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UNIVERSITY FOR SALE

The real estate trading game features locations such as 'Johnson Hall,' 'Track Town Pizza' and 'Greek Row'

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What is it about the "-opoly" phenomenon? For some reason, attaching this term to the name of any city or university suddenly transforms that place into a series of properties to be purchased in a game where the object is to "monopolize" the board.

Even the University has its very own, personalized real estate trading game: DUCKOPOLY, produced by Late for the Sky Production, which proves it's the little things that count. Students, faculty and alumni might enjoy the chance to buy "Track Town Pizza" or "Greek Row" in a cut-throat game of capitalistic enterprise.

With 46 different versions of college-themed "-opolis," Late for the Sky Production, based in Cincinnati, Ohio, is one of the largest real estate trading game manufacturers in the country. It got its start in 1984, when Robyn Wilson made MIAMIOPOLY for her alma mater, Miami University. The company has since expanded to include other themes, such as cities, as well as making custom-order games.

Wilson said making a game takes about six weeks. To get the local flavor, a scout is sent to gather information about the university or town by asking students, faculty and alumni questions. Wilson said the scout's goal is to

"gather a lot of opinions in what should be in the game" by asking questions such as, "What do you think should be the highest-priced spot?"

The highest price spot in DUCKOPOLY is "Johnson Hall." In a recent game of DUCKOPOLY, player Jeff Pylar noted an oddity that "Eugene, Oregon" was one of the properties, and not even the most expensive.

"How can they have Eugene?" he asked. "Doesn't that encompass the whole board?"

Pylar was playing with friends Brook Reinhard and Parrish Danforth. Other problems arose during their game because the players could not disassociate DUCKOPOLY from Monopoly. From the get-go, the incorrect amount of money was distributed because while using the same colors, DUCKOPOLY money associates those colors with different dollar amounts. Pylar and friends also referred to properties using names from Monopoly, not the given names on the board.

It is important to remember that DUCKOPOLY is not Monopoly. Wilson said the real estate trading game format has been open to duplication since Parker Brothers' copyright expired in the 1970s. Besides the above mentioned items, there are other important differences:

1. The colors differentiating the properties are not the same as Monopoly. They are also tri-

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School keeps students from summertime blues



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Ah, the joys of summer. Cross-country road trips ... Weeks spent wasting away on a houseboat ... Partying every night of the week ... Backpacking across Europe.

Sounds great, doesn't it? I hope all of you out there had fun, because I, along with approximately 8,000 other University students, spent my summer just like I spend every season: studying.

Yes, that's right, ladies and gentlemen. I was a slave to school during that holy three-month student sabbath: summer vacation.

What was I doing there? Well, changing my major from music to computer science two years into my college career seemed like a good idea at the time. But little did I know that the consequences would mean taking three extra terms of school. Since I didn't want to take an entire fifth year of classes, I opted to play catch-up during the summer months.

Many University students have no idea what it is like to take summer school classes. It's quite different from the normal 10-week term to which most students are accustomed. In fact, there are three different summer terms that run simultaneously. One term is four weeks long, one is eight weeks long and for the truly masochistic, there's an 11-week academic meltdown.

This summer, I went for the last option, dooming myself to take the entire year-long general chemistry sequence in a compressed 11-week format.

You might be asking yourself, "How on earth can they fit a whole year of chemistry into one summer?"

Well, here's how: Instead of one-hour classes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, summer chemistry meets for two



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