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## Your Guide to the Campus Gender Neutral Bathrooms

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### McDowell

location ★★★★★

cleanliness ★

privacy ★★

availability ★★

The McDowell gender neutral bathroom is an accessible single stall. It is centrally located. Unfortunately, it is also usually occupied by nervous students, fleeing the pressures of higher mathematics. Said students have a tendency to miss the mark, so to speak, making this one of the less cleanly options for the bathroom connoisseur.

### Mellon

location ★★★

cleanliness ★★★★★

privacy ★★★

availability ★★★★★

Ah, the new Mellon bathroom-- so clean, so pristine. This is the only multi-stall gender neutral bathroom I have ever encountered. It is brand new, and very modern. Cisgender people are likely to stay away, out of fear of inadvertently peeing next to a differently gendered person. You might as well wear a large sign on your shirt saying "I AM TRANS" if you choose to "go" here, but I'd hardly call that a mark against what is easily

one of the nicer bathrooms in campus.

### Spector and Gilliam

location ★★

cleanliness ★★

privacy ★★★★★

availability ★★★★★

Spector and Gilliam both have plentiful single user bathrooms for users of any gender. They also have private showers, a perk for the residents. At the far end of campus, these bathrooms are a bit of a hike, but if you're going that way anyway they are worth a pit stop. Residents will be peeved, however, if you mess up their bathrooms and leave, so please be considerate!

### Campbell Basement

location ★

cleanliness ★

privacy ★

availability ★★★★★

No one ever uses this bathroom, and for good reason: it's dirty, creepy, and out of the way. If it's an emergency, it'll certainly do the trick, but with McDowell's more serviceable bathrooms a quick walk away there's really no need to put yourself through the trouble. ♦

## From the Editors:

*The Gadfly is unequivocally against in-app purchases, as well as the massive tech corporations that force them upon us! They are a scam symptomatic of craven late-capitalist profit seeking and must be abolished! The means of production must be returned to the proletariat!*

*That said, we're looking for new members! If you're interested in writing for the paper please email us at [sjca.gadfly@gmail.com](mailto:sjca.gadfly@gmail.com)!*

-The Gadfly

## Qu'est-ce que le précis?

Patricia Locke

Tutor

It has come to my attention that some do not know the purpose of le précis. Otherwise known as a summary or résumé of the essay, it will ideally explain what the senior has tried to show and what is really at stake in the conversation that is about to begin. Then the auditors are active participants in the proceedings, rather than simply friends and cheerleaders.

When you sit down to write a précis, your reread of the essay will show new strengths and weaknesses. In addition, it often happens that your thought has developed since January. What to do? In addition to summarizing, indicate the question or topic that is now most on your mind and say why. This will give your committee a chance to ask about things that matter.

The précis is a good opportunity to rethink and crystallize your essay. Reading it aloud at the beginning of the oral can help steady your nerves as well it's a fine way to widen the circle of people able and ready to talk with you about your ideas.

Congratulations, seniors. ♦

## Inspired by a Senior Math Tutorial

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The two most important questions in life are "Who am I?" and "What do I want?" The first question lets you know where you are, and the second question lets you know where you are going. You have a starting line and a finish line. Many problems arise in people's lives from not having a defined answer to one of these two questions.

There is the old adage "The unexamined life is not worth living". Perhaps that adage is not suitable to everyone. However, an examined life has a lot more subtlety and richness. An unexamined life is the closest thing to being called a divine life.

Life is like an asymptotic line. We build upon those who came before us and progress towards a limit. We may never reach the limit but, generation-

ally, we can continuously approach it. It is hard to know if there are particular signs to approaching the limit. They are most probably when we can accomplish something which was previously thought of only being possible in fables.

Math is perhaps the closest thing we have to an actual and enduring Tower of Babel. However, perhaps with math we won't suffer as great a collapse.

Remember the etymology of mathematics. μαθηματικός (mathēmatikós, "fond of learning"), from μάθημα (máthēma, "knowledge, study, learning"). ♦

## Abigail and The Orphans of IDOK, #002

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