A Totally Random Appeal

Ivy League Football: Once considered a national powerhouse, it has now fallen in the eyes of many to the status of oxymoron. I want to be excited for our teams. Truly, I do—but each November, as I sit frozen in the bitter tundra that is the Yale Bowl or Harvard Stadium, I watch the mediocrity action out on the field and can’t help but long for the drama and pain of a WVU-Pitt game (Big East, for those who are stuck in the Ivies). Alas, we are not Ohio State, and Yale is no Michigan (Big Ten).

Luckily for us, someone has come to our rescue. Down the street lies MIT, the land of architectural missteps, blackjack usurpers, and—most importantly—bored hackers. Without a college football rivalry to call their own, these pranksters from MIT have historically targeted the Harvard-Yale game, providing us some much-needed outside entertainment.

Notable hacks include the giant weather balloon of 1982, popping out fresh as a daisy from the 46-yard line and exploding in a frenzy of powder and ash. In 1990, a Yale field-goal kick was momentarily disrupted by a surprise rocket launch, which shot a huge MIT banner through the goal post.

Yet lately, we have experienced a dearth of these ingenious, emboldened acts at Harvard Stadium. Sure, in recent years we still get the occasional naked streaker at halftime or some loud tailgate distractions, but what have happened to the innovative pranks of the glory days? As I prepare for another year of uneventful kickoffs and disappointing turnovers, I wonder: Who will step up to help the Harvard-Yale game make newspaper headlines once again?

This is my appeal. To the MIT hackers: I hope dearly that you have not forgotten those who need you the most. This weekend, we await you.

(To read more, visit the “Hacks and Traditions” page of the MIT admissions site. The Game has its own section.)

Harvard-Yale Happenings

• Pick up your H-Y tickets! – Wed 10:00-2:00 (Mem Hall Transpmt)
  * or any day at the Murr Center 10AM-5PM
• H-Y Glee Club Football Concert – Fri 8:00 (Sanders)
• Harvard Krokoiloes and Yale Whiffenpoofs – Fri 8:00 (Adolphus Busch Hall 29 Kirkland St.)
• Pep Rally – Fri 9:30 (Yard)
• Tailgate - Sat 10:00 (Harvard Stadium)
• THE GAME – Sat 12:00 (Harvard Stadium)
• H-Y Jamboree: Radcliffe Pitches and the Din & Tonics – Sat 8:00 (Sanders)
• Body and Soul: H-Y Talent Showcase: Kuumba Singers – Sat 8:30 (Lowell Lecture Hall)

• Parties and alternative tailgates galore throughout the weekend!

Upcoming Lev Events

• R.A.D. Class (women) – Mon 6:00 (Old Lib)
• Corporate Law Discussion – Tues 4:30 (Old Lib)
• Sherry Hour – Thurs 5:30 (SCR)
• Harvard-Yale Stein Club – Thurs 7:30 (JCR)
• Pizza, Pop, and Port – Thurs 6:30 (JCR)
• SCR Regular Lunch – Fri 12:30 (PDR)
• Pre-Game breakfast by HoCo – Sat 7:30 (dhall)
• Master’s Open House – 11/25

Also, remember to complete the Thanksgiving/Winter Break Residence Questionnaire and House Formal Preferences!(online at http://leverett.harvard.edu)

Rabbit vs. Dog

Our question: “Why is the leveret superior to the bulldog?”

Your answers:
• Track & Field superiority – sprint, high jump, etc.
• Bugs Bunny trumps all. Case closed.
• Rabbits are much better at math. (We’ll let you ponder this one over.)

Bunny Fact: The jackrabbit runs at 45 miles per hour. Contrast this with the bulldog, one of the slowest dogs (physically and mentally – no joke, look it up!).

Tutor on Call

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UHS Urgent Care: 617-495-5711

Be safe this weekend!
Events on Campus

• China Education Initiative info session – Mon 4:00 (OCS)
• Perkins 28 film screenings – Mon 7:00 and 9:00 (SOCH cinema)
• Procrastination Group – Tues 3:30 (BSC)
• Future of the EU: Panel – Tues 4:30 (Center for Euro Studies 27 Kirkland St)
• Artist Development Fellowships info session – Tues 5:00 (OFA 74 Mt. Auburn)
• The Naked I – Tues 6:00 (Women’s Center)
• Entertainment and Media: Panel – Tues 7:00 (Grays 1)
• HUWIB Culture Dinner: China – Wed 6:00 (Ticknor)
• Image of Sex Workers in Popular Film – Wed 7:00 (Women’s Center)
• The Naked Truth with Dr. Jean Kilbourne – Wed 7:30 (Emerson 210)
• Keeping Creativity Alive with Dr. Teresa Amabile (HBS) – Thurs 6:00 (Ticknor)
• Summer Fellowship/Internship in China info session– Fri 12:00 (OCS)
• Tea with Dean Hammonds – Fri 3:00 (University Hall) RSVP to hcdean@fas
 *next tea: Dec 12
• Mozart Society Orchestra – Fri 8:00 (Paine)
• THUD Flood – Fri 8:00 (Lowell Lecture Hall)
• Harvard Ballet Co. Pointes of Departure – Fri 8:00, Sat 8:00, Sun 3:00 (New College Thtr.)
• Dudley House Orchestra – Sat 8:00 (Paine)
• Harvard Baroque Chamber Orchestra – Sun 8:00 (Mem Church)
• PreProBono LSAT Weekend Workshop – Sat and Sun (HLS Hauser 102)

Leadership Week 2008 sponsored by the Leadership Institute see http://www.harvardleadership.org

From the Dean’s Desk

Help Leverett win the Green Cup!

Recently, the House Renewal Survey was launched for all on-campus sophomores, juniors, and seniors. This survey serves as an important tool for us in the information-gathering stages of the House Renewal project. We currently have a campus-wide response rate of 21%.

This survey will remain open until Monday, November 17, and students can access the survey by visiting https://survey.fas.harvard.edu.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS:
Deadline for Leverett House newsletter submissions is Wednesday at midnight. Please e-mail news@leverett.harvard.edu
Thank you!
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