



"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?

Part of my day was spent caring for my grandchildren as I have done 1-2 days per week for the past several weeks due to COVID-19. My grandchildren's regular caregiver decided that she would close her home for several weeks to quarantine at home. While caring for them, I also have responded to e-mails throughout the day. I received a request that required me to come into the office to provide an employee with needed information that could only be obtained from their respective personnel file. I also needed to respond to a request regarding a tax issue that needs to be addressed within 30 days. This is what it is like trying to work from home and needing to respond to requests that can only be addressed from the office. One is torn between caring for the needs of family and meeting the demands of working from home and replying to employees in a timely manner from the Office of Human Resources.

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

Today is a dreary day that is overcast and raining just a little. My observation of campus is that it is too quiet. It should be filled with laughter, sunbathing on the quad, whiffleball tournaments, frisbee golf, lying in hammocks, and music being played across campus by the Figi's. And yet today is filled with no noise distractions save a few birds singing and quiet. There is a gentle breeze stirring the leaves on the trees and quiet. A few squirrels scampering around and quiet.

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