

Yesterday, under much pressure from both students and faculty, Virginia Tech President Charles Steger announced a major reform in the university holiday schedule. He began by explaining the purpose of holidays in our culture.

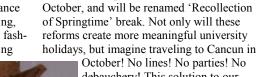
"Holidays are often created in memory of a person or for the recollection of an important event. In recent discussions with the Board of Visitors, I've realized that our 'fall break' fails in both of these respects. To remedy this problem, we will hereby be moving fall break to the spring semester.

"This reform will allow us to remember the warm breeze and beautiful colors of autumn, during the cold month of October. Along with

It's that time again. The middle of October means the middle of the semester. The youth are restless. With Hillcrest sore from losing ultimate Frisbee and Main Campbell sore from being behind 2-1 in NerdFest, the time has come for both communities to lay aside their pens and protractors and partake in a plentiful portion of partying. Ladies and gentlemen, it is time to throw down. But let's not get carried away. There are some essential things to consider before you hit the dance floor on Saturday night.

-It is *essential* to eat a good meal beforehand. I cannot stress this enough. The last thing you want is to be in the middle of the hustle and go limp from malnourishment. This happened to a few people last year and they were initially mistaken for having very poor coordination prior to a diagnosis of sudden-onset dance fatigue. A few gulps of Russell's mysterious punch had them back in -working order.

the shift on the calendar, the holiday will be officially renamed 'Autumn Remembrance Day'." After much applause and cheering, Steger continued proudly. "In a similar fashion, our current March holiday of 'Spring

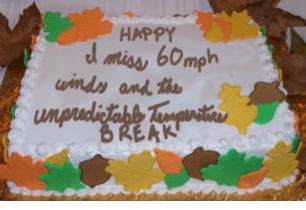


Break' will be placed in the first week of

October! No lines! No parties! No debauchery! This solution to our universities ills has been a long time coming and is now officially instated!"

Steger offered a brief question and answer session following the press conference, but quickly retracted his offer when a student asked whether a grandfather clause would be in effect for the upcoming spring semester.

Mitch Daniels is going to Aruba for Spring Break. No, seriously



Tips for the Mid-NerdFest Dance

-Worried about bringing that old dance move out of the attic for another go? Remember guys, this is a nerd dance. Instead of your attempts being shamed by cruel jeering, they'll be encouraged with



The imperial eyebrows will be most unpleased should you choose not to attend the festivities

supportive, hysterical laughter. That having been said, feel free to bust out the lawn mower, the dice throw, and the white man's lower lip bite.

-In addition to my traditional dance repertoire, I'll be unveiling a couple of my much sought-after original moves – the acclimation dance and several skiing variations. Did you think that skiing was merely a method of transportation? You are mistaken. There are many ways to ski. I'll show everyone the basic method – and if time permits – maybe a few others.

I hope to see you all there tomorrow night.

Tory Smith is indeed credited with pioneering several new methods of skiing, many of which require no snow at all. He warns, however, that skiing is not for everyone.

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Ladies of Hillcrest, are you looking for true love? If so, this article is not for you. But if you are looking for a boy to date who is susceptible to suggestion and made to be manipulated, just follow these simple steps! Whether he be your boy toy, your boyfriend, or just your date to the NerdFest Dance, you're bound to get great results!

1. Target selection: First you must choose which boy you think will be most open to your feminine wiles. Look for ones who are perpetually stressed, often pre-occupied, and, ideally, have had some (not all!) of their brains turned to mush by video games/ WoW. You live in Hillcrest, so this shouldn't be too hard.

2. <u>Making contact</u>: If your target is one that you already know, you need to initiate a period of being-noticed-by-yourboy. If he is unknown, just go out and meet him! During this crucial time, it is essential that he see you as available, helpful and happy. I suggest the wearing

Bored? Try this!

of bright colors (boys are highly suscepti- reveal more than he intended. Another ble to visual stimulation.) Oh, and lowcut shirts don't hurt either.



Even Cupid falls to these fool-proof steps! 3. Initiating Closeness: You want your target to feel as though there's a special connection between you two. The best way to do this for most boys is to "guess" some deep dark secret of theirs. Now, that may sound hard, but it really isn't. Chances are, if you listen to him (or just read his diary) carefully enough, you can guess something about his personality. Acting as though you know something when you actually don't can lead him to

way of entering this phase is by making him feel like a hero. Most boys in our age

range love to rescue girls, so create an emergency of some sort (other clients have tried such methods as fracturing bones or developing diabetes.) If all else fails, just cry. Gets them every time.

4. <u>Closing the Deal</u>: At this point, you should be able to mold your boy into pretty much whatever shape you want him to be. Finish off his sense of autonomy by mentioning a previous heart-breaking love interest who never

listened to your opinions. From that point on, he should be bending over backwards to do exactly what you say.

Armed with these tips, you should be able to foray into the world of male manipulation with confidence. Happy hunting!

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