgan).

\$10 – Binoculars.

That boy in your Econ lecture. He has such nice arms. You know he lives on the top floor of Patton. You bought these binoculars to watch him. You told your roommates you're getting into birdwatching. That's a lie. You sit in the bushes and watch him do pull-ups. His shoulders are so nice. He doesn't even know you exist. Limit yourself to one pair.

\$10 – Books

Sure, Tiger, you have a lot to read this week in your textbooks. But don't let your intellectual curiosity falter for the sake of your report card! Try to pick out one or two books per month that pique your interest and allow your flame of whimsy to stay alight. That new crime thriller everyone's talking about sounds good! Ignore the fact it seems to mirror your last Friday night. How could a book be watching you? How could it know what you did to that girl you saw on the street? Her soft, supple skin, the knife in her hands, the ball gag in your mouth. How? How?

\$15 – Subscriptions

Think about how many things you pay for monthly: Netflix, Spotify, your favorite furry inflation foot-fetish website, or Amazon Prime! Those costs add up. Do you really watch enough Squid Game to justify \$8.99 a month? Try narrowing yourself to just one per month. There will be plenty of time when you're wealthy and successful to listen to Donda or watch a man in an inflatable Judy Hopps costume suck his own toes.

\$10 – Investments

\$10 a month will go a long way in your Robinhood account! Start saving up for a house! Try some blue-chip stocks: Disney, Amazon, or maybe Halliburton. Push aside any thoughts of sustainability or the future of our Earth – succumb to greed. That's really the only way to push this budget upwards!

\$10 – Covering Your Tracks

Today's heavily surveilled world, anonymity can be hard to come by. \$10 can get you a great VPN service to mask your browser history, or a nice pair of gloves to hide your fingerprints. Even a classic plastic poncho can keep blood off your clothes when you need it. Oh god, the blood. It was everywhere. You couldn't even see the floor. Why did he have so much blood? But that's not for the police to know. Your urges are your business.

\$5 – Charity!

It's so important to pay it forward. You've made it so far by coming to Princeton – help a friend in need! Buy a coffee for the person behind you in line. Donate a dollar or two to the fundraiser in Frist supporting "Children without MacBooks." Do a good deed! Give your conscience a break from all those justifications you make to sleep at night.

ADAM SANDERS '25



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New Self-Help Kits to Help Mitigate the Guilt of Attending Princeton

In an effort to keep students' spirits high in the middle of a busy and stressful semester, Residential Colleges and USC have partnered to promote a new self-care initiative, "Don't Think About It" aimed at mitigating one of the worst mental health problems Princeton students face: the existential guilt of attending this moral sewer of a school.

Included in the goody bags are helpful distractions including a coloring book, a fidget spinner, and a mini-funhouse mirror, all aimed at providing healthy alternatives to sitting around ruminating about the magnitude of the \$37.7 billion endowment. "I mean, that's like millions per student, right?" yelped one panicked frosh, after considering how that money might be better spent on fighting climate change or assisting with the eviction crisis. Luckily, they were soon calmed upon the sight of a refreshing face cleanser in their bag.

"Before this initiative, I was pretty freaked out by all the data demonstrating that public institutions like CUNY actually do a way better job than Princeton of creating economic mobility among low-income students..like, if that's true, then what's the point of all this?" said another concerned student. "But I think this new program should put my mind to rest. They even gave away free boba along with it, and I was soothed before I had time to even consider how much that might have cost."

"The point of this initiative is to put our students at ease," said one of its directors. "They have so much on their plates, like exams and relationship drama, that they don't have the mental bandwidth to really sit with the fact that a school with our level of wealth pays a lot of its student workers below \$15 an hour, hasn't divested from fossil fuels, and pays \$600 for lawn chairs."

"I think what's great about the self-care plan is that it really binds us all together," remarked a junior in attendance. "It reminds us that no matter our differences, we're all complicit in an amount of wealth hoarding that should honestly be a crime, and that can be kind of heavy to think about on your own sometimes, so it's nice to get a sense of community out of that."

At the time of writing, school administrators were also considering a more career-oriented self-care bag, to help curb the despair of any students who might be distressed at the fact that SPIA sends way more students into finance or consulting than public service. "Wait, but isn't that ostensibly the purpose of the whole majo?" began one student, before their attention was redirected toward a new "Live Well, Be

BEN GELMAN '23



IMAAN KHASRU '23

Drink Away Your Problems

Every once in a while people start to feel things, you included! Here are a few surefire drinking tips for solving your problems whenever you feel an emotion.

Feeling Lonely

Drink a nice warm glass of water from lake carnegie. The microbes will keep you company on their way down and once the infection sets in the nurses at PMC will not leave you alone for more than 12 minutes. Don't forget to snuggle up in your favorite blanket to give the protozoa the best conditions for growth!

Feeling like life is Lacking Excitement

A few times a year the stars, moon, and temperature align to create the icicle. A natural wonder. Lick an icicle whenever life is getting dull to relive the childhood excitement of seeing a cold, pointy object and wondering if it would work as a weapon

Feeling Lost

This doesn't feel like the life you planned, does it? This isn't the path that your parents set for you when they sent you away to US News #1 School. I can understand that you feel that way, (however, I don't). To recenter yourself and get back on the path to relative success that you planned years ago, I suggest drinking bong water. Not only is it hydrating but it is also fragrant. Let the smell remind you to focus because if you feel lost again you'll have to drink more bong water :)

Feeling H*rny

Drink the soy milk left over from eating plain corn flakes. Not only will it feminize you with estrogen adjacent hormones but you will be imbued with the puritanical life mission of John Kellogg. Eat some Graham crackers while you're at it.

