STUDENTS PLAN THANKSGIVING STRATEGIES

Like many students, Harvard junior Jesse Wilson is planning on returning home for Thanksgiving break for a family reunion. And just like most of those students, she’s spending Sunday and Monday drawing up an extensive plan for the weekend.

“I love my family, they mean the world to me, obviously,” admits Wilson. “But at the same time, and I mean this in the best possible way: shoot me now.”

Wilson’s plan, which picks up at 8 PM Tuesday (the exact moment that she anticipates walking through her family’s front) door, opens with a quick round of hugs followed by an immediate trip upstairs ignoring any requests from family that she “stay here for just a minute before she heads off to do something else”.

“The trip upstairs, which I’ve codenamed ‘Operation: Ascension’, is two-fold,” explains Jesse. “First, it gives me a final moment alone, to mentally steel myself for the upcoming trials. But it also lets me drop off my suitcase. This is critical, as if left unchecked, my four year-old cousins will go through it and lose something somewhere. Plus, it’ll hopefully head off any irritating ‘So, did you get me anything?’ questions from any of my three annoying aunts/uncles in attendance” [editor’s note: Wilson’s plan has involved classifying her six aunts/uncles in attendance into tiers based on annoyance].

After that, Wilson’s plan branches off. “I’ll almost certainly be asked to come join in a family conversation so that relatives can ‘catch up’ with me, or as I call it “Operation: Small Talk’. But the topics that come up will almost certainly vary depending on what was going on prior to my arrival. If they were discussing their jobs, I’ll probably have to field questions on my grades. I’ll definitely lead with my Stats class, as my Ec midterm was rough and could lead to awkward questions about my grades. Plus the inevitable ‘I thought you went to Hahvard’ quip from one of my two annoying cousins, if either of them dropped by for the evening” [editor’s note: Wilson’s plan contains a similar ranking system for her seven cousins who will be visiting over the week]

“If they were discussing personal matters, it will almost certainly start with a question from my parents on my dating life. That’s awkward, but I think I can stonewall that conversation. But god forbid they were discussing politics at all, because Great Uncle Ronald will probably bring up that Fox News report from this semester about Harvard students hating America, and I do not want to deal with that crap right off the bat.”

Wilson’s plan continues similarly for the remainder of her four-day stay at home. “As long as I stick to the plan, I think I can survive this weekend,” she states. “But hopefully I can memorize it all on the way home, because otherwise keeping the notecards I wrote this all down on on my person at all times will be a little conspicuous.”
HARVARD
YALE GAME
DAY BY THE
NUMBERS

4 Turnovers
7 Touchdowns
0 Players injured during the game
~7 People injured from storming the field
43 People understanding the plot of the half-time show
3280 Profile pictures updated
0 Successful stadium waves from start to finish
14 attempts
1230 stick on Harvard tattoos
2 Legit Harvard tattoos
30 people who got caught storming the field too early
9 Bottles of ‘Ginger Ale’ chugged by Football Band
1 Sigma Chi plane
85 people listening to alums try to make small talk
130 people who overslept the pancakes and got cheeseburgers for breakfast

1600 people dancing when Bobby Shmurda came on
45 of these people who knew how to dance when Bobby Shmurda came on
56 naked Yale fans in that weird section
7 happy Hare Today employees at the Harvard tailgate
240 people who were trying to look over that tall guy the whole time
3100 people who went ham after the game ended
2600 people who took naps instead
1 Thing that matters most
7 more points scored by Harvard than Yale

MYSTERY
MOVIE QUOTE:

“Listen. We’ll either die free chickens or we die trying.”

LAST WEEK’S ANSWER:

Up

“I hid under your porch because I love you.”