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## What is University?

- it is a community where everybody knows everybody else and hot gossip is old news.
- it is a place where people who do drugs walk around in sunglasses, long hair, beards and dirty jeans, to show everyone what non conformity is all about.
- it is a place where you can get your head together if you don't take exams, deadlines and footnotes, as well as a few fellow students, too seriously.
- it is a suburb of Gentleman Jim's.
- it is a place where you check your mail four, maybe five, times a day.
- it is a place where talk of a co-ed residence is still talk.
- it is a place where students still talk of Fitzie days.
- it is a place where an independant course of study is available to students with initiative.
- it is a place where two religiouly conservative universities were formed into one religiously conservative university.
- it is a place that alienates out-of-residence students as much as in-residence students.
- it is a place where you can't hold a "Grease-IN" because half the students wouldn't have to dress up.
- it is a place where the professors are more radical than the students.
- it is a place that Jim Foley left behind.
- it is a place where girls still wear long gowns, and guys sport shirt, tie, and jacket when they want to look nice.
- it is a campus open to change and waiting for the right students to make it happen.
- it is whatever you want it to be and what ever you are willing to put into it....its future is yours.

(Adapted from THE CAMPUS)

## Why is University?

MEMO: Could you please tell me why we're here? Even they don't know why we're here.

ITEM: An organization which doesn't know why it exists is in trouble. Why does the university exist? Choose one reason from the following:

(A) To keep the kids off the street during their identity crises. (Erik Erikson says that these happen in your early twenties.) (The Great Protector Theory).

(B) To turn out cultured individuals, superbly equipped with a knowledge of Einstein physics, molecular biology, the mating habits of New Guinea woodpeckers and social stratification in Montreal to enable the graduate to quote liberally from Trudeau, McLuhan, Freud, and McCartney. (The Dilettante Theory).

(C) To provide students with a critical view of their society and suggested means that they can use to correct the problems they have discovered and studied. (The Socially Relevant Theory).

(D) To dehumanize the individual to the extent that he fits into society in some "useful" form or another. (The We-Have-a-Wheel-Which-Needs-a-Cog-Theory).

(E) To give a guy a degree in return for some suffering so that he can get a better job than the next guy and earn more money. (The Deferred Gratification Theory).

(F) To have fun, to meet a lot of people, to talk and explore ideas and discover yourself. (The Existential Hedonist Theory).

(G) To provide an intellectual community of scholars and a place where research can take place. (The Monastery Theory).

Seriously, exactly what did you come to university for? Which theory, if any, do you feel most at home with?

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