**Great Commencement Speeches**

**Conan O’Brien, 2000 Harvard Class Day**
"I've dwelled on my failures today because, as graduates of Harvard, your biggest liability is your need to succeed. Your need to always find yourself on the sweet side of the bell curve. Because success is a lot like a bright, white tuxedo. You feel terrific when you get it, but then you're desperately afraid of getting it dirty, of spoiling it in any way... So, that's what I wish for all of you: the bad as well as the good. Fall down, make a mess, break something occasionally. And remember that the story is never over."

**David Foster Wallace, 2005 Kenyon**
"Learning how to think really means learning how to exercise some control over how and what you think. It means being conscious and aware enough to choose what you pay attention to and to choose how you construct meaning from experience. Because if you cannot exercise this kind of choice in adult life, you will be totally hosed."

**Bradley Whitford, 2006 Wisconsin**
"Take action. Every story you’ve ever connected with, every leader you’ve ever admired, every puny little thing that you’ve ever accomplished is the result of taking action. You have a choice. You can either be a passive victim of circumstance or you can be the active hero of your own life. Action is the antidote to apathy and cynicism and despair. You will inevitably make mistakes. Learn what you can and move on. At the end of your days, you will be judged by your gallop, not by your stumble."

**Steve Jobs, 2005 Stanford**
"No one wants to die. Even people who want to go to Heaven don’t want to die to get there. And yet death is the destination we all share. No one has ever escaped it. And that is as it should be, because death is very likely the single best invention of life. It is life's change agent. It clears out the old to make way for the new. Right now the new is you, but someday not too long from now, you will gradually become the old and be cleared away. Sorry to be so dramatic, but it is quite true... Your time is limited, so don’t waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma — which is living with the results of other people's thinking. Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition ... Stay hungry, Stay foolish."

**Ellen Degeneres, 2009 Tulane**
"Follow your passion, stay true to yourself. Never follow anyone else’s path, unless you’re in the woods and you’re lost and you see a path, and by all means you should follow that.”
**Dear Crabby,**

Dear Crabby,

As a graduating senior, I'm nervous about meeting people next year. I'll be moving to New York City and I already have a lot of friends who live there, but I want to make new friends too. How am I supposed to do that in such a huge city?

Sincerely, Pfoho '13

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**Dear Pfoho '13,**

As someone who doesn't care, I don't care. Just sign up for another pre-orientation program like you did freshman year. If you go camping in Central Park or clean people's apartments, you can probably make friends that way.

Yours, Crabby

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**Dear Crabby,**

I'm so stressed out about finals period this semester. I have three 20-page papers, three exams, and two final projects. How am I supposed to do all of this while still maintaining my 3.989 GPA?

Sincerely, Adams '15

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**Dear Adams '15,**

You sound really selfish—your situation could be way worse. You could have three 20-page papers, three exams, and three final projects. Or, you could be headless. Check your privilege.

Yours, Crabby

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**Dear Crabby,**

Who are you, really? I need to know!

Sincerely, Leverett '13

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**Dear Leverett '13,**

I'm a crusty crustacean that lives under the tables in Lev d-hall where I pinch people's ankles while they work. Bonnie feeds me plankton and ketchup chips so I can survive. Who the hell did you think I was?

Yours, Crabby

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**Mystery Movie Quote**

Last week's quote: "Just when I thought you couldn't possibly be any dumber, you go and do something like this...and totally redeem yourself!!" is from *Dumb & Dumber*.

"You're in MY world now, Grandma!"

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**Leverett Intramurals**

**ONLY TWO GAMES LEFT!!**

**Upcoming Games:**

- **Monday 4/29 6:00pm:** A Volleyball vs. Eliot
- **Tuesday 4/30 7:30pm:** B Volleyball vs. Lowell

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**Forecast**

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