



Getting dumber over fall break, since 1987

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MY POST-REED OPTIONS

A. Move to Los Angeles to try and become a comedy writer:

Best Case Scenario: *White Chicks II* comes out, starring Marlon Wayans and Shawn Wayans and written by Keenan Ivory Wayans, Marlon Wayans, Shawn Wayans, and Jeffrey Blum.

Most Likely Scenario: unable to find writing work, I end up working as an SAT tutor desperately trying to get the powerful parents of my tutees to read my spec script.

Worst Case Scenario: unable to find any work, I turn to pornographic acting to pay the rent (Note: in this worst case scenario my move to Los Angeles coincides with a new demand for pornography featuring unimpressive sexual performance and/or scenes where the strained, awkward attempts at flirtation by the pizza delivery man lead him and the bi-curious cheerleader roommates who ordered the pizza to decide that the best thing is for all of them is to just be friends), and end up with a rare Southeast Asian strain of Chlamydia and an Oxycontin addiction.

B. Stay in Portland:

Best Case Scenario: While playing soccer in a Portland men's league I am noticed by a scout for the Portland Timbers, who is able to look past all of the superficial limitations such as height, size, speed, athleticism, heading ability, dribbling ability, passing ability, field vision, and footskills, that (presumably) had prevented other professional scouts from noticing my talent. My sparkling play leads the Timbers to a playoff spot and draws the attention of US head coach Juergen Klinsmann who calls me up to the national team for a friendly against Honduras. Also global warming makes Portland get sunnier.

Most Likely Scenario: I get a part-time dead-end job and end up hanging around campus a lot, eating at the scrounge, napping in the library, knocking over tiny freshmen girls in the indoor soccer PE class and attending almost every Reed party.

Worst Case Scenario: I fail to bring a reusable grocery bag to the supermarket and as a consequence am run down by an angry Prius driver in the New Seasons parking lot.



C. Move back in with my parents:

Best Case Scenario: I find a cool job, my parents stop eating grocery store rotisserie chicken and mushy steamed asparagus for dinner every night, and I somehow don't feel awkward about bringing girls back to my parent's apartment (and girls are somehow really excited/willing to tiptoe quietly past my parent's bedroom door to get to a room that still has a large box of *Legos* stashed in the closet).

Most Likely Scenario: I get a job doing data entry, my parents retain their dietary habits, and the issue of whether or not it's ok to bring girls home never really comes up. My parents grow discouraged and start casually inserting into conversation the fact that they've heard that law school is actually really fun and interesting and the fact that neither of my sisters lived at home after graduating from college.

Worst Case Scenario: I grimace as my mom spoons mushy, flavorless, steamed asparagus onto my plate and years of suppressed resentment at my ingratitude finally make her snap and she stabs me in the larynx with a fork.

D. Join the Peace Corps:

Best Case Scenario: The Peace Corps recruiter who came to Reed turns out to have actually been a recruiter for a super-secret super-badass government agency that hires me to do cool glamorous spy work that contrary to what you might of heard about US government covert ops involves lots of seduction of beautiful women and high-stakes poker games taking place in luxury hotels and no waterboarding of probably innocent Syrian nationals taking place in dank, fetid, Slovakian prisons.

Most Likely Scenario: I waste two years of my life and come back having dug half of a non-functional irrigation ditch and having learned how to say "I know you must resent me and my government's self-serving and ineffectual attempt to solve your deep-seated economic and social problems, but please stop slipping sand into my food" in Swahili.

Worst Case Scenario: Dengue Fever.

by JB

BETTER FALL BREAKS



Altruist: During fall break, Simon volunteered at 3 soup kitchens, organized a clothing drive, and adopted 2 cats. Although he slept for a total of 14 hours and contracted ringworm from the animal shelter, it was apparently worth it because "nothing is more rewarding than helping those less fortunate than yourself." After repeating this sentence for the 80th time and crying in public from a combination of emotion and exhaustion, Simon will judge you for spending your week playing Xbox, and invite you to the next food bank meeting, which you will feel obligated to attend.

