(Dis)Engage

The common experience

Your education, particularly at an institution like Duke, is a defiantly political act packed as an opportunity to directly engage with difference. Sometimes we



THE SEMESTER STARTS IN A FLURRY
THAT SOON BECOMES AN AVALANCHE

OF ACADEMIC AND PERSONAL

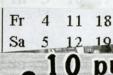
RESPONSIBILITIES THAT MAKE YOU

WANT TO DO IT ALL BECAUSE YOU

ONCE SEEMED TO DO IT ALL BUT

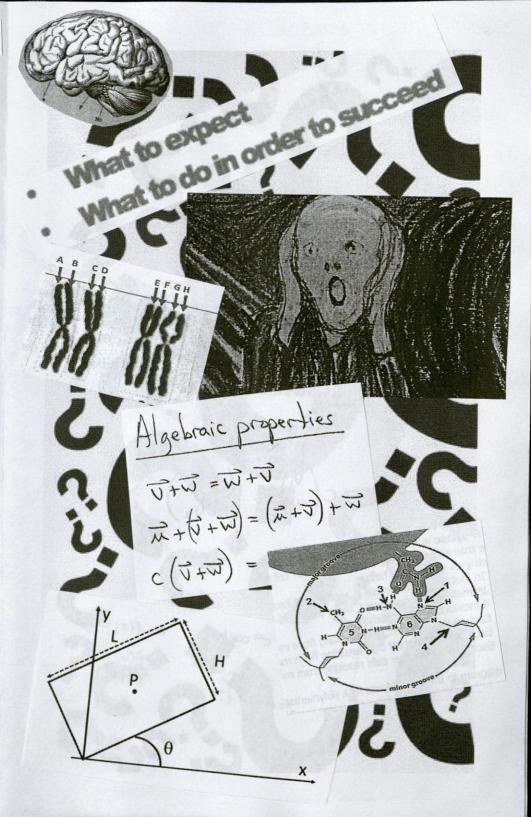
AND YOU'RE OVERWHELMED

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OFTEN, YOU CAN SUBSCRIBE TO A COFALE IT TILL YOU MAKE IT" OR "SURVIVING NOT THRIVING" MENTALITY OF SORTA IGNORING EVERYTHING

trash grades for a trash student who

And all my

THAT IS WRONG IN HOPES OF ONE DAY WAKENG UP WETHOUT IT LOOMENG OVER YOU AND YOU BREAK

BUT INSTEAD YOU'RE DISTANT AND DISTANCE MAKES IT WORSE UNITEL YOU CURE UP IN A PLACE ALONE

TO SOME BUT TO MOST

ADOPT THIS FACABE

THAT YOU WOULD HAVE

Ugh I love you so much

I've been feeling kind of off lately and I can't figure out why I think it's desperation mixed w missing y'all

It's a weird feeling

But like idk

I'll be safe

But there's no place I'd rather not be than here

ny friends are having fun so it's hard bc I can't leave alone you know?

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I'm lowkey crying to myself on a banister, it'll be okay eventually

no does not have her shit together



but what if my best isn't enough

YOU ALONE ARE SUFFERING SO YOU DON'T SEEK HELP EVEN THOUGH YOU

AND ACCEPT THAT

NEED HELD FOR FEAR OF BEING

THOUGHT OF AS LESS UNTIL ONE

DAY SOMEONE CLOSE TO YOU ADMITS THE SHARED FEELINGS AND IT'S AS IF YOU CAN BREATHE AGAIN IF ONLY FOR A MOMENT BECAUSE SOMEONE ELSE UNDERSTAND

AND TOGETHER YOU REFUSE TO DROWN



95% OF COLLEGE COUNSELORS

SAID NUMBER OF STUDENTS

WITH SIGNIFICANT PSYCHOLOGICAL

PROBLEMS IS A GROWING CONCERN

41.6% 36.4% 35.8%

OF STUDENTS SEEKING COUNSELING

"IT'S AS IF EVERYTHING WE ARE GETS PRESSED DOWN INTO A HARD-TO-DEFINE SPACE THAT FEELS EMPTY, HEAVY, AND DERSISTENT."

PERSISTENT."

