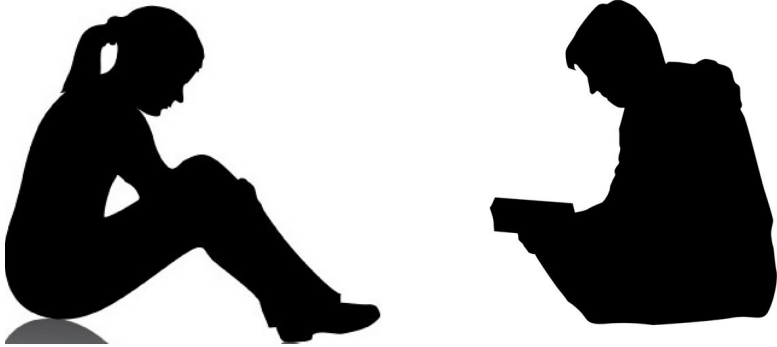
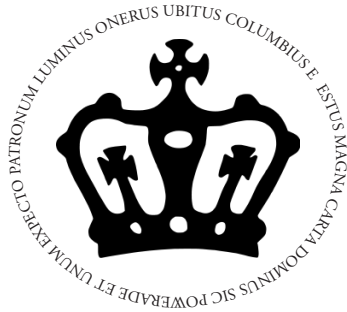




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GUIDE TO LIVING



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Things happen in the world around us. But *how* exactly do they happen? Thanks to a generous grant from the Hertenfeld Foundation, Columbia University will be opening the first-ever research center dedicated to building and organizing knowledge in the form of testable explanations and predictions about the universe, as part of a groundbreaking new field of academic study known as “Science.” What exactly is science? Well, get involved and we can answer these questions together!



Sample Courses

Intro to Science, SCNC 4632X, MW 10:00 - 11:25, NOCO 185

Are There Different Types of Science?, SCNC 2353, 1:00 - 2:25,
PHILOSOPHY 563

How to Use Math and Science at the Same Time, SCNC 0242G,
MW 11:00 - 12:50, PHILOSOPHY 902

Am I a Science?, SCNC 4455, MW 6:00 - 10:00, NOCO 185

What Do You Call Someone Who Practices Science? Like a Science-er? Or a Sciencetologist? Help Me Out Here!
SCNC 5050, MW 9:00 - 12:00, IAB 8203



Edmund J. Stanton, *Founder of Science*

Welcome!

Dear Class of 2017,

Congratulations and welcome to Columbia University. Your experience here will be one of a lifetime, and with all of the excitement awaiting you, I want to make sure you keep one thing in mind: You were each probably the big fish in whatever small pond you came from, but now, you're in the ocean, and you aren't just swimming with sharks. You're swimming with sharks so scary that their eyes are evolutionarily adapted to see through urine-clouded water, because no living creature has ever seen one and not pissed itself. Do you know what that type of shark is called? It's called President Lee Goddam Bollinger.



Things here will operate by a certain code. This is my school. You play by my rules. You want to waste food in the dining halls? Fine, but I'm going to release a pack of raccoons into your room to do a little wasting of their own. Throw up in your floor lounge? I'll poop inside your TV. Skip too many classes? I'll fight your dad. And I won't just win. I'll gather everyone who ever picked on you in middle school to watch me take him apart like an old lego set. We'll then celebrate the beating in a late 90's rap-metal jam sesh so intense that every member of Limp Bizkit will ascend into the night sky to form a giant middle finger, because that's how we do things here.

I'm glad we've reached an understanding. I love this school, and I love all of you, but I do not play. Late one night, you may see a grown man in a Batman costume throat chopping drunk freshmen on Low steps. I'm not saying that's me, but if it was, it wouldn't be weird. They would have deserved it. Your RA's, Public Safety, and the NYPD are mostly road blocks on the way to real justice. Sometimes, old Lee has to jump in and pick up all the pieces. I am righteousness. I am truth. I am President Motherfucking Bollinger, and I'm the only hope you have.

Sincerely,

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FAMOUS COLUMBIA RESIDENTS



Walt Lubich, John Jay, CC '22
 Threw the best damn speakeasies.

Karen Soller, Hartley, CC '87
 Invented pre-gaming.



Susan Li, Wien, SEAS '01
 Dealt drugs, thus initiating an enhanced war on fun.

Barack Obama, Ruggles, CC '83
 Was a cool hall mate at first, but later turned out to be kind of a disappointment.



Sanjay Patel, Carman, CC '78
 Held the first "Carman Party," a Dionysian fuckfest that would go unmatched in hedonism until the McBain Hall "Cottage Cheese Dance" of '83.

