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28°/18°	30°/12°	28°/12°	27°/18°	32°/7°	34°/7°	36°/21°
IM Basketball B 7:30 pm, the MAC --- Housing Day t-shirt voting ends at midnight!	IM Ice Hockey 7:30 pm, Bright		Master's Reception for Junior Parents 5-6:30 --- Happy Hour! Parent Trap 8:30-10:30 --- Movie screening at Luke's: Dallas Buyers Club, 8pm	HoCo-led tours of Mather from d-hall, 1pm and 2pm	HoCo General Meeting 10-11 pm	IM Ice Hockey, 8:30 pm, Bright

Mather Knows Best: The Oscars

The Oscars are Sunday night! And while they may be taking place 3,000 miles away in Hollywood, California, there are quite a few Harvard connections to this year's ceremony. For instance:

- Three of the five nominees for Best Documentary were directed by Harvard alumni: "The Act of Killing" (Joshua Oppenheimer '97), "Dirty Wars" (Richard Rowley '99), and "The Square" (Jehane Noujaim '97).
- The word "Harvard" appears in the screenplays of Best Picture nominees "Gravity" (spoken by George Clooney) and "The Wolf of Wall Street" (spoken by Leonardo DiCaprio).
- The word "Crimson" is mentioned in Best Animated Picture favorite "Frozen," when Olaf first meets Anna, Christoph, and Sven.
- The after-party of the premiere of Best Picture nominee "Captain Phillips" took place at the Harvard Club of New York.

Ben Zauzmer '15 lives in the lowrise, writes for the Hollywood Reporter, and made more correct predictions than Nate Silver on last year's Oscars. NBD.

Mather Knows Best highlights the expertise of our community. If you'd like to contribute or recommend an expert, let us know at gorillagazette@gmail.com.

Mather Mirth: Parents Edition

We asked our mothers to describe what they thought a typical day looked like. Painful accuracy ensued.

"You wake up quite late and plan your day in bed [...] You decide what to wear based on whether you'll see your boyfriend or not. You pay attention in class and generally are excited to be there but there is plenty of time for several quick naps if your professor is not that interesting [...] After class, I think you go to CVS or Trader Joe's or treat yourself to smoothies, based on my credit card statements [...] You will never start your papers until a few hours before they are due, so if I call you after dinner you are quite irritable and say "Call me back after midnight!" when you know I will be asleep then anyway."

"You awaken at 1 in the afternoon. Brunch with friends in dhall for an hour. I think you get up late, go to classes, lounge around in your pajamas for most of the day [...] I don't know, I don't think this is a good idea [...] I know you get up late and spend most of the day in your bed clothes, but what happens between getting up and going to sleep I'm not sure. And I would also note that your bed clothes morph into your school clothes, sometimes with a minor change like a belt or a scarf. [...] I imagine you probably find as many functions involving free refreshments as you possibly can. [...] And if there are none you go to Whole Foods to gorge on the samples [...] Are you laughing because I'm on to you? [...] Go to Whole Foods and make your own academic reception in the cheese section [...] Making cheese kabobs with your toothpick [...] Probably squeeze in a few hours of Hulu, Portlandia, whatnot."

What Kind of Parent Will You Be?

Take a look into the future to see whether you'll repeat the mistakes of your parents.

You're shopping in Harvard Square. What purchase do you make for your future child?

- a) Armfuls of toys from the Curious George Store.
- b) Harvard Class of 2048 onesie.
- c) Why spend money on a child that doesn't exist? There's a bottle of Lagavulin Scotch in C'Est Bon with your name on it.

Your kid has a school project due in a month. What do you do?

- a) Head to A.C. Moore and pick up craft supplies. This diorama isn't going to build itself.
- b) Watch over your child with a stern eye as they painstakingly complete the project.
- c) Pour yourself a glass of scotch.

It's your child's birthday. What's the theme?

- a) You're A STAR! (there will be celestial decorations but the focus will really be on how great your little one is)
- b) Birthday parties are for spoiled children. Just because it's your kid's birthday doesn't mean they're getting out of their daily responsibilities.
- c) Whatever the party store still has in stock.

Your kid was caught drinking at a high school party. What's your response?

- a) They were framed! There's no way your kid would do that.
- b) Grounded until they're shipped off to college.
- c) Great, a drinking buddy!

Tally up your results, noting which letter you got most frequently.

Mather Blather

Give us a funny story about your parents:

- "My dad used to tease my sisters and me when we were kids by asking every family friend's son if they were willing to marry one of us (he started matchmaking my sister when she was in the cot!) and take us off his hands"
- "My dad is 3 inches shorter than my mom. She only gave him a chance so her roommates wouldn't think she was shallow."
- "I didn't grow hair until I was 3, so my dad's nickname for me was 'Baldy'. Once, he yelled it out in public and a bald man got upset."

Send in your answers for next week's Blather: "How'd you react when you found out you got Mather?"

Answer Key:

If you answered mostly A's, you will be a DOTING HELICOPTER PARENT. In your eyes, your child will be perfect, and unable to do wrong. Be careful with the homework help, unless you want to repeat your K-12 education!

If you answered mostly B's, you will be a TIGER PARENT. We pray for your children.

If you answered mostly C's, you will be a HANDS OFF PARENT. Your kid will probably learn to be self-reliant from a young age, which you will be indifferent about. Also, you may have a little drinking problem.

Having Kids

Up all night to feed baby
Need to support another life
Have to give up old hobbies
Everyone expects a lot of you
Too busy for personal hygiene

Going to College

Up all night to get lucky
Need to support burgeoning vice
Have to recycle old copies
No one expects much of you
Too busy for personal hygiene

A Sonnet for Mather Parents

Parents, we love you,
you're really the best,
when we say that we're through
it's only in jest.

There's no good excuse
for the times we've been rude,
sorry for the abuse –
we hate a bad mood.

We know that sometimes
we get on your nerves,
and also these rhymes
have tapped our reserves.

So we're ending this now, the best way we
know how:
We love you, we miss you, adios, ciao!



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Comments/questions/suggestions/Mather-specific announcements are welcomed! Drop us a line at gorillagazette@gmail.com. WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!