**Winter Break: Sky Mall: Food for Thought**

Some of you may have been traveling this holiday season, which for some of you means flights. There is always one bright spot to the endless waits in airports, weather delays, and generally mundane experience: Sky Mall.

For those that have never looked, Sky Mall includes a wealth of products that strain the limits of human ingenuity (as in, “How could anyone ever find a use for this piece of junk?”). However, it really takes something to surpass the generally-useless wastes of space like “garden statuette of bigfoot.” Things like:

**GuitDoorbell** - As this clumsy portmanteau would suggest, this item is a clumsy attempt at combining a guitar and doorbell, by way of attaching a guitar to the ceiling and a rod to strum it to the door. At $150, you could just buy and actual guitar and play it. And since it only plays when the door opens, it fails even the basic qualifications of a doorbell, those being “notifies you before the person enters”.

**Talking Dog Collar** - Purchasing this enters you in the running for “Loneliest Human Alive” award. For $30, you can strap a recording of a single phrase in your own voice to your dog, to repeat at the push of a remote control button. What’s unclear is why you should pay $30 when you could just speak for your dog as is-not only would it be cheaper, but you wouldn’t be limiting one side of the conversation to a single phrase controlled by a remote control button.

**“Rita Rim” Party Cups** - This has the most confusing market, to the point where I can’t imagine who the target audience actually is. They come in at over a dollar per cup and have far fewer uses with their salted rims. So I guess this is directed at people who want specifically margaritas in large quantities, but need a cheap container to hold them in, but want to splurge on having salted rims, but don’t want to go through the process of putting the salt there themselves. Hopefully the three people this applies to know these exist.

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**House Events**

- **2/6 5:00pm Not Just Sherry Hour**
- **2/6 5:30pm Community Night**
- **2/7 12:00pm Old Library Luncheon**

**Intramurals**

- **2/3 8:30 PM Squash vs. Cabot**
- **2/4 7:30 PM B Basketball vs. Kirkland**
- **2/6 7:30 PM C Basketball vs. Cabot**
- **2/6 9:30 PM Squash vs. Kirkland**

**Mystery Movie Quote**

“If there is anything that this horrible tragedy can teach us, it’s that a male model’s life is a precious, precious commodity. Just because we have chiseled abs and stunning features, it doesn’t mean that we too can’t not die in a freak gasoline fight accident.”
Dear Crabby,

Shopping week is always SO stressful! How do I know if the classes I’m taking are the right ones?
Quincy ‘16

Dear Quincy ‘16,
The honest answer is, it doesn’t really matter what you take. Because at the end of the day, you’re going to have a wonderful, magical liberal arts degree that says to people and employers everywhere “I have no desirable work skills.” So I wouldn’t fret over it too much.***

Dear Crabby,
I’ve been freezing the whole time I’ve been back. What’s with all this polar vortex stuff?
Currier ‘15

Dear Currier ‘15,
The science is pretty complicated, but basically the powers-that-be have conspired to give Harvard undergraduates a meaningless conversation topic. You may have heard something like the following:

“Wow, it’s SO cold!”
“I know, like, what is this!”

Titillating.

Dear Crabby,

I had a nice, relaxing break back home with friends and family, but most of the people I talk to seem to have spent their breaks finding the solution to world hunger. Did I waste my time?
Holworthy ‘17

Dear Holworthy ‘17,
The long answer? Rest and time with the family are essential to your mental well-being, and many undergrads find winter break to be a restorative period that provides them with the energy to make the most of the spring semester.

Short answer? Yep.

***This answer doesn’t apply to you if you’re going for a BS in engineering. However, neither does a social life. Tradeoffs, tradeoffs.