

Universal Perspective

As I walk to class, I notice the details
I see how the leaves fly in the sky as
 The wind ushers them away.
I notice how all the students rush or
 Drag their feet as they plunge to
 Their next class.
I hear the laughter of that 11 month
 Strong couple as they sit in the
 Coffee shop.
I glare at the professor as he walks
 In late holding his Jimmy Johns
Which doesn't make sense because
 I thought they were freaky fast?!

As the day goes by
We all feel our own sorrows
As I stress over a breakup
Mark stresses over an exam
And Esperanza over forgetting her
 Netflix password!

We all face daily hardships
Each one relative in level
As I seem calm for one
Another calm for two
And both stressed for the other

We are told that college will be the
 Peak of our livelihood
And get hit with a reality shock when
 We see how sad that is
Knowing it just goes down from here

How could it be that the best time of
 My life
Is full of all-nighters, hard exams,

Expensive books, having a part-
Time job, hundreds of pages to
Read, being in a relationship,
Having a social life, meeting with
Professors, meeting with advisors,
Applying for scholarships, getting
In exercise, calling mom and dad,
Joining clubs, going Greek,
Sleeping at LEAST 4 hours,
Practicing for that audition, and
Somewhere in between all of that,
Eat.

And these people have the
AUDACITY
To tell us that adulthood is harder
The real world won't extend a
Deadline
Or have a set meal plan.
So yeah, this is as good as it gets!

But the reality is....
This is amazing.
We are on a journey to excel in life
But even better
We are here to learn how to teach
We are the next role models
As one of us proves many wrong and
Graduates
five more children gain motivation
From here on out,
People will be watching you
And it is nerve-racking

You won't be perfect
You're going to mess up
People are going to be disappointed
And others are going to laugh.

You'll be proven wrong

Professors will tell you no

You will learn that you know nothing

You may know what $2+2$ is but you

Don't know how to sketch a floor

Plan

You don't know how to buy and work

With stocks

You don't know why there are

Injustices in the justice system

And that's why I love it here

That's why I'll never give up

Why I get out of bed in the morning

Even though my class is at 6:30 a.m.

Because we are the next leaders

This is the peak of our lives

Here is where we will learn how to do

Something

Where we will learn how to MEAN something.

Now go forth and be somebody

Welcome to the University of Idaho!

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