HIDDEN GEMS AND JOYS OF MCKINLOCK HALL

It’s been a few months since school started and the glorious new facility of McKinlock Hall was revealed to the public. Since then, we Leverites have happily scampered across the courtyard on our way to class, and perhaps even scanned our way through the Junior Common Room in order to get to the dining hall. So you might think, now, that you know all that there is to know about our wonderful new home. NOT SO. McKinlock’s new layout makes all kinds of hidden delights possible—hidden delights that one can easily overlook in his or her rush to acquire fresh monkeybread or pumpkin-flavored Stein club beer (for those who are 21+). Here are just a few of the wonderful activities in which one can participate.

DOUBLE FOOSBALL. Enjoy foosball, but disappointed about the lack of physical exercise required to play? Here’s a solution for you: McKinlock has two foosball tables placed almost directly above or beneath each other. If you have three friends (and I’m sure you do, since Leverett House is a friendly and welcoming community), create teams of two and play simultaneous games on both tables, with each team switching tables every minute (this can be regulated using timers on the participants’ phones). In the mad dash to get to the table first and score before your opponent can put their hands on the defenders’ handles, you won’t even notice the calories that you’ve burned!

ELEVATOR OPERATION. Some astute Leverites may have observed that only those who possess a Leverett House ID can use our wonderfully efficient elevators. Many a time, this writer has been accosted by dumbfounded outsiders requesting an elevator scan. Why not turn that effort into profit? Spend a free afternoon operating an elevator in McKinlock: scan for those who are unable to do so, and politely ask which floor each customer would like to travel to before pressing the button for them. Of course, tipping is optional, but if you do the job right, you’ll be sure to make at least a dollar of pure profit.

THE STATUE FRISBEE GAME. Some Leverites have been confused by the presence of a π-shaped statue in the middle of McKinlock’s courtyard. This writer would like to argue that this sculpture is a fine piece of modern art that sets the tone of the courtyard nicely. Regardless, the statue is there, and like all other parts of McKinlock it deserves to be explored and appreciated. With at least one friend, take turns attempting to throw a Frisbee through the hole in the statue. If you get the flying disc through the hole, you get ten points! If you hit the statue with the Frisbee, you lose five points—shame on you for damaging such a piece of art. If you get in trouble for repeatedly hitting the statue with a Frisbee, you lose. First person to get to one hundred points wins! Play this game at your own risk.
NEW HARVARD CONCENTRATIONS ADDED

The Hare Today was shocked the other day when it was announced that Harvard would be adding Theater, Dance and Performance as a concentration. Not because it was undeserving; it was definitely a long time coming. No, we just assumed Harvard was so ancient that it no longer adapted. After all, ask yourself: when was the last time they added a concentration? (Answer: 1880, when they added Computer Science to accommodate Teddy Roosevelt.)

But now knowing that this is a possibility, the Hare Today would like to take this time to propose more plans of study to the university.

Networking:
With its prevalence at Harvard, this is a natural fit for undergrads. Classes include Net110: Schmoozing at Corporate Dinner Events and Net91r (Independent Study): Party-Based Interactions.

Procrastination:
A topic most Harvard students are familiar with. The university’s offerings includes gems like Procrastination 100: Finding the Perfect GIF for that Email and Procrastination 200: We’ll Pick a Specific Focus Later.

Business, Communications:
The university finally acquiesces and adds these common majors to their slate of offerings. However, they remain true to their core values as a Liberal Arts institution. Business includes options like BS50: Introduction to Synergy Theory. Communications is just Linguistics with a performance requirement.

Fictitious Cultures and Languages:
The newest offering to Harvard’s Language Department. Students must take multiple years of languages like Klingon and Elvish, as well as cultural studies like FCL10: Reading “The Silmarillion” and FCL 12: Original Series vs. The Next Generation.

Grade Inflation:
Following accusations of Grade Inflation, Harvard decides to sequester all unsavory grading to a singular aptly-named focus. Classes include GI50: The Value of Just Showing Up, and the graduate level GI223: Everyone Gets A’s Long as You Don’t Fall Asleep in Class.

MYSTERY MOVIE QUOTE:
“Not that I condone fascism, or any -ism for that matter. -Ism’s in my opinion are not good. A person should not believe in an -ism, he should believe in himself.”

LAST WEEK’S ANSWER:
Sharknado

“They took my grandfather. That’s why I really hate sharks.”