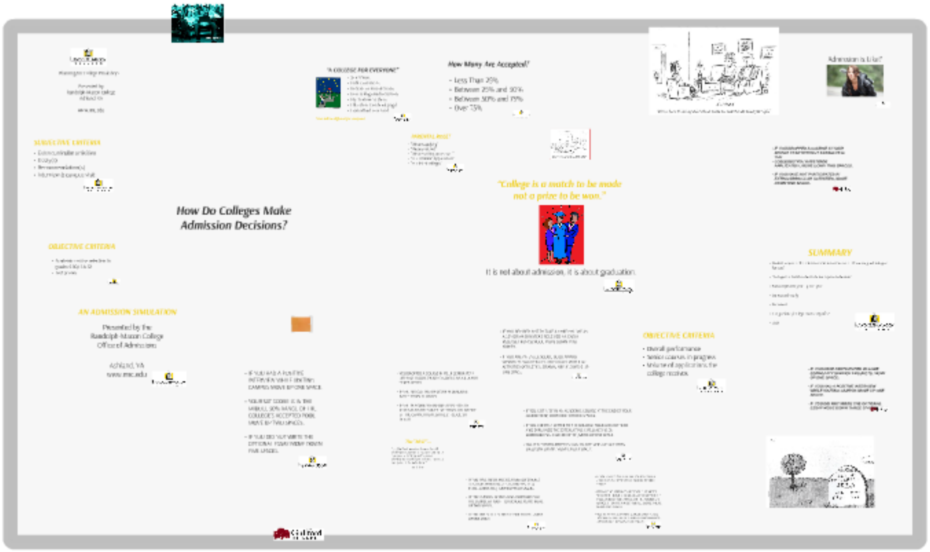

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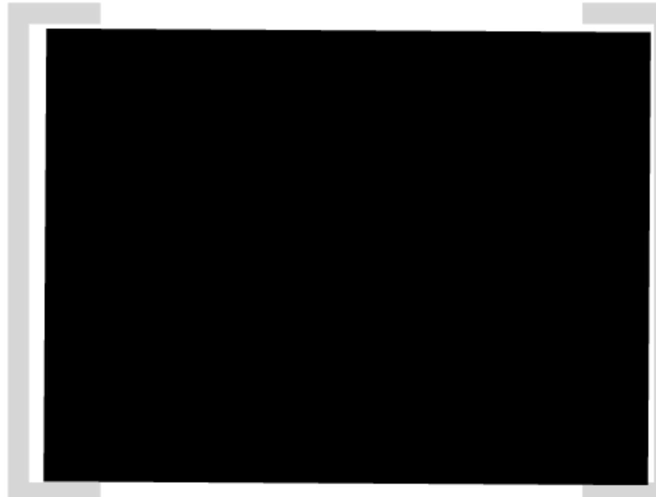

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State Graduation Exam Scores	210	1.9	7.6	21.9	68.6
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SOURCE: NACAC Admission Trends Survey, 2006

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Admission is Like?

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"A COLLEGE FOR EVERYONE"

- 2 or 4 Year.
- Public or Private.
- In-State or Out-of-State.
- Best College Radio Station.
- My mom went there.
- I like their Facebook page!
- I can afford to attend.

**** This will be different for everyone!***

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How Many Are Accepted?

- Less Than 25%
- Between 25% and 50%
- Between 50% and 75%
- Over 75%

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Timing is everything….

- It all starts in the 9th grade
- Senior year – apply in the fall
- Senior grades?
- Junior year most important – last full year of evaluation

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I'm just a sophomore... NO SUCH THING!

- Prepare for standardized testing (PSAT, PLAN, ACT, SAT).
- Update your file of important documents and notes (resume, community service, awards, honors).
- Research Colleges/Universities and plan a visit.
- Find out about Honors, AP, IB courses offered at your high school.
- Continue extracurricular activities.
- Continue participation in academic enrichment programs, summer workshops, and camps with specialty focuses such as music, arts, and science.
- Continue to meet with your school counselor at least once a year

Use your summer wisely

- Get a job or internship.
- Write and revise a trial essay.
- Hit the road.
- Put yourself to the test.
- Plan to run for office.
- Serve.

