CULTURE

Sex on the WKND: What about the kids?



Parents, guardians, siblings and other victims of the Yale student body: We're worried, and you should be too. Let us introduce ourselves before we commence our crackdown. We, at Sex on the WKND, are here to bring you the high-brow run-down on your kid's sex life. That's exactly what the title conveyed, so, Grandma, you brought this knowledge on yourself.

Looking for some flowery disguised innuendos instead of our conclusions reached through high-caliber investigative journalism? Feel free to turn to Rumpus. Let's preface with the following: despite co-habitating in exceptionally small dorms, your angsty teen has become all the more sexually liberated since moving away from your influence. SOTW thought long and hard on how to approach this sticky subject and decided to give you an official Parent's Weekend Conversation Guide. Consider this your syllabus for the weekend.

Four years ago, you mustered up the courage to barrage your baby with the universally required "talk." No, not a long-winded land acknowledgement or a hastily added slide detailing the dangers of AI use in humanities classes: the birds and the bees — simultaneously the most aggravating and uncomfortable discussion of any young high school student's youth. The conversation ended, likely with a highly sensationalized "Oh my God, Mom, I know," and you trusted your child would use their newly endowed wisdom to unlock the doors of healthy relationships, communication and abstinence — or protected sex, at least.

It seems, though, that sexual wisdom doesn't have swipe access for Old Campus' entryways. SOTW's preliminary investigations concluded the following: no measurable changes in free-condom levels since the start of term. The stock of Plan B at the CVS on Chapel? Down.

Yale loves nakedness. Sit in Sterling for long enough and you'll hear murmurings of naked parties, naked runs, naked — well — study sessions? Sex on the WKND has no such experience, so we really can't weigh in. There are house rules at all of these gatherings, so parents, don't worry too much. No staring, no touching, no phones — more rigorous guidelines than any other campus gathering, certainly. Ask your kid what they did the night prior and, if they stare at their shoes while mumbling something about a "society mixer" or a "small party with close friends," that's your cue to stop the questioning. Here's the upside: the Goldman interviews your child has been passing with flying colors? It's likely due to the phenomenal eye contact they've been practicing at said fully clothed mixers and parties.

Now, what's up with this "naked run" business? For the legacy parents in the crowd, you know that has been going on as long as Yale College has existed, or at least since the '70s. 'Twas the night before finals when all through Sterling Memorial Library, hoards of students clamored to the top of the stacks, stripped and ran down the nine flights of stairs to the basement of Bass Library. This happens twice a year, and we guarantee that your kid has either spectated or participated. Like we said, great eye contact skills.

Pro tip: don't ask about dating unless prompted. We promise, your child is in a 10-person seminar with both their ex and their failed situationship. They're a perpetual third-wheel to their friend's perfect relationship that somehow budded after a one-night stand. They need your guidance on being happily single — for the married parents reading, invite your divorced friends to dinner.

Don't lose all hope. Sex on the WKND wants to remind you that your 18 years of at-home education were not in vain. The relationships, sexual and otherwise, that your child is fostering at school are teaching them myriad things about themselves, each other and the human condition — more so than any Directed Studies seminar could. Also good news: With each fleeting heartbreak, they have even more excuse to call you.

HOROSCOPES

Family Weekend Horoscopes

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Well, we've made it through the first month. It's that time of year when we can finally be treated to an off-campus meal we don't have to worry about paying for, and, most importantly, understand why our friends are the way they are — by meeting the people who raised them. Enjoy these days with your parents, and if they aren't able to make it to New Haven this weekend, remember that any family here is ready and willing to adopt another Yalie into the bunch. But even with the return of the familiar, if you need guidance navigating these next days, whether you're a student or parent —because, let's face it, some of us really do — the stars might be able to help.

Libra: It's birthday season for you, Libra! That means a shopping spree with your parents, and presents that aren't just their presence. In fact, ask for the present that every student wants: more Fizz karma. Party hard and hopefully some of that fresh age-earned wisdom can make up for all those nights at LEO instead of the library — midterm season spares no one.

Scorpio: Please hold your parents' hands while they cross College Street — they're not ready for the bikers. Scorpio parents, even if you take your kid's friends out to dinner, you're not allowed to manipulate them into convincing your kid they shouldn't be an English major. That expectation should've been set before you let them leave the nest.

Sagittarius: If you promised your friends you would bring your parents to their shows, you actually have to do it. Keeping promises is essential. Fair warning, though, your parents are probably going to forget about you once they hear the Alley Cats.

Capricorn: Capricorn mothers, please refrain from commenting very loudly and publicly on your child's "freshman fifteen" at brunch with all of their suitemates — especially if they're the only one who ordered french toast. Perhaps a mimosa instead?

Aquarius: Aquarius dads, don't be confused when your child refers to their roommate as "they" — there's still only one. And Aquarius students, make sure you play this right: you have roughly 48 hours to convince your parents to fund your Yale-Harvard ticket. Even if you had remembered to enter the lottery, odds are you wouldn't have gotten one anyways.

Pisces: Pisces, don't be a bitch to your parents: let them take photos of you outside Sterling, Harkness Tower and your dorm entryway. Pisces parents, it's okay that your son joined a comedy group. That's actually cool here! And skills are super, totally employable.

Aries: Aries men, please don't parade your cute little sister around campus to show off your sensitive side. We all know you haven't spoken to that eight-year-old since you got on campus.

Taurus: For the confused Taurus parent, a capella rush just ended; Greek rush is in the spring. Your kid is rushing both, but they'll be incredibly annoyed if you confuse Theta for The New Blue again. Taurus, be sure to kindly ask that your Yinfluencer roommate doesn't clip your parents in their family weekend vlog. You can even use it as a natural segue to encourage them to give up their TikTok influencing dreams.

Gemini: Oh, Gemini. We know your suitemate's single dad is hot stuff. Consume with your eyes only. We know they call you two-faced for a reason.

Cancer: Dear Cancer, no need to cry worrying that you won't make a mark on this school. You'll always have your legacy. Make sure to conveniently tune out your dad's wistful pinings over the resco suite he lost his virginity in.

Leo: Be smart this weekend, Leo. Don't use the fact that your roommate is sleeping over with their parents at a hotel as reason to invite your ex-situationship over. Leo parents, there's no need to passive-aggressively mention that your child's roommate got the entire suite sick in earshot of every adult nearby.

Virgo: Has life not been feeling exciting enough for you, Virgo? Well, don't worry, it's about to get a lot more entertaining when you run into your campus crush and your mother manages to embarrass you in front of them. Meeting the parents before the first kiss has got to be good luck, maybe. Virgo parents, yes, your kid in DS has actually read more books in the past month than you have in the past decade.

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WEEKEND RECOMMENDS:

CONFESSING YOUR ILLICIT ACTIVITIES