



# The Pretentious Press

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## The Covid-19 Vaccine Turns Everyone at Pace Straight

By: Rachael Summers

Like so many of my peers, senior year of high school I made the Freudian Slip of committing to Pace University. On move-in day my suspicious parents dropped me off with a message of fortitude, "Be strong. Resist the temptation to identify with a marginalized group of people." But once the Caf 101 Starbucks employee called me "baby" my whole world shifted. This simple word of endearment acted as a forcefield, protecting me from all dangers in the outside world. In this safeness, I was finally able to admit to myself who I am. I had my peace. Pace's administration assured me that regardless of my sexual orientation... they'd always accept my money. That was it. That was it until the Covid-19 vaccine.

After an exhausting winter break of performing the part of strict heterosexual, I was excited to come back to Pace's campus and be rejuvenated. But something was off. The ID scanners seemed less bisexual and the lights looked gender conforming. I walked onward cautiously.

At first I thought my eyes were deceiving me, but as he came closer my suspicion was confirmed. The male student was wearing a letterman jacket and carrying a case of Natty Light. "Hi, are you lost?" I asked.

"Sports are good and I like them," he said as he walked the other way.

Maybe this was easily explainable. Maybe a Pleasantville student was on the wrong campus. But as I moved through Pace Plaza I couldn't help but notice... not a single pair of jeans were cuffed. What was happening?

I left Pace Plaza to go to the LGBTQ+ Center in Park Row. Perhaps they'd have answers. But once I got there, the formerly rainbow-covered room was now plastered with posters of Ed Shreeran. A few students were in the room to discuss their love of the artist.

"I'm sorry to interrupt, do you all go to Pace?"

A girl wearing riding boots and a wide brim hat responded, "Yeah we all go to Pace. I don't think we would've gotten our Covid vaccines if we weren't students."

"You've been vaccinated?"

"Yeah, we all have."

That's when it hit me. In a reverse Alex Jones, the vaccine had turned the children straight.

How would Pace function without the queerness its foundation rests upon? Someone in administration had to be notified.

I walked down Spruce Street, headed towards Vice Dean Polinez's office. The girl in front of me was walking so slowly. I decided to test my theory on her.

"Sorry to bother you, but what's your favorite Mitski song?"

"What's a Mitski?" she asked.

Theory confirmed.

I got in the elevator with a group of friends who invited me to their ultimate frisbee tournament. After respectfully declining, I got off the elevator and burst into the Vice Dean's dimly lit office.

"Dean Polinez- the vaccine has turned everyone straight!"

He swiveled around in his chair, petting a cat and cackling, "Don't you think I know that? We've synthesized the DNA of the *Full House* writers and put it in the vaccine. It's all part of my evil plan to bankrupt the school. No one will want to come here once they see that all the students are straight. Now vaxx her boys!"

A student wearing greek letters injected something in my arm and all of the sudden, my posture improved.

"Bernie Sanders is a socialist," the words left my mouth against my will.

"Good. Now send her back out," Ordered Polinez.

The brothers threw me out into the hallway. As I brushed myself off, the urge to plan a gender reveal party washed over me. Gender reveal party for who?

Unimportant. I just needed to throw one. Going down the stairs, because I now enjoyed exercise, three words came to my mind.

Live. Laugh. Love.



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## 10 Things I Hate About Jack's Grandma

By: Isabel Fontanals

I hate the way you cook me food  
And the way you watch C-Span  
I hate the way your dog is blind  
I hate your shaking hands

I hate your morning walking group  
And that you use Yahoo  
I hate the way you care for me  
And how your in-home nurse cares for you

I hate your finished bucket list  
I hate your dying friends  
I hate your endless wisdom  
And how I keep you up to trends

I hate your osteoporosis  
And how I can't squeeze you tight  
I hate when you calm me down  
Even worse when we fight

I hate the way we work so well  
And how I catch you when you fall  
But mostly I hate the way I don't hate you  
Not even close, not even a little bit, not even at all



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## 10 Things I Hate About Isabel's Grandma

By: Jack Brady

I hate the way you give me candy caramels  
And the way you get your perm  
I hate the way you feed your cat too much food  
I hate how you break your hip every time you wake up

I hate how you talk to Dolores  
And how you still have your landline  
I hate how you give me \$1,000 every time I call you  
And how you also buy Legos

I hate that you're always right about the weather  
I hate that your hip tells you if it's gonna rain  
I hate your stories about walking to school  
And how you much you kiss me on the cheek

I hate that you have early onset dementia  
And how you say my name is Justin  
I hate the way you hold me  
Even worse when I'm mad at you

I hate the way how much chemistry we have  
And how I help you remember to take your medication  
But mostly I hate the way I don't hate you  
Not even close, not even a little bit, not even at all



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## In The Middle Of A Panera Bread?!?

