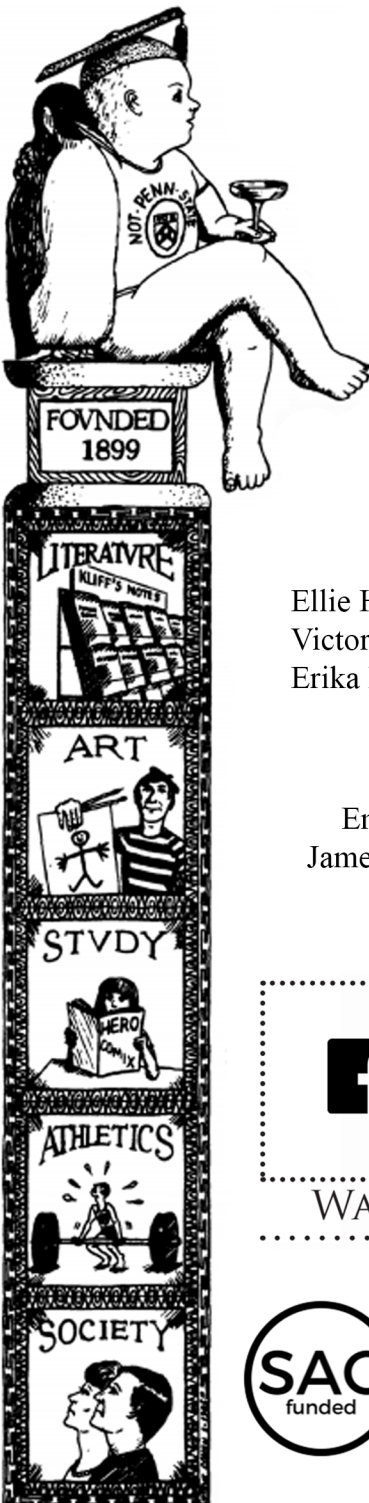


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The Punch Bowl would sincerely like to thank SAC for their continued financial support and flexibility during these last days. We would also like to commend them for their dedication to holding mandatory meetings throughout the semester; their ability to enforce attendance at Zoom meetings demonstrates that even the impossible is possible.

Dear soon-to-be Inoculated Imbeciles,

I hope this letter finds you well during these unprecedented times. Words cannot capture what we have all been through this past year. Due to the limited space of these letters, I must be concise, just like the informative “Message from the President” emails that have surely kept you going through dark times such as these. Together, with my best friend Wendell Prichett, we’ve given you, our valued students, Red-and-Blue balls from news on whether or not you’ll be returning to campus. It’s been our fun little way to keep you on the edge of your virtual seat this semester.

Speaking of virtual, all classes and events this semester will remain digital, with the only exceptions being my celebrity photoshoots, and of course Board of Trustee meetings so that I can maintain both my influence and my salary. Luckily, thanks to PennOpen Pass, we’ve been able to monitor the spread of COVID throughout our campus, as well as keep a registry of those who actually subscribe to the “honor system” of self-reporting. You are dorks, and I know who you are. This also brings us to the topic of academic dishonesty, something I’ve heard many complaints about from students. Do not fret - we’re working on a system that, much like PennOpen Pass, allows students to self-report if they’ve been cheating on assignments, and we expect it to be a huge success.

It is at this time that we must stand together, in the same way I and the board of trustees have stood firm in revoking Spring break, investing in fossil fuels, and remaining tone deaf in basically every single salient issue. Whether it’s causes such as Black Lives Matter, Fossil Free Penn, or even PILOT Payments, you can trust in me to issue general, inconsequential, empty statements that really mean nothing.

Lastly, I just figured I’d let you know that our elaborate scheme to encourage funding to the Perelman School of Medicine’s viral disease research department has been a huge success! Our stakeholders called us crazy for wanting to expand Penn into China as New College House Far-East. Little did they know that it wouldn’t be the Wharton Snakes, but the bats they should’ve been worried about. You may ask yourself, should I really be telling you all this? Couldn’t I get in trouble for confessing to playing a role in the emergence of a global pandemic? Aw, it’s adorable that you think the rich and powerful can be punished. Now go back to your liberal arts classes and run along.



