Advice To A Freshman

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So you're a freshman! So you're coming to college for the first time! Well, heed this dying sigh of a scarred veteran of the battle of Jelly Hall.

First, my freshman, live each day as though it were the last before a final exam. Procrastination is a device of the devil, and thy soul goes down the River Styx with it.

Second, dream ye not during lecture. Thy nights and days will be filled with the struggle of a man walking up three steps and slipping back two. Think ye of the prof who has spent long hours working on his lecture for you; give him not an inferiority complex.

Third, stagger not into thy eight o'clock class at eight-fifteen. Thy instructor feels the same as thee. Thou art only making him feel worse.

Fourth, forget not thy English theme for Tuesday, or any of the other fifty days out of thy forty-two day grade period. Think ye not that thy teacher is asking too much. Sit thyself down at thy writing table, and with steady work, complete thy theme in thirty-six hours or less.

Fifth, cut not thy classes, for Butler is a small school and hiding places scarce. If thou seest thy teacher, hurry not. Walk ye calmly past and speak pleasantly. Hope ye at the same instant that he did not notice thy absence from his course.

Sixth, worry ye forever about final exams, and tell ye thy friends to go to — ah, a show during week nights.

Seventh, stir ye not from thy abode Monday night, nor Tuesday night, nor any of the nights until the Sabbath. On the night of the seventh day of the week, ye may step outside thy portal and smell the night air. Proceed ye then directly to thy books.

Eighth, look ye boys not at girls, and ye girls not at the men for it is of such that procrastination is born.

Ninth, drop ye not sodium in a flask of nitric acid. Know ye not that others must in time use these same laboratories again?

Tenth, begin not to study the night before a final exam, for as it was once said, "What doth it avail a man who secureth his stable portal, after his favorite stallion hath been lifted."