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How to Graduate College in Eight Years or More Van Wilder Style

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We've all seen the hilarious movies, Animal House, Vegas Vacation and Van Wilder. Well, National Lampoon has done great work again, except this time in book form. Van Wilder-Guide to Graduating College in Eight Years or More combines elements from all National Lampoon's films and puts them in a funny, yet useful book to making it through your college experience and proving to everyone that you actually are learning something.

Van Wilder discusses everything from college expenses, to grade point average, to parties (of course) in this must read. Breaking down your college education value into number of glow sticks you could purchase using all the money you've spent in college, Wilder takes his readers on a wild adventure in his own quirky version of a "self-help" book.

Van Wilder number one tip is use duct tape: "If duct tape doesn't fix it, it's not worth keeping." So remember everyone, "Always have a huge supply of duct tape."

Intertwining Animal House into Van's education section, he introduces the "So You Don't Know Much About ____" section and outlines what you know about every subject, from math to U.S history to English. So if you ever think you hate a subject because you don't understand anything about it, you're wrong!

In order to understand math, you need to compare it alcohol. You do know how many ounces are in a beer or that yeast + hops = beer. Or how about English? HELLO...what do you think IM language is? All those abbreviations have become a college student's new or second language... DUH! Any college student could tell you what BRB means or ROFLMAO. Where else could you say "rolling on the floor, laughing my ass off" in seven letters?

Wilder then moves to the idea of relationships in college. In a recent survey of about 200,000 students, most said their relationship status was "complicated." Van Wilder says it's okay to be single, college is about living it up, but do remember one very important VanWilderism: "You can't wash off skank—write that down." In essence, be careful who you sleep with and always carry condoms people.

Possibly the most crucial point Van Wilder makes pertaining to my life however is "don't take life too seriously." Although it seems like it, college is hardly ever a life or death situation (excluding when you drink too much and have to go to emergency room to get your stomach pumped), but I digress. Just don't try to stress out too much, work hard to play hard basically.

Overall, Van Wilder makes some great points about surviving your college experience and the best part is, this book appeals to everyone. From the fraternity boy to the Goth girl next door, Van Wilder's Guide to Graduating College in Eight Years or More has many helpful hints and lessons. Even for those of you who got into college by accident and are still illiterate; it has lots of pretty and funny pictures teaching you how to store beer in bizarre places. Basically anyone can acquire some hilarious insight, so pick it up soon. I promise it's

worth it!

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