Intellectual: Stefan travelled to Paris for the week and spent his time chain-smoking, drinking coffee, and contemplating the value of life after the loss of innocence. While it did not stray too far from his normal habits at school, really the most important change was that he was able to cultivate his thoughts in the most intellectual city in the world, so that he can bring back these epiphanies and make you feel inadequate during conference. According to Stefan, he also made love to a beautiful French woman on top of the Eiffel Tower while reciting Baudelaire, however this is most likely untrue.



Spoiled Kid: Ashley went on a parent-funded trip to Cabo, where she got her hair braided, appeared on the MTV Beach House, and returned a different race. Her diet consisted of tequila and semen, and she spent her days frying in SPF -5 on the beach. Ashley also learned to say phrases in Spanish such as "Aquí está una copia de mi llave de cuarto", "Esta tienda se vende el 'morning-after pill'?", and "No voy a pagarte porque no hay hielo suficiente en mi daquiri". Ashley will lie and say that it was one of the most rewarding and cultural experiences of her life, when really she does not remember any of it.

Workaholic: Ben did all his work for the entire semester over this week, since he had no friends to spend time with nor any ambitions outside of school work. Ben will complain that there was not enough work to stretch over the week, and will ask your professor to assign more reading, since he expects to do master's level work in all of his classes to prepare for grad school. He will also give condescending glares to everyone saving their work until second quarter, since apparently some people do not stress the value of learning like he does.



Celebrity: Lizzie M. went to Rome with her friends and soaked in the culture of Italy. While there, she met a strikingly handsome local on a Vespa named Paolo, who turned out to be a famous pop star. Paolo revealed to Lizzie that she resembles his former collaborator Isabella, and convinced her to impersonate Isabella and lip-synch with him in a reunion show. At the show, Paolo is revealed to be an evil mastermind set on destroying Isabella's career, as he had planned all along to embarrass Lizzie by turning her mic up and show the world what a horrible singer she is. However Isabella stepped in to save the day, and Lizzie and her became best friends.

by HJ

DANCE STUDIO WINDOW

Things I Want to See While Walking Past the Dance Studio Window:

- Synchronized Swimming
- Miming 101
- Hip-Hop Miming 101
- Tryouts for Reed Land Polo
- Elderly Break-Dancing
- Fencing with Machetes
- Hip-Hop Fencing with Machetes
- "Teach Me How to Dougie" Lessons
- Brazilian Jiu Jitsu / Meditation Fusion
- Full-Contact Croquet
- Hip-Hop Full-Contact Croquet
- Single's Wine-and-Dodgeball
- Single's Hip-Hop Wine-and Dodgeball



- Triples Ping-Pong
- Hedonists Anonymous
- Rugby Players Vent Sexual Frustration
- Couples Therapy
- Hip-Hop Couples Therapy
- Roll Your Eyes Like a Hipster
- Watch Making
- Hip-Hop Watch Making

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PARENTAL PHONE INTERACTIONS

Things I say over the phone to my parents as translated by my parents:

- "So I wanted to wash my blanket because it's getting a little bit dirty, but the tag with washing instructions came off, do you remember if it's ok to wash it in the washing machine on hot, or should I just use cold?" = "Last week after a night of binge drinking and possibly drugs and/or listening to music with misogynistic lyrics I blacked out and vomited all over my bed and now I want to figure out a way to get rid of the smell."
- "Sorry I missed your call, I don't get good reception in the library" = "Even though it was 3:00 on a Tuesday I was in a bar."
- "I'm not sure yet what I'm doing next year" = "Hahaha I'm going to move back in with you and criticize your cooking and ask you for help folding my laundry just when you thought you were finally free."

Things my parents say over the phone to me as translated by me:

- "And Grandma is coming to your graduation too." = "You are graduating, right? I know you don't seem to mind disappointing us, but I would hope you would at least not want to disappoint your grandmother."
- "If you think writing for television is what you want to do you should go for it." = "If and when you are unemployed after graduation you can live at home for two months, but after that we're kicking you out and renting your room to Scandinavian tourists."
- "I know you are busy so I won't keep you" = "Grey's Anatomy starts in a minute, and I want to refill my seltzer glass before this tampon ad ends."
- "Your sister said you had a soccer game last weekend." = "My daughter, who bothers to check in with her mother regularly, is my only source of news about my son. Also in case you forgot that she got better grades in high school rest assured that I still remember."

by JB