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COVID-19 JOURNAL

If you feel this is worthy of archiving feel free to. Just a bunch of journal entries from a college dude trying not to die

3-12-2020: I didn't start this today but this is when everything changed. We were on the way to our second conference weekend after sweeping Arkansas Pine-Bluff in two games and winning the series against conference favorites Jacksonville State 2-1. The team was feeling just like a Little Caesar's Pizza, "Hot and Ready". The world took a turn as we were nonchalantly eating our Frosty's and salads and baconators in what was probably our 10th Wendy's stop of the season. Right as we were finishing up our coach sent out the message. The OVC had suspended all play, we were heading home. No more than 30 minutes later he sent out another message, our season was canceled. There was frustration and crying, but the team tried to keep going on like nothing had happened, like it was all a dream as we headed back to campus for what might have been our last night together as a team. The night was long, but most of us don't remember much, it was a day we needed to forget, and man we tried to.

3-13-2020: The next morning came and we had to return all our gear. Reality hit. Our year was over, no one knew anything. Would people get an extra year of eligibility, would there be professional baseball this year, would there even be a draft. I was most worried about that last one. No one knew, and no one would know for about two weeks, so the days went on, people went home, I stayed at school for a few more days. Watched the movie "Outbreak", you gotta watch it.

3-14-2020: Me and my roommate Alex were the only ones left in our apartment. We went to Walmart and prepared for the unknown. We stocked up on our normal groceries, but also bought some extra frozen meat and vegetables in case accessing Wal-Mart was impossible the next few days. It was weird, no one seemed to be super concerned yet. The US was still super early in the stages of infection, everyone thought it was just an old person disease, that it was going to be contained, life was still somewhat normal. Called my mom that night to make plans, forgot my sister's birthday was Monday so I decided to go home Sunday afternoon.

3-15-2020: Grabbed some laundry and decided to head home for a few days. Stopped by a friend's apt to help her move out because everyone else was gone and she hadn't been in contact with anyone that was confirmed to have it. Made it home, had dinner and played "Exploding Kittens." Great card game if you've never tried it.

3-16-2020: Sister's birthday (13, finally a teenager). She got some cool drawing pencils, (she's a great artist she's drawing my next tattoo). A comfy, which is a shirt blanket, some softball shirts, and my dad's old iPhone, she was most excited about the latter. We had to go over to our dad's for that last one, even though he said he was sick and had called the health department the day before. Had cold/flu like symptoms, no symptoms resembling the SARS-CoV-2, but now everyone thinks they have it any time they don't feel well, everyone is beginning to live in a state of fear. Went back to mom's house after. Played more exploding kittens and restarted the series "House", one of my favorite series I've ever watched, 2nd only to "The Office".

3-17-2020: Nothing spectacular happened. Slept in, watched tv, went on a run with my sister, even though she didn't last very long. Had to walk a little. Played catch with my brother for the first time in a long time, he got annoyed because he thinks I throw too hard. More "Exploding Kittens" and "House".

3-18-2020: Went back to Illinois, started my routine of waking up at noon, eating brunch, playing video games, going on a run, working out, fishing, eating dinner, playing more video games, watch a movie until 3 am and then sleep.

3-19/27-2020: That routine held to be the same for the next week and a half, give or take a few moderations. Some days we wouldn't run, some we wouldn't lift, and it got too cold to fish for a few days. We make a weekly Walmart trip but we try and limit our exposure and contact as much as possible. Had the occasional friend over, but she was strictly isolated in her own house so she had limited exposure pretty much to just me and alex and her mom

3-28-2020: Other roommate and gf came back from visiting her parents in Florida and staying at his place in Chicago, hopefully they limited their exposure to people and don't infect the house. Alex and I were very conscientious about how much exposure to other people we had, but they might just ruin that. Me and Alex did our thing still, same as all the other days. We have been working our way through all the Harry Potter's because they're on Youtube TV. After some trial and error, it eventually played The Order of the Phoenix and we finished it at 330 am.

3-29-2020: Looked over all the school updates I should have done the week before, definitely didn't see some of the old assignments that had been due, but I was trying to prepare for and survive a global pandemic, so I think that's a reasonable excuse. Did our thing still, began watching Tiger King, absolutely great show. Carole definitely killed her husband.

