Totally and Completely Random

Thought seedless watermelons were innovative?

Farmers in the southern Japanese town of Zentsuji have reengineered the classic summer fruit to grow... cubical. This technique has been hailed as an innovation in storage, especially in the tiny quarters of most Japanese homes and apartments. Samantha Winters of the National Watermelon Promotion Board in Orlando, Florida has noted that “The reason they’re doing this in Japan is because of lack of space.”

Whereas the typical watermelon, with its rounded corners, takes up an inexcusable amount of space in the refrigerator, these new-fangled melons are perfect for tiny fridges.

To produce these fruits, farmers insert melons into square, tempered glass cases while the fruit is still growing on the vine. These square boxes are the exact dimensions of Japanese refrigerators, allowing full-grown watermelons to fit conveniently and precisely onto refrigerator shelves.

Nevertheless, the convenience of space comes with a cost: each square watermelon costs 10,000 yen, the equivalent of about US$82, whereas regular watermelons in Japan cost from $15 to $25 each.

Our esteemed expert, Ms. Winters, is uncertain whether, at $82 apiece, there will be a market for square-grown watermelons in the United States, contributing, “I think that’s a pretty expensive watermelon.” Perhaps, she adds, “they give them as gifts. Maybe it says something for the gift-fruit market, perhaps.”

Get out of Here!

Events in Boston

•Saint Anthony’s Feast: Mon 5-11p, Endicott. Thacher & North Margin St. Boston, MA
The largest Italian Religious Festival in New England. The “Feast of all Feasts”, this authentic Italian street festival has it all for people of every age: parades, strolling singers, live entertainment, contests and religious services are held daily.

•Latin Jazz: Th 9:00p - 2:00a. Wally’s Café Jazz Club, Boston

•Friday Night Face Off (Improv Comedy): Fr 10:00p, ImprovBoston: Main Theater, Cambridge.

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•Would you rather be able to fly or teleport?
•Would you rather relive 7th grade or freshman year of high school?
•Would you rather know every student or every professor at Harvard?
•If you could only set one academic and one social goal for the school year, what would it be?
•How do you want to be remembered this year?
•Who do you want to get to know better in Lev this year?

Back to School Facts

•The oldest public school in the US is Boston Latin, founded in 1635. Five of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence were Latin School graduates, including Benjamin Franklin, John Hancock, Robert Treat Paine, Samuel Adams.

* Until the 1930s, most Americans only completed eight years of school. “High School” became popular during the Great Depression when communities kept teenagers in class and out of the workforce where they’d serve as low-cost competition to adults.

* The largest US high school is Morton High School in Berwyn-Cicero, IL.: over 8,000 students

* The largest college campus by enrollment is Ohio State University: 53,715 students in 2008-2009

*The most expensive college by tuition is Bates College: annual tuition $43,950. The most expensive college factoring housing, books, clothing, etc: Sarah Lawrence College in Yonkers, N.Y.: yearly costs computed to be $53,166.

•Leverett House: The Best House at Harvard

Upcoming Lev Events

WELCOME BACK, LEVERETT!

•Economics Info Meeting: Wed 9/2, 7p (JCR)
•Lev All House Meeting: Wed, 9/2, 8p (dhall)
•Lev Student/tutor Academic Advising Night: Th 9/3, 8p (dhall)

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There may be no hot breakfasts...

...But we’ll always have $
*LAST YEAR:*
LEVERETT HOUSE TOOK 3RD IN IMS!
2ND IN THE SPRING SEASON

*THIS YEAR*
THE STRAUS CUP IS OURS!
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Welcome back to Leverett!

★Do you know your HoCo?★
• Co-Chairs: Jordan Bock and Isaac Martinez
• Treasurer: Sam Steyer
• Secretary: Simin Lee
• Social Chairs: Andrew McCarthy, Ingrid Bonde-Åkerlind
• Director of Multimedia Communications: Tian Wen
• Graphic Design Chair: Jessica Caplin
• Stein Club President: Sam Bonsey
• Merchandise Chair: Allison Sikora

★Entryway Rep Elections★
Want to get more involved in HoCo?
Statements for entryway reps will be due Wednesday, September 17th at midnight (12am on Th) (details to be announced). Elections will run from noon on Fri, Sept 18th to Sept 19th at midnight (12am on Sat).
ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO RUN!

★Upcoming HoCo Events★
• Sophomore Outing: Sept 13th
• Lev Olympics: tbd

Welcome Back

Events on Campus
• ACTIVITIES FAIR: Wed 9/2, 4-7, Quad
• PBHA Plant Sale: Fri, Sun 9/4, All Day, PBHA
• Latin Fire (Dance): Fri 9/4, 10pm-2am., Adams Dhall. Free Salsa lesson with admission (10-10:45). Brought to you by the harvard Ballroom Dance Team
• LCMS Lutherans at Harvard College: introductory meeting on Saturday, September 5, 4-5 PM SOCH P10 Conference Room
• Want to Go to Asia Over Spring Break? Join the Harvard College in Asia Program! Info Session: Sun 9/6 Lamont Forum, Room 4-5:30.

Shopping Week: Please Shop Responsibly
• August 26, 1996: A man in Sweden became the first person to be charged with being drunk in charge of a shopping cart. He was charged after hurtling downhill at 30 mph, after which his cart collided with a car. A police prosecutor later said, “He was certainly careless, but I suppose it’s debatable whether he was driving. But he was rather drunk and his cart wasn’t showing proper lights.”
• Though many carts find themselves in rivers, some have been deliberately placed in the Forth and Clyde Canal by British Waterways to protect Bennett’s pond weed, a rare water plant.

Important Campus Dates
• First day of Shopping Period: Weds, 9/2
• Labor Day HOLIDAY: Mon, 9/7
• Study Cards Due: Thurs, 9/10

Acts on Campus
• Sophomore Outing: Sept 13th
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Summer has come to an end
Time to study, and let that sunburn mend
As you put your nose back in your book,
For procrastination, to IMs look
‘Cause Leverett needs to keep up the victory trend.
~Allison Sikora ‘11

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A Leverett Limerick

Don’t Forget!
Wednesday will be a Monday Schedule!

Submit to the Hare Today!
Deadline for Leverett House Newsletter submissions is Thursday at 11:59pm.
Please e-mail Leverettnews@gmail.com
Thanks!

Leverett House