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Traveling the winding road
to Adulthood...

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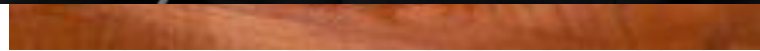
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The Parents' Guide to a Successful Freshman Year

- 1. A historical perspective**
- 2. From Rights to Responsibilities...**
- 3. Campus rules and resources**
- 4. Advice from the Dean of Students**



First, a little truth telling...







The Evolution of Higher Education in America

What and when was the first college founded in N. America?

- **Harvard College, 1636**

What did it generally look like?

- **Generally colleges were small, residential, religious affiliated, and all men**
- **Teaching vs. Research**

What were the “student life” issues during this time?

- **Attending class**
- **Adhering to community standards**
- **Alcohol**

What did campus discipline look like?

- **Flogging**
- **Boxing**



Higher Education's Legal Relationship with College Students

In Loco Parentis - “In the place of the parent”

Sir William Blackstone - 1765

“A father may also delegate part of his parental authority during his life to the tutor or schoolmaster of his child; who is then *in loco parentis*, and has such a portion of the power of the parent committed to his charge, viz. that of restraint and correction, as may be necessary to answer the purposes for which he is employed”

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Did students have “rights?”

Gott v. Berea College, 161 SW. 204 (Ky. 1913)

“Colleges stand *in loco parentis* concerning the physical and moral welfare and mental training of the pupils, and ... to that end [may make] any rule or regulation for the government or betterment of their pupils that a parent could for the same purpose unless unlawful or contrary to public policy.”



The Fall and Fallout of *In Loco Parentis* (1900s - 1960s)

Changing demographics and role for colleges and universities

- **Research mission and the role of Faculty**
- **Co-Education**
- **Deans of Women and Deans of Men**
- **Intercollegiate Athletics, Depression, WWII, GI Bill, returning veterans, fraternities**
- **Older students and desires for new freedoms (visitation, expression, etc)**

The Fall and Fallout of *In Loco Parentis* (1900s - 1960s)

***Dixon v. Alabama State Board of Education*, (5th Cir. 1961)**

“In this case, six black students at Alabama State College (ASC) were notified in a letter from the college President that they were expelled for participating in civil rights demonstrations that sought to desegregate a variety of public services. They were not told what specific misconduct they were charged with or for what reason they were expelled.”



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Students as adults (1960s – 1980s)

FERPA - 1974

Voting at 18 years old

Drinking age? - Depended on the state

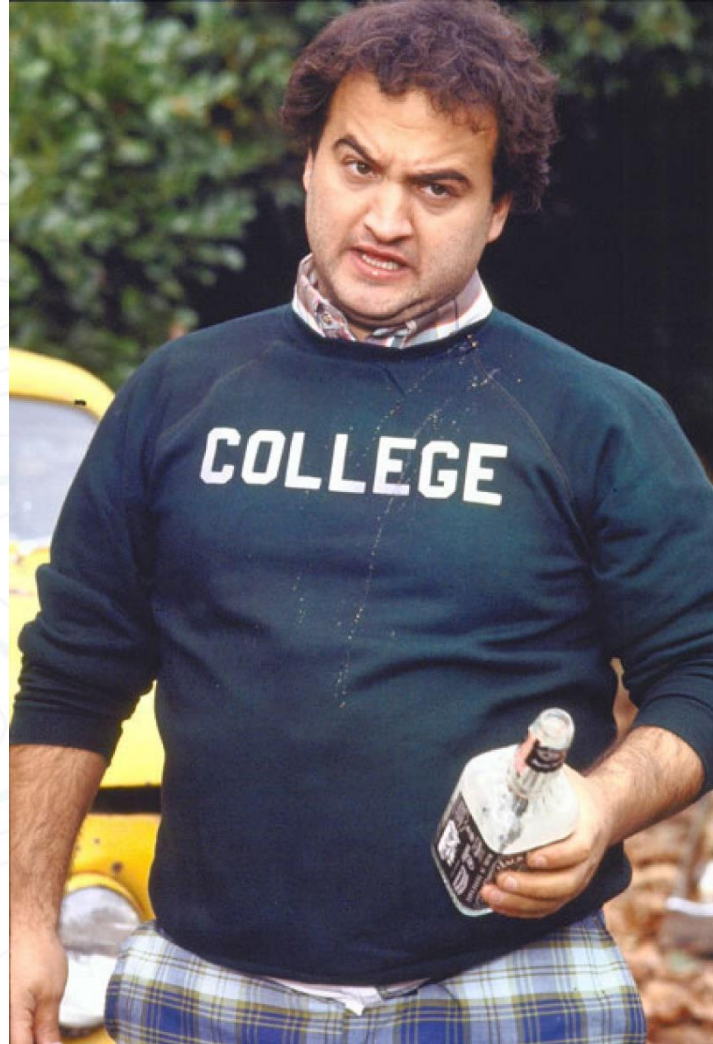
Vietnam and Civil Rights

Disengagement of college deans and faculty from traditional “student life” issues



But with more freedom.....

Animal House



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Binge drinking and the rights of passage

Student injuries

**Drugs, counter-culture, sexual revolution, “The Man”,
and then Kent State.**

Campus life was in “chaos”

Legal relationship with students - Bystander



Students as adults (1980s and beyond)

The pendulum starts to swing back

From rights to more responsibility...

Drinking age? - 21 years old

FERPA revisited

A new In Loco Parentis?

Legal relationship with students - Facilitators



**Where does this leave US
today?**



Parents as Partners



Who are our students today?

Are they adults?

Are they still children?

How do we know???

