PRE-FROSH WEEKEND

This coming weekend marks the coming of a class of pre-frosh (“class of pre-frosh” is the grammatically-correct term, similar to “herd of cattle” or “large group of cats”) in the annual event known as “Visitats”. This weekend will serve a critical role in building their preconceptions of life at Harvard (which is why all the current juniors thought that there were weekly Yardfests, or why all the freshmen thought campus was constantly under martial law).

With that in mind, we at the Hare Today can’t recommend that you perform any of these pranks, but at the same time: wouldn’t it be at least a little funny?

Re-label all the buildings: Don’t you remember all the joys of not knowing where you were going as a freshman? Incite all that chaos, but en masse! Besides, sooner or later they’ll figure out that Harvard Stadium isn’t actually Annenberg.

Make up history of things around campus: Did you know that Canaday was built on a grant given to Harvard by Canada? Well, the freshmen don’t have to know that’s not true!

Relatedly: Hang fake plaques in the Science Center certifying it as the Best Designed Building of 1973. No one knows what design awards exist anyway, so who’s going to call you on it?

Institutional skip day: The freshmen will be around campus the following Monday to observe classes. Why not just let them have that day to themselves and use it as a chance to catch up on sleep?

This one might be more difficult: What if everyone just insisted that the first “R” in Harvard was silent? You know, just sort of firmly insisted that exposure to Boston accents has led everyone here to pronounce it “Havard”. Would anyone buy it? I bet at least one would.

Mystery Movie Quote

“If not it’s all out war, we go to the mattresses.”

Last Week’s Quote was from Divergent [“You’re different. You don’t fit into any of the categories. They can’t control you. They call it movie title.”]
Dear Crabby;
I kept telling myself I would catch up on all my work later, but now finals are in three weeks and I haven’t learned anything. What should I do to catch up?
Thayer ‘17

Dear Thayer ‘17:
What you should do is find a tutor, set up meetings with your TF, go over old papers/problem sets, and get your head in the books starting right now. What you’re going to do is crush 5-hour energy drinks in Lamont during the last 36 hours before each exam. Welcome to college.
Sincerely,
Crabby

Dear Crabby;
I live in swing housing right now, and I’ve gotten really used to my kitchen. I love cooking meals in-house, and the full size fridge is so convenient! How can I be sure I won’t miss it next year?
Leverett ‘16

Dear Leverett ’16:
It sounds like you’ve become really attached to that kitchen. Maybe too much so? I won’t judge. Anyway, your options are pretty limited. If you really want a kitchen, you can:
   a) try for a room in Dewolfe
   b) transfer to Dunster to ensure another year of swing housing
   c) learn to deal with disappointment.
Since the thought of transferring into Dunster is pretty inconceivable, you’re left with just a) and c). I recommend c).
Sincerely,
Crabby

Dear Crabby;
How old are you?
Adams ‘15

Dear Adams ‘15:
In human years? Old enough to regret taking the time to read your question.
In dog years? Old enough to regret taking the time to read your question x7.
In crab years? Crab years aren’t a thing, but I still find you annoying.
Sincerely,
Crabby