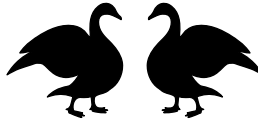


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COLLEGE, FIRST DAY: THINGS TO DO



Make a list
Set alarm clock
~~Put alarm clock across room, far from bed~~
Set back-up alarm clock
Turn off light
Lie on bed
Close eyes
Sleep
Hit ~~SNOOZE~~ when first alarm sounds
Snooze
~~Stop snoozing when second alarm sounds~~
Open eyes
Get out of bed
Turn off first alarm
Turn off second alarm
Yawn
Stretch
Find flip-flops
Take shower
Look for shampoo
Curse
Tell self to put *Buy Shampoo* on list
Wash hair with deodorant soap
Dry off

Smell towel
~~Tell self to do laundry soon~~
Dress
Look for socks under bed
Smell shirt
~~Tell self to do laundry today~~
Look for socks under chair
Zip up
Look for socks in closet
Find burrito lost two nights ago
Find shoes
Skip socks
Rack brain for combination to bicycle lock
Try birthday: 0804
Curse
Try favorite four-digit number: 6969
Giggle
Curse
Try 1234
Open lock
Give self imaginary high-five
~~Try to stuff chain-side pant leg into sock~~
Remember skipped socks
Curse
Roll pant leg
Pedal
~~Tell self to put *Pump Tires* on list~~
Dodge traffic
Dodge pedestrians
Dodge cell phoners, iPoders, skateboarders
Dodge bikers
Find building
Find door
Find classroom
~~Find empty seat next to cute student~~
Sit
~~Unroll pant leg, furtively~~
Stretch

Think fast when cute neighbor has no spare
Say, "No prob=photographic memory"
Listen as cute neighbor says, "This is all lecture"
Wink at cute neighbor
Tap self on skull
Say, "Total recall"
Tell self to put *Buy Pencil* on list
Listen to professor's intro
Yawn
Fall asleep
Hear shuffling of papers and feet
Open eyes
See cute neighbor heading for exit
See all classmates heading for exit
Stand
Stretch
Gather books
Return to dormitory
Lie on bed
Close eyes
Tell self it will be a power nap
Set internal alarm clock: 15 minutes
Nap, 3-7 p.m.
Open eyes
Get out of bed
Yawn
Stretch
Play video game
Achieve Level Xenon
Call in pizza order
Find coupon
Remember to study
Take out books
Turn on television
Open *A History of Western Civilization*
Turn on stereo
Open *College Calculus*
Turn on computer

Open Information Systems and Computing Methods: An Introduction

Begin studying

Check e-mail

Check score of game

Change CD

Check email

Check score of game

Change CD

Check email

Take frequent breaks to rest eyes, neck, lumbar region

Check time

Curse

Close books

Pile laundry in basket

Look for twelve quarters

Find seven quarters

Curse

Wash whites with darks

Tell self to horde quarters

Attempt to fold one T-shirt

Curse

Wad clean laundry into ball

Crum ball into dresser

Turn off light

Lie on bed

Close eyes

Open eyes

Get out of bed

Turn on light

Set alarm clock

Put alarm clock across room, far from bed

Set backup alarm clock

Turn off light

Lie on bed

Close eyes

Open eyes

Get out of bed

Turn on light

Make a list:

Buy Shampoo

Pump Tires

Buy Pencil

Turn off light

Lie on bed

Close eyes

Sleep

Dream of success—wild, endless, and inevitable