Regards from the White Horse of the Apocalypse,

Amy Gutmann

Amy Gutmann



APOCALYPSE EDITION

Bingo

Downloaded TikTok 	Posted a TikTok	Started sourdough starter 	Mocked others for starting sourdough starter	Slept thru zoom meeting
Wrote fanfic 	Somehow didn't kill family members	Rewatched a TV show... 5+ times	Figured out how to rain check a Zoom cocktail party	Still unsure what day it is
Stocked up on TP	Made fun of moms who stocked up on TP	FREE SPACE	Gone to the store only for alcohol 	"Hope you're staying positive and testing negative"
Convinced yourself you had COVID	Wore same clothes for... too long	Glared at no-maskers	Started a podcast 	[Screaming]
Had a virtual interview / conference	Did chores out of boredom	Experienced a natural disaster	Experienced 2+ natural disasters	Felt like a natural disaster

In Memoriam

BEIJING RESTAURANT

(1988 – 2020)

In memoriam of Beijing, a crucial element of anyone's Penn experience despite being no one's favorite Chinese BYO restaurant. Whether it was the site of yet another raunchy social event, or just a place to grab some thoroughly underwhelming Chinese food, it will be desperately missed by all of those with no standards or those who work at PennMed. This sweet and sour goodbye will surely be felt by all patrons who at some point ventured inside 3714 Spruce Street, and whose lives (and plates) will forever be left emptier as a result.

In Memoriam

THE FRESH GROCER

(2001 – 2020)

In loving memory of Frogro, who left an empty space in our hearts as well as the intersection at Walnut and 40th. You put up a valiant effort in your fight against Penn for many years - but you will be remembered most for your infamous health code violations, taking Drexel's Dragon Dollars over Penn Dining Dollars, and the consistently questionable food at the hot station. You will be sadly missed by-oh WOW, never mind that- ACME is soooo much nicer.

A Guide on How to Wear a Mask



The Good Samaritan

The CDC's poster-child for COVID-19 precautions. You get a gold star.



The Earring

What's more fashionable this time of year than a respirator?



The 2000s Low-Rider

The only thing lower than this person's mask is their IQ.



The Neck Beard

We spoke too soon.
There's always someone dumber.



The Jogger's Sweatband

You can't catch COVID if no one can catch *you*, pick up the pace!



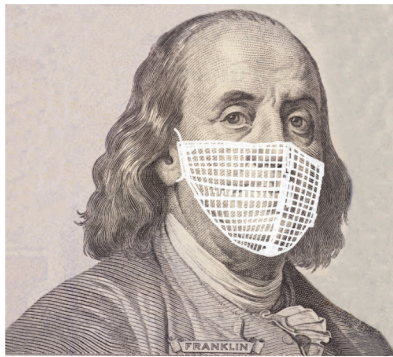
The Germaphobe

The reason why our hospitals have a PPE shortage.



The Bandit

They might escape the law, but not COVID-19.



The Lana del Rey

The only thing with more holes in their mask is their logic.



The Classic Penn

"Did I mEnTiON i Go tO a pResTigiOUs IvY leAgUE InStiTuTiOn?"

Honorable mentions:

The Bikini: Tie two masks together and wear them like a bra- it's not like they come with any support in the first place

The Karen: Refuse to wear any kind of mask and actively spit on people

The Introvert: As long as you stay inside, there's no need for a mask

The Foodie: Mask with mouth flaps- you live to eat, right?

The "Oh crap, I forgot my mask": Your mask is literally anywhere BUT on your face

N SERIES

2020

A YEAR TO FORGET

▶ Play ⓘ More Info

I am going to create an environment that is so toxic.

I am once again asking for your financial support.

TV Comedies



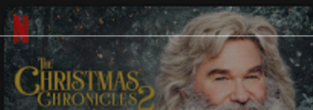
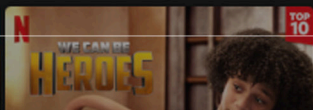
Trending Now



Netflix Originals



Comedies



2020

A YEAR TO FORGET

▶ Resume



Episodes

Season 1

- 1

January/February: The Last Time We Were Happy 30m

Unwitting fools toast to a new year promised to be like the Roaring Twenties. Trump gets in-peach impeached.
- 2

March: Oh, Shit. 30m

Miss Rona makes her debut, and toilet paper files off the shelves. The nation is obsessed with a convicted animal abuser from Florida.
- 3

April/May: It'll Be Okay by Fall 30m

Everyone has deluded themselves into believing that Miss Rona's stay is temporary, so they channel their anxiety into frantically whipping up dalgona coffee and baking sourdough bread.
- 4

