Foucault, what should I do if my roommate misbehaves?

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Today in HISTORY!
1502 - Christopher Columbus leaves Spain for his fourth and final journey to the New World.
1868 - The city of Reno, Nevada, is founded.
1942 - John Ashcroft is born.
1945 – The Red Army enters Prague as German forces surrender.

2007-08 T-Shirt Voting to Begin Friday, May 9

Voting on the 2008 History Department t-shirt will begin Friday, May 9th, @ 1 p.m.

We will post a large sign-up sheet with all the t-shirt ideas on the left side bulletin board as you enter the department lounge, under the "Upcoming Events" tag (to the right of all the pictures of the majors).

T-shirt voting will conclude on Thursday, May 15th, @ 4:30 p.m. Please contact T-shirt Tsar, Peter Grassman ’08, grassmap@carleton.edu for more details.

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Senior Interview: Elliot Wyse

TF: If you could hang out with an historical figure, who would you choose?
EW: This question never gets any easier. I would probably say either Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. or Malcolm X. Lincoln was close but lost out. I suppose though if we were talking specifically about having fun with, as opposed to meeting seriously then I would have to say Winston Churchill. I can't think of any historical figures
who could provide as rich or entertaining of a hangout experience as Churchill.

TF: What has been your favorite class at Carleton?
EW: I liked Susannah Ottaway's The Origins of the Troubles, in large part because it ingrained me with a deep-seated interest in recent (20th century) Irish history and the politics of Northern Ireland today.

TF: What great event needs to be made into a movie?
EW: I don't believe there had been a film on the Easter Rising of 1916 in Dublin, though I may be mistaken. Have they made an epic movie about Napoleon's life? That could actually be interesting and would certainly be violent and identifiable enough to attract an audience.

TF: The kilt – a big joke, or totally serious?
EW: Well I'm part Scottish and though the kilt can be funny at times I'm going to have to say it's rather serious, and quite legitimate wardrobe choice for most formal social events. If you could play the bagpipes that would really help the credibility as well I think, though probably wouldn't go over well at most parties.

TF: If George Washington was a scotch or whiskey, what variety would he be?
EW: George Washington was actually the single largest producer of whiskey in the country at one point (according to the history channel anyway). It's hard to put a single malt to a man or woman, and I haven't tried that many myself, but he would probably be the 62 year old Dalmore. Dalmore distillery whisky has a rustic quality: a velvety taste with dates, cinnamon, smoky leather, and a smooth body on the medium side of heavy. Bold and rugged without being too heavy, or dessert-like. Washington wasn't exactly as robust and vivacious as say Benjamin Franklin.

TF: Any advice for the underclassmen who have declared history?
EW: No, not really. I'm sure they're up to the task. I guess I would say just make sure you really do love whatever comps topic you decide on and won't tire of it, or the primary/secondary sources you would be working with, easily.

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**Faculty Interview: Adeeb Khalid**

LN: How long have you been teaching at Carleton?
AK: 15 years--since 1993.

LN: Which class do you most enjoy teaching?
AK: HIST 360, Muslims and Modernity.

LN: Did you always plan on being a history professor?
AK: Yes, ever since grad school. [Grad school] leaves you overqualified for everything except being a professor.

LN: What about childhood career aspirations?
AK: I always intended on being some kind of professional, but certainly not a history professor.

LN: Do you have a favorite historical figure?
AK: Not really--one of the things about being a history professor is you get yourself disenchanted from that. You should ask my 11-year-old son. He has a whole bunch of them.

LN: If you could have one superpower, what would it be?
AK: Time travel.

LN: What's your ideal vacation destination?
AK: Bora Bora? I've never been there.
**Internship and Job Opportunities:**

**Scott County Historical Society:** Work behind the scenes at this museum in Shakopee, MN. Contact kklehr@scottcountyhistory.org for details.

**El Tinklenberg for Congress:** Join the Tinklenberg team as a campaign intern to unseat Rep. Michelle Bachmann. The intern would be responsible for voter outreach, data management, volunteer recruitment and coordination, would help plan and staff events and rallies. Contact anna@tinklenberg08.com for details.

More listings of all available jobs, internships, and grants are available on the Carleton History Department website at:

http://apps.carleton.edu/curricular/history/after/