Harvard Researchers Effects of Weather Warming

Cambridge-As temperatures around the Northeast rise from their abnormal low points from last week, Harvard Researchers confirmed that this could spell a disastrous end for used topics to initiate idle chit chat.

“The hard truth is, last week’s weather [which was punctuated with a threat of snow despite being the final week of March] presented a much better source of casual discussion between strangers trying to overcome awkward silences in places like elevators or the shuttle than anything this week,” explained conversationalist research Dan Fogel-Robertson. “You could just start a conversation in so many ways. I mean, you could complain, you could talk about the warmer weather your family outside of Massachusetts was experiencing, or you could even go with the generic ‘How about that weather?’ And because the weather was just so bizarre, it made up for the usual boringness of the topic.”

He added, “My favorite was the one guy I ran into at the water cooler. Never got his name or anything, but he just blurted our ‘So much for out like a lamb, am I right?’ And he was!”

“Last week was really a golden era for dull yet practical ice breakers,” adds fellow member of the research team Rebecca Knotts. “I mean, we had the weird weather, you could ask other people around campus how their spring break went, midterms were relatively in swing, Housing Day was recent enough that undergraduates could reflect on it or catch up if they hadn’t seen the other person… But this week? None of that. Summer just isn’t close enough to discuss plans, and everyone’s just sort of settled into a boring routine of classes where nothing excites them. It just looks like people will have to attempt creativity in their conversations with strangers, or research current events, or something.”

“But yeah, that water cooler guy was really right,” repeats Fogel-Robertson, awkwardly staring at the floor and shuffling his feet. “About the weather, I mean… So, yeah, um…How about that weather-darn it.”
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[Answer next week]