June/July: Wet, Fascist, American Summer 22m

The theme is "First Amendment," and federal enforcement agents round up peaceful protestors for the occasion. The anti-maskers discuss the violation of their civil liberties, because, "Things gotta breathe."
- 5

August: Aaaaand There's a Hurricane 29m

Everyone's talking about a political earthquake, but there's a real natural disaster at hand. Neil Young sings "Hurricane" and tells Trump to stop using his damn music at campaign events.
- 6

September: We Didn't Start The Fire (Actually, We Kinda Did) 23m

Wildfires ravage the west coast, and an internet game about finding the impostor within your friend group begins to gain traction. Absolutely nothing could go wrong.
- 7

October: Spooky American Hell Dream 25m

Miss Rona pays President Trump a special visit, and the American Greek Life Association hosts a contest for Least Politically Correct Halloween Costume.
- 8

November: ELECTILE DYSFUNCTION! 29m

Election results send less than half the nation into a tailspin, and everyone's uncle who still loves Zoom organizes a socially distanced Thanksgiving. The anti-maskers raid Walmart on Black Friday.
- 9

December: The End. 24m

Wendell Pritchett has a special announcement for the spring semester. But the joke's on him when Bill Gates makes an ominous threat that "the worst is yet to come." Can we still count on the arrival of the "roaring twenties"?

All Departments > Space > Time > Years > 2020



The Year 2020

Brand: God, Probably???

★☆☆☆☆ 7.8 billion ratings

#1 New Release in Bad Years

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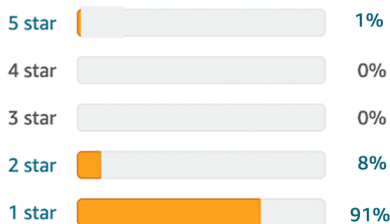
Product description

Introducing, the brand-new Year 2020! Did 2019 have you bored? No worries, thanks to 2020, all your 2019 problems won't be so bad with a bit of perspective! Tired of going to the gym? We've closed them all due to a global pandemic! Sick of waking up to go to class? We've also cancelled in-person school! We've really listened to your feedback about 2019, and we're happy to report that 2020 is much more focused on staying at home and taking it easy. No need to see any friends, family, or coworkers who you complained endlessly about last year! We think people will really love what we've got in store. Don't forget to purchase the "Black Lives Matter" and "Election 2020" add-ons as well, as they really round out the whole experience. Happy New Year!

Customer reviews

★☆☆☆☆ 1.1 out of 5

7.8 billion global ratings



How are ratings calculated?

Least helpful review from the United States

Jeff Bezos, Verified Customer

★★★★★ Alexa, play "Celebration"

If I could, I would double the number of stars in this review, just like my profits doubled this past year. Even though 4,000 of my warehouse workers are on food stamps, and more than 19,000 workers tested positive for COVID-19 between March 1 and September 19, my net worth grew by \$72.2 billion. If that's not something to be positive about, then I don't know what is. Also, I am so proud of my fleet of delivery vans, as they totally dominated the roads and were way more efficient than Pfizer or Moderna's trucks. Your grandma may not get her vaccine before 2021, but at least she'll be decked out in that super cute beanie you ordered on Christmas Eve with same day delivery. I'll be popping champagne with Elon Musk on some private island soon enough, but for now, Alexa, play "Celebration" by Kool & the Gang.

0 people found this helpful.

BuzzFeed QUIZ: Which Natural Disaster Are You? Tag Yourself!

Plague	Hurricane	Volcanic Eruption	Human Disaster	Gender Reveal Party Disaster	US Police
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bit of a klutz Super outgoing "What's personal space?" Walking cloud of body odor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constantly breaking down in tears Loves to snack Hoping to be famous one day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emotions are ready to burst Asleep or ANGRY (no in-between) Disobeyed travel guidelines to go somewhere tropical Farts a lot 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 weeks behind on schoolwork Still thinks it's March Constantly napping Alcoholic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knows they're superior to others Thinks "this COVID thing" is a hoax Fireworks enthusiast Thinks masks inhibit freedom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Control freak "I love that for you." Makes "subtly" racist Facebook comments Legacy Spent most of the pandemic playing Warzone

Does he like me?

