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Pace.NYC Instagram Bubble Bursts

By: Rachael Summers

Sell your house. Sell your car. Sell your children. All of the Pace University-based Instagram accounts have plummeted in value.

Ever since the semester began, venture instagramers were eager to catch the next big thing - quickly hitting follow on any page with ".pace.nyc" after its name. Instagramers soon realized that none of these pages would ever follow them back and began panic-unfollowing earlier this Monday.

These pages are now penny-accounts, all possessing under 100 followers. The devastation has been brutal. Some Instagrammers have been trying to recover value by exchanging follow ratios with others.

"Hey hommana hommna I'll trade ya 300 shares of straight boys for 20 shares of the confessions page," said a student through a megaphone in the caf. He was later shushed by one of the cashiers.

"Well this sucks. I guess I'll go back to trading fur under the Brooklyn Bridge," grimly said the creative genius running 'Pace Pictures of Shit'.

But this crash hasn't just affected those infatuated with their peers' fecal matter. Even the goliaths of Pace themed Instagram accounts have fallen.

We caught up with Alex Smith and Elyse Sorensen, the two co-owners of 'Pace.Memes.NYC', "We lost everything. We moved to a Hooverville outside of St. Louis where we eat nothing but prune pudding, lima bean loaf, and PPA majors."

"No one is confessing anything to me. I need to know things. Someone tell me something or I'm going to scream," said admin 2 of the Pace confessions page.

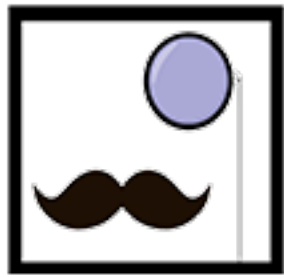
Some of the lesser known Pace accounts are taking the devastation the hardest. We reached out to Tom Rieten, the owner and focus of the Instagram page "Pace.Tom.NYC"

"I felt like the page was a good idea because everyone at Pace experiences me. I just post what I'm doing. It's very relatable," says Tom.

Shortly after giving this quote Pace.Tom.NYC posted a picture of himself filing out the common app. He was never heard from again.

Our grandparents warned us of the day when we could no longer play a game of "guess which straight.boy I'm thinking of", but like a freshman on their first midterm, we were unprepared. So stay safe out there, Instagrammers. Keep your friends close, your family loved, and your follow ratios skinny.





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Letter To The Editor- Ask Depressed Press

By: Eren Sari

Dear Depressing Press,

I'm not sure whether or not I want to reach out to my crush. She has expressed that she cares about my health, well-being, my education. I just think I might not be the only one she cares about.

I've even moved to The Bronx for her, but she spends so much time in DC. Seriously though- my commute to Pace is hell.

Her luscious locks and chic elderly glasses. The way she makes a mockery of the bourgeoisie. The Congresswoman from New York's 14th district is my dream girl.

Please help.

Love,

Sentimental Socialist

Dear Socialist,

First of all, thank you for being so brave in admitting your deep feelings of love.

Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez may be out of your league, but there are things you can do to get her to notice you:

Focus inward. Stop letting that boy from second grade calling you ugly prevent you from being confident. And stop constantly singing in your head. AOC would never be with a weirdo like me. I mean you.

Oh my god, she's so full of hope. Her drive is far beyond that of a meager college student, trying to do the bare minimum to get by. You could never match this, Sentimental Socialist. You couldn't even get an A in critical writing last semester. Or get any sleep last night because you spent hours perfecting this letter in case she sees it. I mean, I assume.

Don't abandon hope. Maybe she'll notice you in the end. After all, she's for the people, and you're a people, so technically she is for you. Wait, that's good. That's what I'll tell mother to get her off my back about this crush I have. I mean, you have.

Much love,

Depressing Press





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We won't beg. Just kidding, we will. This is us begging. Please follow us.



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Running Wild With Bear Grylls: Maria's Tower Edition

By: Katie Hunter

From March 22nd to March 24th, the Pace University NYC campus was visited by none other than Bear Grylls to be featured on his hit television show "Running Wild With Bear Grylls." Known for his expertise in all things survival, Grylls took to the campus with his camera crew to face his biggest challenge yet: surviving a weekend in Maria's Tower. "Honestly, I knew going in that this was going to be one of the most difficult locations we've picked so far for the show," stated Grylls. "The horror stories we've heard from the locals have truly shaken me to my core."

Accompanying Grylls on his treacherous journey into the slums of Maria's Tower was none other than Vice Dean Of Students Horatio Polinez. "I've heard what the kids say about the resident hall and I figured the best thing to do to boost morale was to show everyone that it really isn't all that bad," Polinez said in an interview before joining Grylls in the harrowing journey. Later reports show that during his time in Maria's Tower Polinez had to seek medical attention after a panic attack that was prompted by the copious amounts of hair left on the wall in the shower he was using.

The atrocities didn't stop there. The two men stayed up until obscene hours of the night due to the excess noise caused by freshman learning to play Guitar Hero. Despite being "quite the hippy in [his] youth," the smell of weed was too much for Polinez. "I thought I could go into the shower without flip flops on. Back in my day we called this 'raw dogging it.' Well, I got a fungal infection so nasty that Grylls had to amputate my foot with a saw. It hurt, but I felt like a soldier in the Civil War, which was cool," said Polinez of the communal shower.

For Grylls, the worst part of his whole experience was having to urinate in such horrible conditions. "I thought peeing in the forest was bad. But no, these toilets take the cake. Why don't any of you know how to flush a toilet? Who raised you?" inquired Grylls.