3-30-2020: First day of online school. Did some work this morning. Had my first Zoom class at 11 am, that was weird, and it kicked us off early because we were using the free version, but it was an interesting experience. Turned one of our roommates room's (he isn't coming back to stay) into our Wii room / weight room, now we can play super smash bros. Went fishing for a while at the campus pond because they stocked it with Rainbow Trout last week, caught about 9 trout, good day. Came back did some discussion posts, wrote a paper on space rocks, and saw your email about this so I decided to sit down and write everything above this. Time to go back to video games (Battlefield 1).

3-31-2020: No zoom classes today, just went through some PowerPoints and other online stuff for my classes. Would already rather have in person class then have to do all this online stuff but oh well. Played some video games again and the went fishing again. Didn't last very long out there because of the cold so we just came back in and decided to work out since my dad brought us a barbell and some weights and ordered us a weight rack. Went on a walk after, the only living things we saw around campus were some cats and a bunny. It's weird seeing the campus this empty. Came back home, ate dinner, and watched Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince.

4-1-2020: Zoom class again, teachers cat interrupted for 5 minutes or so but other than that it was as terrible as the first time. It's hard to pay attention and do all your work at home and there are

no study places open, or that I would like to visit with the possibility of catching something. Other than that, it was about the same as always. Worked out, played video games, fished and watched the first part of Deathly Hallows. Great movie.

4-2-2020: Pretty much the same deal as the previous day. I did go to rural king to pet the baby chickens and pick up some gloves in case we went fishing again when it was freezing. Used hand sanitizer after and made sure not to touch my face, even though I was tempted to many times. Worked out again, played more video games, threw the baseball, and finished the final Harry Potter. Great series, would recommend.

4-3-2020: Pretty boring day, nothing besides studying, working out, throwing, and playing more video games. Really getting tired of everything.

4-4-2020: Dad came to drop off more weights equipment, so that was nice. Another zoom class, I'm already tired of them, so that sucks. Made enough breakfast to hopefully last me a week. Had a baseball team zoom, it was pretty pointless, but oh well. Worked out our upper body and then I went and ran a hard mile; 6:20. Came back, did some abs, took a short walk and then went to Walmart with my quarantine buddy to get a soccer ball and some food. Then I went to play soccer for about an hour and a half, great workout. Came back, roommates gf was here and we all drank a little together and got ice cream and watched a movie. Decent day.

4-5-2020: Weekend was pretty boring, did about the same stuff as always. Nothing special about the weekends anymore, still just looking at school work and playing video games, took the day off from working out

4-6-2020: Thought today was the first open day of trout season, but we were wrong, it was yesterday. By the time we got to the campus pond there had been so many visitors that the fish were probably tired of seeing lures and bait anywhere near them. Only caught one but it wasn't big enough to keep

4-7-2020: Woke up and did the usual. Ate, video games, zoom lecture. Had a hard workout with roommate because we just got a squat rack so we can do squats and variations. Chilled for a little and then decided to go see if the driving range was open, and it was. Hit some golf balls and then came home and watched movies/ play video games all night.

4-8-2020: Woke up and played some pga tour. Went over to a teammates house and drank and played beer die. Something new to pass the time. Then I went back and played some fifa. We searched for fire wood and grabbed some cinderblocks to make a fire pit and grilled and made smores the rest of the night. Probably the nicest weather so far so we had to spend some time outside

4-9-2020: Woke up to do another zoom lecture, played pga tour golf on my xbox during it because they are getting to be pointless, its impossible to learn this way. After went to the driving range again with some teammates and hit golf balls until I had a blister, I still suck at golf. Came home, did a short workout, made dinner and napped and then studied for my first online test. Not a good format when teachers try and transition all learning stuff online because

the tests just can't be the same. Got an 80%. After that I played some more PGA tour, some fifa and then watched the first Hangover. It's getting a little repetitive now but oh well.

4-10-2020: Had a zoom meeting with our coaches. We all talked about how we were doing and what had been going on and stuff. Discussed the season as it was, everyone was happy to see each other for the most part. Did some more hw, worked out again, threw with my roommate. Watched the second hangover, definitely not as good as the first but it wasn't bad.

4-11-2020: Woke up around 1 pm. Chilled for a little and then went and played some beer die with my roommates. Sat outside for a decent while before we went to fish again. Did some assorted homework, worked out, and watched Hangover 3. Definitely better than the 2nd one, almost as good as the first.