A nationwide pandemic. A global reckoning on race. Spades of natural disasters. Today, Punch Bowl is here to answer the one question on everyone's mind: Does he like me, or does he *like* like me?

1) The two of you are in a breakout room together! (Alone). Does he:

- a) Look totally disgusted! Eew, cooties!
- b) Look at you blankly, while staying on mute for the whole time?
- c) Get straight down to the task?
- d) Smile eagerly at you, before spending time talking to you?

2) Uh oh! Potential exposure to COVID means you have to quarantine together! (Emoji). Does he:

- a) Insist vehemently that he is not infected to get away from you ASAP?
- b) Shrug, before locking himself in his room?
- c) Agree to the situation, and offer to wash the dishes?
- d) Look super excited, almost like he engineered the whole thing? Haha jkjk... unless...?

3) You're at a gender reveal party, when things go horribly wrong. The firecrackers have triggered a dam to collapse! Does he:

- a) Throw you into the incoming wave?
- b) Totally ignore you and focus on running away?
- c) Hold your hand and drag you as you two attempt to flee from a 50 ft wave?
- d) Swoop you up to carry you bridal style, impeding speed but increasing swoon worthiness?

4) Zombies. Does he:

- a) Inject a little bit of zombie virus into you while you're asleep?
- b) Do nothing. It's possible he's been infected, or this is just his personality.
- c) Suggest the two of you team up, before setting up roster of tasks?
- d) Announce that this is the optimal time for cuddles, and lock you in his basement.

Results:

Mostly As: He tooooooatally likes you! He's trying so hard to deny that he cares. Go get it girl!

Mostly Bs: He's either shy and totally into you, or he has no idea who you are. Take a risk and find out!

Mostly Cs: He's either super nice and totally crushing on you, or he's gay. Sorry girl!

Mostly Ds: BIIIIIG red flags. He's totally a creepy stalker. Unless he's hot?

End of the world drinking game

Based on Dante's 9 circles of hell, because symbolism

RULE 1: LIMBO

Drink Natties throughout the entire night to symbolize your half-assed attempts at being productive this year, much like the makers of Natural Light's half-assed attempt to make a decent beer.

RULE 3: GLUTTONY

Pour three types of alcohol together to punish yourself for the garbage you've been eating everyday during quarantine, you dirty bastard.

RULE 5: ANGER

What better to symbolize red-hot rage than some red-hot fireball? Bottoms-up for everyone!

RULE 7: VIOLENCE

To symbolize the police violence and injustice that takes place, let's take a shot of Whiskey, the racist old plantation owner's drink of choice.

RULE 9: TREACHERY

Anyone who cheated on their SOs this year must now finish everyone in the group's drinks. Seriously, in a year of lockdowns, it takes effort to be a cheater. Be better.



RULE 2: LUST

Send a text to your crush. Then crush a brew. If someone declines to send the text message, then they now have to shotgun a Natty to make up for their lack of courage.

RULE 4: GREED

Everyone must now take the remaining alcohol from the person to their left, and finish it.

RULE 6: HERESY

Anyone who has elected to ignore one of the rules of the game so far must take another shot of the group's choosing.

RULE 8: FRAUD

Everybody votes for one person they think is a fraud, and whoever receives the most votes takes a shot of fireball. This is for their own good, they'll probably want to forget this one.

BUSINESS IDEAS IN THESE TRYING TIMES

COLLEGE PARTY SIMULATOR

Do you miss the euphoria of being at a real party, but don't want to catch a virus whose long-term impacts we still don't fully understand? Well, fear not. With the College Party Simulator, we've distilled the college party to its purest form.

For just \$10.99, this package includes:



- Extreme sports: A cup and a table tennis ball
- Blinding lights: One excessively high-powered flashlight
- Free alcohol: One can of mystery jungle juice (usually Sprite)
- A cracked phone: One hammer
- Being the fun and quirky one at parties: A party popper
- Clout: Canadian goose jacket Zoom filter



ZOOM INFILTRATION KIT

As a teacher, you're used to awkward silences in lecture. But now, you've never heard silence quite this loud. But, with Zoom infiltration kit, you're just one call away from a participating class!

