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PERSPECTIVES

10 Reasons finals are your friends

Forget about complaining, here are 10 reasons to embrace exam week.

1 You discover that the library has a third floor. Even better, you get to connect with old friends. From your freshman year roommate to the guy who sat behind you in Spanish 101, come finals week running into long lost acquaintances is inevitable as you peruse the stacks.

2 Is one Vivarin really equivalent to two cups of coffee? You'll have ample opportunity to make comparisons.

3 Remember back at the beginning of the term when you were standing in the jam-packed bookstore trying not to pass out or start screaming aloud? Remember how you took one look at that \$70 textbook and decided that you could probably get by without it? Guess what: You can't. So it's back to the bookstore you go. If you're really lucky, the book that was on order in January will have finally arrived.

4 Amateur theologians looking for proof of the existence of God need not go further than finals week. This is when many students learn that a lot of professors actually will take late work. Remember to make an appropriate offering to the deity of your choice.

5 Very few students can tell the difference between a typeface and a font family, but quite a few can tell you that having Palantino or Century Schoolbook installed on your computer makes those 10 page papers just fly by. Use this time of year to get to know your word processing program and find out what works for you.

6 Want a quick lesson in applied economics? Forget about class, just take a stroll down 13th Avenue this week and you'll see how a dozen coffee shops can coexist

peacefully on the same block.

7 So often in college we neglect the little pleasures in life. During finals week we're allowed to become much more introspective as we watch the sunrise — every single morning.

8 It's been said that adversity is the true test of character. If you get nothing else out of finals, use the experience to learn something about yourself, like how you hold up under pressure or how you smell after two days without a shower.

9 Finals week isn't just about studying, it's also

about cultivating those all-important relationships with the staff of Domino's Pizza. By Thursday they'll have your order memorized.

10 Lastly, finals will force you to appreciate procrastination, instead of fighting it. Think about it. What else

could motivate you to thoroughly clean your room or apartment, call your parents or write long letters to you friends back home?

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Thumbs



THUMBS UP
To Spring Break: After a long, wet winter term it's finally time to decompress. And though the break is only a week long, we're happy it's here.

To March Madness: This year's NCAA Tournament has been marked by upsets and underdogs, making it once again the best sports week of the year.



THUMBS DOWN
To Apathy: Local elections held last week yielded little interest from the public. Out of the 21 special districts that held elections, 41 positions had no candidate listed. In one race, only 10 votes were cast.
To March Madness: All these upsets and underdogs are taking their toll on office pools.

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