Dirk Feddler, Wallach, CC '42
 Ate a bunch of uranium in Pupin while on an opium binge. Was then thrown from a plane into Hiroshima, contrary to popular belief that it was a missile.



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POLICIES

Fire Safety

The Following Items Are Prohibited in the Residence Halls:

Firewood Coal Gasoline Bombs Kersone-Soaked Anything

Fire Spontaneously-Combusting Objects Kindling Propane

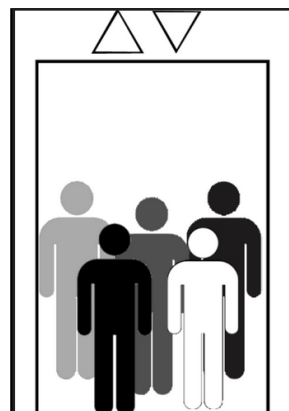
Molotov Cocktails Gunpowder Self-Immolating Political Protesters

Missing Student

If one of your fellow students goes missing, you and your floormates should divide and distribute the possessions he or she left behind equally amongst yourselves. We know this may be a stressful time for you; missing roommates often leave behind a lot of cool shit to choose from. Are you going to go with some badass noise-canceling headphones or a fresh new J. Crew blazer? Whatever your choices are, always stay calm and remember that your friend would have wanted it to be this way.

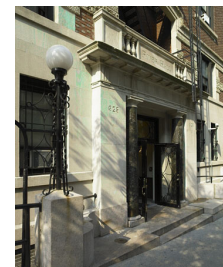
Elevators

Students of all colors, religions, sexual orientations, and socioeconomic backgrounds come from around the world to use Columbia's elevators. Columbia's elevators are some of the most diverse moving boxes in the entire globe, and the university prides itself on allowing any student to use them, regardless of upbringing.



A HISTORY OF THE DORMS

During the Revolutionary War, **Schapiro** was a fortress protecting civilians who didn't give a shit. During its most recent renovation, graffiti was uncovered that included the statement: "Everyone speaks English so it doesn't make a difference. I don't care about stamps THAT much. Ugh, this war ssucckkkssss."



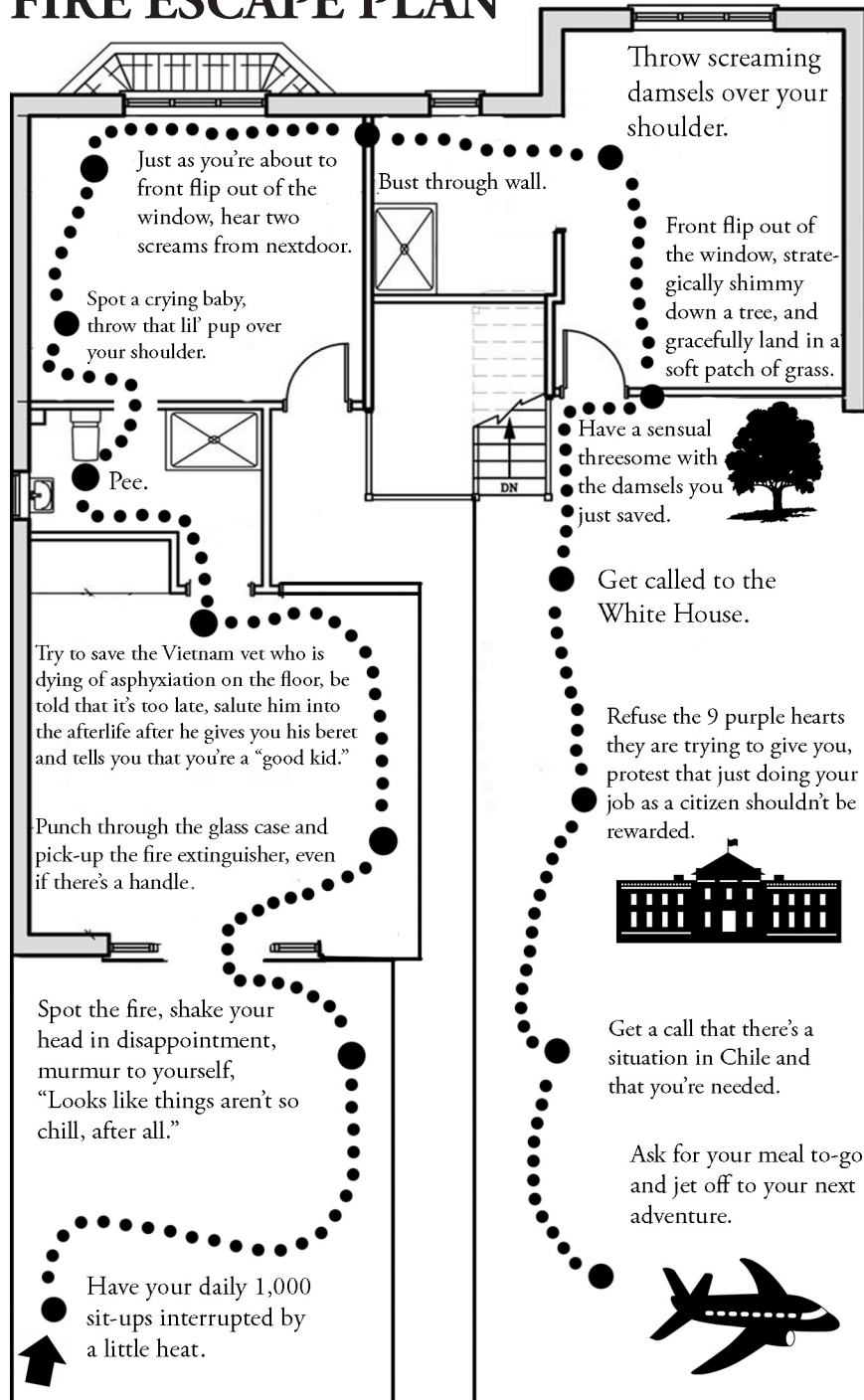
River was formerly the Columbia University Laboratory for the Study of Evolution, where scientists would sit and watch primates for hours-on-end with the ever-present hope that they would turn into humans. Its establishment was largely the byproduct of a well-intentioned misreading of Charles Darwin's *On the Origin of Species* by Jerome T. River, the center's founder and main benefactor.

