The Sophomore Slump Is Real
And the junior one, and the senior one, and the post-grad one...

By Ms. LaSon '17

I'm with her, and her, and her Dept.
(The YWCA) When Rafael Domingo ’20 enrolled in Intro to Women's Studies during his first semester, he was not aware of exactly what the course would entail.

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Singleton admitted that, since the course description talked about hot chicks on T.V. and cosmetic surgery, he was not aware of exactly what the course would entail. "This is a liberal arts school! I thought I'd get to study some hot women! How was I supposed to know these people think boob jobs are a bad idea?"

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"There is a high attention to detail on these licenses. Microprinting, everything you would expect on a real ID," Winter reported. "They even have a five-year-old piece of the individual printed on them. It's almost as if they obtained these IDs' back when they were 16. They are indistinguishable from real licenses."

Administration and security notwithstanding, the student body has expressed concern over the break. "I don't even understand how someone gets connections like that," Dorothy Valentine '19 said. "What will they smuggling into campus next, marijana cigarettes?"

Even those found in possession of these licenses sounded surprised. "I can barely believe it myself!" Damien Damienison '17 said. "When I went to get my driver's license all those years ago, I had no idea the DMV actually slipped me a cheap fake! This whole time I was under the impression that I had actually turned 21. Now I'm wondering why I waited in line for three hours."

John Banner provided more information on these imitation card holding students. "Each and every one of them has the same shocked look of disbelief on their faces, like they know they've been caught," Banner said. "We try to get them to tell us where they purchased these fakes but they always claim they 'had them for years' and that they 'really are 21, officer, my birthday was just over the summer.' They all say the same drivel."

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August 16th

Today I embark upon my journey. I have heard tell that a Pink Whale roams freely on the campus of Hamilton College, and I intend to subdue it. It comes from a place called the Vines of Vineyard of which I know nothing, I predict that nothing highly unusual will transpire, but I will keep this record nonetheless.

August 23rd

I have seen the Whale, which somehow roams on men’s backs. It is, astonishingly, around every corner, borne by every other man I see. Is it their God? Have I stumbled across a foolish cult which worships the icon of this beast? I will ask the fellow with whom I share a room—perhaps he can be of some assistance in my pursuit of this ubiquitous creature.

September 1st

The Pink Whale follows me openly now. I see it everywhere: It jeers from water bottles and backwards-facing caps, from nightshirts and satchels, from each end of the earth. My room-mate is no help, for he thinks I have lost my wits, and perhaps he is right—I cannot imagine anyone could resist being driven mad by such an unrelenting foe.

September 2nd

The Whale is at once nowhere and everywhere, borne by the unseen and unfeeling masses. I feel no sympathy for these people; they dare not fight the beast. Such cowards. I alone oppose the Beast of Vines of Vineyard. Such is my fate.

September 5th

It is clear to me now that I am as damned here as I would be in Hell itself. My room-mate has shut me in our chamber, attempting to reason with me, as he sees it. He interrupted an attack I attempted on the Whale as it passed our dormitory window on the troughs of a young, slack-jawed man. He wrestled my harpoon out of my grip and broke it over his knee. I will never forgive him this transgression.

If there is a God He has created me to slay the Whale from the Vines of Vineyard. Of this I am certain. There is, in the eternal end, none but it and I, and if I must burn every toto bag on this infernal planet in order to destroy it, then so be it. Stupid fucking whale.

Retrieved from the fireplace of Sadove by Ms. Rinehart-Jones ’20

FACE OFF: WHY ARE STUDENTS WEARING NON-HAMILTON APPAREL

Victims of Mass Delusion

By Gordon Timbly ’18

You’ve seen them around: kids walking between classes with ganpally arms danging from the sleeves of Dartmouth and Yale t-shirts, or football recruits lounging in Commons with the words CRIMSON TIDE or FIGHTING IRISH stretched dangerously tight across keg-shaped chests. Attending one college while openly expressing via wardrobe the desire to attend a different one may strike you as both unbelievably douchey and unbe

If you can answer a question with a direct quote from a book, everyone will think you’re straight out of Fahrenheit 451. Or, if they haven’t read that classic novel that most people with a high school diploma have read, they’ll be like, “Damn does he have this shit memorized?” Plus, it doesn’t even have to be a real quote. If someone calls you out, just tell them, “Stupidity is a talent for misconception.” I think that was Einstein, or Lincoln, or maybe L. Ron Hubbard.

1. Don’t show up to class: Nothing screams that you already know the content more than not attending class. Your absence is a clear indication that you already read the whole textbook and know everything there is to know about the subject. If your professor emails you, just reply that there is no such thing as absence, only a lack of presence.

2. Answer a question with a quote: If you can answer a question with a quote from a book, everyone will think you’re straight out of Fahrenheit 451. Or, if they haven’t read that classic novel that most people with a high school diploma have read, they’ll be like, “Damn does he have this shit memorized?” Plus, it doesn’t even have to be a real quote. If someone calls you out, just tell them, “Stupidity is a talent for misconception.” I think that was Einstein, or Lincoln, or maybe L. Ron Hubbard.

3. “Go along with that”: This one’s already pretty popular. Here’s an example, try it out: “Just, like, going off of what that student said just repeat some like smart sounding words and like reiterate what everyone else said. It totally makes me sound intellectual!”

4. “FIGHTING IRISH stretched dangerously tight across keg-shaped chests. Attending one college while openly expressing via wardrobe the desire to attend a different one may strike you as both unbelievably douchey and unbe...

5. Be the first to talk: Don’t even raise your hand. Just shout out some interesting sounding words like esoteric or floccinaucinihilipilification. People are sure to be impressed if you get your shit together fast enough to answer the question before the professor even finishes speaking. In fact, it works even better if you just yell constantly while the professor is talking.

It’s the beginning of the fall semester, and everyone’s got one thing on their mind: sex. And you know what they say, the best way to get into someone’s pants is through the brain.

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