Oh, and…complete your summer homework!
ALL GRADES MATTER!

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"College is a match to be made not a prize to be won."

It is not about admission, it is about graduation.

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PARENTAL ROLE?

- "We are applying"
- "We are visiting"
- "We are writing our essay..."
- "Our Common App account"
- "Our list of colleges"

"Don't cry, Mom. Lots of parents have children who didn't get into their first-choice college, and they went on to live happy, fulfilled lives."

"We've been thinking a lot about what we want to do with your life."

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OBJECTIVE CRITERIA

- Academic course selection in grades 9,10,11 & 12
- Test Scores

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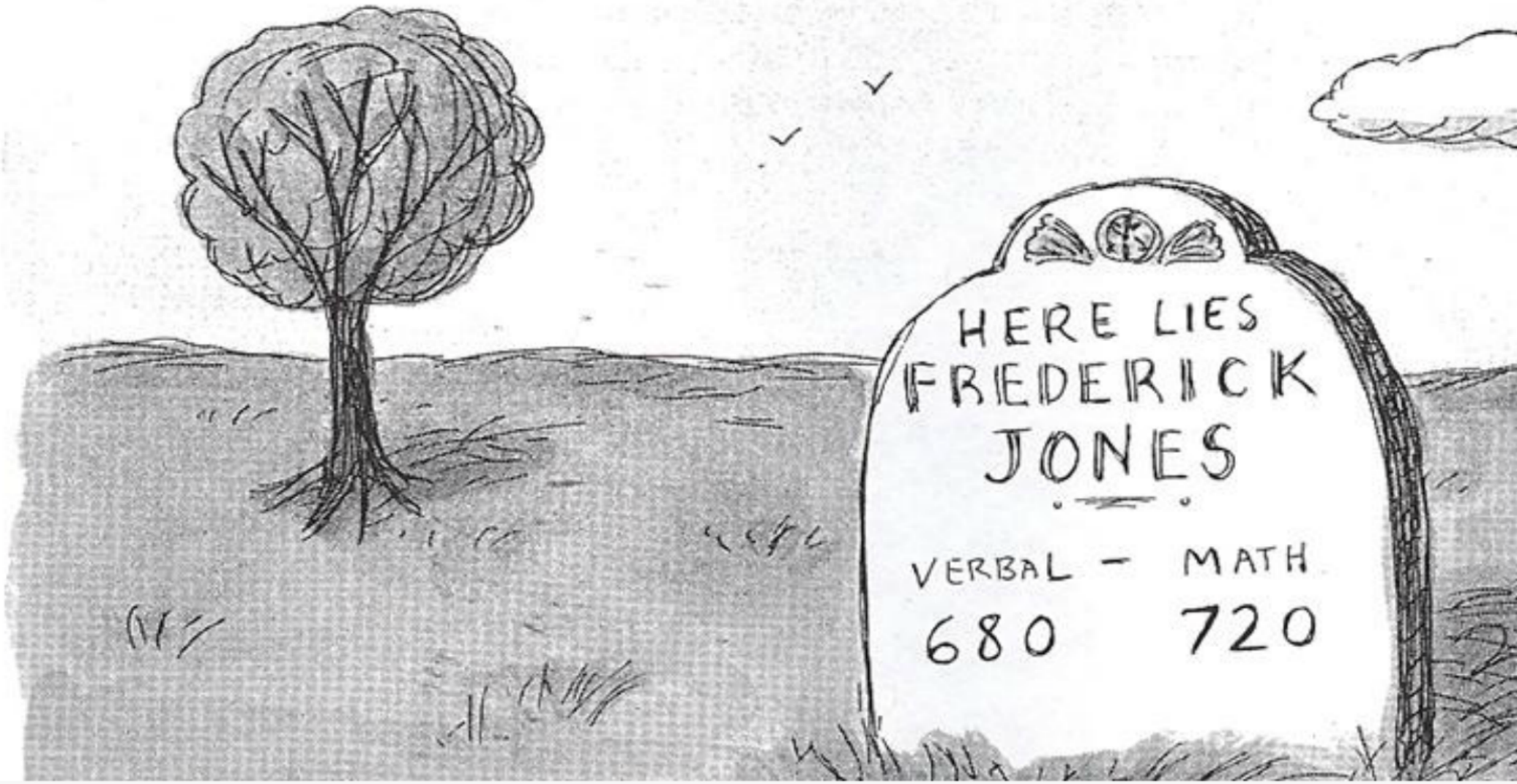
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OBJECTIVE CRITERIA

