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I WISH I WAS BORN ON LEAP DAY

With it being February of 2020 it is one of the best times of the year. No, not the godforsaken holiday of Valentine's Day or even the slightly better holiday of Mardi Gras (which isn't even fun unless you're in New Orleans). No, I'm of course talking about the widely anticipated Leap Day of February 29th.

Of course it sucks that the year is longer because who wants to have to waste an extra day of the year doing more things to try to kill time. But Leap Day is full of possibilities, especially for kids being born on Leap Day.

I really wish I was born on Leap Day. Now as a kid it would have probably sucked turning 2 when I was really 8 years old. But now that I'm around for my 5th Leap Day, I really wish I hadn't been born in August of a leap year. I guess I'm stuck turning 20 this year instead of turning 5, which is very disappointing.

If I was born on February 29th I would have my birthday be a fuckin extravaganza every four years. But the thing is, I'd throw every party like it would be appropriate for my age. So for instance this year I'd be throwing my party like it was a 5 year old's birthday. I think I'd have it dinosaur themed, but I also kind of want it to be monster truck themed. I could just be going insane from how sleep deprived I am, but I think this would be so much fun.

You're sorely mistaken if you think I would ever stop this trend. I'd definitely have a sweet 16 for what would be my 64th birthday. On my 84th birthday I'd go out with whatever friends of mine are still alive and we'd party like young people again as we celebrate myself finally being able to drink. And at 100 years old I'd finally be able to rent a car and a hotel room. And the best part of it all: I wouldn't even have to get my own health insurance until I'm 104 so thanks Obama. I probably wouldn't even buy health insurance if I made it to 24 though.

Sadly, I wasn't born on Leap Day. I'm stuck being a useless Leo whose birthday never has anything fun or unusual involved with the date. At least I'm never in school on my birthday so that's a plus to not being born on leap day. If anyone reading this is celebrating a leap day birthday this year, I just want you to know that I'm jealous of you but I still hope you have a good time.

SLAYTER POP-UP IDEAS

Since we love to criticize Denison's dining, we are back at it again to give Slayter some suggestions about their next potential pop-ups! The food at Denison is limited, so the Slayter pop-ups are a golden opportunity for students to be able to try various cuisines.

1) Mozzarella Sticks: Objectively, this is the best drunk food. They're crispy, savory, and gooey on the inside. If it weren't for mozzarella sticks, we would probably be vegan right now. Imagine being borderline blackout and you see Nancy whipping up some fresh mozz sticks, straight out the fryer. She pours some gourmet (not Prego) tomato sauce in a fat ol' cup for dipping and sends you on your way to wobble or be carried back to East quad. BOOM- the perfect night.

2) Mac n' Cheese: I know what you're thinking: 1) There are already places you can get mac n' cheese on this campus, and 2) how customized can mac n' cheese really get? I personally am a shell person, but some people like elbow, rotini, or penne, etc. The pasta shape really makes a difference to one's mac n' cheese experience. I also like mozzarella and cheddar, but maybe you prefer parme-san, mozzarella, and gorgonzola. We don't judge.

3) Tandoor Oven: For a mere \$1,500, Denison would be the proud owner of a tandoor oven. Think tandoori chicken. Think naan. Indian food is honestly one of the things Denison does best, but a tandoor would make it next-level. This would be absolutely delicious, for a pop-up or a permanent meal option.

4) Cookie dough station: I saw an ad for a place in New York City that serves literal soft serve cookie dough, and they have pretty much every flavor imaginable. I can't remember the name of this place, but apparently they're known for having lines of customers that wrap around the block. This sounds pretty fuckin' slap, and I recommend Bon Appetit implement this ASAP.

5) Soft Pretzel Bar: The vision for this is something akin to Auntie Anne's pretzels at your local mall. Warm, soft pretzels fresh out the oven, coated in a seasoning of your choice. Garlic and butter? Cinnamon and sugar? Your dreams become a reality with a pretzel station.

6) Soup: Yes, Slayter already has soup. But I want to be able to choose the broth, things that go into the soup, protein, toppings, etc. I would happily brave the cold if it meant that I could have a nice, hot bowl of soup that was made up of ingredients of my choosing.

7) An actual bar: Is it that much of a stretch to ask Denison to serve something that's not Natty Light for \$8? I just want a nice Blue Hawaii or a Mojito during my study break. You would obviously need a blue ID for this one, so it would only benefit around less than half of the student body, but I would give up a full day's worth of declining for this one.

8) Fondue: I JUST WANT CHOCOLATE COVERED STRAWBERRIES. OR CHEESE COVERED BREAD. PLZ.

9) Salad bar: I am indeed aware that Slayter already has a salad bar. But when the ingredients sit out all day, it's not exactly appetizing. Imagine sweetgreen, but you use declining, and it's on campus. I would happily hand Nancy my swipe and pay \$14 in declining for a fresh salad with goat cheese.

11) Stimulant Bar: Hear me out on this one. Denison serves a variety of stimulants like adderall, ritalin, vyvanse, maybe even cocaine. This is perfect for a night out, or for a quick study break. I really think Denison should consider this one.

-Charlie Schweiger, Junior Editor, and Nina Cosdon, Editor-in-Chief of the Denisonian or something

