



"One Day in May"

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Describe your day today -- did you go out? what did you do for fun? did you cook or eat anything special? did you do work or chores? who did you spend time with?

On May 15th, I woke at 5:30am CST so I could teach English as a second language online to Chinese students aged 3-12 years old from 6:30-8:00am. I had three students in my first class and one in my second class. My cat greeted the students after class on camera, to their great glee.

After classes, I put a tutu-style harness and leash on my cat, Khufu, and took him as far outside as he wanted to go. He has an interest in going outside, but had a bad scare a couple weeks ago while on a walk, so he's working on regaining his courage. We're using open-door therapy, and today he made a big stride by sitting for a long time on our big stoop just outside our front door.

Afterward, I made breakfast--a bagel with cream cheese--and took my first round of meds. I watched Netflix and prepped for a social-distancing DnD game, and took a nap, and tried to stay off my feet due to migraine from weather rolling through the area.

Around 7pm my roommates left for the weekend to take care of their elderly father, and my partner and I had dinner and watched Star Trek. I went to bed at 9:30pm so I could be up early enough to teach again.

What do you remember best about being on campus in May of other years?

The last time I was in Hanover in May...was I think for a friend's graduation. Science Center was pretty new, and I think not all the classes were air conditioned?

I remember being in classes during 9/11, and how kind Dr. MacDonald was. I remember taking Eurasia during lunch hour, and the Underground, and the hollow sound of walking over the former bowling alley to get to our mailboxes. I remember living in "Donner Annex" because one of the frats had been suspended.

I remember walking down to the Point at night, and hearing cows mooing at one another across the river, and seeing barges flash their lights to one another, and seeing security stop to play light games with their flashlights and the barges.

I spent a lot of time with my core group of friends, though I did theater, spent a year in Greek life, tried out some time with The Triangle.

I remember leading a Take Back The Night rally, as well as a vigil for survivors and victims of eating disorders. I began a group for sexual assault and harassment survivors that I think still has a form ongoing today. I remember the wider community being pretty supportive of more lights, which was encouraging, but that that was falling flatter on Hanover's own Board at the time.

I remember protesting at the courthouse for LGBTQIA rights, as well as being a part of Love Out Loud and the Escort Service. I still have my T-shirts.

I remember Dr. Barlow saying some of the most devastating things about theodicy in the gentlest voice. And I remember Dr. Duffy teaching about Jesus, sexuality, and theology in the best ways. I remember watching The Last Temptation of Christ in Dr. Cassell's home, and learning about and

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learning to love the Old Testament from him.

I remember getting to cat-sit Dr. Baechle's cats one break, and feeling so privileged to learn Greek.

I remember how humid it was in campus, and that my last May as a student, we had a snowstorm over two days big enough that we could build snowpeople.

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