LEVERETT SOPHOMORE HOSTS VISITING PARENTS

Just earlier this month Harvard greeted parents with the lovely event that is Freshmen Parents’ Weekend. Anxious and excited parents descended upon the yard and into the open welcoming arms of their wee little ones (The Hare Today sssumes almost all freshmen are home-sick and very lonely, trapped up in the yard away from the joys of Leverett). Of course every year there are a few overly eager or perhaps confused parents of sophomore students who also make the journey to Harvard.

Upon arriving many are confused why their little darling was not expecting them?!?! Shouldn't Harvard open her lovely doors to all parents? Marv Erickson for example, a Leverett sophomore sat down with Hare Today to discuss his own run in with mom and dad who made the long journey specifically to see the beauty of new Leverett and check out the legendary awkward dining hall tray return for themselves.

SOPHOMORE MARV ERICKSON TO VISITING PARENTS: "OH, THIS? NO, MY ROOM IS ALWAYS THIS CLEAN. YEAH, I USUALLY CLEAN UP IN HERE EVERY FEW DAYS. IT JUST HELPS ME RELAX, YOU KNOW? IT'S LIKE EINSTEIN SAID: 'CLUT-TERED ROOMS LEAD TO CLUTTERED MINDS' OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT. I MEAN, I JUST DON'T GET HOW SOME STUDENTS CAN LIVE IN TOTAL PIG STYES, LIKE ANIMALS. I COULDN'T DEAL WITH THAT. I'M AN ADULT NOW."

During a brief few moments that sophomore Marv Erickson would later describe as "yeah, that was pretty awkward," 48 year-old Cindy Erickson, the sophomore's mother, visited the 5-person McKinlock suite that Marv calls home.

"Obviously, the room was a mess. And like, 30 seconds before my mom walked in, I basically just threw everything in my closet and tried to play it cool," Marv said, sweating. "And of course my blocking group threw a party the night before and the entire common room was filled with trash. Of course they did."

The prospective neurobiology concentrator said that his parents left for home this morning, "and I'm never cleaning anything again," he said. In an interview with Cindy Erickson, the certified public accountant said that she was proud of her son. "He forgot to throw out the half-empty Natty Lights on his bookshelf," she said, smiling to herself. "I was getting worried that he wasn't having any fun at all in college."
DINING HALL CONVERSATION ENDERS

Last week's issue of Hare Today provided you, our loyal readers, with a list of phrases that could be used to initiate dining hall conversations. However, we've all gotten too deeply engrossed in conversations in the dining hall. As the tables begin to empty, there is nothing worse than finding oneself listening to a friend wax poetic about their infatuation with a hot TF, wasting valuable hours that could be used for work or solitary procrastination. In order to save you some time, here are some things you could say to quickly end a dining hall conversation.

Hey, it was great to catch up, but I've got a problem set due tomorrow—gotta run!

Hey, it was great to catch up, but I've got two problem sets due tomorrow—gotta run!

One moment—I need to go check on my grill order. [Don't come back.]

Oh, is it 1:30 already? I'm five minutes late for my daily salt water gargle!

Sorry, I need to go to a networking event in the quad.

That's really interesting! I—coughcoughCOUGHCOUGHAR-GH [fall out of your chair and feign catatonia until your friend leaves]

Hey, it was great to catch up, but I've got three problem sets due tomorrow—gotta run!

This has been a great conversation, but please excuse me—I need to read this week's issue of Hare Today. These articles are so interesting and well-written!

This conversation is boring, you are boring, and I have always hated you.

I love you.

MYSTERY MOVIE QUOTE:

“I was hiding under your porch because I love you.”

LAST WEEK’S ANSWER:

Into the Wild

“Ten days and nights of freight trains and hitchhiking bring him to the Great White North. No longer to be poisoned by civilization he flees, and walks alone upon the land to become lost in the wild.”