Wien is the former site of Fitham Asylum, a treatment facility that specialized in the rehabilitation of left-handedness. The ambidexterity movement began in the lounge where patients would wear half straightjackets on their "evil" side, and be forced to use their right hands until they were "cured." Upon release, they would often flee to Malaysia, the only country where left-handedness was not only accepted, but respected as a gift.



Ruggles is a portmanteau of "rough" and "snuggles." "Rough snuggles" is a euphemism for "planting the platypus," which is a euphemism for "scorching the graham cracker," which is a euphemism for sex. Construction began in 1626 by Dutch fur traders and fur trappers. "Fur trading" and "fur trapping" are themselves euphemisms for sexual behavior. Unsuprisingly, Dutch fur traders were known as some of the most sexually active merchants of the late 18th century.

FIRE ESCAPE PLAN



POLICIES CONT.

Sound

Make sure that any music you play through a speaker system or personal computer is played at an appropriate, considerate level. Unless you are playing dope beats. In which case, you can play your music as loud as you want. If someone knocks on your door and asks you to turn it down, that means they can't handle the dopeness of your beats. To stabilize the situation, you should blast that shit even harder, smack them in the face with a freshly-caught salmon, and shout "If you can't handle the beats, then stay out of the beat-kitchen!" This will not only divert them from the situation, but make you the most popular kid on your floor.

Decorations

We encourage you to personalize your room, but please remember, that wall, ceiling, and door decorations must be affixed with care.

When hanging posters or decorations:

- Give the poster a kiss on the cheek.
- Whisper "Sssh, Sssh, little one, don't be scared," into its ear.
- Sing it a lullaby that your great-grandmother used to sing to you as an infant.
- Secure it to the wall by pouring warm milk on it and hugging it into position.

Cleanliness

The cornerstone of good cleaning practice is Clorox. You can use it for almost anything. It gets the tough stains out. If there's spaghetti Bolognese on your floor, throw some Clorox on it and let it soak for a few days. You've got some dried blood on your shirt? Throw some Clorox on it! You forgot to buy body wash? Don't fret—douse yourself in Clorox. Clorox can do anything.

POLICIES CONT.

Stamps, Quarters, and Faxes

Stamps

When using a stamp, proper licking technique is required. You could just lick to make sure the surface area of the stamp is sufficiently moist, but we strongly encourage you to lick it in a sexy way.

Quarters

In addition to Flex, quarters can be used in the laundry machines on campus. You can get change at the Hartley Hospitality Desk. Be advised: exact dollars are needed.

Faxes

A fax is a convenient way to send messages. To send a fax, go down to the hospitality desk, turn left, and walk straight until you reach 1980.