4-12-2020: Went with my girlfriend to visit her grandma, both of whom have been isolated as well as myself for a while. She lives out in the country, so we went and had lunch, fished, played with her dogs, and went looking for mushrooms. I didn't find any mushrooms, but I did catch some fish. Went home and slept for the rest of the day because we got up way too early for my routine.

4-13-2020: Went to Champaign with my roommates because they ordered something and had to pick it up there and I didn't have anything else to do. No one got contaminated thankfully. Came back and napped for a while again. Saw one of my friends got a switch so I went and ordered a Switch lite. You wouldn't believe how hard those suckers are to find. No Walmart's had them in stock, and almost everything wasn't going to be delivered until like next week. Went to eBay and found one that would be delivered this Friday thankfully. Most of my night was spent searching for a switch.

4-14-2020: Checked shipping updates on my switch. Saw that it was shipped from Texas at like 6 am, you really love to see it. Spent the rest of my day watching youtube conspiracy theory videos with my roommate. I recommend "Out of the Shadows" which has subsequently been removed from YouTube for no apparent reason other than exposing people. Took a day off from working out and went fishing instead.

4-15-2020: Decided to switch it up and go for a hike with one of my roommates. The other one declined because 6 miles is too far for him and he's lazy. Felt good to be outside for around 2 hours and the hike wasn't that bad. It was pretty flat and we walked by a river we might try and come back and fish at some time. Took a short nap after that before making dinner and doing some arm work. Threw the football a little bit.

4-16-2020: Worst day of quarantine so far. When we were squatting I messed up my back, bad. Felt like I herniated a disc in my L4/L5 area and it might be pressing on a nerve. I'm sure the adrenaline is making it feel better right now but I can hardly move. On the bright side, my Switch got here a day early so I bought Smash Bros Ultimate and Pokemon Sword

4-17-2020: Did not fall asleep until 4 last night because of the pain. Can hardly walk without falling over from pain. Laid in bed all day except to make food and shower. Showering was way too hard, couldn't reach down to get any soap without pain. Just played my switch all day.

4-18-2020: Pain is not any better, still can't do anything besides shower and eat. Switch all day.

4-19-2020: Could sort of move today, sleeping is getting easier. Noticed my lower abdomen looks crooked in the mirror, probably because of inflammation and muscle spasms. Moved to the beanbag in the living room for the day and just watched tv and did hw.

4-20-2020: National holiday. Starting to move around more, can walk without serious pain now, and showering is easier. Still haven't been outside in a while but hopefully soon.

4-21-2020: Got up and stretched and rolled out my back, felt pretty decent, no more sharp pains, it's more of a discomfort at this point.

4-22-2020: Tried to walk around a little more today, went catfishing in the river we found on the hike. Managed to find a parking lot closer to the river to make it shorter. Went to try and catch catfish, yet we had no luck in the river. Still not sure if there were any catfish in that area.

4-23-2020: Team zoom with some ex-teammates. It was cool to see them, but if I really had any questions, I could have just texted them. I think our coaches are doing too much just so they can seem involved like the other coaches are trying to show they are.

4-24-2020: Went catfishing at Lake Charleston in the afternoon. Probably went a little early the first time because we weren't getting any bites. Alex found a little lure laying on the ground and tied it to a stick to try and catch crappie or shad for live bait and we each managed to catch 2 or 3 little guys. Left to eat and I went to Freddy's with my gf. Came back to go night fishing, but we probably went too late at night because we weren't getting any bites.

4-25-2020: Rained pretty much all day so I stayed inside and worked on homework/played video games. Nothing cool to do when you're completely stuck inside

4-26-2020: Went catfishing in the am and at night. Each roommate got a catfish. I got one that was roughly 8 pounds and the other two were 6 pounds each. Also saw what we thought were UFO's at the time when night fishing but they turned out to be SpaceX Starlink Satellites which, if you don't know what they are, you should look up. Spent most of the night watching the stars while hoping a catfish would bite our bait.

4-27-2020: Literally did nothing but homework and go through tik toks. It is sad to say that I spend a majority of my time on my phone watching the stupid tik toks my friends send me, and it's even sadder to say that I enjoy them

4-28-2020: One of my roommates went back home to Seattle, WA. The apartment is definitely a lot quieter because my other roommate stays in his room most of the time. Worked out our arms for a little and threw the football around. Played some more FIFA clubs.

4-29-2020: First full day of just me and Jack. Been way more productive without Alex here. Been pretty much just working on homework all day, and the occasional game of FIFA.