By: Justin Greco

hey!! i've been thinking about telling you this for a while now, but i don't think i should go to your party this weekend. we're still in the middle of the pandemic and i don't think it's safe to get together in large groups. love you lots and stay safe!

hey bestie! i totally understand your concerns, but i think it's ok for us to get together. we're in the middle of a panny but that doesn't mean we should be throwing our college years away! plus myself and many others have gotten tested in like july 2020 so it's not like we're letting in people who don't care about being safe. everyone attending will be required to show proof of a covid test within the past 9 months 💕! if you want, you can even bring a mask (but it's optional 💕💕)! i love you, but tbh you need to stop being scared over nothing ❤️ see you saturday night 😊😊!!!





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## A Cheesy Guide to Romance

By: Sasha Sackichand

Tired of being faced with unrequited love? Want a fool-proof way of winning the heart of your beloved? Well I have the solution for you! Throughout years of painstaking scientific research and analysis, I have created the ultimate guide to romance. The secret to true love is all in the cheese. Studies have shown that people love cheese and you can't argue with the facts. Cheese is the answer to all so just follow these simple steps and you'll never be prov-alone. (Does not work for people with lactose intolerance. Sorry, you'll be alone forever. Weakling).

### 1. The First Impression

Making a gouda first impression is crucial in your quest for true love. It is imperative that you follow this step exactly as written to ensure a successful first impression. This is intricate, but necessary. Walk over to your crush and hand them the best slice of cheese you can find. Don't say anything, just hand it to them. They'll know what it means.

### 2. Ceremonial Cheese Dance

Before formly taking your love out to dine, you must perform the ceremonial cheese dance. It requires dexterity, agility, and heart. This sacred dance is known as the macarena and cheese. Perform it well and you'll be gifted with eternal love.

### 3. The First Date

Getting ready for the first date and feeling a little nervous? Well there's nothing to fear as long as you've got your string cheese with you! Go on the date as planned and towards the end make sure to hand them a string cheese. This gift is a sign of validation that you in fact do like them. Everyone loves cheese, so receiving cheese from your partner is a gift of love. With each date following the first, add another string cheese as their parting gift (2nd date give them 2, 3rd date give them 3, etc.). If you really want to impress them, arrange the string cheese into intricate presentations. Arrange the string cheese into a decorative bouquet for the 12th date, a stuffed animal for the 25th date, and a fully functioning desktop computer with 10th Gen Intel Core and 8GB for the 50th date.

### 4. The Proposal

Ready to take the next step but aren't quite sure how to do it? This proposal method is sure to have your partner crying tears of joy. On your next date together get down on one knee and ask the big question: "Will you marry me?" Then proceed to hand them the cheese wheel. The cheese wheel is a delicacy that is the epitome of romance. Once you whip the wheel out there's no way they'll be able to resist marriage.

### 5. The Wedding

Yeah sure, saying your "I do's" at the altar is a big deal or whatever, but have you ever seen the romantic passion of gifting the cheese dodecahedron to your beloved? This three dimensional shape with 12 sides made of cheese is the symbol of eternal love and commitment. Nothing says "I love you forever and always" like 25 kilograms of premium artisanal cheese. Cutting the cheese (haha) is a sacred tradition that supersedes the wedding cake. Who even likes cake anymore? It's 2021! It's all about the cheese now. The cheese dodecahedron is sure to prove to your partner just how grate-ful you are to have them in your life.





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## Vice Dean Polinez Loves Pussy

By: Jack Brady

COLUMBUS CIRCLE—As the new semester starts the big question on students' minds is, "Why am I still paying full tuition if all of my classes are online?" Well, Vice Dean Polinez has the right answer for his, "Piggy banks- I mean students."

After our reporters arrived at his penthouse in Columbus Circle, made it through his labyrinth, and killed his minotaur, Polinez finally emerged from his home-office with an ocelot in his arm which he stroked maniacally. When asked about tuition he would insist on referring to the term as "unborn kitties" and called his ocelot "Bank Account."

"The students' unborn kitties need to be at the same price they've always been, in order to help with kitties milk and fishies."

When Polinez was asked about how most of the students are still paying for services they can't use he simply expressed that those services are still a part of the student experience,

"We built a gigantic bouncy house in the courtyard for students to play in. Yes it's cold outside, yes there's no air in it, yes it's still in a box in West Virginia and has been on backorder since May- BUT the students should still make use of it, as it's a part of their unborn kitty fund."

