Totally and Completely Random
Remember those days of hula hoops and pogo sticks? They’re back.
Eight years ago, beyond snowboards, skateboards, and ironing boards (see past issues of the Hare Today), pogo sticks entered the creative minds of extreme athletes. Performing such stunts as leaping over minivans, bouncing over 6-feet in the air, and performing a variety of spins and flips, these athletes have found an outlet for their creative daredevility: Pogopalooze, now in its 6th year.

Pogopalooza attracted 60 pogo riders between the ages of 13 and 24. Twenty-three US states, as well as Canada and England were represented, performing before an audience of several hundred. The events vary to include high-jump (the world record is 8’6”), slow-motion pogo-sticking (the record is 41 bounces/minutes), most jumps per minutes (record: 221, which is nearly 4 per second), among others.

Curiously, as athletes take the sport to increasingly daring levels, the design of pogo sticks had barely changed between the first patent in 1919 to about 2000. It was only in 2000 when Irwin Arginsky, was approached by Physicist Bruce Middleton, who suggested a design using heavy-duty rubber bands instead of old-fashioned steel springs for propulsion. The "Flybar," as it’s known, can propel a 250 pound rider five feet off the ground. Other pogo manufactures use compressed air instead of springs and have developed a prototype which they claim can propel a rider 16 feet into the air.

The extreme pogoing community, unlike its international siblings (extreme ironing, for example), remains small. None of the athletes have receive an endorsement deal, though the considered best pogo-rider in the world, 20-yr old Fred Grzybowski, earns around $20,000 performing.

Get out of Here! Events in Boston

• Glass Pumpkin Workshop: Sat 10/10 2-8p Diablo Glass School, Boston. work as a group to create hollow glass pumpkins with decorative stems. No experience necessary
• Global Voices Film Festival: Th 6p, Fri 4p, Sat-Sun 2p, Harvard Square. A weekend of powerful international documentary films addressing the plight of migrant farm workers in the US, interpretations of Islam in Syria, the complexities of water use in developed countries, the role of widows in India, etc.

Events on Campus

• The Harvard Crimson JOURNALISM & MEDIA FAIR: Fri 10/9. Tabling from 10 – 1p & 3- 5p, at The Harvard Crimson
• Woodbridge presents: Glow sticks. Black light... YOU. SENSATION WHITE: PARTY LIKE AN INTERNATIONAL. WE KNOW YOU WANT TO.SAT 10/10@10 | Lowell Dining Hall | $7 entrance Dress code: WHITE

Questions to Wonder

• Would you rather know everything or everyone?
• Would you rather be famous or infamous?
• What is the most uncomfortable situation you’ve ever been in?
• What drives you?
• What are your two most frequent emotions?

Command Center

It’s been a month. Wash your bed sheets.
Important Campus Dates
• Last day to add/drop: MONDAY, 10/5

Best of Harvard FML
• At this party last weekend, everyone thought I got completely wasted and scored. I had half a shot and fell asleep next to a teddy bear. FML
• I peed on John Harvard only to touch the foot as I was climbing back down. FML
• I’m a freshman. I thought I was taking the shuttle to the Quad. Turns out, it was the Wellesley Quad. FML
• I drunkenly made out with a high school recruit this weekend. FML
• Just ran through the rain in the Yard, slipped, fell, ripped my pants, and got stuck under a bright yellow chair. FML
• I genuinely like Party in the USA. FML
• The guy next to me in section was using the Stopwatch app on his Mac to measure the awkward silences in the discussion. FML
• My roommate likes to tape her thumbs to her hands to see what it would be like to be a dinosaur. FML
• Today I went to UHS because I had a stomach ache. They told me I had a miscarriage. I’ve never even had sex. FML
• Paul Farmer can write a groundbreaking anthropology paper, restructure the world’s public health infrastructure, and perform lifesaving surgery on 3 Rwandan orphans all at the same time. I cannot get through even half of his course’s reading and still have time to do my problem sets. And I’m taking easy classes. FML
• Today I saw the sun rise…through the big-panel windows of Lamont Cafe. FML
• I was just about to hook up with someone when the fire alarm went off and my roommate pounded on the door for everyone to get out. FML
• I’ve been working on orgo for so long, I wrote my name as “Chem” at the top of the page. FML

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

Lev HoCo
Thank you to all who came to Levtoberfest Stein Klub on Friday! Leverett House killed the keg in one hour!

Thursday Community Night
“Guess Who”

Upcoming Events
80s Dance! • Oct. 24th
House Auction • Nov 5th

Join us for Flag Football, A or B Volleyball, or Frisbee this week!

Flag Football: Mon 5th, 7pm v. Dudley
B Volleyball: Tues 6th, 8pm v. Dunster
A Volleyball: Th 8th, 7pm v. Dudley
Ultimate Frisbee: Th 8th, 7pm v. Cabot
B Volleyball: Th 8th, 7pm v. Cabot

Unbeaten!
Leverett IM’s continue to be on top, winning A volleyball v. Winthrop on Tuesday and winning ultimate Frisbee in overtime v. Lowell on Wednesday. To continue its streak, Leverett defeated Adams on Thursday night in B volleyball, breaking Adams’ previously undefeated record.

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