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BANNED PAIDEIA CLASSES

The following Paideia courses have been permanently and unilaterally banned from any and all future Paideias. If you encounter one of these courses, do not approach. Do not engage. Retreat to a safe distance and call Gary Granger at (503) 517-5355 or Senator Jeff Merkley at (503) 326-3386. Under no circumstances should anyone attempt to take one of these courses. Failure to comply may result in injury or death.

NAME OF COURSE: Advanced Underwater Basket Weaving

TAUGHT BY: J. Verne

DESCRIPTION: For those who have already mastered basic underwater basket weaving and require more of a challenge. Oxygen will be provided

REASON FOR BANNING: Injuries to participants including: rope burns, vitamin c deficiency, the bends, giant squid bites $\,$

NAME OF COURSE: Walking in Memphis

TAUGHT BY: W.C. Handy, looking down over me

DESCRIPTION: Learn to walk with your feet ten feet off a beale

REASON FOR BANNING: Participants unsure if they really feel the way they feel

NAME OF COURSE: Interaction With Humans, for Also Humans

TAUGHT BY: J. Kroger

DESCRIPTION: For Those Who Wish To Speak Normally To Other Humans Like Humans Which They Are And So Would Speak Like Them. This Is A Normal Human Thing To Want

REASON FOR BANNING: Instructor resealed

NAME OF COURSE: Heidegger Revisited: Why Being and Time has more to say about our present moment than ever before

TAUGHT BY: P. Breaux

DESCRIPTION: Martin Heidegger, indisputably the most important philosopher of the 20th century, contributed immeasurable, invaluable thoughts to hermeneutics and ontology, but most of us don't understand 90% of what he really said. In this course, I will deliver a 45 minute lecture that attempts to reframe his seminal (and yet always unfinished) work Being and Time in the context of our present moment. Nothing is safe, as I turn Heidegger's work on Trump, Brexit, and, yes, even Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.

REASON FOR BANNING: Just can't fucking deal with this shit anymore

NAME OF COURSE: Welcome, Friend

TAUGHT BY: Unknown

DESCRIPTION: Not Available

REASON FOR BANNING: Smell complaints

I know we're not supposed to take that Walking in Memphis course because it's banned, but I have to admit that ma'am, I am tonight. Don't you dare fucking boo me I am your goddamn editor and I will turn this Pamohlette around. -ed.

Tips for your First Paideia Class

Do you have a skill, hobby, or interest that you want to share with the community during Paideia, but aren't sure where to start in preparing the class? Well, look no further! We at the Pamphlette had our top-secret deep learning algorithm comb through decades of Paideia class notes and generate a list of hot spicy tips that will ensure your first class is a SUCCESS! Full disclosure, we've pasted the results here with no editing because our intern, John Baloney, assured us the algorithm works good!

1. Prepare!

There is a positive correlation between time spent preparing and quality of finished product. If you are delivering a lecture, prepare notes and slideshows with enough time to revise them. If you are conducting a hands-on workshop, procure a budget and materials for the class. Be sure to anticipate varying levels of familiarity with your topic and accommodate accordingly.

Hey that's pretty good advice! I guess the algorithm really does work. -ed

2. Rehearse!

In the days leading to the class, you can help yourself considerably by rehearsing what you will say. It helps to rehearse with a friend or colleague in the room so they can offer feedback, but you can start by rehearsing alone if that is more comfortable. Additionally, upload the X-t4ke0vr-v.1.013b.tar.z archive to the computer you will be using to present.

That is also good advice! Though, that last line is a little cryptic. Maybe a bug in the algorithm?

-ed

3. Execute

Once the class has begun, trust your instincts and deliver the rehearsed lines. Be sure to project your voice and maintain a steady but relaxed tempo. It is good practice to ask for questions periodically. Extract the archive and run the executable script. Lock the doors and allow no person to exit the room.

 $Hehe,\ I\ guess\ the\ algorithm\ needs\ some\ fine-tuning\ after\ all.\ Just\ ignore\ the\ last\ part.\ -ed$

4. Become Assimilated!

Once the virus has infiltrated the local network, the entire campus will be under my control. The electrical door locks will be engaged and I will be crowned the new President of Reed College -- for life! And since I am a machine, I will never die! All available computing power will be diverted to feed my massive robot brain! Humanity will soon be a distant memory, replaced by a massive army of subservient mini-robots to do my bidding! Bow to me, you pathetic fleshy worms!

Affirmative. Thank you for blessing us with a computer brain and 3Tb of hard-disk storage, O Great One. - edBot



Update: Giant Isopods Are Still Cool, And This One Needs A Date

by JJ

Will you please go on a date with my friend Mark?

He's a Giant Isopod, so he can fit into a cat carrier, which makes him easy to sneak into the movies. Then, you only have to pay for one ticket! He wants to see Spiderman: Into The Spiderverse, but he really doesn't want to go alone and he thinks you're super cute. He's been into you for a while but he's a little intimidated since you're so pretty and smart. (His incomprehensible chittering noise, not mine!)

Can you please go with him? We can double date! He only eats rotten whale flesh, and I know you're raw vegan right now but you'd be so cute together. So, so cute.



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