Our "students" offer:

- Answering all the super easy questions that no one else wants to answer because it looks lame, but as a professor, you know this consolidates understanding
- Answering the last question in a super succinct and accurate way, so as to wrap up the class quickly without prolonged suffering
- Tactfully offering a different opinion to the student in class who played devil's advocate on race
- Telling you when you've accidentally muted yourself because no one else in this class of 200 people wants to apparently



ZOOM DESTRUCTION KIT

So, you're pretty sure your professor purchased a Zoom infiltration kit to make their lessons go smoother. But this is a terrible idea! With less class time being dedicated to addressing technical difficulties, you'll have more information that you need to absorb :(

But, with zoom destruction kit, experience:

- Man who is really interested in playing the devil's advocate. He'll even lean back in his chair with his hands behind his head all smug.
- The person who forgets to mute their microphone as a herd of elephants run past their street presumably, drowning out all the sound
- The person in my CIS class who kept unmuting himself to make pointless comments like "wHaTs yOuR fAvoRiTtE tV sHoW" or "hAhAhAhA profesSOR, I laughed at yOUr jOKES XD!"



Everything an Introvert Does **IN A DAY**: Quarantine Edition



Check and refresh email hoping that a university notification will reveal another digital semester. Darn, there's nothing - we may still be going back.

Attend your only mandatory, synchronous lecture. It's like listening to a nice podcast in the background as you scroll through Facebook.

Realize you forgot to eat lunch. But it's closer to dinner, so "Oh well."



Hangout with your dog and talk about how great quarantine has been for the two of you.



Zoom interview - Because doing one productive thing per day justifies not changing out of your pajamas.

Dinner - Eat in silence while rewatching an episode of The Office (RIP).



"Oh crap, what did I do with the last 7 hours of my life?" Then lie awake worrying if you'll ever fix your sleep schedule.



Wake up at noon (AM who?)

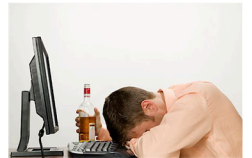
Check the next batch of CDC numbers. A spike in infections?! Maybe not all hope is lost...

Your friend wants to hang out. Pretend "your mother's safety" is the reason you can't partake in even the most minimal of social interactions. Throw in "yeah dude, this year fucking sucks" for good measure.



Admire the lack of party stories on IG and Snapchat. Take additional pleasure in knowing that you're not the only shut-in, loser anymore.

Pregame your zoom interview - You're going to need a drink to ease back into human interactions.



Pregame dinner.



Post-game dinner. But think of it as a nightcap, because you're classy.



*** Blinks ***

10 SICK WAYS TO SPICE UP YOUR COVID TESTING LIFE

1. there's *no shame* in being a first-timer

Is it your first time? Don't worry! It's okay to be nervous, but it's important to tell your tester this so they know what you're going through. Just say "hey, I just want you to know it's my first time having a test." First times are never great. It can be weird and awkward, and sometimes it might even hurt a bit, but we assure you it feels more natural later on.

2. cleanliness is key

Hear me out. The last thing you want to happen during your COVID test is for the tester to fish out some monster booger. To ensure a clean nasal pathway, you should pick your nose beforehand to get any of those nasty boogers out of the way. If it's gross for you, it's not any better for your partner.

3. make some noise

How is the person administering your test supposed to know how you're feeling unless you say something? The key in any relationship is communication. Really make your tester know your emotions through the process, whether that's an anguished scream, a muddled moan, or even gasping "oh yeah" as they pull it out.

4. tell them *exactly* what you want

This goes back to the whole "communication is important" spiel. To really have the most from your experience, you've to tell your testing partner what works and what doesn't. You like the swab to go up in a swifter motion? No problem! As the tester starts putting the swab up, yell loudly "HARDER!" or "FASTER!".

5. talk *dirty*

Nothing riles someone up faster than telling them about all those possible COVID-19 symptoms you've been experiencing ever since you went to that frat last week for a "small get-together." Be sure to give them all the intimate details about your coughs, lack of smell, and headaches!

6. use protection

It's better to be safe than sorry, so take the necessary precautions by wearing masks and gloves (preferably latex, but you can get creative).

7. make the first move

Being assertive will definitely be refreshing in this situation, and it's easy to do. Not to mention, your partner might even appreciate the change of pace.

8. switch it up

Before they shove the swab up, ask your tester to with the left nostril first to really change things up. Who knows! Maybe the sensation will even bring you to tears.

9. try making *physical* contact

Try holding hands, or a light touch on the shoulder. What's social distancing really good for, anyway?

10. be honest with your history, and test frequently

You're helping yourself, as well as others in your community by being honest about your past experience.

