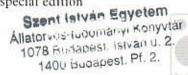
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PMS allows a woman, once a month, to act like men do EVERY DAY.



#### Dear Student,

On behalf of the IAMS Company, I would like to welcome you to the Szt. Istvan University and introduce you to our company and the educational programs we maintain for your benefit.

IAMS produces IAMS and Eukanuba dog and cat food, as well as the Eukanuba Science Diet food. IAMS's researchers are working in universities all over the world, seeking out advances in the field of animal nutrition.

IAMS believes it is very important that students all over the world be kept informed about the latest innovations in the field of food preparation. To further this aim, we support the University students in their education in a variety of ways, such as lectures, publications, and books. In addition to these methods, we sponsor the University's library, dormitory, student productions, and the Kivetites/Expat Vet student magazine. IAMS also provides assistance to the PhD program, and assists young veterinary researchers with their publications. We founded the "Best of Class in Animal Nutrition" Prize to provide incentives to promising young students. IAMS also works with the student government (HOK) to bring you the Freshman's Camp, Freshman's Ball and the SzINA conference (a job fair).

I hope you will find our programs useful and interesting. If you have any questions regarding our firm or our support of the University's students, please see our University Liaison, Mark Hedberg.

Regards,

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Hello boy! Look Dan, he's been adrift for 3 weeks, but he still looks fat and happy!



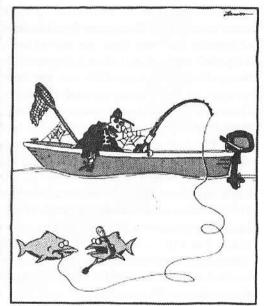
## Greetings, Freshman!

First of all, allow us to congratulate you on your acceptance to the Szent Istvan College of Veterinary Medicine! The race (as always) was long and hard, but you were one of the winners!

You are now embarking on the most exciting [exams] and entertaining [exams] five years [minimum] of your life. These five years will contain some of the most fascinating and interesting [exams] adventures you will likely face.

This little publication is your guidebook to the University. It's a combination tour book, history book, guide book, answer book, and comic book. Hopefully, with our help, you'll spend very little time wandering around lost, and maximizing your time drinking, partying, and seducing fellow students studying, reviewing, and working hard to improve your grades.

Of course, it's impossible to shrink a 215-year-old University into 32 pages. There will definitely be questions that we forgot to answer. Also, since you are an individual, there will be situations that apply to you and only you. So we'd like to cordially invite you to the Freshmen's Camp, a weekend of drinking, partying, and seducing fellow students fun, friendship, and conversation. You will be joined by a mass of fellow students - and even a few teachers! While the weekend is devoted to drinking, partying, and seducing fellow students getting to know one another, most of the sober attendees will be delighted to teach you about drinking, partying, and seducing fellow students the University's long and rich traditions.



First the bad news. You've been hooked.

Remember, college is more than about studying. It's about getting to know people, and learning to work with them. Welcome to the weird, wild, and wacky world of college life!



## A Brief Faculty History

Joseph II's decree of 12 December 1786. Based on this decree, on 12 February 1787, the Animal Healing Department was founded at the Pest (Budapest) Medical College. The first director of this department was Sandor Tolnay, who held this position until his death in 1818. In the beginning he held lectures in Disease Control for the medical students. Later "farm animal doctor" courses were held for farmers and landowners. It was not until 1850 that the Department became an independent institution. At this time the Department assumed the name of "Pest Imperial Animal Healing Institution", with Vilmos Zlamal as the first director. This was also when the Anatomy Department came into being, with Alajos Szabó as the first head. He assumed the directorship of the Institution in 1853. In 1860 the Institute changed its name to the "Pest Hungarian Royal Animal Healing Institute", and the length of training increased from one year to two.

This time was a period of real progress. The respective departments came into being during this time: 1870 saw the start of the Surgical Department, 1872 brought us the Physiology and Cytology Department, in 1873 the Animal Husbandry Department began teaching. 1874 marked the birth of the Pathology Department.

1875 saw a number of changes: the name of the Institute changed to the "Hungarian Royal Veteriarian Teaching Institute"; the length of training grew to 3 years. Bela Tormay took up the directoral responsibilities., and the Chemistry department became an independent entity under Leo Liebermann. 1875 was also when serious research efforts began at the Institute.

In 1881 construction of a new campus was completed based on Imre Steindl's plans. The various departments occupied the new buildings in that same year. There have been no major changes in location, save that the campus is now located in inner Budapest. (When the campus was completed, it was located on the outskirts of the city.)

