



# "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?**

Today is day #1,076,543 of the pandemic. Okay not really. Thus far, it has been a cold, wet spring in Northwest Indiana, so the weather has been both helpful and a nuisance in these unprecedented times. Restricted living is much easier when the weather doesn't support an active, outdoor social life. On the rare days of good weather, we enjoy outdoor activities like camp fires and evening walks with the dogs. We are members of Gen X so the lack of "things to do" or places to be or people to see, did not cripple us. It was an opportunity. As our children are finishing their school year online, we are completing house projects that have been on the to-do-list, far too long. We watch a LOT of Netflix. We play cards every night after dinner. We have made strategic trips to the grocery store. We practice more yoga. We are more knowledgeable about healthcare issues. Most importantly, it has given us precious time with our oldest, a high school senior who will (hopefully) leave for college in a few short months. While it is too early to know what the new normal will be, we remain hopeful that this global pandemic will illicit needed change.

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

May term at Hanover in the 90s brings such fond memories! Wiffle ball tournaments, study abroad in England, geo class trips to the national parks and just a few of the things we did. You could usually find us laying out in the Quad on a blanket listening to DMB while studying, hiking with friends and at parties day and night at the Sigma Chi house.

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