- Overall performance
- Senior courses in progress
- Volume of applications the college receives

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SUBJECTIVE CRITERIA

- Extra curricular activities
- Essay(s)
- Recommendation(s)
- Interview & campus visit

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- IF YOU HAVE TAKEN AN EXCEPTIONALLY STRONG ACADEMIC PROGRAM, (AP, IB, HONORS, DUAL ENROLLMENT, ETC.) MOVE UP FOUR SPACES.

- IF YOUR GRADES INCREASINGLY IMPROVED OVER THE COURSE OF YOUR HIGH SCHOOL YEARS, MOVE UP TWO SPACES.

- IF YOU DIRECT THE CHOIR AT YOUR CHURCH, MOVE UP ONE SPACE.

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- IF YOUR SAT SCORE IS IN THE TOP 10% OF THE COLLEGE'S ACCEPTED POOL, MOVE UP THREE SPACES.

- BECAUSE YOU DID NOT GIVE ENOUGH TIME TO YOUR TEACHERS/COUNSELORS, YOUR LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION ARRIVED IN THE ADMISSION OFFICE AFTER THE APPLICATION DEADLINE. MOVE DOWN FIVE SPACES.

- YOU APPLIED TO SEVERAL SCHOOLS BUT FORGOT TO CHANGE THE NAME IN EACH ESSAY WHEN YOU APPLIED. MOVE DOWN FOUR SPACES.

- IF YOU HAD A POSITIVE INTERVIEW WHILE VISITING CAMPUS MOVE UP ONE SPACE.

- YOUR SAT SCORE IS IN THE MIDDLE 50% RANGE OF THE COLLEGE'S ACCEPTED POOL. MOVE UP TWO SPACES.

- IF YOU DID NOT WRITE THE OPTIONAL ESSAY MOVE DOWN FIVE SPACES.

- IF YOU DECIDED NOT TO TAKE A CORE COURSE AS A SENIOR AND INSTEAD RECEIVED AN EARLY RELEASE FROM SCHOOL MOVE DOWN TWO SPACES.

- IF YOU ARE AN EAGLE SCOUT, GOLD AWARD WINNER OR PARTICIPATED IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (ATHLETICS, DRAMA, MUSIC,) MOVE UP ONE SPACE.

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- IF YOU GOT A “D” IN AN ACADEMIC COURSE AT THE END OF YOUR JUNIOR YEAR, MOVE DOWN THREE SPACES.

- IF YOU WROTE A LETTER TO THE COLLEGE ADMISSION OFFICER AND EXPLAINED THE EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING A GRADE OF “D”, MOVE UP ONE SPACE.

- YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED IN COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES SINCE 8TH GRADE. MOVE UP ONE SPACE.

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- IF YOUR SAT SCORE IS IN THE

- YOU DROPPED A COURSE IN YOUR SENIOR YEAR WITHOUT TELLING YOUR COLLEGES. MOVE DOWN THREE SPACES.

- IF YOU MISSED THE APPLICATION DEADLINE MOVE DOWN 25 SPACES.

- IF YOU PLAGIARIZED AN AMERICAN HISTORY PAPER AND GOT CAUGHT, SIT DOWN, YOU'RE OUT OF THE COMPETITION ENTIRELY. PLEASE SIT DOWN.

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SUMMARY

- No matter your skills, talents or abilities or interests – there are good colleges for you!
- "College is a match to be made not a prize to be won."
- Most important year – junior year
- Do research early
- Be honest
- Use guidance/college counseling office
- Visit

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" . . . the "best" college is the one that will challenge you appropriately, open your eyes to new ways of thinking, and help you develop and broaden your talents as you take your place in the world ahead."

- Willard Dix

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