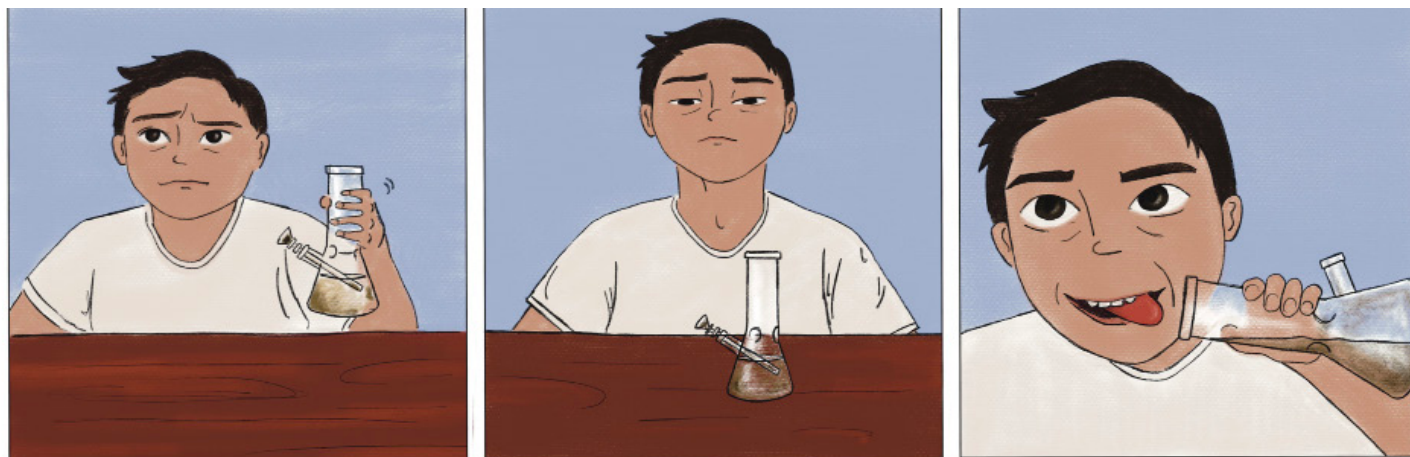
Feeling Like your Grades are Bad

You've heard it all...study more...get more sleep...work in a group...get study partners. All of it takes too much effort over too much time. My solution involves a few sultry hours and perhaps a few risky emails to get things started. If your academics are falling behind, the most effective way to get your grades is to have an unexpected and passionate one night stand with your TA. You'll stay to ask a question after class and inquire, "what are you doing after this?". Maybe, it's a night class. Maybe, you'll share your late meal swipe but oh wait. It's raining and your TA doesn't have an umbrella. Your room is close enough near Frist, you can get them your extra umbrella. You walk together, sheltering from the rain. Your arms brush. "Sorry". "It's ok". "Haha". You enter your dorm. These buildings don't have lobbies. "I'm on the second floor". You get to your room. "I know this umbrella is somewhere!" It's on the floor, equidistant from both of you. You both bend down to get it. Your heads knock together. "Sorry" you say in unison. Your eyes lock. It's impossible to know how long you stared into each other before you kissed. Softly then rhythmically. Bodies became one. Undergrad and slightly older undergrad united; physically and mentally. They go home around 1am. It has stopped raining. You are left with the taste of them in your mouth. You have drank what needed to be drunk. Your GPA will thank you.

Feeling Out of Place

If you ever feel like you don't belong here, at the US News and World Report #1 School, you're probably just dehydrated. Drink some water, you'll probably feel better in like 20 minutes. If not, take an advil and nap.

DANIELLE JENKINS '23



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Seven Ways to Get Praise Without Doing Anything

We all know that person with a ton of ambitious goals. You know this because they tell you all about them. You congratulate them on “dreaming big,” but you know the chance that they’ll actually do anything is slim to none. If you’re being honest with yourself, you actually sort of hope that they don’t, because no one should get to be happy if you aren’t, and you certainly aren’t happy.

If you’ve ever wanted to be that person, keep reading to find out how you too can revel in the unearned praise of your peers.

1.Overschedule yourself on Tiger-hub, and then tell everyone about how you’re taking a 8-course BSE semester as a sophomore. Take two sections of the same class, to show your extra dedication. After a week of “testing the waters,” drop the extra classes. Tell everyone that you decided it was better for your mental health, and that you took an “honest look” at your life and decided that you needed to make more time for yourself. Instead of being bad at planning, you are now a master tactician in the game of life, a modern-day Sun Tzu, for doing nothing whatsoever.

2. Fill your google calendar with obscene amounts of scheduling. Take inspiration from Bill Gates (tell people this), and hyper-schedule your entire day. It doesn’t matter if you actually live by it, so long as every time you pull the calendar up it elicits a guttural scream out of anyone who happens to catch sight of it. Adding any new events should require changing at least ten other appointments.

3.Consider considering veganism. Don’t switch straightaway: instead, begin developing an increasing concern for animal welfare. Have deep thoughts (out loud, in public) about speciesism, and factory farms. Eat a Beyond burger at Late Meal. Attribute it to taking Practical Ethics. If you accidentally eat meat around your friends, act anguished and pass it off as your “cheat day,” to show how much you’re struggling to become a better you.

