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Personal Journal for Covid-19

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Week one: (March 15-21)

The threat of Covid is starting to set in to some of my professors, and one particular class is already cancelled due to Covid fears. I wonder how long it will be until all my classes are sent to an online format? I hope it does not come to that; I do not do well in an online class format.

Week two: (March 22-28)

I have been here in the house for 6 days straight, and I needed the break from traveling to longwood everyday for class. I don't know how long that feeling of break I will have, but for now, while all the professors are scrambling to figure this out, I will enjoy the break.

Week three: (March 29- April 4)

Some of my professors are starting to get organized and putting out busy work for us while they formulate the class schedules. My one class for political science looks to be the most simple of the classes to come, as there will only be a single essay of 2.5-3 pages required each week, and the most busy class will be the English class that I am in, as it looks like we will be doing everything the same, just from home.

Week 4: (April 5-11)

This is starting to be a drag! I have been lucky to still be working during this shutdown, for my job is deemed "necessary", but I am starting to lose my sense of stability. I am staying up later than I should, and sleeping longer than required to function. I have also picked up some more scotch, and that makes the evenings a little bit simpler. I do control and regulate how much I am drinking, but some nights are harder than others, and I'll have an extra drink as a nightcap.

Week 5: April 12-18

This history class I am taking is killing me. I have to be in a classroom to be able to learn properly. It is the only way that I have done my learning for the last 16 years of my life, and now I'm being forced to transition on a dime to a system that, if the prof is lazy, is the most simple option for them, as all they have to do is put the slide show up on canvas and then leave us alone. I've about had it too, at work. I work with a bunch of high schoolers, and they are all anxious and pent up because they are stuck at home too, but none of their work matters as the county officially can't grade them if it is not taught to them in person, so they don't do it. My only pleasant to work with co-worker, my buddy, has been possibly exposed and now needs to go into quarantine for the required two weeks, leaving me nobody at work who is capable of not being a high-strung nutcase.

Week 6: April 19-25

One of my classmates just got out of the hospital, she had a case of sepsis that her parents ignored the symptoms of because they did not want her to go to the hospital. By the time that she went, it was four days into the sepsis state, and she nearly died. In other news, a buddy of mine that does interstate trucking is coming home and transferring to a local job, it'll be good to see him, socially distanced of course.

Week 7: April 26- May 2

This is the last week of instruction for my classes, and I am struggling to keep it together, I have been working hard at keeping track of classwork, but I do not have my classmates to bounce ideas off of, and remind each other about these things. Thank God that this garbage situation is almost settled, and I can focus on other things in my life that don't stress me out.

Week 8: May 3-9

Finals week is here, and I have never been so stressed for school in my life. I have never had the issue of finals week stress, but the fact that for literally half of the semester was plunged into online work with no real warning, and no in person time to bounce ideas off of classmates and ask questions to the profs during lectures, I feel lost and a little hopeless about how this week will turn out. I feel fine about my political science class, she has been one of the most lenient graders I have ever seen. I wish that my history class would be the same way, but no, my prof insists that we be treated and graded the same as if we were still meeting in person. I will be lucky to get a "C" in that class.