Polinez then attempted to attack the Pretentious Press with his army of ocelots, but thankfully Crab Girl was on duty and stopped the elite fur squad. After the dust settled from the battle he then insisted that an opt-out option for tuition- I mean unborn kitty fund- would not be placed in effect.

"Students do NOT wanna miss out on what I got planned for them, while they're away on spring break right now, we've constructed a wonderful cat farm just for them." Polinez then opened a secret door with the Goddess Sheba on it and it was exactly what a cat farm sounds like. In the center of this warehouse is a sign that says "POLINEZ'S PUSSY FACTORY" that was both gold and illuminated. In the center was a playpen cage that was electrified and a pool of spots and purring.

"This is what I call pussy galore!" Polinez shouted. After being asked how students would benefit from this "Pussy Factory" Polinez then held up a baby ocelot and simply just said, "I mean, it pays for itself."

The ocelots seemed to enjoy their habitat but the farm was neither safe nor what most would call a smart or legitimate business expense. He then attempted to dodge more questions by doing the robot which he claims to be a master of since, "Johnny Depp is his godfather." After losing a miserable dance battle to Crab Girl he finally locked us in the farm room thinking the ocelots would eat us and until he realized they were already being fed.

"The farm represents everything Pace is and will be, a force of kitty worshiping, crustacean crushing, hunk of a boy people. Yes our mascot is the Fighting Irish Setters, but I think after these crazy times we could all embrace our inner cat and claw the shit out of this Virus."

Polinez then returned wearing an ocelot-like costume, believing that him receiving 236 vaccines gave him cat-like powers. When asked about his newfound abilities he simply stated,

"Crab Girl, far too long have we been under threat by you, I hope your shell is strong enough for my claws!" Polinez then asked us to post a note for Crab Girl.

HEAR ME PUR,  
JUSTICE IS  
NEIGH!!!!!!!  
- Killer Claw





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## A Resume's White Lies

By: Isabel Fontanals

The job market that college students of today are entering is continuing to shrink. Most jobs required students with experience, but neglect to tell them where they can get any. Now with the impact of Covid-19, internships are so far and few between only a perfect resume would spark the interest of recruiters. Left with no choice, a student's only option is to lie through their teeth.

Take, for example, Lisa Regularname. A junior at Pace majoring in Business Analytics or some bullshit like that. Nervous she wouldn't be qualified for her field, she stretched a bit of the truth. When shopping, she saw a shirt on the ground, hung it back up, and has added Khol's Manager of 10 years to her resume. When times are tough, you gotta do what you gotta do.

David Sesame is a BFA Acting major hoping to make it on the big screen, but with no projects running, he is left without options. Luckily, he was still able to get behind the cameras after what might be a true highlight of his career, "Yea, kind of bittersweet. When my house was burning, along with all of my beloved objects and childhood memories, News12 wanted an interview so of course, I capitalized. Obviously, it was odd circumstances, since I was so rusty and all, but I think I did well besides the part I had to identify my mother's body live on air. Nonetheless, I'm crediting myself with experience as a creative director for reality TV."



Computer science major Johnny Cans fully intentionally downloaded 10 TB of meta porn onto his parents' computer over the winter break. What is meta porn? For this article we did our research. Meta porn is where a person reviews a video of porn while being p\*gged from behind. It's meta. It's for the intellectuals. Thankfully Johnny was able to apply his CS skills, uninstall the porn and all the viruses it put both on his computer, and in his urinary tract. He now has cyber security expertise on his resume and is on the path to recovery for his mega herpes.

Sally Franz (also known as @Sunflower\_Wisdom on Instagram) is something of a revolutionary. On her Instagram story, she has reposted infographics about why racism is now bad and how she plans to single handedly cancel it. Sally will do this one instagram story at a time, no matter how many grid posts it takes. Adding to her fearless accomplishments, she once walked past Stonewall on her way to eat at Chick Fil A with her homophobic boyfriend Travis. With this dedication, she has now put "Political Organizer" and "LGBTQ+ advocate" on her resume.

Long story short, exaggerate what you have. Claim you were a paralegal because you fought your DUI charge, say you're an electrician if you made a Juul charger from an iPhone charger, tell them you managed a sanitation department after taking out the trash once. There is no importance of it. Unless of course you're studying to become a doctor or a teacher or something of actual importance in society, but art and business majors go crazy. You can learn on the job, just focus on getting it first.



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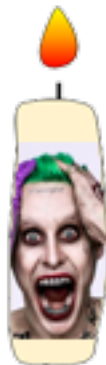
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