4. Get an “accountability partner.” Find someone who’s actually productive and get them to mentor you, and pledge to match their level of productivity. Try to have more than one accountability partner; the more the better. Shoot for at least ten, to start. You should be spending

at least an hour each day posting to social media about your running, instrument practicing, weight lifting, drawing, meditating, bed-making, not masturbating, flossing, Tiger Confession baiting, and so on.

5. Tell people about your internship plans months in advance. If you’re COS, ECE, or any other tech-related field, make sure to fit MANGA/FAANG into at least every other sentence. Definitely mention how many LeetCode problems you’ve completed, but always be self-deprecating, so you sound humble and unsure of your skills. Pity is an excellent secondary source of preemptive validation.

6. If you’re fluent in a second language, don’t tell anyone, and take an intro language course to boost your GPA. You’ll fuck up the curve for the other students, making your coast to victory even more delicious, and your “before” and “after” will genuinely astonish your friends.

7. If you’re fluent in a second language, tell everyone.

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Wake up, 6am	Brush teeth, 6:10am
Shower, 6:20am	
Read emails, 6:40am	
Masturbate, 7am	
Breakfast, 7:30am	
Review vocabulary, 8am	
Meditate, 8:20am	
Walk to class, 8:40am	
Enter class and take quiz, 9am	
Cry about quiz grade, 9:20am	
Finish class, 9:45am	
Second class, 10am	
Snack on crunchy carrots in lecture, 1	
Doze off, 10:45am	
Arrive at third class, 11am	
Doodle on powerpoint, 11:15am	
Leave early and loudly, 11:45am	
Lunch	
12:15 – 1:15pm	
Masturbate, 1:15pm	
Walk to last class, 1:45pm	
Pretend to care	
2:15 – 3pm	
Procrastinate on homework	
3 – 4pm	
Begin MAT202 PSET, 4pm	
Get distracted and watch Tiktok, 4:30pm	
Masturbate, 4:45pm	
Dinner	
5 – 6pm	
Consider working on script draft, 6pm	
Watch Tiktok, 6:15pm	
Work on script, 6:45pm	
Go to Wawa	
7:15 – 8pm	

CHRISTOPHER SPEED '24

How I Convinced My Partner to Go to Therapy



I thought we were perfectly compatible. He had all the qualities I looked for in a partner: a tolerable personality, a flexible schedule, and a pulse. I like to consider myself to be a strong independent woman, but I didn't feel like doing everything alone for another semester. We met in a precept and immediately hit it off, and within two weeks, he asked to be exclusive. He seemed extremely adequate, and all of the other potential partners I had considered were no longer available,

so it didn't take much convincing.

That decision was my first of many errors that semester. The dude had serious communication issues. I'd text him asking when we could meet up, and suddenly he always had other plans. He'd always show up at the last minute, saying he had to "finish an assignment," and I began to seriously question whether this relationship was mutually beneficial. One day, I glanced at his computer screen and saw the

email exchanges he had been secretly having with our TA. He had betrayed my trust for the last time. I was at my breaking point.

Sometimes the best thing you can do for your partner and for yourself is to let them go. And that's exactly what I did. I flushed seventeen 3-ply masks down his toilet each day for the rest of the semester, caused several university-wide emails to be sent, and did the remainder of the COS 126 projects by myself. I ended up getting an A. He had to drop the class, change his major, and switch dorms. Six months later, he is now in therapy, and I am a COS 126 TA. The moral of the story is that you should never settle for a bad partner. Your self-worth and GPA deserve better.

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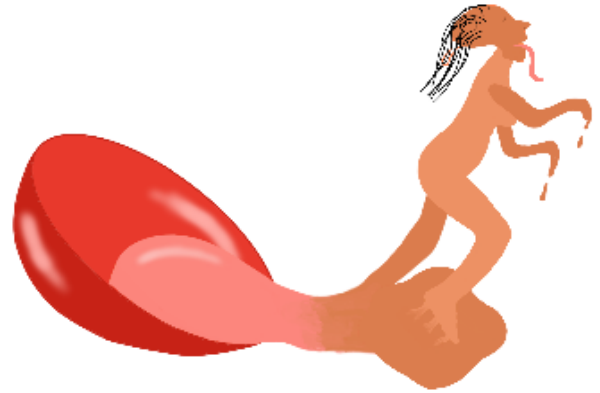
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Lonely? Make a Silly Putty® Partner!

Dating in college can be a drag. Unfortunately, not all of us are suave, sigma-energy pick-up artists who can scoop a hot catch up with ease, and chances are, you've had more bad luck than good when it comes to getting out there. So why keep trying? Turn your love life around with the ideal, Silly Putty® partner instead! Here's a quick guide for how to shape the perfect partner:

