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Upcoming Lev Events

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• Flight of the Concor ds: Fri 17th, 8:00p. Aganis Arena, Boston.

• 7th Annual Boston International Film Festival: Fri , Sat, Sun 11:00a, AMC Loews Boston Common 19, Boston

• Wine Riot!: 17th, 18th, 1:00p. Boston Center for the Arts: Cyclorama. 250 wines, designed for you to mix with wine experts representing virtually every wine region in the world.

• Fortnight for Rising Rabbits":

• Leverett Sherry Hour: Thurs 5:30p (SCR)

• Sophomore Advising: Leverett’s “Advising Fortnight for Rising Rabbits”: Th 8:30p (DH)

• Leverett Top Chef: April 16th, 5:30, (dhall)

• Old Library Luncheon: Fri 17, 12p (JCR)

• Leverett Coffeehouse: Fri 17th, 6p (OLIB)

• iLev Rising Rabbits Dance Party: Fri 17th, 11p (OLIB)

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• Most rainfall ever in...

• one minute: Unionville, MD in 1956 – 1.23 in

• one hour: Holt, MO in 1947 – one foot

• one year: Cherrapunji, India, 1860 – 87 feet

• Though Louisiana is the wettest state, Mt. Waialeale, HI, has 350 rainy days every year

• Raindrops can fall up to 20mph, without wind. Any faster than that, and air friction breaks them up.

• Largest hailstone: KS, was 17.5 in. and 1.67lbs

• Umbrellas were originally invented to protect people from the hot sun, not rainy days. They also Inspired the invention of the parachute.

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• Softball, A League Volleyball, B League Volleyball, Soccer, Ultimate Frisbee, Flag Football, Tennis, River Run (one day event), Swim Meet (one day event), Kickball (one day event), Fencing (one day event)

Highlights of the Week
We've added two more wins! Softball v. Dunster and Volleyball v. Winthrop!

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Upcoming Games
• Tournament Ultimate Frisbee: Mon 13th, 7:30p v. tbd
• A volleyball: Tues 14th, 7:30pm v. Adams
• Tournament fencing (Women): Th 16th, 5:00pm
• Tournament flag football: Th 16th 7:30pm v. Eliot
• B Volleyball: Th 16th, 7:30p v. Cabot
• Tournament Fencing (Men): Fri 17th, 5:00p

*Lev Top Chef: April 16th*
Make something tasty using ingredients from at least two sections of the dining hall and then present them to the judges. No cooking experience is necessary.

Four winners in the categories Best Entrée, Best Salad, Best Dessert, Best Beverage. One overall winner will be Leverett’s Top Chef. All 5 winners will receive $10-15 gift cards from select restaurants in Harvard Square. Top winners will compete in a campus-wide Top Chef, with a chance of earning prizes and having their recipes published in a Harvard cookbook. email Betty Zhang at zhang39@fas.harvard.edu

Bureau of Study Council
REFLECTIONS on REJECTIONS. Job rejections, school rejections, grant rejections, internship rejections -- everyone is rejected sooner or later! Join us for a panel discussion about our experiences of risk, rejection, and redemption. With Dr. Abigail Lipson, Bureau of Study Counsel; Wednesday April 15, 5:30-7:00, OCS Reading Room, 54 Dunster St. RSVP ocsrsvp@fas.harvard.edu

Important Campus Dates
• Yardfest: Sun 19th, 5:30.

Events on Campus
• Take Back the Night: April 13-18. A week dedicated to empowering survivors of sexual violence, creating awareness, and building community. Wear a purple and teal ribbon!
• Interfaith Awareness Week
• THUD in Space: The Harvard Undergraduate Drummers Spring Concert: Fri 17th, 8p Lowell Lecture Hall. $3 for students, $5 for others from any THUD member, including Leverites Rupak Chakraborty '10, Whitney Muhlestein '10, and Laura Garvin '10, or get them at the door
• South East Asia Night 2009: Fri 17th, 9-11p, Levdhall. Dive, swim, splash --splash into an entire SEA of change. $6 in advance from Bx Office SEA reps/$8 at the door. Take a breath. Take the plunge. Right into the SEA. The Harvard Vietnamese Association, The Harvard Philippine Forum, The Thai Society, and The Singapore, Indonesia, and Malaysia Association
• Pops Sells its Soul: Sat 18th, 8-10 Sanders.
• The Harvard College Alliance For Africa’s first annual Fast Tracks for Africa 5k Run/Walk Fundraiser: Sat 18th, Charles River Bike Path. All proceeds will go to the New Hope Orphanage in Busia, Uganda. Race day check-in is between 8:30 and 9:45 at the Gordon Track. Race starts at 10am. Registration $15 for Harvard affiliates through the Box Office or any HCAA member. First 150 registrants receive a free T-shirt. Questions or want to volunteer? please email fasttracks5k@gmail.com.

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• Have perfect hair or perfect teeth?
• Be secure and comfortable or in turbulent love?
• Miss the last page of a final exam by accident or accidentally have your crush read your diary?
• Have your life path set at 18 or still be wandering and finding yourself at 40?
• Speak five languages moderately well or two languages fluently?