At the end of the three day escapade Polinez threw an elaborate banquet to celebrate his journey. Every student at Pace was required to attend and the night included performances by Bhad Bhabie, Rita Ora, and Bebe Rexha. When asked about his thoughts on the event Freshman Jack Jillman stated "[he] really didn't understand why the money that was used to throw the banquet wasn't just used for improvements towards Maria's Tower. The food alone cost \$5,000 and I heard the crown and scepter he's been holding the entire night was at least \$20,000."

The episode is set to premiere on April 25th of this year, but reports say that the majority of it has been heavily edited. The edits come in part not only because of the fear that "the footage was too much for the average person to handle," but also due to the fact that many students from 182 Broadway (another freshman dorm on campus) felt it was "too disturbing" to even watch how the "other half" live. Many have even sought out counseling services for the anxieties they have had to face just thinking about having to wear shower shoes.



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Infinite Basement Lounges: 41 Park Row Master Plan's Deepest Secret

By: Autumn Sancho

The remodeling at Pace University has been a long awaited gift. Most of all, the musty basement lounge at 41 Park Row has become quite a popular attraction.

While this part of campus is cherished, one student's discovery of another, identical basement lounge underneath the first one will change this university forever.

"It all started when my friend like wanted to meet in the basement lounge "chews gum" so like I guess I accidentally went into the like basement of the basement lounge - so like "chews gum" the second layer of basements."

The second-layer lounge below is identical yet is more basement-smelling, colder, and shakier than the first. Once word got out that there was a second basement lounge, some students went deeper into the pits of 41 Park Row and discovered ongoing layers of basement lounges - exactly what this student population desired, more and more basement lounges.

One of our reporters on the Pretentious Press was able to catch up with Pete Baxter, a member of the newly founded club on campus called Miners 69ers. His face, hard hat, and overalls were dusted with charcoal and his voice sounded scratchy from inhaling fumes all day.

"So far we made it to about the 84th layer of basement, but once we saw apparitions of Joseph Stalin, Adolf Hitler, and anyone who's ever cussed, we realized that we had dug into hell and decided it was time to stop."

Conrad, the first cockroach to enroll at Pace University, has also been a frequenter of these lounges. We approached the roach with slight apprehension, intimidated by his philosophical transcendence and totally rad style. Conrad is now sporting a sophisticated man bun and a pair of Doc Martens, showing time had passed since we had last spoken to him. "I feel at peace here, closer to Satan and his fiery pits of hell. I am cozy." His 360 degree vision dropped to his Edgar Allan Poe book, subtly flexing his superiority when it comes to the humanities.

Unfortunately, the basements come with some bad news: many students deep in the layers have gone missing.

"Yeah my friend and I were going to practice acting out a skit in the 26th layer of the basements when he left to go get some stale chips from the vending machine and he never came back. Sometimes, when I'm in a deeper layer of basement, I swear I can hear him singing 'I Dreamed a Dream' when no one asked him to."

Ultimately, the discovery of these lounges has brought about many new opportunities for students, both good and bad. The ongoing architectural expedition of the many basements of 41 Park Row continues and the search for missing students has been going strong. For now, everyone can rest assured that they have not one but a multitude of basement lounges to seek comfort and shelter in during the school year.



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Alleged Sentient Library Desk Says “Gay Rights”

By: Eren Sari

From “Good Luck!” to “Get out while you still can!”, the desks in the Birnbaum Library are covered in countless cryptic carvings. Obviously most of these scratched in messages are the masterpieces of stressed out students procrastinating their midterms studies, but there’s a new artist at pace who isn’t wearing a Fjallraven Kanken backpack. It’s a desk!

An anonymous computer science major carved her angst-ridden thoughts into the desk, only to discover the desk quickly responded. She vandalized the table with a few vulgar words only to see them transform into a reply, “What’s wrong?”. She was thrown off because, well, she had just eaten an edible to get through computing, so who was to say what was even reality at that point.

When asked about how she came to cope with the situation, she merely stated, “New York is so weird, this might as well happen.”

A couple weeks later, on a rainy Thursday afternoon, I found myself at the infamous desk. I instinctively tagged my initials into the leg when I saw it - as if by magic, or the work of God, words etched themselves into the wood. I felt my heart skip several beats. The mystical scraping of the desk left no sawdust or waste behind. I was left with a simple message...

“Gay Rights!!!”

You’ve heard it here, folks! There is a sentient library desk and it said, “Gay Rights!!!” The desk is an ally!

When asked about its stance on gay rights, the desk said this, “I have one gay friend. Because of this I feel as though it’s important for them to have human rights.”

How progressive. The desk told us that it plans to attend the Pride Parade, but stresses that it, “isn’t in a gay way” and is merely “out of support for its friends.”

The desk tells us that it wishes its cool gay friend would hang out with them more, etching, “We’ve only hung out once. But I want to do one of those scenes where we go to the mall and I try stuff on for him. For most of the outfits he shakes his head no, but then when I finally find the perfect dress he says ‘Yas Queen.’ I dream of this day.”

The desk is excited to work hard for the LGBTQ+ community. When asked what it will do to be an ally it responded, “Definitely lots of things.” When we asked for more detail, we waited a few minutes for a response to be etched but there was nothing.

Remember, next time you go into the library and write on a desk, you might just have a progressive conversation with the world’s most woke piece of furniture.



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This Month's Art

By: Jack Brady





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By: Rachael Summers

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2. Signed The Emancipation Proclamation
3. Gave the Gettysburg Address
4. Got assassinated
5. Was probably gay

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