In 1890 course length increased to 4 years, thanks mainly to Ference Hütyra's work. The Institute's name changed to "Hungarian Royal Veterinary Academy", and the requirements for acceptance were toughened.

These reforms dramatically increased the level of education at the Academy. Less than 9 years later the Academy was declared a College with Ference Hütyra as the first Rector. In 1906 the school received the right of "promotio" - the ability to grant a doctor's degree.

The following years can be considered this Institution's Golden Age. Internationally known researchers worked here - Aladar Aujeszky, Istvan Bugarszky, Ferenc Hütyra, Gyula Magyary-Kossa, Joszef Marek, Agoston Zimmermann, and others too numerous to list. All the buildings were expanded; the library was renovated, and new departments were founded. The Academy became a "University-level college" in 1919; and from 1926 the rector was a member of the Upper House (the Hungarian legistature).

The golden age ended in 1934, when the College was merged into the Jozsef Nador Technical and Economical University as the Veterinary Division of the Agricultural Faculty. This had serious consequences. Many Faculties lost there independence. There were far-reaching protests; and several professors left the University at this time.

The 1940's were not kind to the University. During the Second Word War many buildings were damaged. After the war Agoston Zimmerman was one of many who were forced to leave the Faculty.

In the 1950, the first dormitory was founded during this time, international exchange programs came into being, and the course length grew to 10 semesters. In 1952 the institute regained its independence as the Higher College of Veterinary Science, and increasing numbers of students were accepted into the classes. 1956 saw the return of the right of "promotio".

1956 also saw the events of the Hungarian Revolution take place in October of that year. The resulting political purges forced many people to leave the College, among them Gyula Komar and then-director Laszlo Urbanyi. In 1962 the University was finally given the title it had merited for so long, that of the University of Veterinary Medicine.

The next 30 years saw a wide variety of changes. In 1973 the Jozsef Marek Dormitory was handed over to the University. In 1974 new administrative buildings were completed on the campus's eastern side. In 1976 the Aula, the gymnasium, and the cafeteria were finished and opened for service.

1989 saw the beginning of foreign language instruction (English and German), and in 1994 a Zoology degree program was begun. The University received new lands and buildings. Thanks to these and other developments, Hungarian veterinary training has maintained a high standard, and is internationally accepted.

On January 1, 2000, the University of Veterinary Medicine once again lost its independence - it was merged with the b, the Horticultural and Food Industry University, the Jaszbereny Teacher Training College and the Miklos Ybl Technical College to form the Saint Stephen University.

In June of 2001 the Large Animal Clinic moved to **Ullo**, paving the way for more expansion and renovation at the Veterinary College.



### About the University

Jour acceptance to the Szent Istvan University has made you a citizen of a small, select world. Like any citizen, you too have rights, possibilities, and above all responsibilities to perform. While most of your responsibilities are obvious ones (passing exams, for example) - it's also a good idea to understand how the university works.

The SZIE is composed of 11 faculties - including Veterinary Medicine, Food Science, Horticulture and a several others, you can find at www.szie.hu. The University has a Rector, who can be compared to a president of a country. The eleven faculties can be thought of as counties (or states). Each Faculty has a Dean, who takes care of the day-to-day affairs.

Our Veterinary Faculty is composed of more than thirty departments, whose job is to teach the 1200 students enrolled here. More than half of the students here are foreign language students like you.

An important member of the University's plans is the Senate, a decision-making body composed of teachers and elected students. The student government is called the "Hallgatói Önkormanyzat (HÖK)" (Student Government). By enrolling here, you are automatically a member. You'll stay a member of the HÖK until you graduate. In fact, if you're ambitious enough, you might even become a Senator or the President of the HÖK yourself!

Of course, it's not a simple organization - besides the Senate and the HÖK, there are several permanent and "ad hoc" committees working on helping the students and the teachers in the University. (More on that later.)

The HÖK is not a "rubber-stamp" organization. True, the teachers consult us about decisions they intend to make. However, we submit ideas and proposals ourselves. We are very hard to ignore.

One of the HÖK's aims is to keep you, the student, informed. To serve that goal we publish the Expat Vet, a monthly magazine full of articles, stories, and relevant news items. This is where you'll find out about HÖK meetings, Senate decisions, upcoming holidays, and more. (More on that later.)

