

A Meditation for the Ages

Close your eyes. Let your breath flow from your body, let it escape like wisps of clouds floating away from a cold mountaintop. Feel the weight of your arms, all the way down to the tips of your fingers, from your legs to the ends of your toes... and beyond.

one hundred and ninety-six, the complete works of Jean-Jaques Rousseau, the proof of Pythagoras's Theorem (they were wrong, you're never going to use that), or the name of John Marshall's cat. Discard it all. See the knowledge floating away from your mind like it would in a Harry Potter "novel." (As soon as you let go of this information, please also discard any knowledge related to the Harry Potter series as this is most certainly useless).

You can also say goodbye to that memory of your cat dying. It's much too painful. Just let it go, feel it wash away. And how can you possibly bother to remember all of the elements in the periodic table if you also have to know the specific details of the War of Jenkins' Ear? What a burden this extra knowledge is! Do not force it upon yourself. Cleanse your inner monologue of all excess.

You do not need to know about genocide in the third world. You do not need to know how to define third world. If it is important then you will want to know it, you will feel the urge and you may follow it, like a tiger stalks its pray. You do not need to know the difference between Sunni and Shia; you do not need to know the meaning of the words you speak. Someone will know. The word need is relative. Let it wash over you. And cleanse yourself. Bathe in the emptiness, take a breath and please, just relax.



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Forget everything. Forget the paper due in 20 minutes. Forget the ransom money. Forget that you were sexiled last night. Forget Pat Schroeder's middle name (seriously, why

do you even know that?). Forget those pictures from toasting last, and hopefully the police will too.

As you let the knowledge slip from your grasp, feel yourself let go. You are now entering a state of mind similar to that of a stoned teenager. This is perfectly normal.

But it is not enough. In the back of your head, you still remember useless information like the conditions of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, the square root of

Resolved: Ignorance is Bliss

Friday the 17th · 7 pm

Wednesday

This week the YPU will debate **R: ONLINE COMMUNITIES ARE REAL COMMUNITIES** at **7:30 PM** in **SSS 114** with Vint Cerf, Google's Chief Internet Evangelist. This is the **LAST QUALLING DEBATE** of the semester, so make sure to come and sign in the **PURPLE BOOK!**

Friday

Join us for lunch at **12:30 PM** at **THE UNION LEAGUE CAFE** for a Sir Roger Low Memorial Lecture with Jamey Bell, Executive Director of CT Voices for Children! RSVP to VC Shaina Wright by Monday the 13th. Dress like Geoff.

Also on Friday!

Do you believe truth prevails over all else, no matter what the burden it places on an individual's mind? Or do you sometimes wish you could just scratch Two Girls, One Cup from your memory? Either way join us as we blow it out philosophically in debating **R: IGNORANCE IS BLISS** at **7 PM** in a location **TBA**.

Sunday

Come to dinner at **5 PM** in the **TD SOUTH COMMON ROOM**, followed by **E-BOARD** at **6 PM** in the **TD SELIN LOUNGE**. Because really, where would you rather spend your Sunday evening?

Chairman : Adam "That time I walked in on my parents" Goodrum

Vice Chairman : Shaina "That time my parents walked in on me" Wright

Chief Whip : Sasha "Any conversation with the Golis" Burger

Secretary : Kate "Shaina's goat fetish" McDermott

Treasurer : Reid "The nickname snow baby" Magdanz

SAAAC : David "The reason it's called Erika's Room " Trinh

Director of Development : Joe "Peter Johnston's late-night sex talk" Charlet

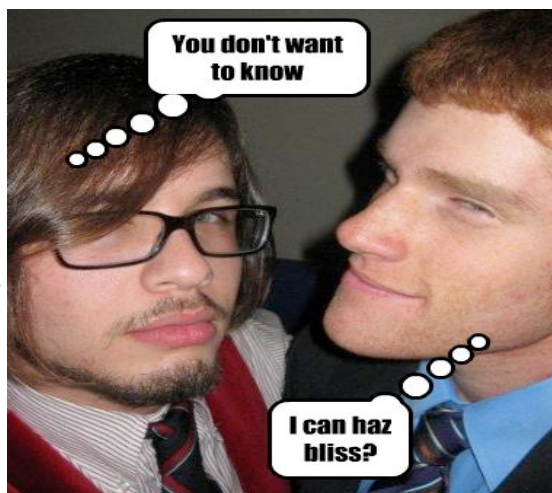
Lieutenant Colonel Whip : Sarah "straight hair" Winsberg

Sergeant at Arms: Carly "David Kohn's joke speeches" Zubrzycki

Know-it-alls: Carmen Lee, Rachel Bayefsky, Geoff Shaw

Innocent, right?: Shannon Connors, Catherine Osborn, Matt Bedrick, Nate Blevins, Joshua Cantor-Stone, Rustin Fakheri, Conor Crawford, Ramon Gonzalez, Tsuki Hoshijima, Ryan Hollander, Jaymin Patel

Last Week, the Independent Party met to debate **R: BLAME CORPORATE AMERICA!** **NAOMI** "golden parachute...pants" **LISAN** argued that corporations must be accountable to the American people. **MEREDITH** "Cincinnati Washington VI" **MORRISON** argued that the government should only interfere in corporate America when absolutely necessary. And without bailouts. **SHANNON** "C...E...No" **CONNORS** argued that corporate culture is to blame by being too



narrowly focused on its shareholders and no one else. **JOYCE** "all the socialists are getting happy" **ARNOLD** returned to the IP floor as the bearer of bad news: capitalism is doomed to its failures - we can't have our cake and eat it too. Unless it's the extremely alcoholic cake she baked to poison the secretary. **JAYMIN** "rabid, Hannity-eating liberal" **PATEL** brought some optimism to the table by suggesting that perhaps if we separate commercial and investment banks, the economy will stop falling apart and stuff. **RAMON** "smartie-pants" **GONZALEZ** argued that corporations are nothing but legal creations toward whom blame is ineffective. **SHAINA** "peer-pressured into torturing loser kid Adam Goodrum" **WRIGHT** argued that America is over-compensating with our irresponsible hyper-capitalism. She also mentioned unions - and it should be said that the Yale Political Union has always been a friend to the workingman! **SARAH** "well someone's gotta step up and be a man" **WINSBERG** decided to offer up the counter-intuitive suggestion of blaming corporate America even though they were one of many players in a really complicated game. By a vote of **EIGHT** to **NINE** to **TWO**, the motion **FAILED**. The body then moved to send the results of the motion to corporate America in exchange for the opportunity to sell out, before adjourning to **YORKSIDE** as is traditional.

AROUND THE YPU

This Wednesday, the YPU will hold the last qualling debate of the semester with Vint Cerf, a man who, unlike Al Gore, is sort of the real founder of the Internet.



The YPU will also bring four of its best, including the IP's own Carmen Lee, to the HUDSON UNION SOCIETY to debate on R: This House Believes that Wal-Mart is Good for America on Tuesday, April 14th at the Cornell Club in New York City! RSVP to Meredith.Morrison@yale.edu and go cheer Carmen on!

Bojangles's Corner

