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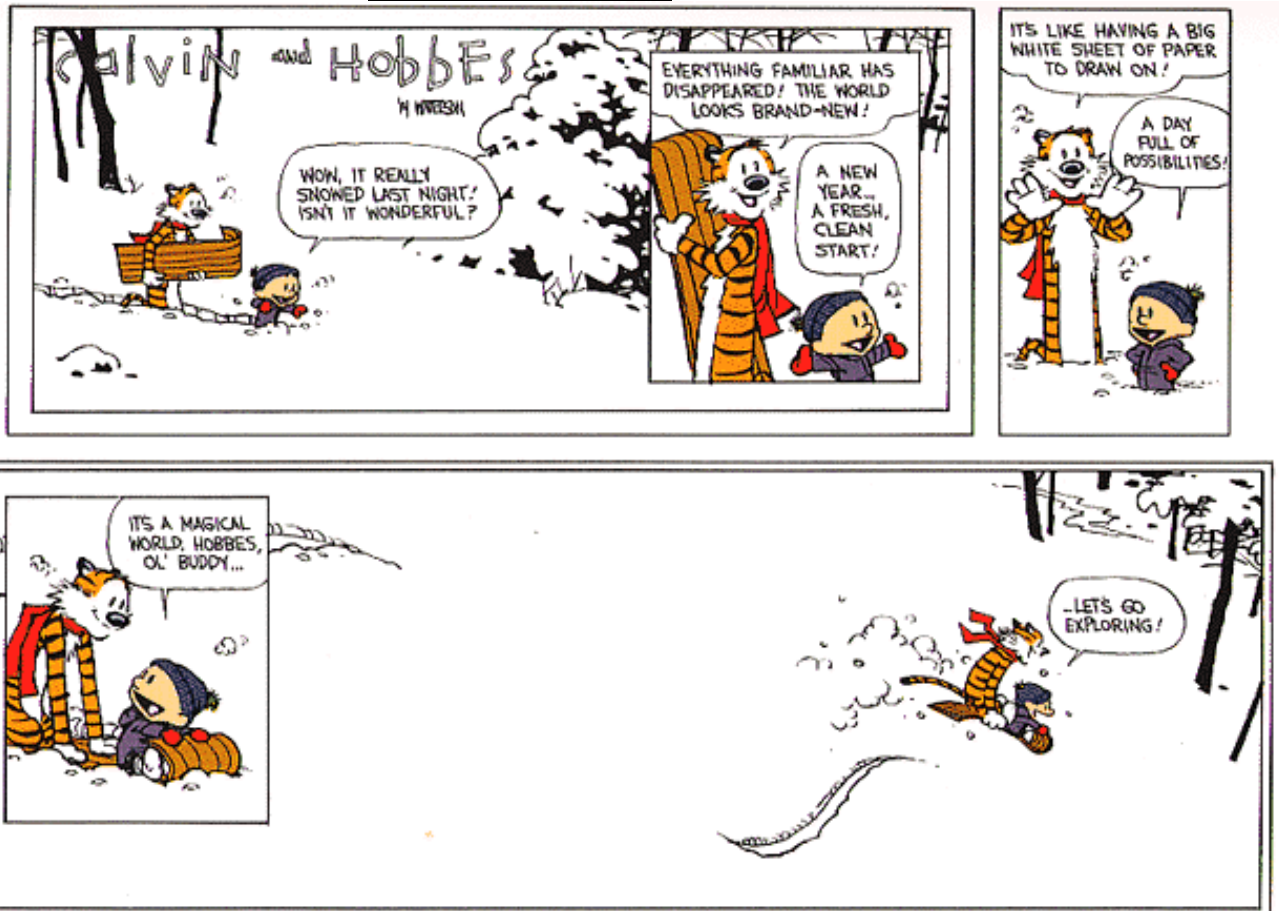
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INSPIRATION CORNER

By Sara Rabold (236C—Come visit!!)