#### Finally, here are our leaders:

SZIE Rector:

Dean of the Veterinary Faculty:

President of the University's HÖK:

President of the Faculty's HÖK

English Coordinator

FSA Representative:

Dr. Szendrő Péter

Dr. Solti László

Dobos Ferenc

Sipos Katalin

Mark Hedberg

Csukás Domonkos



#### Offices

Jou very likely got a taste of the beauties of University bureaucracy during your application. Don't worry - that was just the beginning. The next few years will see you chewing through paperwork just as bad as that. But we're here to make your job easier - so we'll tell you where you need to go:

Rector's Office: The Szt. Istvan University is run from the far-off city of Gödöllö, Páter Károly u. 1. The zip code is 2100, if you want to mail something.

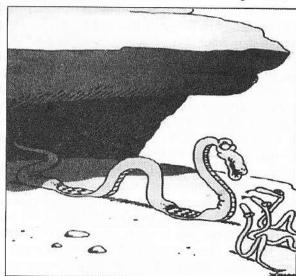
<u>Dean' Office:</u> The Veterinary Faculty's administrative offices are located in Building H, on the first floor. Up the stairs and turn right.

Student Services Offices: This is where students go before bothering any of the more important people. This is where you can get advice, receive packages, or get information about the University. H building, 1st floor, turn left. This is where the Student Secreteriat is located. They're open for consultations Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 900 to 1300.

HÖK Offices: The HOK (short for Hallgatok Onkormanyzata, or Student Government) is located in Building N, 3rd floor. Turn left. Room 310. This is where the high leaders of the HOK meet, doing whatever it is that high leaders

do. The next edition of the Kivetites/Expat Vet is planned and hatched here. Come on up if you'd like to contribute - there's usually someone there Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 1400 to 1800. Kick the cockroaches off the chair and sit down!





Again? All right. It was a warm summer's night, many years ago, when I decided to cross Route 66...



#### The Alma Mater

Ima Mater; or the "Nourishing Mother". Students over the centuries have used this term to mean the Institute they graduated from. And it's a fitting name - for there is no better food for a growing mind than College learning. You will be getting your nourishment mostly from lecture halls and practice rooms, located in a series of buildings labeled A through S. The fact that 9 build-

ings have 18 letters is not important. Trust us.

The main entrance to the College is from Istvan street. (There is an entrance from Bethlen Gabor street, but this is only open during ceremonial occasions.) Immediately in front of you is a large bronze bull. Behind the bull is Building A. This is where you will find the Departments of Internal Medicine, Parasitology and Zoology. The entrance to this building is on the left side of the building, facing the Park. Going inside you will find an antercom. In front of you are some stairs. After going up the stairs, you will find an antercom. In front of you are some stairs. After going up the stairs, you will find the Internal Medicine Department and the Animal Husbandry Lecture Room on your left. To your right are the Zoology and Parasitology Departments

Back at the bronze bull: When you are facing him building C is on your left. This is where you will find the Chemistry Lecture Hall (First door), the Chemistry Practical Room (second door) and the Physiology Lecture Hall (third door, past the green glass thing.) Going in the second door you can also find the Chemistry Department offices to your left, and Physiology Department offices to your right. Standing in front of the Chemistry building (facing the park), you can see another building facing Building A. This is Building D. On the side of the building facing the street (Rottenbiller utca) is a door. This door is the gateway to the library, your home away from home for the next 5 years. (The library will be covered in a separate article.)

On the park-facing side of Building D is a door that has "Klub" written next to it. It's the door with the iron bars. Can't miss it. This is the Equus Club, home to all that is fun at the College of Veterinary Medicine. There is a small teahouse run here on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. Thursday is the world-famous

Equus party. Again, more about this separately.

Continue walking past the D building, away from the Chemistry building (building C.) Ahead of you is **Building E**, a place you will be spending a great deal of your time, since this is where the **Anatomy**, **Histology**, **Pathology Departments** are located. The entrance to the lecture halls are located in the back. Anatomy and Histology is on the left, Pathology is on the right. (Actually, it's the same lecture hall, with 2 entrances, but we're hoping you don't notice this.) For anatomy practical lessons you go in the front door on the LEFT SIDE of the building. The E building has 2 annexes in the front. One is labeled "Kórbonctani

Gyakorlóterem" and is the Pathology practical room. The other annex is to the right, and is labeled "Men" and "Women". These are the bathrooms. (They are not the only bathrooms on the campus. They are, however, the only bathrooms that are always unlocked. Forget this and you could be in a lot of trouble.) The big door to its right is the unloading ramp...where the "friends" you have to dissect arrive.