1. Collect 62 kilograms of Silly Putty®, some fancy clothes, and a beating human heart. The average weight of a human is 62 kilograms. Getting all that Putty might be tough, but I know a guy. I know one for the beating heart, too. Let's just keep this between you and me, though, alright?.
2. Decide which secondary sex characteristics your partner will have. Do you want an Adam's apple, hairy toes, and hair in other places on your putty pal, or are you more of a putty areola and wide hips kinda person?
3. If your Silly Putty® Partner has a dick, is it going to be circumcised? Whatever you feel about circumcision, at the end of the day you're the one who's going to have to do the chopping.
4. Think of a name for your Silly Putty® Partner. Ajax the Conqueror is fine, but you could always opt for something more unique like "Akhenaten, Lord of the Sun" or "Charlie."
5. Much like Prometheus forming the first humans, sculpt your Silly Putty® into the hot dream babe of your choice. Prometheus blending them with streams of rain, moulded them into an image of the all-controlling gods. While other animals look downwards at the ground, he gave them an upturned aspect, commanding them to look towards the skies, and, upright, raise their face to the stars. So the earth, that had been, a moment ago, uncarved and imageless, changed and assumed the unknown shapes of hot, bootylicious putty people. (Ovid, *Metamorphoses* Book I:68-88 Humankind)
6. Decide the sexuality of your Silly Putty® Partner. Wait, no, you can't do that. That's highly offensive. But how are they going to figure that out? They're putty. Shit.
7. Do you want to be sexually compatible with your Silly Putty® Partner? We're not perverts. Maybe you just want to go on long walks with your putty partner instead of fucking their brains out.
8. Find a quiet place and do what you must. I'm just kidding. We are perverts.
9. What have you done.
10. File divorce proceedings. You know the old saying, "50% of Silly Putty® marriages end in divorce." But they have as much as a right as anyone to live the life they choose. You may have brought them into this world, but you have no right to bring them out of it. It seems like the court thinks you have no right to your car, either.



ETHAN MAGISTRO '24 AND DANIELLE JENKINS '23



IMAAN KHASRU '23

Shit Shy

You've been sitting in the library for two hours now and something heinous is brewing in your large intestine. She's furious and looking to start some shit, if you know what I mean. The walk back to your dorm is at least 15 minutes, it's freezing, your paper's due tonight, and you're only 2 pages in and you haven't even touched your atrocity of a bibliography yet. Looks like you have no choice but to seek refuge in the Firestone B level women's restroom. I mean, who even goes to the middle level, right? What kind of pussy stops at the second flight of stairs, like make a fucking decision, right? Are you going up or down? Right?

Fuck. Stop rationalizing.

An odious rumble reminds you that you are animal first, anxious fool second. You walk slowly and casually down to the bathrooms (don't worry, no one can tell you're clenching). You open the door - hallelujah, sweet mother of Jesus, it's empty. You've gotten arrogant at this point. You enter the stall and prepare your paradise, gently setting toilet paper down on the seat and maybe even saying a prayer. You sit down and begin to summon the storm. But, wait - no, it can't be - the bathroom door is opening. What do you do? I mean, this is a bathroom for fuck's sake. You can't have people thinking you're actually using it for its intended purpose and that you, like the rest of humankind, experience natural bodily processes. Obviously.

Suddenly, inspiration strikes as God himself floats down and kisses your forehead. You know exactly what to do: stay absolutely still. Everyone knows that if you don't move or make any noise, you no longer actually exist.

The girl that walked in enters the next stall. Shit, you were hoping she would only stay for a cursory glance in the mirror. Naïve. Ok, she's only peeing, she'll be gone soon and you haven't moved a muscle, so you're completely invisible. Definitely in the clear. You hear the creak of the stall and the rush of the sink. She's washing her hands - that's good, she'll be gone soon. Water has been turned off and she's getting a paper towel. This statue act is really doing the trick. You give yourself a pat on the back for being a fucking genius. Wait, she's not gone yet. Dammit, she's doing the cursory mirror glance, isn't she? She's just standing there, maybe she's texting someone. Whatever happened to common goddamn decency? Can't she tell you have business to attend to? My god, should you just abandon the act now? But this dance has gone on for too long and there's no way she hasn't figured out exactly what you're doing. Maybe just pretend you were just hitting a juul or something. People still do that, right? Silently and shamefully, in the most remote corner of an academic building? Ugh, that's so degenerate. This will require a lengthy backstory: someone forced it into your mouth at a party and you've been addicted ever since. Yes, perfectly tragic - maybe she'll even shed a tear.

With new conviction, you finally decide to artfully jostle the toilet paper dispenser and flush the empty toilet, ready to deliver your perfectly crafted speech. You hastily open the door and assume battle stance, surveying the bathroom. Target located: she's fixing her hair. She makes eye contact and does the pursed-lip-white-people-smile. You do the same. Good, perfectly civil. Unfortunately, your confidence is draining rapidly. You decide to abandon your heart-wrenching cover

story. Instead, you awkwardly wash your hands and dry them, making sure to move slowly, just in case she decides to leave any time in the next 30 seconds. She doesn't bite - tragic.

Standing there, you find yourself at a crucial junction. - The deed has not been done and she still hasn't left. And you know what? You're tired! You're pissed! You need to take a fucking shit! That's it - you're gonna go ahead, look her dead in the eye and say, "You asked for this." You're gonna harness the pride of all the beings borne of this earth. You're gonna walk right back into that stall, drop your pants, and release your human waste with all the auditory and olfactory fanfare your powerful womanly body requires. Feminism, motherfucker.

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You walk back to your desk, defeated, holding the weighty metaphor of your cowardice in your organs. You'll try again in 15 minutes.

DANA CORBO '25

10 Ways to Ensure You Don't Forget Your Prox

1. Pack it the night before.
2. Set an alarm.
3. Set 20 alarms.
4. Check that you have it before leaving your dorm.
5. Double check that you have it before leaving your dorm.
6. Rig a tripwire to dump hellishly icy water onto your head as you try to leave your dorm—now you have ABSOLUTELY NO CHOICE but to check again, ehheh?
7. Enlist a friend to check for you.
8. Enlist your mother to call you and shame you into annihilation for not checking.
9. Kidnap Hire one of those airport security guys to travel from JFK all the way to your dorm to pat you down and ensure that yes, indeed, you do have it, now can I get back to my shift?
10. Rush out your door, late for your chemistry precept but unerringly confident that you DO have your prox.
11. Forget it anyway. Proceed to weep your guts out.