Fresh Start



Reward Your Curiosity: Read this article!!!

By James Schneider

Sitting around Stouffer, sipping back on a nice Vanilla Coke, I think of all the wonder in the world. The pyramids of ancient Egypt, the Great Wall of China, the leaning tower of Pisa, and ice cold Vanilla Coke. The slogan, "Reward Your Curiosity" drives the cleverest ad campaign of our day. The phrase is matched only by the smooth taste of Coke with added vanilla flavor. Truly, Vanilla Coke is among the most inspiring beverages and even inventions in modern times. It's the best thing since, well...Coke Classic.

I do not own stock in Coca Cola, but maybe I should. Seems like they got their act together far better than the chumps at Pepsi who have the unremarkable claim to Pepsi Kona, coffee-flavored Pepsi, and their newest brain fart, Pepsi Blue. So, what's the point?

Vanilla Coke is like life. Do not be afraid to reward your curiosity. Try new things, experience the world. Keep in mind, I hate trying new things. Vanilla Coke is a rare exception. Vanilla Coke will change your life! Before Vanilla Coke, I had no drink of choice. No passion. Lost in a sea of mediocrity. Vanilla coke is just plain good. Yeah, I mean, I could say something inspirational here, but that's Sara's area of expertise. Nevertheless, in sharing my unceasing love for the beverage, I am also encouraging everyone to do new things; avoid mediocrity! So go out there, do exciting and curious things: drink lots and lots of Vanilla Coke. Email Coca-Cola and tell them that you love their product, from multiple email addresses, if necessary. Spend time studying...the ingredients on the back of the label of Vanilla Coke. Drink Vanilla Coke. Live it, love it. Oh yeah, and drink more Vanilla Coke. If you heed my advice you will be a more fulfilled, happy and successful person who is more care free. Your increased zest for life will make you more attractive to members of the opposite sex. *But, hey, if you don't there's more for me.■*

Take Advantage of Penn *By Phil Nichols (ctd. next page)*

It is quite possible that you are tired of hearing that you are at one of the most amazing places in the world. Too bad. I am going to tell you again.

I am not going to tell you that college is "the best years of your life." People who tell you that need to take a long, hard look at themselves. Don't get me wrong; in my own experience college was pretty fantastic. But high school was also outstanding. Traveling around after college was pretty good. And nothing could be better than being married (to Amy, anyway) and having kids. The years since have been even better, but college was excellent.

Excellent, and yet the source of one of the very few regrets in my life. I regret the fact that I did not take advantage of all the things that college has to offer. There are other places that are just as cool, and there are times that you will enjoy even more, but there is no place you will ever be that is at all like this place, ever again in your life. You have four or five years (or six or seven if you are on the Portnoy plan) to sit a few meters away from world leaders who come to talk to you, to take classes from the most outstanding scholars in their fields, to take classes just because you are interested in them, to sit in the student section of the Palestra to watch the women's basketball team, to hear lectures and talks and speeches from really interesting people who know what they are talking about, to play killers with people who will someday be famous, to go to world class music performances for a couple of bucks, to hang out in Stouffer/Mayer, to have clubs and organizations vying for you, and so much more. I did a lot of those things in college, but I honestly wish that I had done more. That is one of my few regrets.

It is easy to say "I will do that stuff once I get settled in" -- and the next thing you know it is November and you are saying "I will do that stuff after finals." Or to say "frat parties are much cooler, and that is what college is all about" -- and to get stuck in that routine (and by the way, there will always be people offering you

More Inspiration Corner:

To the Virgins, To Make Much of Time

by Robert Herrick

Gather ye rose-buds while ye may,
Old Time is still a-flying:
And this same flower that smiles today,
Tomorrow will be dying.
The glorious lamp of heaven, the sun,
The higher he's a getting;
The sooner will his race be run,
And nearer he's to setting.
That age is best, which is the first,
When youth and blood are warmer;
But being spent, the worse, and worst
Times, still succeed the former.
Then be not coy, but use your time;
And while ye may, go marry:
For having lost but once your prime,
You may forever tarry.