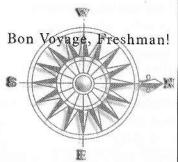
To the right of Building E are Buildings S and b: the Pharmacology and Toxicology Department. Blocking the view of anything is Building P: the B. East side: Surgery. West side: Internal Medicine.

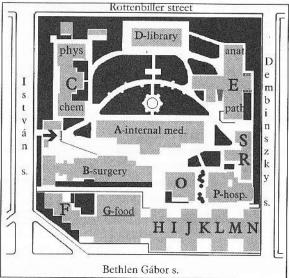
Since you have an excellent sense of direction, Building A is somewhere to your right, right? Walking back towards the bull (Building P is behind you!) and you'll see doors on the side of building A. These lead to stables and the diagnostic laboratory. To your left are 2 buildings. One is the Building O, the Internal Medicine Lecture Hall. This building houses the Animal Husbandry, Internal Medicine, and Microbiology labs, and the Pharmacy (opening on the other side of the building.) The other one is Building B, which is home to the Surgery Lecture Hall and the Internal Medicine Emergency Room.

Go stand between buildings B and O. Put Building A behind you. Building H is now in front of you - home to the administrative offices of the Faculty and (more importantly) the snack shop. To the right is Building G, with the cafeteria and the Physical Education Department. To your right, in order, are Buildings I-N. N has the Foreign Language Department and the Student Gov't offices.

Finally: the Zoological Institute is located at Rottenbiller street 50. Behind this

building is the print shop where you can buy your required laboratory manuals. Inside the building (upstairs) is the **Botany Department**. You'll get to know this place very well in semester 2.







#### Library

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Web: http://konyvtar.univet.hu
Director: Mrs. Judit Szávay Szabo



The Faculty's library is the only Hungarian veterinary library open to the public. The 90,000 volumes within these walls encompass a wide variety of publications, from the latest journals and magazines to manuscripts dating back to the University's founding.

A 120-person hall and 11 computers are there for the use of the readers. Students can count on a quiet, friendly atmosphere for their study or research purposes. Books can be borrowed for a period of one month.

The library, as has been described, is on the west side of the park, in the "D" building. The entrance is on the far side of the building, facing Rottenbiller Street. Upon entering the building the cloakroom is on your left. You must leave coats, bags, and mobile telephones with the guard. The ground floor is the only place smoking is permitted. Going up the stairs we find two choices: left of right. Left leads to the washrooms and a few computers especially set up for email. On your right is the library itself. Going inside you will see dozens of shelves of English, Hungarian, and German textbooks for your use. Most are available for borrowing. The ones that aren't have a big red stamp on the inside front cover: "NEM KÖLCSÖNÖZHETÖ" (Not Borrowable).

Inside the hall to your left is the librarian's desk. Next to it is a computer (for research and internet) and a copy machine. The copy machine is card operated. To get your own card, you need to see the librarian. Copies using the library's card cost 15Ft/sheet. Copies with your own card cost 10Ft/sheet. You can get your own card for 1000Ft. (This includes a 400Ft deposit for the card, and 600Ft, or 60 sheets of copying. The 400Ft is refunded when you return the card, hopefully not sooner than 5 years.)

Past them you come to another dozen shelves, full of newspapers, magazines, and veterinary journals from all over the world.

At the end of this hall you can find a few more computers, and some small tables, for those of you who prefer to study in seclusion. (Sometimes the library can be a busy place - students entering, leaving, copying, surfing can be a distraction.)

And finally, the opening hours:

Monday-Wednesday: 8:30-18:00 (8:30AM-6:00PM)
Thursday: 8:30: 20:00 (8:30AM-8:00PM)
Friday: 9:00-17:00 (9:00AM-5:00PM)
Saturday-Sunday: Closed



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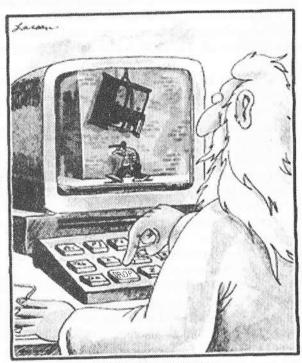
This is the official website of the Veterinary Faculty. It's a freshly renovated, stylish site, containing much of the most important information about the Faculty.

