



"One Day in May"

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Describe your day on May 15, 2023. 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? Who did you spend time with? Did you cook or eat anything special? Did you work or do chores?

I slept well last night with the exception of a fire alarm at midnight and my roommate's 4 AM alarm that did not wake her up. I got out of bed at about 9 AM. I'm still a bit tired, though. I struggled to figure out what to do with my hair today. I tried to style it, but I didn't like it so I opted for my usual natural style with a bandana to hold it back. Breakfast was fine, but it's always just fine. I had pancakes, sausage, and a doughnut with a glass of apple juice. McKenna invited me to eat with her and her friends, so I did, though the table was quiet. It's cool and cloudy outside. Such weather normally brings me down, but I found it oddly comforting this morning. I think it would be perfect for me if it was a bit warmer.

Unlike outside, Classic Hall is unbearably warm and sticky. So much so that it gave me a headache. It's been very warm for the past while, though. I wish the school would turn on the cooling, but Dr. Murphy says that maintenance is working on it. Before class, I ran into Dr. Sarah Vosmeier. It was nice to see her. The air in Classic Hall makes it difficult to sit through my class (HIS260: The Horror Story 1818-1940) with Dr. Murphey, so I normally end up not paying much attention. We did talk a bit about Victorian fashion, as it related to "The Fair Beckoning One" by Oliver Onions, so that interested me. I find the history of clothing, especially Victorian clothing, interesting, so that was a fun conversation for me.

I ate lunch today with Katy, Zim, and Galileo. I tried the pasta and chicken but I didn't like it much so I grabbed pizza instead, giving my food to Katy. For dessert I had a brownie and vanilla ice cream, which I enjoyed very much. While I ate lunch, I got an email from the mail office telling me that a package arrived. It was just a stuffed animal that I ordered, but I was very excited about it. I opened it as soon as I got back to my room.

Leaving the dorm for work, the stairwell smelled heavily of weed. It had warmed up a bit, but not much. When I arrived at the library for my shift, there were some film students working on a project. Paycor had some trouble clocking me in today, but I managed to clock in right as my shift started (thankfully, I arrived 7 minutes before). The library had many packages to send out today (they were sending books to a book buyer). Fortunately for the film students, they weren't using any audio. Packing tape makes a lot of noise. I saw my roommate taking a break from studying while on my sweep, so I decided to bother her for a moment, but then I went back on my way. The contents inside the spray bottle smell less like vinegar and more like cleaning supplies, so I wonder if they changed what they're using.

I quite enjoyed the walk back to my dorm from the library. The campus has been incredibly green for these past few weeks, today included. The grass looked so soft. I wish I had less to do so I

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could truly enjoy the spring weather. Alas, I live the college student life. I enjoyed watching a squirrel dig in the ground, the birds hop around with scraps of mowed grass in their beaks, and a bee fly around, hard at work in the purple flowers near the admissions office. I wish I could see more insects around campus. I love bugs!

The rest of the night was uneventful. There was an end-of-year meeting for my dorm hall, but that was basically just telling us how to clean up after ourselves. My roommate went out, so I had the room to myself for the night. I forgot to eat, but I'm not too hungry. I'll just get breakfast tomorrow.

We'd also like to hear about what learning looks like for you. When you think of the Hanover classes that have mattered the most to you, what do you see? A specific classroom, lab, or studio? your favorite late-night study location? What about lessons learned at Hanover outside of the classroom -- do you see conversations over meals? locker room celebrations? shared community service? the streets of a foreign city during an off-campus class? If you're no longer on campus, what does learning look like now?

Typically, I just study and do homework in my room. When the library is the place you work, it can be hard to study there. I also prefer to work while lying down on my stomach, which is a bit specific. Many of my classes this year have been in room 114 in Classic Hall, so I've spent a lot of time there this year.

It's difficult for me to gauge my learning outside of class (other than the occasional online lesson) because that sort of learning involves personal growth, which I personally find hard to see.

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