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QUICK BIC NEWS

You changed your major again? But, of course.

You've received an e-mail about advisement. Freshmen, you're shocked that you are only weeks into your college career and you are having to plan out more of it. Upperclassmen, you know this is the norm, but still you freak out a little bit each time you open this email, because you are forced to think about the looming future that is approaching quicker every day. Well, luckily, I have advice for us all.

First, let's start thinking about the future as the next minute, the next few hours, tomorrow. Certainly, the future is far more encompassing, and anticipating it and planning for it seem to be things we have to do. For us, this translates into picking a major that will land us a job that will make us [fill in the blank: wealthy, happy, healthy, wise, & etc]. But what happens when that future puts you in a class where you have a daily countdown written on your notes? And as you cross out the minutes, you realize that this is not what you want. This feeling of being stuck. As you plan this next semester, think about what classes will bring you joy. Take the ones that will allow you to enjoy your days, and embrace each moment with excitement. Don't freak out if it's not for your major. You should take classes you enjoy. That's the (my) bottom line.

Second, there is a piece of paper that you will receive in a few years. It will have your major on it, and that might mean something to you, but as far as your future employers, **who you are** will speak to them more



These grads are holding a piece of paper which really only means "I completed 124 hours."

than what is written on that paper. Also, let's say you think there isn't a job associated with what that paper says. Maybe there isn't. But, you loved the classes you were in. And that is what matters, above all else--that you enjoy this time here, and that you figure out what you want your life to be...NOT what job you want.

Third, it's okay to not know. You may have no clue about what you would like to do with your future. You may not even know what you want for dinner. It's hard not to freak out. But, let's not. May we rather embrace the great abyss before us that is our future. Man, that's scary. And exciting. And wonderful. Take a break from planning and live, friends. As John Lennon said, "Life is what happens while you are busy making other plans." Start living, and let all other things fall into place. Well, you may have to plan just a wee bit. But don't get carried away. Just give it up and live it up.

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Top Five Ways...to FAIL a BIC course.

- 1. Don't go to large groups...rest in the fact that the powerpoint will be posted on Blackboard.
- 2. Dedicate more time to "examining life" than learning what you need to know for Examined Life, especially at the end of the semester.
- 3. Don't make friends with other BICers. Consider them your archenemies.
- 4. Regard assignments as mere suggestions for your intellectual stimulation and growth.
- 5. Cite Wikipedia in your bibliographies. We may know this as the most reliable source, but our professors will not always agree.



Guess this month's featured professor after reading these quotes!

"If this is your idea of excitement, colleague, you are seriously in want of a life."

"As is everything in BIC, this is completely voluntary; but if you choose not to, I will voluntarily kneecap you." "Of course you know what they're doing because animals do it all the time, shamelessly."

"Let's not make too much fun of people with guts; these things do happen."

"We shudder to think that this cow creature is giving birth to this elephant creature. There's a reason elephants have a two year gestation period and this poor critter is about to figure out why." (SXNVH WOL 'AC)



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pun of the month: BICture. example: smile for the BICture! or...shake it like a polaroid BICture.