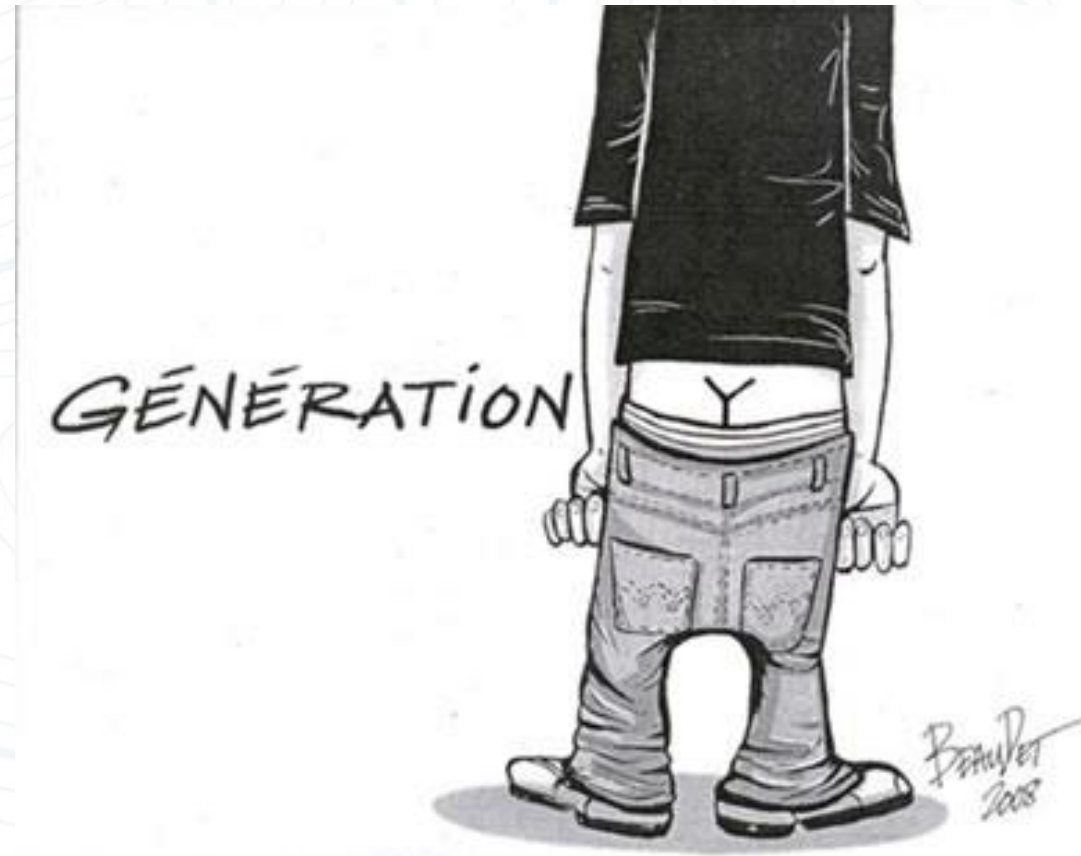
Jeffrey Arnett “*Emerging Adulthood*”

“*Generation Z*” Goes to College

Marist College – Mindset List 2023



Gen Z? – Today's College Students



Services and Resources

Office of the Dean of Students

Strand Union Building 174

- **Student support in times of “crisis.”**
- **Parent and Family Relations**
- **Fraternity and Sorority Life**
- **Student Conduct & Safety**
- **Student conflict resolution**



Student Code of Conduct

- **Educational process**
- **Alcohol and drug policy**
- **Sexual misconduct, violence, weapons or hostile acts towards others**
- **Office of Institutional Equity**
- **University Police Department**
- **Clery Act – Crime Statistics**



Annual Security Report



MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY



President Cruzado speaks at Spring Commencement in May 2021



Waded Cruzado

To the members of the Montana State University academic community:

Our highest priority at MSU is the safety of our students, faculty, staff and visitors while they spend time on our campus. I am extremely proud of the partnerships we have established to advance the collective safety and security of our campus; but we must never slow our efforts. This requires all our cooperation and a willingness to communicate with each other. Please, when you see something of concern, say something. University Police may be reached 24-hours a day at 406-994-2121 or in an emergency at 911.

I encourage you to read the information contained in this, our Annual Security and Fire Safety Report. I especially want to bring your attention to our policies and procedures for reporting crimes and other emergencies on campus, along with the numerous safety programs designed to prevent injuries or other dangerous incidents. If you have any suggestions on how to improve campus safety or security, please email me at president_cruzado@montana.edu.

Together, we can continue to ensure the well-being of our entire campus.

Sincerely,

– Waded Cruzado, President



Firearms on campus?

- **Guns are allowed to be stored on campus**
- **Guns are not allowed anywhere else**
- **No weapon storage in cars**



Tips for Parents

- **Move-In! - August 18-19, 2024**
- **Go away!**
- **Attend Parent & Family Weekend - October 12-13, 2024**
- **Ask open ended and difficult questions**
 - **Social life, roommates, classes, alcohol, advisors, asking for help – Parents' Guide to Difficult Questions**
 - **Read our emails!**
- **Eating ramen builds character**
- **A university experience is SUPPOSED to be challenging.**



Tips for Parents

- **Bring a bike to campus**
- **Meet their professors, all their professors, go to their office hours**
- **Go to class, and tell their friends they need to go to class**
- **Encourage campus involvement in a club or a campus organization**
- **Go get a job!**



Tips for Parents

ASK US FOR HELP!

Parent and Family Hotline
(406) 994-7359

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Parents as Partners @ MSU

Reception tonight!
5:00 pm @
American Indian Hall



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