FEELINGS OF INTENSE OR PERSISTENT

SADAESS I INCREASED NEED FOR SLEED

OR DIFFICULTY SLEEDING INOTICEABLE

INCREASE OR DECREASE IN APPETITE IN

SUICIDAL THOUGHTS OR GESTURES I REPEATED

EPISODES OF UNCONTROLLABLE OR SPONTANEOUS

CRYING I FEELINGS OF HOPELESNESS I

FEELINGS OF WORTHLESNESS I LOSS OF

ENJOYMENT FROM THENGS THAT ARE TYPERLY
ENJOYABLE VOIFFICULTY CONCENTRATING

VNOTICEABLY MORE IRRITABLE MOODS V

NOTICEABLE DECREASE IN EMOTIONAL / PHYSICAL ENERGY \*

## SO YOU'VE REALIZED THAT IT'S

## OKAY TO NOT BE OKAY ... NOW WHAT ???

CONE GIRL'S GUIDE TO A MAD DUKE)

- 1.) TAKE A MOMENT TO BREATHE
- 2.) SIT DOWN WITH SOMEONE Least yo' soll YOU APPRECIATE OF ALL OUT
- 3.) CALL IN THE BIG GUNS (ON OR OFF CAMPUS)



## SERVICES ▼

INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING **PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES** 

GROUP COUNSELING COUPLES COUNSELING

CONSULTATION

HEALTH COACHING

CAREER SELF-EXPLORATION

**OUTREACH SERVICES** THE BEING WELL

4.) ATTEND YOUR INITIAL APPOINTMENT AND ALL APPOINTMENTS THEREAFTER

#TRUST THE PROCESS J.) REALIZE THAT IT ALL TAKES TIME AND THAT AS LONG AS YOU ARE OKAY THEN YOUR NORMAL IS BEAUTIFUL

## DECODING CAPS; 0=

" INDIVIOUAL COUNSELING" - MEETING ONE-ON-ONE, STARTS WITH A QUESTIONNAIRE TO FIGURE OUT WHERE YOU'RE AT, CAN TAKE FORM

OF A CONVERSATION OR A BRAIN DUMP \* GOOD FOR: SEEZNG THINGS FROM A NEW

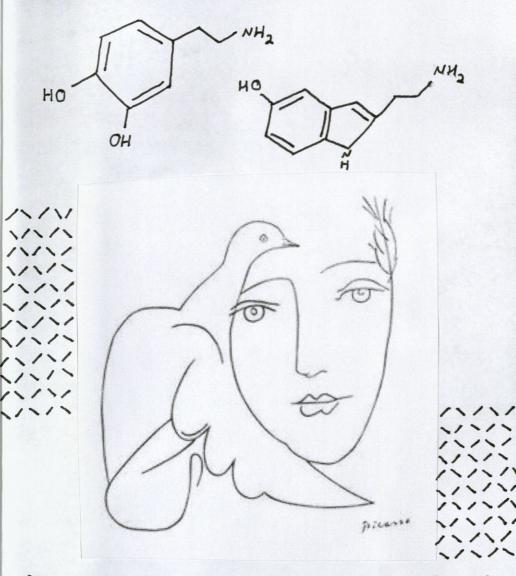
PERSPECTIVE, UNDERSTANDING FURTHER POSSIBLE STEPS "PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES" -> MEDICATION,

USUALLY NEEDS REFERRAL FROM THERAPIST, MORE CLINICAL APPROACH TO ESTABLISHING OWN SENSE OF NORMAL \* GOOD FOR: MEDICATION, RETURNING TO

POINT WHERE THINGS ARE LESS DAUNTING

"GROUP COUNSELING" -> WEEKLY MEETINGS MEDIATED BY CARS STAFF, SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION OF CONCERNS AND STRATEGIES \* GOOD FOR: NOT GOING ALONE

MULTITUDE OF STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS ON CAMPUS FOCUSED ON FIGHTING STIBMA AND UNITING TO REDUCE UNCERTAINTY



"EVEN IF IT INVALIDATES EVERYTHING
YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT YOURSELF,
YOU'RE STILL A GOOD PERSON"
"YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE WORTH, NOW
GO OUT AND GET WHAT YOU'RE
WORTH"

