Heard of crazy fans? You ain’t seen nothing yet.

On July 29, 1966, a British tween magazine, DATEbook, published a quote from an earlier interview conducted by the London Evening Standard. In said interview, John Lennon of the Beatles commented that in his opinion, Christianity was dying and The Beatles were “more popular than Jesus now.” This comment would instigate a Southern backlash against The Beatles from religious and social conservatives in the United States.

Following the interview, a Birmingham, Alabama radio station decided to make a joke of the comment, running a story about the need for burning Beatles records in order to demonstrate their faith. Despite its jocular intonation, affiliates of the Southern rural churches took the suggestion seriously, burning Beatles records in protest. Quickly, this fever spread to towns across the United States and South Africa. George Harrison would laugh at the events, commenting that “They’ve got to buy them before they can burn them.”

Eventually, under tremendous pressure from the American media, Lennon apologized at a press conference in Chicago on 11 August, 1966, the evening before first performance of what would be their final tour. Nevertheless, it was not until November, 2008 that the Vatican publicly announced that it had forgiven John Lennon for his remarks, justifying its position by characterizing Lennon’s comment as a “boast” by a young man grappling with sudden fame.

As you know, final exams start today. Below are a few reminders. If you have any questions about any of it, you can reach me by e-mail – le-abrd@fas.harvard.edu or phone - 617-429-3311

1) Remember that people are studying around you. Please respect everyone’s need to concentrate and focus on their work. Quiet hours start at 11 pm and there are no parties during exam period.

2) If you are feeling ill, go to UHS to get checked out IMMEDIATELY. If you are worried about illness affecting your exam schedule, call me as soon as possible - 617-429-3311.

3) If for some reason you miss an exam, get in touch with me as SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4) I will be holding my regular office hours throughout exam period. Mon and Weds from 9 unCl 12 noon and Thursday 3 to 5 pm. If none of those Cmes work for you, let me know and we can set up a Cme.

5) GOOD LUCK on all your exams!

Questions to Ponder

• What is the most daring thing you’ve ever done?
• What is the most daring thing you’d like to do?
• Would you rather be a good dancer or a good writer?
• Would you rather have a single with awful roommates or live in a double with wonderful roommates for all four years?
• Would you rather be a waterboarder or a fortress under siege?
• Would you rather get caught having sex in the stacks or a full photo of you running primal scream?

A message from Lauren

Get out of Here!
Events in Boston

• Faneuil Hall Marketplace Street Performers Festival: Sat, 11a-10p. Faneuil Hall. Fire-eating circus artists-The Aerial Angels; High-energy, cutting-edge choreography-The USA Break Dancers; High-wire acts; The Origami Guy; Escape Artists; "Space" clowns; The Real McCoy Show; musicians (rock; blues; hip-hop; cello...)


If you don’t know the answer, there’s always these:

• The first United States coast to coast airplane flight occurred in 1911 and took 49 days.
• Cows can have regional accents.
• A goldfish has a memory span of 3 seconds.
• A mule won’t sink in quicksand but a donkey will.
• More people are killed annually by donkeys than in airplane crashes.
• A scallop has 35 blue eyes.
• An ostrich’s eye is bigger than its brain.

Seen on Lev-Open

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Steins Are Coming!

We're incredibly sorry about the delay. Our order was dropped/misplaced by the custom order company, creating a huge time lag between now and when we placed the order before spring break. The steins are being shipped on Monday from Ohio, so they should hopefully be in by Friday, May 22nd or Saturday, May 23rd.

For all the seniors, Isaac will have your steins during senior week, and will make sure that everyone gets one before graduation. For the sophomores and juniors, if you are going to be on campus Friday and Saturday, we can give you your stein before you leave (assuming there are no shipping delays). If you have already left campus, we are going to hold onto the steins over the summer, and we will have them first thing in the fall. If you won’t be on campus in the fall, we will keep them safe in the HoCo closet, or we can give them to a roommate to hold onto.

We know this is not an ideal situation, and we’re very sorry that there was such a huge delay. If you have any questions or want to talk to us about anything, please feel more than free to send us an email.

Puzzles

- There are 3 switches downstairs. Each corresponds to one of 3 light bulbs in the attic. You can turn the switches on and off and leave them. How would you identify which switch corresponds to which light bulb, if you are only allowed one trip upstairs?
- How can you throw a ball as hard as you can and have it come back to you, even if it doesn’t bounce off anything? There is nothing attached to it, and no one else catches or throws it back?
- A square medieval castle on a square island is under siege. All around the castle there is a square moat 10 meters wide. Due to a regrettable miscalculation the raiders have brought footbridges, which are only 9.5 meters long. The invaders cannot abandon their campaign and return empty-handed. How can the assailants resolve their predicament?
- An Arab sheikh tells his two sons to race their camels to a distant city to see who will inherit his fortune. The one whose camel is slower wins. After wandering aimlessly for days, the brothers ask a wise man for guidance. Upon receiving the advice, they jump on the camels and race to the city as fast as they can. What did the wise man say to them?
- Your last good ping-pong ball fell into a narrow metal pipe imbedded in concrete 1 ft deep. How can you get it out undamaged, if all the tools you have is a tennis paddle, shoe-laces, and a plastic water bottle, which does not fit into the pipe?

Procrastination Corner

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Answers

- Keep the first bulb switched on for a few minutes. It gets warm. Switch it off, switch another one on, walk into the room with bulbs, touch them and tell which one was switched on as the first one (the warm one) and the others can be easily identified.
- Throw it straight up in the air
- Put one foot-bridge over one corner (a triangle is created). Then from the middle of this foot-bridge lay another foot-bridge to the edge (corner) of the castle.
- The wise man told them to switch camels.
- Pour water into the pipe so that the ball floats (these objects won’t help you at all)