



"One Day in May"

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Describe your day on May 15, 2021. Tell us whatever you'd like at whatever length you'd like. We think future students will especially appreciate hearing about concrete details -- What can you see and hear from where you are right now? What did you do for fun today? Did you cook or eat anything special? Did you work or do chores? Who did you spend time with? What did you learn?

It was a Saturday during spring term. My day started with getting coffee from the Red Roaster for Margaret and me. We started slow. I then mowed the lawn and Margaret worked on putting rabbit wire around our garden to keep bunnies from our strawberries. I also worked on a paper under revision and had to learn a new type of data analysis (a non-parametric method for estimating thresholds) and a new analysis program (Matlab). I was glad to learn we had a college license for Matlab so I could get it for free. In the afternoon, our youngest son came from from Louisville. It is nice with restrictions easing we can get together a bit more. We used to get together every week. We made mojitos and then I grilled cowboy steaks (a way of smoking) and corn and Margaret made patatas bravas, a Spanish way of preparing potatoes.

What do you think you'll remember most about surviving the pandemic? Tell us what whatever you'd like at whatever length you'd like. We think future students will especially appreciate memories that help them picture your life and relationships -- Have you taken up any new leisure activities in the last year, or have you changed how you eat, or cook? If you're on campus, what was it like in classrooms or dining spaces or locker rooms or offices? Have you been able to stay in touch with family or friends (including classmates and other Hanoverians)? How? What have you missed the most in the past year?

I think one thing that I hope we keep going is making sourdough bread. We stated that last summer and have loved it. I think I will also remember the growing freedom after getting vaccinated.

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