



"One Day in November"

(November 15, 2021)

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Connection to the College (student? faculty? alum? friend of the College?): Student

What did you do today, November 15, 2020?

My last Sunday morning in 2020 on Hanover's campus was started nearly in the afternoon. My roommate and I drug ourselves out of bed after 11 to walk to the Campus Center for breakfast with the absence of the rest of our friend group, who had yet to even wake up. The scrambled eggs and chocolate milk of the CC are probably the same breakfast served to the gods of Mount Olympus; so it's the only real way to start the day. The two of us walked back across a windy campus to Wiley Hall - the sky showed promise for a rainy Sunday afternoon. My roommate took off for the library to start conquering the weekend homework load while I FaceTimed my friend, who is a Marine currently stationed in San Diego. I hopped off that call and onto my homework while the sweet melodies of the late poet Lil Peep bumped in the background, as today also marks 3 years since his passing. As a History and Spanish double major, I get an afternoon full of an unfamiliar language and documents that have aged like a king's whiskey. A relatively uneventful day doesn't necessarily mean a wasted one... it just leaves you well rested for the crazy ones.

What seems to be the most significant aspect of your life in 2020?

Not to give the most generic answer, but the Coronavirus has the largest influence on my operations as a freshman on this campus. Fraternities were open for no more than a month accumulatively this semester, and that was with capacity restrictions. I have to wear a mask for absolutely any activity outside of my dorm room, and cannot have any more than four people in my dorm room. All semester, the number of people walking the sidewalks of the campus has become less and less as more and more of them have been contact traced and sent home. It is definitely a robbery of the experience, but the space we have to leave between each other is an observant, but a necessary damper on the daily functions of Hanover College.

Without invading anyone's privacy, tell us about a conversation or text exchange you've had today.

A very good friend and I had a conversation on FaceTime this morning. He is a Marine stationed in San Diego, and we made our rounds talking about pretty much the same things we do every phone call. He and I live very different lives in terms of function and coordination. And while we usually talk about that, today we talked about his possibility of getting leave for Christmas before he begins Infantry School.

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What did you do today, November 15, 2020?

I woke up around 9 and I looked over to my roommate's bed expecting to see her then remember she left for home yesterday since Hanover has gone online. I ate applesauce and mini wheats for breakfast and then I started working on school work. I edited my reflection for my FY101 class. I read over it and ran it through Grammarly to find all my missing commas. I forgot to put commas a lot in my writing. Then I tried to work on my article presentation in my history class or my English paper but I didn't really want to work on either of them. I walked over to the CC to mail some letters to my friends from high school. When I got back to my dorm, I laid down on my bed and watched some Grey's Anatomy specifically the hospital shooting episodes. I stopped with twenty minutes to go around 12 pm and walked over to the CC for lunch. When I asked for scrambled eggs and hash browns that was the first time talking to another person today and at 4 pm I have only talked to three people total. Two people to ask for food and I said hi to one of my hall mates on my way back to the dorm. After lunch I went on a walk and it started raining near the end of the walk. I listened to music while on the walk and two songs stood out to me during it. "I'm just a kid" by Simple Plan and "Lost Boy" by Ruth B. I've not been doing the best mentally lately and the first song I connected with for how I was in high school where I felt alone and that no one cared. The second song connects to how I feel now. I feel connected and supported here at Hanover. When I got back from my walk, the sun started to break through the clouds and I smiled. I did my physical therapy exercises while listening to music and then I tried to figure out what I want to work on next. I jumped around and prepared for a couple things but I decided to work on my article presentation for history and I decided what I was going to discuss for slides 1 and two. I then watched the last 20 mins of my Gray's Anatomy episode and then did my assigned problems for my stats class on Tuesday. After I finished those, I went to go do a brief assignment for history and found the email from Professor Vosmeier about this and decided to fill this out. My plans for the rest of the day are pretty simple. I'm going to do my brief assignment and then around 5:30 I'm going to get a burrito from the CC and eat before my Templeton Cohort meeting at 6:30. Honestly at the moment I am unsure if we are having that meeting but I do know I will be playing DnD or among us with my high school friends at 7 pm. That will likely finish around 9 pm and then I will start getting ready for bed. I'll journal before bed and then I'll turn on a Popular MMOs challenge games video on YouTube to fall asleep too. This is how I spent November 15th 2020.

What seems to be the most significant aspect of your life in 2020?

My schooling is the most significant aspect of my life in 2020. It's always changing. For 2 and 1/2 months of 2020 my senior year of high school was exactly like I expected it to be but in the middle of March that changed. We were going online for the next two weeks before spring break. I told my friends on March 13th that this would be our last day in person at Mercy but no one believed me. For two weeks we followed our normal online school guidelines. On each day, our teachers would assign us something to

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do and it would be due at 3 pm, 5 pm, 10 pm, or midnight depending on the teacher. After spring break that changed and instead we got all our assignments on Monday. On Monday we had to check in to all of our classes. On Tuesday, we would have zoom meetings for 4 of our classes. On Wednesday the same four classes would have office hours and if those classes had tests they would be on Wednesday. On Thursday we had zoom meetings for our other four classes. On Friday, the same four classes would have office hours and if those classes had tests they would be on Friday. Over the summer I took a five week course offered by Hanover called Navigating the pandemic. Each week 2-3 professors discussed the pandemic from different perspectives. In August, I started my first year at Hanover. I moved in on August 19th 2020 and I did not believe I would be on campus for more than a few weeks. I was wrong about that. I'm currently taking five courses. One course is fully online and the other four were in-person till the entire school went online. Going all online is an adjustment but it is easier the second time.

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I've only texted one person today and I was updating a mentor about my mental health and that I have been productive this weekend and feeling better.

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