DANIELLE RANUCCI '23



Move Over, So-Called Alphas and Sigmas – Get on the Gruber Grindset with These 5 Simple Steps

Greetings, readers of The Princeton Tiger, it's me: Christopher L. Eisgruber.

Let's be honest. You're nowhere near anything that could even remotely be considered a successful life. But no worries, my friend. I'm here to help you dominate your world—regardless of whatever your lifestyle may be—with the Gruber Grindset.

Here's the secret: You may have heard of a guy named Friedrich Nietzsche and his Übermensch, the ultimate goal for humanity. But Nietzsche was too feeble-minded to ever foresee the Grubermensch: the commanding, omnipotent being who crushes alphas, betas, and sigmas alike under his perfectly-shined loafers. In other words, the peak human form exemplified by, well, yours truly.

I can't promise that any of you will ever be a Grubermensch too. But hell, you can get close. Here's how.

Step 1: Confidence

Impressions will get you far. No matter how smart, talented, or handsome you might be, you need people to listen to you first.

Pose with your arms crossed. Dress as if you just walked out of an Armani ad in Times Square. (Well, when you're not too busy borrowing Dumbledore's Halloween robes for Commencement.) Use big words that basically no one knows the meaning of, like, "ethical."

And once you've established your presence, people will take you seriously. So, so seriously. Trust me.

Step 2: Make connections

No, I'm not talking about followers on social media; the self-proclaimed old-schooler has done well enough without it. I'm talking people, the suckers who'll do favors for you because you, I don't know, once said something nice to them in Hyde Park in the summer of 1987.

I'll admit it—if this were any other article, I'd flippantly tell you that you have nothing to worry about. Like, you're already smart and charming enough, you go to Princeton for Christ's sake, stop worrying. Annoying, isn't it?



Well, those other articles are right. You're fine. Really. Just make sure you spelled "Princeton" on your LinkedIn correctly. Honestly, if you're still reading this step, I don't even know if I can trust you to do that right.

Step 3: Hygiene

This one's often overlooked, yet absolutely crucial. Here's what my morning routine looks like:

1. Brush teeth
2. Floss with the fibers of students' missing Whitman College jackets
3. Shower in the tears of FLI students
4. Face mask (30 minutes): pages from the MAT104 textbook soaked in saliva from the COVID test clinic.

Obviously, the specific details aren't important. (Just kidding, they are. Don't ask why.) I'll leave it up to you to get the right products.

Step 4: Ask other people for money

A lot of the folk I've talked to struggle to understand this one. But really, you need all the resources you can get to succeed. I'm not just talking about convincing people to invest in you—I'm talking hustle. I'm talking networking (see Step 2). I'm talking catchy slogans, like, I don't know, "Venture Forward" or "In the Nation's Service and the Service of Humanity." I'm talking flying to the West Coast in the middle of the year and speaking at God-knows-how-many

alumni events.

Why? Nothing stops the grind.

Step 5: Allow students to write satirical articles about you

Hey, that's free speech. Embrace the haters—if you can't handle them, you'll never make it out there. And especially if you're the President of Princeton University, there's gonna be plenty of haters among your students. You know, like those people who criticize your free speech policy for being inconsistent with the purported mission of the University—those imbeciles who say that even though such a policy allows them to criticize you in the first place, it also still seems to tolerate explicitly hurtful dialogue.

Like, the kind of dialogue that makes students of marginalized identities legitimately doubt that Princeton is a place where they can expect to be treated as real human beings. But anyhow, that's a bunch of baloney.

So that's how you can be a Grubermensch like me. You're welcome for the advice, kid—see you in your nightmares.

JUPITER DING '24

How To Solve a Workplace Accountability Conflict

Every office is constantly in a war between those creating conflict and those attempting to stop it. Though it's a different experience for everyone, here are some general tips to help you get through.

1. Mindfulness meditation can be incredibly helpful. Controlled breathing, attention to your surroundings, and awareness of your body's relationship to space are all important elements of getting through a workplace accountability conflict without getting caught.
2. Plan exactly where, when, and how you'll solve the workplace accountability conflict. Leave nothing to chance. And of course, have a good alibi. You don't want to be in a position of not being able to explain where you were when your workplace accountability conflict was solved.
3. Dark clothing is a must, but consider getting some new duds (paying cash of course), or quietly borrowing some from a hard-of-hearing friend. The important thing is that when you're solving a workplace accountability conflict, nobody knows it's you solving it.
4. You can keep yourself from leaving fingerprints by cutting the first layer of skin off each of your fingers with an X-Acto knife.

Seems a bit extra, but it's an essential part of solving a workplace accountability conflict that many forget.

5. Make sure that your instrument-of-solving-the-workplace-accountability-conflict is well cleaned, cocked, and loaded. Better if it's not registered with HR.
6. Make sure the person with whom you are having the workplace accountability conflict can't see you, and for the sake of your own sanity, see if you can solve the workplace accountability conflict at a time when you can't see their face contort from the pain of working through an accountability conflict.
7. Solve the workplace accountability conflict, do the clean up, and get out of there.
8. Make sure you ask for some vacation time for when you plan on solving the conflict. This is going to take a lot of your time, and you don't want people to think you're in-town while solving the work accountability conflict.
9. And don't forget the sweatpants and ice cream!