How can you access it? This institution naturally has a direct, cable connection to the World Wide Web; students can access this "Information Superhighwa", or the "Internet", as it's become known, from either the Library or the Computer Room. The library's computers have already been described - their main fault is that there aren't enough of them. The Computer Room can be found in Building L, floor 3. On this floor to your left is the Biomathematics and Informatics Department. The second door on your right is the Computer room. Usually open during working hours, the computer room has a varying number of computers in varying condition, with a varying number of students in varying states of anxiety,

depending on how close it is to their next class, and how many students are in line for the computers.

You also have the possibility to be you@univet.hu. It's available free for students, and is accessible from any computer on and off campus via TELNET. For more information, please inquire in the Library or the Biomath and Informatics department. Later, if you have problems with your account, go and knock on the wooden door on the south side of the Library building. Here's where you find the webmasters and the tech support.

HAPPY SURFING!



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#### Student Government

The laws of the University guarantee student representation for each and every person who is enrolled within these gates. Serving that role is the Hallgatoi Önkormányzat. (Hungarian for "Student Self-Government".) This body, called "HÖK" for short, exists as an intermediary between students and teachers, fulfilling the student's obligations, and preserving their rights.

The HÖK is composed of a Senate and several committees. The teachers accept these HÖK representatives as equals.

Everyone who is enrolled in the University is automatically a member of the HÖK. Every class chooses a class representative, who will be a member of the Hallgatói Választmány (Student Electorate). Additional members of the Electorate include the HÖK president, a zoology student representative, the Dormitory Committee, and representatives of the Foreign Student Association (FSA) and the International Veterinary Student Association (IVSA). Also present is a representative of the Equus club. This mass of people gets together in September to elect the Senators and the President of the HÖK.

But that's not all! The HÖK is also quite busy during the rest of the year. Among others, we

>see to the HÖK's official side - paperwork, organizating, etc.

>arrange for the Freshman's Ball, Freshman's Camp, and other activities (like the Equus Days!)

>publish the kiVETites/Expat Vet and the Freshman's Guide (you're reading it!)

>decide on awarding scholarships

>represent the students' interests (yes, we fit this in somehow...)

>try to solve every problem that gets thrown at us (this takes up a good 330 days of the year)

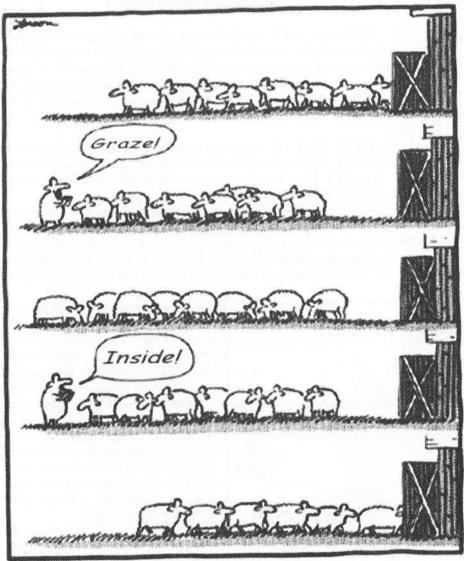
>support (sometimes with money) any idea that makes student life easier/better/more fun

>torpedo (sometimes with high explosives) any idea that makes student life harder/worse/less fun.

So if you've got any ideas that fit into our rather loose framework of enthusiasm and hard work, tell your class representative! We accept ideas, notes, thoughts, additions, opinions, advices, flights of imagination, viewpoints, and directions...and yes, you can flood us with complaints, gripes, emergencies, disasters, and the like. The class representative will come to us and tell all.

We want to help, but we can only help if we know about the problem!





The king of sheep

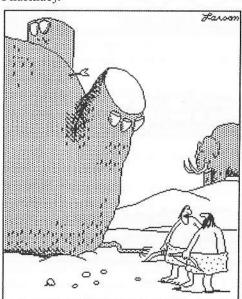


#### Survival Guide

There are several items you'll need before you can safely begin learning the glorious Science of Veterinary Medicine. First of all, books. With your successful acceptance you received a list of books (I hope). It's your decision on which book(s) you decide to get. If you can't get these books, don't despair! Graduating students very often sell their old books at reasonable prices, if you don't mind a little wear and tear. The library can make you copies of textbooks upon request.

Notebooks are another good idea. Loose-leaf or spiral books, lined, checked, or blank, it's a good idea to have one book per subject, so you don't confuse yourself. Colored pens or pencils? That depends on your learning style. Good notes will be essential during these next five years.