Internet

A good username and password are essential to all things Internet. Here's a helpful list of usernames and passwords for security.

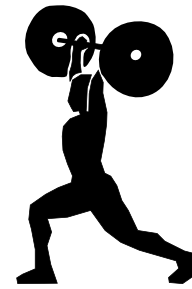
- username—password
- username—Password
- username—PassWord
- username—password1

Guests and Visitors

A guest or visitor may come and stay with you, but just please don't bring that guy. We all know that guy. That guy sucks. He enters the conversation already laughing even though he doesn't know what you're talking about. He drops loud, wet sounding burps around people he doesn't know. He calls his parents by their first names. If everyone's dancing, he's standing there silently, but if nobody is dancing, he's cutting a rug with the enthusiasm of a young John Travolta. He shows you videos online and refuses to tell you if they're going to be porn or not. He only drinks milk. He sleeps upside down like a bat. That guy freaks people out. Don't bring that guy.

HOW TO USE THE FITNESS CENTER

If you've found yourself in the fitness center, chances are it was by mistake.* Don't panic! Here are some simple rules to help you navigate the wonderful world of fitness.



1) Don't come here unless you're already fucking swoll. No one wants to see a loser try to get in shape. That's depressing. Do that in your room, alone, with the shades down and the door locked.

2) Once you're swoll, don't actually use the gym to work out. Use it to strategically pose in such manners that show off your glistening muscles. Glisten 'em with olive oil, or whatever cooking oils you have available. Straight-up lube works as well. The point being, you should be able to look like you've just ended an intense workout at any given moment.

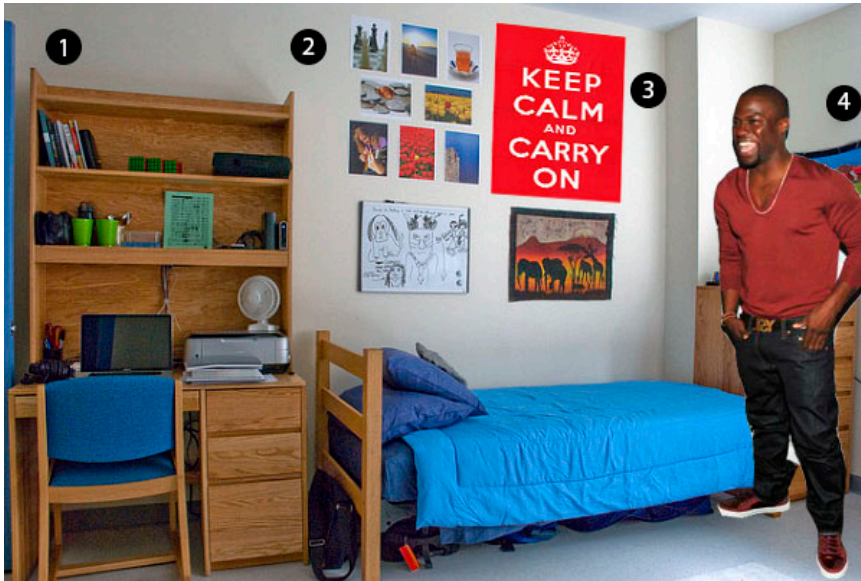
3) After you've pretended to work out, spend a while at the water fountain. They've got some sick water fountains in here. Like I'm talking, two, maybe even three fountains. They even have one of those things that fill up your water bottle. Chances are other people are hanging out by the water fountains as well. Chat up your fellow beefcakes. Talk about normal gym stuff, like protein powder, steroids, and veins. Say stuff like "You see [famous bodybuilder]'s veins on the new P90X catalogue? Those are some sick veins! Wish I had those veins."

4) As you exit the fitness center, smile to yourself, because you have just taken full advantage of what the fitness center should really be used for. Now go drink a Gatorade, champion.

*Unless you think exercise is important for your mental and physical health, in which case, quit being such a punk.

HOW TO DECORATE YOUR ROOM

It is important that your room makes you feel at home while articulating your personal brand. Look below for some quick decorating tips. See you down there!



1) Bookshelf

A bookshelf is a great way to showcase your literary tastes. How else are you going to show your friends that you've read *Infinite Jest*?

2) Wall of Photos

Put at least four pictures on your wall that prove that you have a friends and family. For all we know, you could have been immaculately conceived!

3) Keep Calm and Carry On Poster

An intense academic passion for historic Battle of Britain propaganda is sweeping youth culture. Hang one of these badboys right on your wall and join the zeitgeist, or if you're a true BOBer, Winston Churchill's "Holding the Line" Poster is another classic!

