

SHOUTS & MURMURS

HOME COLLEGING

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Dear Bradley G. Lumpkin, We are very pleased to inform you of your acceptance to Lumpkin Home College. With an applicant pool of approximately one, this year marked the most selective admissions process in Lumpkin's history. We recognize that there are many other institutions of higher learning a candidate like you

to live in the same dormitory as the faculty. You will be residing in the Lumpkin Unkempt Center, which you may recall as the room that overlooks the driveway, now known as the quad, which already contains your stuff and Timmy. Downstairs, you will find the cafeteria, where we make sure that your dining experience is about



could choose, although, as Daddy reminded you, the Atlas Air-Conditioner Repair School did not offer us financial aid, and, besides, you were wait-listed.

Lumpkin College, founded last Tuesday night, after your most recent thing with the police, is dedicated to instilling in Bradley Lumpkin an appreciation of staying out of jail. In addition to its mandatory work-study program, the college, whose motto is *Nostrum Puer* ("Our Boy"), is known for its high faculty-student ratio, particularly if you count Grandma. The conveniently compact campus is situated just minutes from a nail salon, an auto-upholstery shop, and the Feigenberg family home, where students who still are not on probation can take their junior year abroad.

More great news! As a matriculating freshman, you have been assigned

more than just leftovers; it's about cleanup, too. New student, please take note: Lumpkin still does not have a liquor license. The cabinet in Marvin Feigenberg's study is reserved solely for visiting professors in need of refreshment.

Does Lumpkin have academics? You bet. Among the classes we are proud to offer are the following:

—Archeology 206. Includes a field trip to Brad Lumpkin's bed, where we will excavate for pizza crusts and coinage, as well as for cell phones dating back to the early paleo-iPhone era. Offered: summer session. Summer session starts today.

—A Dialectic of Mother-Son Relationships: Things Ain't What They Used to Be. In this course, we'll explore various forms of government, from anarchy to Bradocracy. Is despotism really so terri-

ble? You might be surprised by the answer. Prerequisite: Apology Workshop.

—Introduction to Abnormal Psychology. Why would someone bury his little brother under a snow drift, especially when you know Timmy worships you? Is it normal to sell your parents' car on eBay without their knowledge? These are some of the questions we'll analyze in this freshman tutorial. Meets once a week on Dr. Finkelstein's couch.

—Applied Mathematics. Focuses on solving real-life problems, such as: "If Bradley claims he invited ten friends to his party, but more than two hundred youngsters show up, how much damage will result, both in terms of dollars and euros, since two of the girls are French exchange students?" We'll also calculate whether the Lumpkins can afford to repair the roof after they've paid off their mortgage with the funds they would have remitted to Mountain Dew University if Bradley had completed his application in time. Meets Saturday nights, 7 P.M. to midnight.

—The Fundamentals of Art Appreciation. A survey course of early antiquities, especially the broken one in the living room.

At Lumpkin, we recognize that education goes beyond intellectual discourse. Each weekend, we'll hop in the Explorer and head out to the turnpike. There THE UNDERCLASSMAN can fulfill HIS court-ordered phys-ed requirement by picking up litter along Exits 37 to 39. And it's not for nothing that our team mascots are the Mighty Fighting Attorneys of Fortunato, Sheanshang & Wadia. This year, we're hoping to trounce the New Jersey Court of Appeals. Go Lumpkin attorneys!

Lumpkin Home College is not all fun and games, however. Aside from Yale, L.H.C. is the only college in America where first-year students gather to wet-mop Grandma's room every Thursday, which is the least you can do after what you did to her credit rating. Other clubs and campus organizations include Varsity Posture Squad and the Society for Writing Thank-You Notes. Unfortunately, Amnesty International is no longer allowed on campus.

Why choose Lumpkin Home College? Because, honey, you have no choice.

Sincerely,

Florence Lumpkin, Dean of Undergraduate Studies ♦

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