For the practical courses you need some extra hardware. You will need a dissection kit for the anatomy practicals. The dissection kit should include a pair of forceps (toothed are better), and a scalpel holder (good for #10 scalpels.) You can get these from the Állatpatika (Animal Pharmacy) in front of the University. You also need plenty of disposable scalpels and rubber gloves, also available from the Pharmacy.



Maybe we should write that spot down

For chemistry you will need a white lab coat. It probably won't be white by the time you graduate, but it should be white to start with. You will also need a Chemistry lab manual, available from the print shop behind Rottenbiller u. 50 (the Zoological Institute.) This manual needs to be signed off after every practical, so it's not an optional expense. Calculators are also highly recommended here. (For your second semester this print shop is where you will get your Botany lab manual too.)

Last: a strong backpack to carry all this equipment. Some days you'll have lots of classes...so a strong back and a stronger bag are a good idea.

GOOD HUNTING!



#### Homo Universitas

eneral description: Despite all reports to the contrary, it is among the humanoid species. Lifespan approx. 5 years, but some individuals have been observed for much longer periods. Its habits and nutrition vary. Can eat anything, but liquids must contain ethanol.

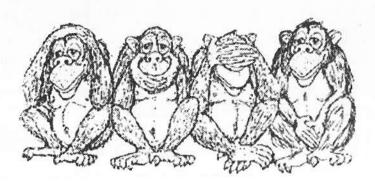
#### Subspecies:

#### Homo Universitas FRAT-icus

- -Color varies
- -Natural Habitat: in bed, between pillows or close proximity to alcohol
- -Learning resistant, kind words and chlorine compounds have no effect on it
- -Generally nocturnal
- -Positively phototropic to bar lights
- -Migratory, especially after examinations
- -Capable of diffusion during stress situations
- -Perennial, but many individuals die off, especially during the summer of 2nd year
- -Natural enemies: Phyticus professoricus

#### Homo Universitas SUCK-UP-icus

- -Body smaller, head bigger, mouthparts adapted for licking
- -Has backbone, but individuals have been observed without one (no ill effects)
- -Thick skin, especially around the face
- -Symbiotic with: Phyticus professoricus
- -High rate of growth makes it shed skin frequently often assumes new features
- -Often has negative effects on FRAT-icus subspecies. Makes their lives miserable.





### Energy input

Motto "Man exists in two states: he is either hungry or eating"

s you all know, a student must be fed, body and mind. The professors take care of the mind part. The body part? You have four choices.

First off is the Cafeteria. (Also known as the canteen and the menza.) It's in the G building, next to the gymnasium. It's a semi-self-service cafeteria. You can prepay (350 Ft for a prearranged meal) or you can go "a la carte" if you like variety. There's a wide variety of food for all tastes. Vegetarian food is available for the vegetarians, meat for the carnivores, and quite a bit of choice in between. There's even fish on Fridays.

Going in you pick up a tray, silverware (it's steel, we know), glass and a napkin. In front of you are the soups. Next to that are the main courses, with samples behind the glass. Read the menu above your head, or just point at what looks good. The pickled veggies are farther down the line (Hungarian cuisine is big on pickled stuff.) At the end of the row is the desserts and the soda dispenser. (There are pitchers of water on every table if you don't want carbonated beverages. The water's free. The cola isn't.) Pay at the cashier, and bon appetit! Open from 11:30 to 14:30. (11:30 to 2:00, if you like.)

The snack shop on the ground floor of Building H. Follow the line of students. You can get several kinds of sandwiches, sodas, and sweet stuff. You can get kleenex there if you're sick, and cigarettes if you absolutely have to. There's a coffee machine at the far end of the room. Everything here is very cheap. One thing: during class breaks the lines can be incredibly long. Open from 8:00-15:30.

Newest of the dining experiences is the Equus Club. Located in the basement of Building D (the library), the Club is open Monday thru Wednesday from 16:00-22:00. Good for when you have late classes. It's a bit more expensive here, because the University and the Government don't subsidize the Equus. (This is why the Cafeteria and snack shop are so cheap.) But hey, when you're hungry, you're hungry.

Last on the list is Department Z, otherwise known as the Zorba. This bar/restaurant is next to the Animal Pharmacy, opposite to the University entrance on Istvan utca. Students and workers at the university have frequented this establishment for decades. Here over tall glasses of raspberry sodas (or whatever) they gather to deliberate over the great mysteries of the Universe and the meaning of life (42).