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free alcohol hoping to make you dumb; it is not at all limited to college). But you know, after college you don't hear people sitting around saying "you know, I wish that I had spent more time settling in and getting used to the place" and you sure don't hear people saying "golly, I should have spent more time drunk during those college years." You hear people, even people who did a fair bit, wishing that they had done more.

So, don't be like me. Take advantage of Penn. There are plenty of other excellent places in the world, but there is no place like Penn and you only have one shot at it. Go to a talk, go to a performance, go to an athletic event, go meet people, go meet faculty.

And while you are at it, make sure you drop by our apartment and say hi to all of us.■

Tell us what you have to say:

The Stouffer Tribune is a great forum to express your musings about the Stouffer Community and Penn at large. If you are tired of seeing other people's names in print, then two avenues open for you. Either you are a mean person and should calm down through yoga and stress therapy of all sorts, or you could write an article for the Stouffer Tribune. Even if you are mean, I probably can't tell, so send stuff in anyway. Email everything to Jschnei2@sas.upenn.edu. And, please do. Send anything really. Jokes, poems, short stories, and of course articles are all possible entries into the finest newsletter on the right side of the country.

- James Schneider, editor

Don't be a Stouffer Ghost!

After living here for a few weeks, everyone should have heard of the “Stouffer Ghosts” (the stereotypical Stouffer residents who live here for years, but no one ever sees).

Unfortunately, they do exist. I met several people last year who said that Stouffer was so damn quiet. It's not! And it shouldn't be. We have a great group of people here, and even if you're shy, you'll get to know lots of interesting people if you take a few simple steps.

If you want to know some basic ways to get involved in our community, here's what to do at Stouffer:

1) Leave your doors open!

This is the single most important thing you can do to keep from being isolated. Other residents will stop in and say hi. Also, when you are walking around the halls, introduce yourself to anyone whose door is open.

Freshmen, get a fork from dining: it's the best doorstep for Stouffer rooms!

2) Participate in Stouffer Activities !

Most planned house events are really fun! Not all are for everyone, but try to make an effort to attend as many as you can. It's a great chance to meet other residents and bond with those you know.

- * Go to coffee every Wednesday at 10pm. Amy makes great cookies!
- * Go to fellow's night on Thursdays. Meet cool Profs and get great deserts.
- * If you have an idea for a section or house event, we can make it happen!

Tell your Steering representative or your GA because Stouffer has the money to do what you want!

3) Stay in touch !

Emails are a pain, but they often let you know about cool stuff. Always check out the posters that James puts everywhere. They're often important. Read our newsgroup (upenn.dorm.stouffer) which is a free forum to talk about anything you want. It's funny and kills time.

If you are only living in Stouffer or Mayer for the biggest undergrad rooms on campus or you just want to lock yourself away then you're missing the whole deal! We are lucky to have the smallest, most tight knit college house at Penn. It's only been a week and I've already seen more people coming out and getting involved than all of last year. Don't stop!

Hope to see you around. My door's always open when I'm in, stop by and say hello!

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September Birthdays

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Sith Chaisurote (5)
Kristina Cruz (20)
James Di Domenico (24)
Stephanie Glaberson (1)
Joshua Gorin (6)
Angela Gruber (12)
David Haber (9)
Kristi Hackett (7)
Robert Harscheid (15)
Taimur Khan (3)
Jonathan Leung (29)
Michael Lyons (14)
Anthony Mahler (10)
Erik Malmstrom-Thwai (3)
Alexander Martinez (12)
David McMillan (17)
Rachael Paz (26)
Pam Schreier (4)
Alanna Strong (28)
Piyawut Tantimekabut (22)
Jodie Turner (30)
Shoji Ueki (18)
Jeffrey Watkins (23)

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