NATE PERLMETER '22

Travel Outside the Orange Bubble

Go to Target

Going to Target is a quintessential part of being a college student, what better way to celebrate moving out from the comforts of home. Don't think about how that toaster will be full of crumbs that could burn down your dorm or that expensive humidifier that will grow mold or the fridge that you'll end up leaving something to spoil in will do damage to your health, but think about how nice it'll be to feel like you're an adult with your overpriced, yet terrible quality appliances. You're only here for a couple of years so make sure you take advantage of your parent's emergency credit card.

Walk to Princeton Junction at night alone with no map. Sometimes we need to regress to a time before we had cars and really enjoy the nature that the debatably beautiful New Jersey has to offer. Doing the trek at night adds a new layer of excitement, you might get hit by a car, you might get attacked by wild animals, you might trip and break your leg and no one will be able to find you, but in the end, you'll find peace with yourself, my only advice is to follow the stars and try staying on the sidewalk.

Bike around the state

I am not from here, nor have I been here long enough to have a concept of anything relating to New Jersey. I do know, from 8th-grade history, that New Jersey on the US map is pretty tiny. Thus I propose that as a fun destresser you bike around the entire state. Realistically based on my perception of the state's size, this would take you a few hours max, and if you can't do it in that time span, maybe you shouldn't have stopped working out when you came to college. If you need any motivation to do it, think of how big and thick and muscular and juicy your legs will be when you come back.

Find a Wawa with no Princeton students

You won't, because as soon as you enter, it's no longer a Wawa with no Princeton students. Instead, go to Wawa and philosophize about your life and what it means for you to exist, just please don't make the line move any slower than it already is.

Travel to an existential crisis about how lonely it is here. No comment here except you won't have to go far to find one.

ANGEL KUO '24

The Princeton Straight Man's Guide:

How To Talk to Gay Men

(written by a real-life homosexual!)

They look just like you... they have a penis in the same place... but they don't want to talk about DONDA! Encountering a gay while networking can be scary and disturbing for the Princeton man looking to make it in the big city. Here's your how-to guide on safeguarding your fragile heterosexuality while moving up the business ladder!

1. Act Cool!

Gays can smell fear. Hide your unease by blending in! Say things like:

What did you think of the new Charli XCX album?

I love fracking – RuPaul and I have so much in common.

Your outfit slays, queen! Where do you buy your glitter and thongs?

Make sure to be clear that you are not interested in having sexual intercourse.

Gay: Hey there, how's it going?

That can't be right. Let's run it through the Logical Jump Translator (patent pending.)

Gay (implied): Wanna watch RuPaul while I massage your inner thigh?

Princeton Tiger: No, thanks. I understand and respect your culture, but please, keep it far away from me!

Note how respectful a good Tiger is! This brings us to step number 2!

2. Keep a woman around!

Women are White Jesus' natural protection against gay men. Bringing women around male homosexuals both distracts and disgusts them, while allowing you to show off your progressive social views to a potential mate!

Introduce your current female to the homosexual in question in a way that both affirms your straightness but falls short of actively committing a hate crime:

Princeton Tiger: Hey, queen!

Gay: Purr, honey... who is this?

At this point, the Gay has recognized the woman's presence. His complex electro-sensory organs and cybertronic androgynic receptors have not yet detected your strong, heterosexual presence.

Princeton Tiger: This is Clarissa, the woman with whom I am currently sexually and romantically involved.

Gay: Your dress is so Yass. Do you like Lady Gaga?

The woman should maintain her silence and smile. She is in the presence of men, even though one of them is an abomination.

Woman:

Gay: Slay.

While the gay and woman converse, you are free to escape.

3. Just be yourself!

Ultimately, what gays value most is authenticity. That's why they've protested for years – to drink their iced oat lattes, to bleach their hair at the most minor inconvenience, and to do hard drugs in children's playgrounds.

If you want to network with a gay and move up that corporate ladder, Tiger, you gotta listen to Lady Gaga and be yourself, 'cause you were "Born This Way"!

Gay: So why do you want to work with us at Gold Man Sacks?

Princeton Tiger: Listen, fella. I'm a straight man. I'm straight. I like women, beer, football, cars, beer, and keeping prying hands far away from my butt. I need a job in finance so that my father doesn't think I'm a disappointment and write me out of his will.

Gay: Purr, sweetie! Daddy issues? Say less – You're hired!

Congratulations! You've done it: you've outsmarted the gay! Celebrate with a beer or two with the boys – but make sure not to drink too much! You remember what happened last year with your roommate...you were both drunk... it was cold... you were lonely...

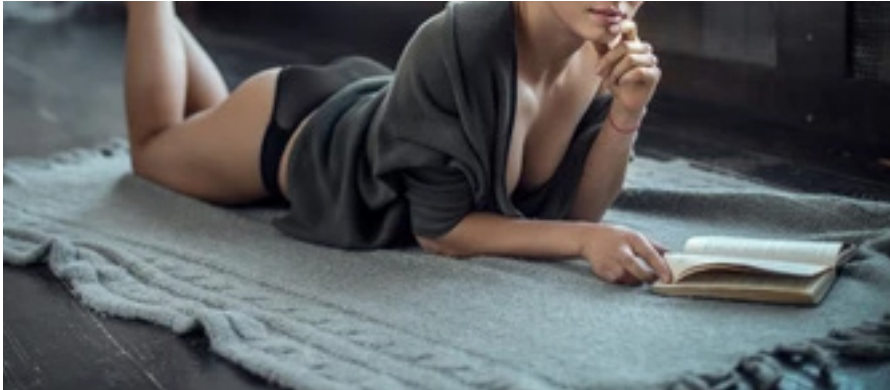
Push that down! Because if there's anything to learn from the gays, it's the magic of repression!

