Upcoming Lev Events

• 1/12 Donut Bash 10:00 pm dhall
• 1/14 Old Library Luncheon 12:00 pm jcr

A Message from Lauren:
1. OFFICE HOURS - I'll be holding my regular office hours during break- Monday and Weds from 9 am until 12 noon. Stop by if you have a question or if you just want to chat - I'd love the company. As usual, I'll be in the House Office - in F-Tower on the first floor to the right as you face the elevators. If these times don't work for you, just e-mail and we can arrange to meet at another time.

2. BACK UP YOUR WORK - It's crucial for you to back up your computer files in general, but especially now at the end of the semester. Make sure you have your work saved elsewhere in addition to your computer. E-mail your papers to yourself, use an external hard drive, or store them on the Harvard server. Don't be a computer casualty!

3. CONTACT INFO - you can always reach me through e-mail (le-abrd@fas.harvard.edu)

Carnivals and Clowns
The term "clown" originates from a Low German term meaning "clod, clot, lump," which originally described peasants through derogatory associations with soil that tilled. The term also had overtones in reference to, "clumsy, loudish, lumpish fellow," and a female "hoikey or lusty bouncing girl." The clown was stereotyped as someone with "rude manners, undisciplined physicality and an inability to control appetites or impulses," who had an inclination towards "wild acrobatic dancing."

When professional theaters began in 1576 (by which time 'clown' become more commonly known as 'fool' despite moral disapproval) clowns' antics became a popular box-office draw. By the mid-17th century, clowning even became fashionable – when audiences' interest in spectacle surpassed that of dialogue.

“Harvard takes perfectly good plums as students, and turns them into prunes”
-Frank Lloyd Wright, Architect
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3. If it is a math/science exam, answer in essay form. If it is long answer/essay form, answer with symbols and numbers
4. Talk the entire way through the exam. Read questions aloud, debate your answers with yourself out loud. If asked to stop, yell out, "I'm sure you can hear me thinking." Then start talking about what a jerk the instructor is.
6. Walk in, get the exam, sit down. About five minutes into it, say to the instructor, "I don't understand ANY of this. I've been to every lecture all semester long! What's the deal? And who the hell are you? Where's the regular guy?"
7. On the answer sheet, find a new, interesting way to refuse to answer every question. Example: it’s against my religious beliefs.
8. Run into the exam room looking about frantically. Breathe a sigh of relief. Go to the instructor, say "They've found me, I have to leave the country" and run off.

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Sign-up, find sports, teams, and upcoming games on http://leverett.harvard.edu

Sign Up for Winter Season
You can sign up throughout the season. It’s easy and commits you only to being on the email list.

1) Go to the Leverett website
2) Click on "Teams and Games" in the Intramurals box on the left
3) Add yourself to one of the winter teams: Basketball A, B, or C, Ice Hockey, Squash

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