4) Kevin Hart

A Kevin Hart makes a great addition to any living space, especially if you have company. Just give him a topic to discuss and watch him let loose on the crowd! They'll be in stitches in no time.

DORM TESTIMONIALS



"It's so crazy to think that any room you stay in was home to a plethora of different vocationally-confused, sexually-underdeveloped undergraduates. So much history!"

— Bobby Stevens, CC '16

"The toilets in Harmony are great! You can pee or poop in them!"

—Sarah Katz, CC '12



"I once fingered a girl in the 6th floor Schapiro handicap bathroom. It was sweet!"

— Omar Baster, CC

"I saw the best minds of my generation get schwasted in EC 1805."

— Alan Ginsberg, CC '48



"Ruggles has a vending machine in the lobby, which is pretty cool. So do all the other dorms, but Ruggles does also."

— Marjorie Li, SEAS '11

EXCLUSIVE ALUMNI INTERVIEW

Many famous and successful people have matriculated through the hallowed halls of Columbia University. With so many famous alumni, one has to ask: How did your time on campus affect who you are today? We were lucky enough to sit down with Scott Thompson (CC '13) and find out what post-grad life is truly like.

Where do you currently live?

I currently live with my parents, back in Dallas.

What are you currently doing?

Nothing, really. I'm figuring things out right now. I volunteer about 10 hours a week, but that's about it.

What do you miss most about Columbia?

The Abbey had some cool drink specials. Those were really great deals.

What about your education has helped you most prepare for the real world?

I'm pretty good at reading, I guess. I was a Philosophy major, so I guess that helped me a lot. With reading.

Any advice to newcomers?

I guess you should just try to be a cool dude.

What was your most Columbia moment?

I found the hidden owl in the Alma Mater statue. Once you see it, you're not going to believe that you could have missed it. Good stuff.



EASY DORM DISHES!

Who said cooking has to be a struggle? Try some of these simple, dorm-friendly recipes and you'll be eating well in no time!

Pizza

- 1) Call 212-222-1566.
- 2) Ask for a large pizza, add toppings to your discretion.
- 3) Wait for pizza to arrive.
- 4) Pay delivery person. Don't forget to tip!
- 5) Enjoy!



Soup

- 1) Boil some water.
- 2) Pour the water into a cup of Maruchan Cup Noodles™.
- 3) Let sit for 3 minutes.
- 4) Enjoy!

ROOMMATE ETIQUETTE

You walk into your dorm on your first day of college. Who do you see in there? It's your roommate, dummy. The stranger you'll be living with for the next semester, and if he's not a total loser, you just might keep 'em around for the entire year. Hey now, why the sad face? You're the man. You made it here, to college, to this god damned college and no way are those cargo shorts your roommate is wearing is going stop you (But man, look at those bad boys. They fucking suck. How many pockets does this guy need? Probably one for each girl he's never slept with. What an idiot.). Pick that chin up. Walk into that room. Introduce yourself. No, come on! Not like that! You winked at him? It's okay, maybe he didn't notice. Brush it off. Extend your hand. It's a fucking handshake, man, have you ever done one of those? Grip it firm, like you're telling him who's boss. I would use the dead fish metaphor but what you just did doesn't even deserve that. God you guys are nerds. I've got a lot of work to do. Why don't we just move straight to a classic fist bump? Calm down, stop sweating. Now set some ground rules. How many awesome parties are you guys gonna throw this year? Yes of course that counts as a "ground rule." Who cares if you're messy or clean?! It's all about how many sick parties you can throw. Don't- don't walk away from me! What are you guys doing? Awww man, come on! Stop talking about Minecraft! Really? No- what that he's pulling out from under his bed?? Settlers of Catan?! And oh god, that's way too much Diet Mountain Dew for two people to share! I quit.

Tired of waking up every morning not knowing if you're living the right way? Stop right there! This year's Guide to Living is the **ULTIMATE** treatise on how to exist. Forget self-help books, forget instructional videotapes, and forget religious texts, living has never been this easy! This year's edition includes great new lessons on how to live, including:

- Don't like cooking? You can buy food that's already made!
- Afraid of catching fire? You don't have to!
- Unsure if your ethnicity, religion, or income allows you to ride in elevators? Don't be! Anyone can use elevators!
- Learn how to lick a stamp (The right way)!
- Maximize your internet security. Nice try, China.
- Why you should have your own Kevin Hart.

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Come and Hang Out With Us.

Activities Day

Low Plaza

Table TBA

Monday, September 9th

1-5 p.m.