ADAM SANDERS '25



IMAAAN KHASRU '23

Self-Help from a mastermind, guru, and hot woman all in one



The best way to help yourself is probably by being less of a massive cunt total bitch. It's nothing personal, but maybe your mom was right about you being inherently unkind. She's not really sure how you ended up like that, considering what a saint she is, but regardless you did. You're probably like dad, who, let's face it, is a little bit emotionally stunted.

Although you're at Princeton, I do think you're just a bit dense and you utilized some school connections or athletic ball or bag of money to get in

here, so I'm gonna spell out how to be a better person in a few easy steps. Stop judging other people for wearing "ugly" outfits. Since when is a college campus a club of genteels? Plus I know your mom didn't approve of that skank show of bra-top and those shorts that might as well be sold at Victoria Secret. And ALSO would it kill you to wear a bra? Does everybody need to know the curvature of your breasts and nipples? Stop hooking up with frat guys. You know they don't respect you so it's probably gonna make you bitter when

it fizzles out, hence bitchy to more important people, like your mom, who really wants what's best for you, and for you to just be a little nicer because your angel-like brother makes you the devil reincarnated.

Stop using your roommate's toothbrush to clean your anus. I know it's really hard to reach but I have a tip for you. Bend down when showering so your ass is facing the shower faucet. It's amazing what water can do with enough force ;).

Stop being fake nice to people. Next time say it w/ your chest. I swear to god if I hear one more of you hoaxes making your voice really high, submissive, and breedable to say something to an acquaintance you don't care about and then lowering into sexy bad-bitch baritone timbre the second they leave, I will throw some hands. Let's normalize not changing our vocal inflections to talk to people. Your mother didn't raise a try-hard!

JAMIE FEDER '23

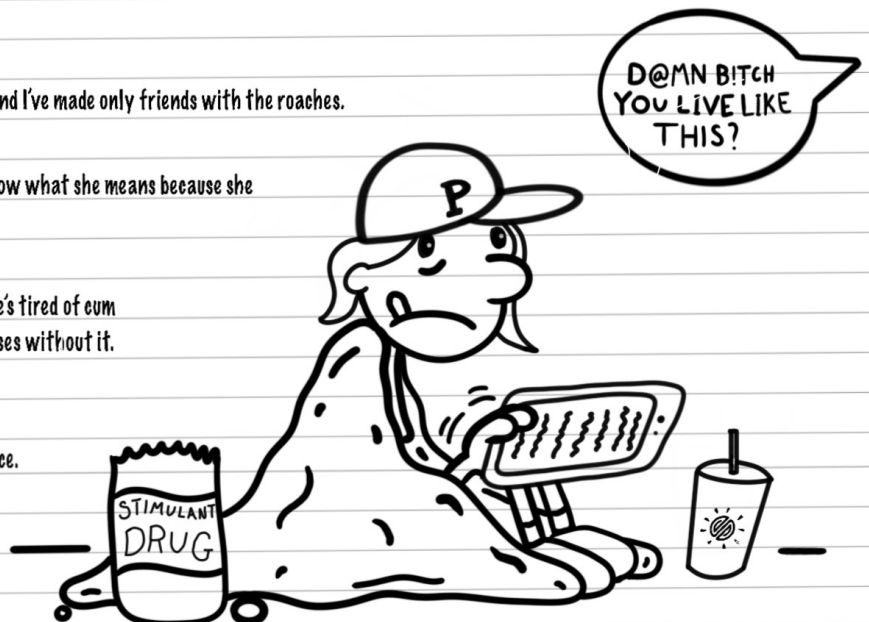
Dear Diary,

I don't know if I like it here. The bathroom is 3 floors away and I've made only friends with the roaches.

My French teacher says I have imposter syndrome. I don't know what she means because she said it in French and I haven't played among us in months.

My hookup told me to stop having energy drinks because she's tired of cum that tastes like battery acid. I told her that I'd fail my classes without it. She told me she'd stop giving head.

I'm really trying to do better here and I think I need some advice.



DANIELLE JENKINS '23

Dining Hall Smoothies

Unfortunately, Princeton doesn't have a smoothie bar but if you do want a drinkable meal replacement then you're in the right place, most recipes can be made straight in the dining hall as long as you bring your Nutribullet. And don't worry, Princeton kids already do strange things, so no one will judgmentally stare at you in the dining hall while you're making these delectable drinks!

*All recipes make about a 16-ounce drink

Forb(eries) Smoothie

1 banana
1/2 cup of strawberries
1/2 cup of blueberries
1/4 cup of blackberries
Choice of milk, alternative milk, or orange juice

The uniqueness of this recipe lies in that it's very limited. Forbes brunch on Sunday is the one time they serve unlimited berries during the week, so you'll not only have to make the trek, but wait in line. However, the best part about this recipe is how modifiable it is. Add ice. Add ice cream. My favorite is to not even blend it, or add anything, I simply eat as many berries as I can fit into my system. So, go get your tuition's worth of berries.