Bon Appetit!!!



#### Sport

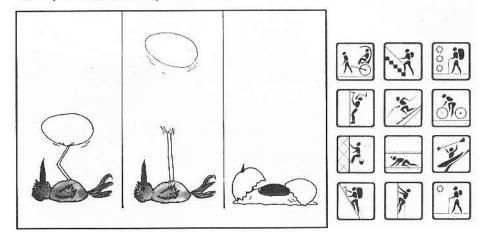
Ceasy work. It's a good idea to be prepared to face animals much larger, stronger, and meaner than you are. So no matter what kind of fancy inventions, tricks, and ideas get discovered, it pays to be in good physical condition.

Here to help you in this noble task is the Department of Physical Education. This (Building G, next to the entrance to the Cafeteria, through the doors, up the stairs (turn right) and ring the bell) is where the staff organizes University sports and gives out passes to the weight room. The Director of the Department (though she uses her husband's married name) is Angela Nemeth, Olympic javelin champion. (Gold medal, 1968 Mexico City.)

You can find out where and when they have basketball, soccer, racquetball, pingpong, aerobics, karate, volleyball, rugby, and much more! You can even join the University teams and compete against other Colleges! (Careful - they're good, so it's not easy... J) The gymnasium itself is in Building G, located behind the door on the far left when you're facing the door of the cafeteria.

Finally, the aforementioned weight room. If you've gone to the gymnasium, you've probably noticed the stairs to your left. If you haven't noticed the stairs, you're probably reading this at the bottom of those stairs, bleeding all over the pages of this expensive guidebook. Don't do that.

But we'll assume you noticed the stairs. Go down them, and look right. At the end of the corridor is the weight room. Somewhere along the way (try looking left) you will see changing rooms and showers. Use both the rooms in good health, and please don't drop anything on your foot. It's hard to clean blood off of the dumbbells. (Don't ask. Please.)



## Butykos Folkdance Club

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olk dancing has a long tradition in the University. The Freshman's Ball has been the scene of many dances over the past several years. But it was only at the beginning of the 2000-2001 school year that the Faculty founded a permanent folk dance group of its own.

There's more enthusiasm than talent, more fun and laughter than stress - in other words, an amateur dance club. We practice all year, perform in cities all over Hungary, and have even danced in Yugoslavia!

It's hard to describe what makes a performance so special. In the last weeks before an appearance, practice jumps into high gear. Rehearsals have stretched over a week, instead of the normal 2 sessions per week. It's hard work, but worth it.

There is no dancing during exam periods, but September always sees the start of a new year of dancing. We're always learning new dances, working to preserve Hungary's folk traditions.

New dancers are warmly welcomed, whether they're just beginning, or wizened professionals. Good times are always had at practices - you can make lots of new friends and acquaintances from other classes in the University.

Of course, if you don't dance, you can come to the practices, and just watch. Have fun, and enjoy the lively "music" from Máté and the band!



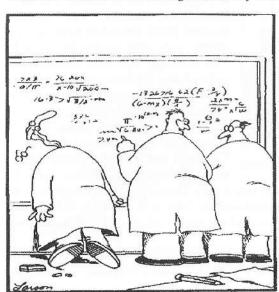
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### College Life

f you ask someone to write a description of an average college student, the responses will vary. The girls will probably think of a tall, slim, well-dressed, book-laden, self-confident young gentleman. Guys might put down a tall, slim, fashionable, intelligent, confident lady. Both students (of course) have thick glasses, hiding tired, red-rimmed eyes with dark circles under them. Every question you ask this mythical student will be answered with incomprehensible Latin phrases. To save time, they both take buses everywhere, so their physical condition only lasts for 100 meters or so.

Is this what happens to us in college? Does everyone turn into this image after a few years in University? Well, this depends on you. There are a lot of students who graduate from University, only to look into the mirror and say "What happened to me? Where's my youth? my slim figure? my energy? my all-conquering stubbornness? my dreams?"

There's a lot to learn at this University; there's a lot to learn at any college, as a matter of fact. But this isn't the only thing going on in college life. You're a big boy/girl now, and - probably for the last time in your life - completely free. Nobody's going to laugh at you if you decide that this is the time to realize a long-treasured dream. Here in college absolutely nothing is impossible. Dance, music,



Hey look! Webster's brain exploded!

drama, movies, magazines, writing...the list runs on. You can try your hand at leading or following, but don't expect people to seek you out. It's up to you to tell people what you want to do, so you can look back and say "I lived the college life!" instead of "I survived the college life!"

