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What did you do today, November 15, 2020?

So November 15th is a Sunday which meant the first part of my day was eaten by sleeping in! I work four days a week at our on-campus Starbucks at 6:30 AM so I really treasure the chance to sleep in. I live in Lynn in a room that has a Jack and Jill bathroom. My roommate got up to go to work at the UG, she preps single serving food. I wished her a good time at work then rolled over. Of course. I finally got up around ten, showering and tidying the room. I'm the kind of person who must tidy constantly so everyday I make my bed and cleaned my desk off. Then I did some power makeup (you know, the kind of make up that makes you feel like you can conquer stuff ie. homework). After that I texted one of the partner of one of my group projects I'm in (this semester I'm in three) about whether she had seen the lab work for the week. My adulthood and aging class (PSY346) is all online this year and is asynchronous, meaning that the professor uploads the work on Saturday for the whole week. My partner and I hopped on a Microsoft Teams call and chatted about the project a little then signed off, both of us working on our parts independently. My roommate came home for work and jumped in the shower. Then we went over to the CC for brunch. Brunch is definitely the highlight of Hanover College student's weekends here on campus. Less so this year due to COVID but still fun. We sat with our friend Wyatt, who was about to leave but chatted with us some before taking food back to his partner as they weren't eating in the CC today. Right now the CC has plastic dividers up between people to limit the spread of the virus but it also unfortunately limits loudness so conversation is always a bit strained. After this, we went back to the room and tried to do some work. It was painful and I had absolutely no motivation. Usually we try to study outside the room for a couple hours a day even though classes are online because I would lose my mind to be cooped up in there all day. Because of making the mistake of going back to the room, neither of us were productive, so we ended up watching a movie for my roommate's international studies class. It was on water scarcity around the world. We both drifted off during it... embarrassingly. I continued to nap until about 5PM. My roommate just kinda played on her phone until going to call her girlfriend at 5, who is living in Paris right now going to graduate school. At 6, we went over to the UG and grabbed food, just a little stuff since we were getting more later. We focused in on school work until 8:40 then ran over to the CC to grab the food provided for late night breakfast and bingo. The email said it started getting handed out at 9 but we were wanting to beat the line. Late night breakfast and bingo is an honored tradition here at Hanover. The last Sunday before finals the professors host a breakfast for the students. More recently, the tradition of playing bingo at that time has also started. It's super fun and well attended and it's really nice to see all the professors you've had in the past. This year the food service, Parkhurst, just handed the bags of food out. :(We got breakfast burritos and hash browns. We actually got our food almost immediately, grabbed our bingo boards and headed back to the room. Then from 8:50 to 9:55 we just watched music videos and chatted. At 10, bingo began and my roommate did the bingo boards, while I called my family through Microsoft Teams. I usually call them Sunday nights at 9, but my youngest brother (I have two) who goes to UIndy had a hall meeting at 9 so we pushed it back an hour. But he missed the meeting so it was useless anyway. He's such a freshman. My other brother, who goes to

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Purdue, got on right at 10 and chatted but my parents and other brother didn't get on till 10:10. All while I'm missing Bingo!! It was terrible. We talked for a bit, then I played bingo till 11. My roommate won a prize! She got cordless earbuds and a power box for a phone.

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

The most significant aspect of my life currently I'd have to say, is figuring out graduate school. I know that sounds strange, but in some ways, it feels like one day someone is going to wave a wand and COVID will stop bothering us. And being in college, it's made the pandemic feel really removed. I think when I go home for the semester it'll be more real again. Because going to grad school is a long term decision and important step focusing on me, that's just where my brain has been. I am not interested in going to online grad programs (although there are more everyday with COVID happening) and I'd prefer to stay within the Midwest and I know the degree I'm interested in. But like that's it. With the internet at my disposal, I can find so many programs that fit my criteria that it's difficult to figure out how to filter through them and find ones that will actual fit with me. And unfortunately, no one has an answer other than what I'm doing. So.

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

I texted my dad today about the March Madness tournament (the big 10 NCAA basketball tournament) coming to Indianapolis today. I'm from Indianapolis and knew he would know more about it, as he's really into current events. He saw the message then called me to talk about it. The March Madness tournament will happen in March 2021, and all the games will be in Indianapolis. This is a deviation from the norm and what was scheduled because of COVID. I was interested in it because although I'm not a big sports person, I recognize how much money is at stake here and how much revenue that is going to bring into Indianapolis. We talked about why it was happening (NCAA headquarters in Indianapolis and COVID), the logistics behind it (hotels and places to play the games), and the relationship between Indianapolis and NCAA. With Indiana moving back into Phase 4 right now and cases rising, I'll be interested to see how things play out.

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