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ARE THESE THE KEYS TO BRING DENISON BACK INTO THE BARSTOOL GAME?

DENNY FRIDAYS, DENNY BARSTOOL, AND MORE:

As we all should, unfortunately now know, Denison's "party scene" AND "school spirit scene" has, to put it lightly, become deader than the road kill one often finds laying on the road to Granville from Columbus – the stretch known as 161<3 This, my friends, is a pale comparison to how things used to be, at least in terms of the ability to "party." Back in the day, Denison used to be one of the places. And, I think, it has the potential to be a place of true envy once again.

Because, still, despite the Ohio cold, Denison-specific exhaustion, and a heavy ¾ of the student body being uncertain of what Denison has the POTENTIAL to be due to covid-riddled years, there survives a select few that seem to harness the **drive** to push past this all. And, so, should we learn to harness this power once again—we may find ourselves able to live up to what The Great Creators' of Pink Whitney wants us—as a college campus—to *aspire* to be. And, more importantly, find the "party" inside each of us. To put our campus *back on the map once more*. <3

NOW – the kinds of accounts to document such blackouts and accomplishments have indeed been off the radar for a moment. This most certainly has us lagging well behind any of our counterparts, especially the big ones–OSU, Cinci, Miami, and more. And why shouldn't we shoot big? Let's be more than a small school. We have big cups to fill and even bigger hearts:

FIRST - let's delve into the typical content – the good, the bad, the down even more bad, and the truly wild–holysh*t–that–man's–face–is–melting–into–the–cement–type of content:

1. SPORTS. Frenzies. Bets. Think: OSU Block. Setting your alarm for 5AM sharp to get in line and wait for an hour at *The Library Bar* to black out prior to a noon OSU vs Michigan game. Then, to cheer so loudly you have no voice for a week. To keep going–until 2:30 AM–because you believe in dartying so strongly and boldly that NOTHING can stop you. You, in essence, become a force to be reckoned with. An alcoholic spirit – you REEK of SPIRIT. You consume it for breakfast.

2. PARTY. Think: The party that never ends. Not athletic frenzy, but instead, a frenzy of drugs and alcohol: Miami of Ohio's GREEN BEER DAY. You again set your alarm – not for school sports, this time, but rather the sport of drinking. If you are what you eat, this school is 2 tequila shots down the hatch followed by a vodka water with lime. They love, live, breathe: Party&Darty Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturdays – they go, go, go – never stop. For if they stop, they might just drown (or actually feel the semester's hangover...or be sent to rehab!)

WE CAN GET THERE ONCE AGAIN. Maybe not in terms of sports content yet, but we must start somewhere – so, to get out of this hole, we must start with the "party"--the content that comes with the ability to get a member at one of these bigger schools to think, "wow, I maybe want to spend a Weekend at Denison." Because, right now, if you're not at least slightly embarrassed to bring a guest out with you on a typical night out, then, sorry, thh, you're wrong.

So, the question remains: these accounts have just made their resurgence – BUT, is the student population's current, typical submissions & current posted content good enough to help us make a comeback??? The answer right now: No, not yet. BUT, I smell potential. Let's dive in, do an honest rating of a few different image category types, and discuss how each is an honorable theme in its own right:

ANY ATHLETICxPARTY ORIENTED IMAGE – These can be easily draped in metaphor – as the Great Barstool Sports accounts often do themselves. Think: "REBOUND" – a beautiful word with the endless capacity to bridge off further – these, these kinds of posts are it, folks. They curate so much potential – perhaps, follow up the metaphor with other outliers that make us question – rebounds of what? Sports? Boys? Life? Where are we going next? This, my friends, is the beginning of a BEAUTIFUL story – one that tells us more than just about athletics – tapping into our sports-frenzy, but also paves the way to connect to the TRUE barstool bridge – sports x party.

CURRENT CATEGORY RATING: 7/10, solidly, just with the current images that fall under this category's branch. Only reason it's not higher is due to the lack of content. I want more.

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THE, "IM NEVER DRINKING AGAIN" IMAGE – These are hit or miss. They must simply be more than just what they are at face value – they must have sources, evidence, citations. They must be a part of a larger triaged story that makes the viewer think, "oh, wow, that really was a weekend for everyone. I wish I had attended." If we go this route, we must think of swollen eyes, head on toilets, bodies so sunken deep into bed they may never rise again...or, at least, certainly won't be rising to make it on time to their Thursday 8AM. More here – but be careful with the images chosen. They must truly be extraordinary. More of these submissions, people. Let yourself be free & share your failures with your fellow feral-rat kin.

CURRENT CATEGORY RATING: 5/10. Solid. This category may be beginning to get there... perhaps. But they surely have long ways to go. This category REEKS of potential...Let's get there, people. 'Tis time.

THE, "FERAL RAT W/ FACE 6FT INTO THE CONCRETE" - a common themed post found across all College Barstool pages. A true beauty – never gets old, never fails, one that we desperately need more of. It poses so many questions to the viewer – "How did we get here? Where have we been? How on earth will we get back up and continue on from here?" The precision is important – one must have a clear perception point that only adds to the story & meaning – hard evidence of the morning pain that's to come with the next-day's hangover. And so, I request more feral-rat-6ft-under images—each posing their own new questions to answer.

CURRENT CATEGORY RATING: 4/10. What we have is good, but not good enough – we need more. Give us the 1am melt into aquad's grass that we so desire.

THE "SATURDAYS ARE FOR THE BOYS" IMAGE – Another common Barstool classic. These should all again be posted with a distinct purpose in mind. They MUST NOT just contain men holding a cup or a bottle – no. They must contain men AFTER the bottle is no longer in their possession – men that are breaking the limits of what it means to be a drunk college student-men in wigs, men sitting on couches outside with their eyes closed shut because if they open them the world is spinning, men running a mile in the dark back to east quad with an empty case on their head – all of these, my friends, are Barstool Classics. So let's get to 'em, boys.

THIS IS AN AD.



CURRENT CATEGORY RATING: Honestly, 3.5/10. I can smell the potential, perhaps, as it hangs in the air after a long and busy Saturday night. But right now, it's not public enough. Not open enough. Nowhere near enough for a larger-school to look at our page and feel anything other than pity. We can do better, boys. It's time to do what it takes. Take. The. Leap.

THE, "THIS IS THE FERAL RAT LIFE ON CAM-**PUS" IMAGE –** A good one – one that we haven't seen too much of yet. How does the student population range as a whole throughout the campus – the art of being blacked out at the late night, perhaps, or doing cartwheels across aquad at 2am, or the beauty of sitting on a dirt-streaked frat couch at 2pm during a Saturday darty–the furniture that Denison does so well and is so passionate about. Lean into this, people. This is what makes us special. This is what could put us on the map.

CURRENT CATEGORY RATING: 1.5/10. We can get there – I see the start of something great peeking out even now.

-Anonymous Submission



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