There's a big difference between the two. How big that difference is...that's a long story. Maybe 5 years; maybe more.

## For the Horse is the Most Beautiful Animal in the World

Jou're going to hear this sentence a lot from your teachers and your fellow students. I'm sure you don't need to argue with the obvious truth in this sentence. And since the horse's Latin name is Equus Caballus, around here the official student-arranged programs usually take the name of this glorious animal Equus. The most famous examples of this are the Equus parties, the Equus Teahouse, and the Equus days.

The Equus parties are held on Thursday nights during the regular semester period (as opposed to exam periods.) The locale is the Equus Club, a.k.a. the Library's basement. In these parties you'll find good cheer, cheap refreshments, and huge crowds (sometimes). The organizers (your fellow students) are more than happy to accept any talents you might want to offer. (DJ experience, music, setup, cleanup, etc.)



The Equus days are in April - the most beautiful part of spring. There's no teaching break, but there is a plethora of programs in the afternoon. (Go watch The Three Amigos!) The Teacher-Student Water Volleyball game is a tradition - only now we play for a trophy. The "Pudding" talk show shows us new sides of your teachers - sides you probably didn't expect to see. There's a yearly theatre production, too!

And of course there's races, sporting events, quiz games, and others.

The high point of the Equus days is what's known as Bos Major. Latin for

"Biggest Cow", this title is the culmination for a strange popularity contest. Every class selects a candidate for this election. The idea is to persuade the voters to pick your candidate with the zaniest, craziest, insane-iest campaign you can think of!

The grand finale is a parade (with police escort) from the University to the Marek Dormitory, where the actual Bos Major crowning takes place, followed by a party till dawn.

Come on, now, you didn't think college was all about studying, did you?

## Listen Up, Freshman!

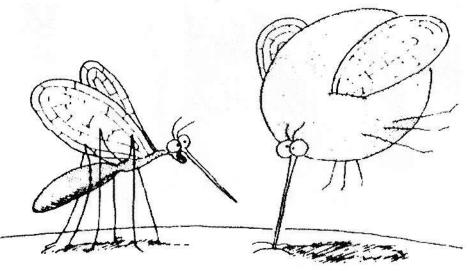
The University is right next to the Peterfy Sandor Hospital, where all blood donors are received with great pleasure. If you've never given blood before don't worry, you'll survive! The nurses stab your veins with a delicacy many mosquitoes would envy. If you can't make it, though, the hospital sets up a blood station in the Aula, right next to the snack shop. Now you have no excuse not to go!

In all scriousness, there's a very real need for your blood. No joke - on average, twice as much blood is needed as is donated. People survive, but surgeons hate to "just scrape by". We're not just talking exotic blood types here - whether you have A, B, AB, or O - someone usually needs it. Every year we tell students of the need for blood, but all too few step up and roll up their sleeves.

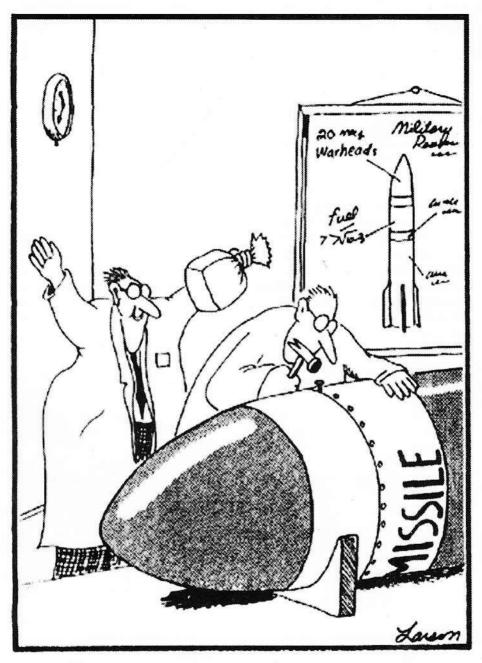
All the myths are false - you won't be dizzy for days, you can go play sports, and you can dance naked in the streets. You'll be arrested, of course - but you did it! We can't force anyone to give blood - but we do try to give a good example. Everyone in the HÖK office gives blood - shouldn't you?

#### PLEASE HELP SAVE A LIFE!!!

We thank you in advance.



Pull out Smithers! Pull out! Can't you see you've hit an artery?



If you still have unanswered questions, ask us at the freshman's camp!