The Bulk

1/2 cup of greek yogurt
1/2 cup of half and half
1/4 cup of ranch
2 tbsps of chocolate syrup
1 scoop of your favorite ice cream
3-second pour of olive oil
Top with whipped cream or layer the bottom with mashed potatoes

So you're trying to bulk up for the winter? Are you trying to get swole in Dillon? This might be the perfect drink for you. Just like the pain of working out, this might not be the best thing in the world. But, at a whopping 4100 calories, you're definitely going to gain a bit of mass with this one. One piece of advice, because of the different ingredients they might not mix well together, I recommend putting it in your blender bottle, shaking it, then downing it like it's a white claw and you're inside a 19-year old's sweaty and cramped dorm room party and you have lost all desire to be there.

Carrot Soup

3/4 cup of pre-roasted carrots
1 cup of consomme based soup
1/2 knob-worth of ginger from the Roma stir-fry
Pepper to taste

As the weather gets colder, soup is the perfect comfort food for the season. Although the dining halls provide soup, nothing is as good as this recipe I came up with in a fever dream. Carrot and ginger are a perfect blend, in theory, bringing some warmth and color to your life when the seasonal depression hits.

Italian Boba Tea

1 piece of Whitman Asiago Chicken, chopped into chunks
1/2 cup of pasta sauce of your choice
1 scoop of pasta
2 tbsps olive oil
2 spoonfuls of powdered parmesan cheese
3 pieces of pepperoni

Being that we're on the East Coast you can't go wrong with celebrating Italian culture. For this recipe, chop the chicken so that it can fit through the KFT straw you stole from the last study break. Blend the pasta, sauce, olive oil, and cheese and pour over the chicken. Garnish the rim of the glass with pepperonis. This can be made hot or cold depending on how Italian you're feeling.



Breakfast To-Go

1/2 cup of scrambled eggs or tofu
2 sausage links or 4 pieces of bacon
1/2 cup of choice of melon
1/2 cup of pancake syrup
1/4 cup of milk or alternative milk
For creaminess either...
1/4 cup of avocado or
1/4 cup of greek yogurt

Sometimes it's hard to get to the dining hall to get your breakfast, but this recipe definitely speeds it up. Instead of spending your time chewing like all the other neanderthals in the dining hall, you can get all the vitamins, minerals, nutrients, and excess sodium in a few gulps. If the thought of mixing every part of your breakfast disgusts you, hold your nose, remember it's all getting mixed in your stomach anyway, and relish in the time you've saved. Just like the McGraw emails say, time management is key! And this smoothie is the perfect way to optimize your time so you can spend the rest of your day alternately crying and studying.

ANGEL KUO '24

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Princeton Unveils Brand-New “Centre of Just Getting By”

The dry leaves between the Streicker Bridge and Fine Hall are home to more than just roadkill: they now also house Princeton’s first-ever Centre of Just Getting By, a revolutionary collaboration between the Counselling and Psychological Services (CPS) and the Centre for Disease Control. We reached out to the CDC for comment, but were only told “Failure is a disease,” followed by muffled crying in the background.

Spanning a whopping 348,470 sq ft distributed over 9 all-glass floors, the new Centre stands as an aesthetic landmark in the otherwise natural setting of surrounding forestry. “We were inspired by the LCA and New South Building,” says newly appointed Dean of Student Mediocrity, Dr. Fergie Licious. “2 contracting teams quit on us when we showed them the first plans, but you know what they say: third time’s the charm! Haha... Also money. Money’s the charm.”

The CoJGB (pronounced Codge-BEE) hopes to address issues of Princeton community members feeling torn between hyper-ambition and total desolation—an all-or-nothing mindset contributing to the mental distress of students and alumni alike. “We were reaching out to post-grads and realized there was one thing we keep forgetting to teach students before they graduate: how to just be okay.”

In response to a survey question asking “Howzit hangin,” an overwhelming 79% of alums reported they were “not good, homie lol,” with only 12% responding “Gucci gang Gucci gang Gucci gang.”

“We didn’t know we had an internship program until those survey results came back,” explained Dean Licious, “but rest assured, we no longer do.”

In a sparkling opening weekend, the Centre brought in a total of 128 Princeton community members seeking assistance. “I got lost and thought it was Frick,” said one confused but chipper Freshman. They seemed startled 50 minutes into their introductory session, when their advisor informed them they would be receiving “A for Effort” grades just for showing up—a key factor of “Getting By.” Indeed, this strategy seems to be the Centre’s biggest method of recruitment, with 114 out of 128 initial clients



being lost Freshman and tour groups. Of the remaining, 12 were seniors with a newly lost grip on life. “I just don’t know if I can get by after graduating, do you know what I mean?” said ’22 Astrophysics concentrator Brian Kelps. “I can find a job at night, sure, but it’s like... who am I when it’s... day? So I came to the Centre for help.”

The remaining 2 opening ceremony-goers were excited student activists hoping to publicly cheer on the Centre’s mission. “We thought they meant, like... just getting by. As in morally. Without any unfair cost to the BIPOC, the working class, or the environment. We should’ve known better.” They made no further comments. Not because they refused to talk, but because they were huge bummers, and the entire journalistic team pretended to receive the same phone call as an excuse to leave.

Regardless, the sparkling opening sets the Centre is up for what will surely be a successful run. If nothing else, it keeps strong Princeton’s tradition of continuous construction projects that make campus a better place for future generations, at the cost of current students’ wellbeing. And who doesn’t love tradition?

IMAAN KHASRU ’23