4-30-2020: Began working on my term paper that is due tomorrow that I kind of forgot about. I trust my procrastinating abilities that I'll be able to get it all done tomorrow. Other than that it was the usual day. Talked to some more pro scouts, not sure if I've mentioned that previously

but oh well. Hoping I can still be drafted, but no one knows any details. The club I play for on FIFA got disbanded but I actually joined a really good team full of ranked players so I was up until about 3 am playing with them. I was on a burner, scored about every goal possible. Decent way to end the night.

5-1-2020: FINAL day of these entries. I managed to write a 2-page outline, an 8 page paper, and a 10 slide PowerPoint all in the same day. My brain physically hurts now, but I'm just glad it's done. Went golfing because it is also the first day the courses opened back up and boy do, I suck. Shot a 52 through 9 holes. Hopefully the rust wears off soon. Finishing this up and I've collected some quarantine memes, so I figured I'd add them as well as anything else funny I found to the end of this document. It's crazy how quickly the end of this semester went by when there was nothing to do. It's kind of sad to think that my college career may be over just like that, but I enjoyed it. Thanks for everything this semester.



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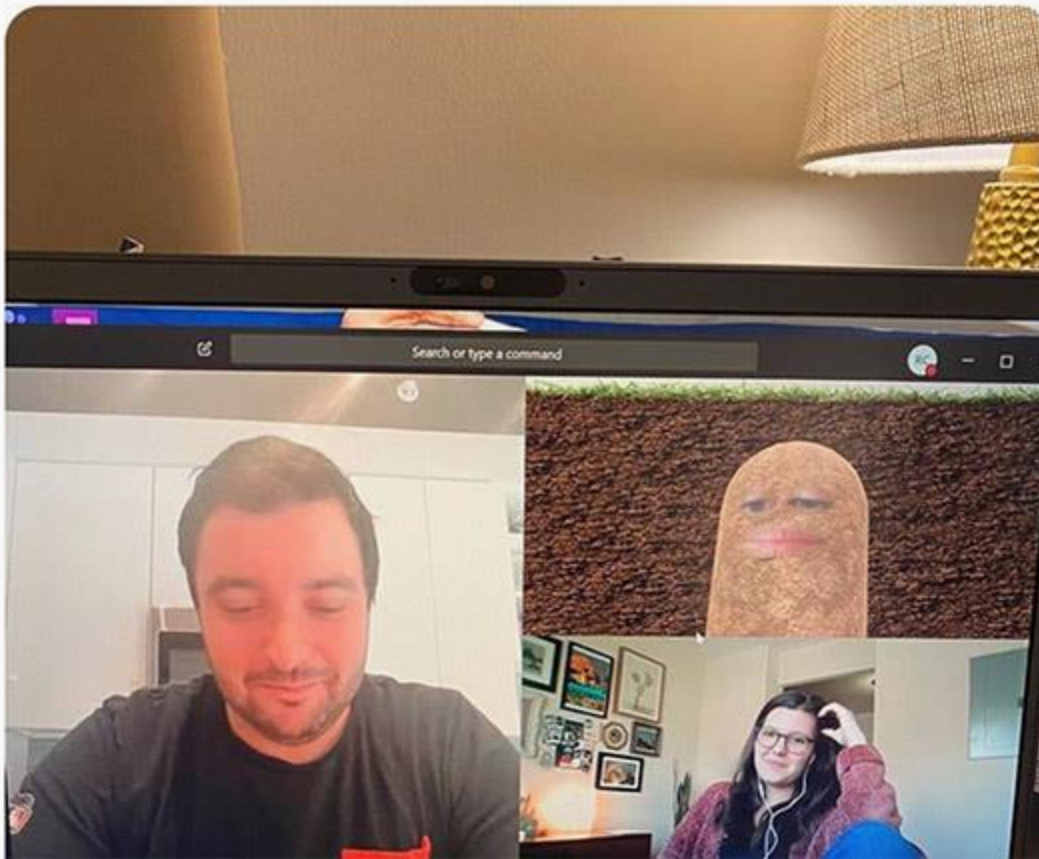
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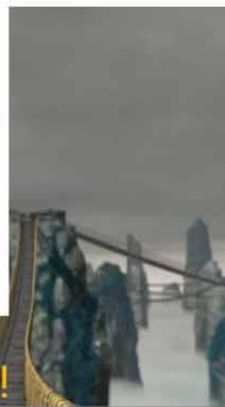


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