

# The Gregorian

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## To our fellow Gregorians,

Your publications managers are proud to present your second issue of the Gregorian. Now that midterm season has hit everybody, we hope that the Gregorian may offer you a little diversion. We hope that your midterms have gone well so far, and that you have managed to hold onto your sanity. As you have probably already learned, freshman, waves of Penn midterms begin and never end until finals force them to stop. On the bright side, we have roughly one month of school left, so just remember that to keep you going then you get a joyous 2.5 weeks of nothingness, the best feeling in the world.

In this issue, we present to you some of the more memorable events of October.. First, we'll take you through the first ever Shakespeare on the Beach, featuring brave fellow Gregorians and their acting prowess. Then we'll be spotlighting the Gregory Knitting Group followed by a recap of Sex Quizzo. Lastly, we give you a glimpse of the Rally to Restore Sanity And/Or Fear. In the Gregory Pulse, I have included some random fun questions this issue, which I thought would interest you all.

In addition to our regular content, we are beginning a new feature this month, The Bulletin Board. The idea came from one of your fellow Gregorians Delphine

Birckel, and it was a fabulous idea. The Bulletin Board is a place where you may post messages to your friends and fellow Gregorians. The message could be an inside joke, a general greeting, a meeting, or just about anything. We received many great messages, and I'm very excited to personalize the Gregorian with your messages. We really hope you enjoy using The Bulletin Board in the months to come!

Your Publications Managers,  
Cher and David

P.S.

If you're really stressed, remember that your managers, Gas, and RAs are willing listeners. We're a family, and family takes care of their own. Additionally, Weingarten Learning Resources Center can help you learn how to study more effectively if you feel like you're struggling ([Ircmail@pobox.upenn.edu](mailto:Ircmail@pobox.upenn.edu)). Never let that sinking feeling drag you down, because there is always something you can do about it.

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# All the World is a Stage

*Missed seeing Shakespeare on the Beach? Don't fret, visit Gregory College House on Facebook to catch all the videos!*

In early October, Gregory proudly hosted its first ever Shakespeare on the Beach. It was a very entertaining night, hosted by Tenaya Anue with props provided by Underground Shakespeare (aren't you glad you live in Gregory; we're totally awesome).

It was a fabulous night full of star-crossed lovers, gallant battles, wit, drama, and comedy. While Gregorians enjoyed smores over an open fire, they witnessed short performances from the most illustrious actors and actresses in Gregory. Comedic excerpts were chosen from the Bard's comedies and tragedies—The Taming of the Shrew, A Midsummer Night's Dream, The Tempest, Romeo and Juliet, and King Lear.

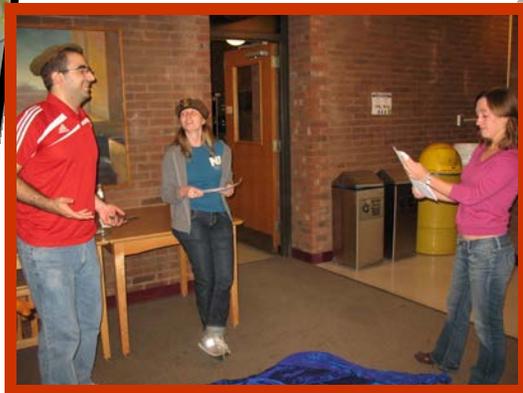
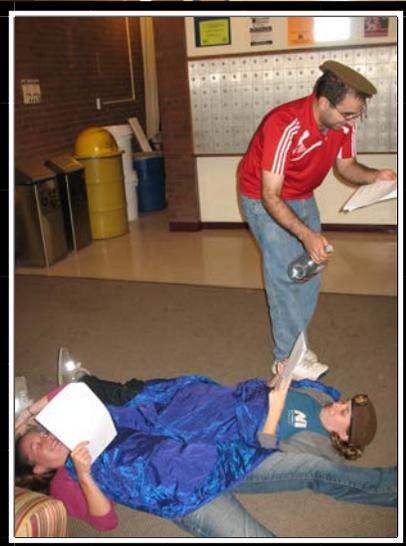
The five teams of actors and actresses had only an hour to rehearse, and they were given a variety of props, ranging from red rope to swords to umbrellas to hats to vines. If you've ever read any Shakespeare (which most of us have by now), then you know how difficult the language can be, so putting on a mini play without practice is a daunting task. However, the difficulty of putting on these plays led to hilarious, entertaining results. The team with the most inventive, entertaining performance would win Gregory hoodies, as would the runner ups.

If you would like to participate in Underground Shakespeare's production of Romeo and Juliet in the spring semester, then contact Jen Wu or Tenaya for more information

*With just one hour to practice, who could put on the most creative, entertaining, dramatic, supercalifragalisticexpialidocious interpretation of their play?*



## Act I: Practice



# Act II: S'mores

**Trivia:**  
The origin of the name S'mores is from people asking "some more" of this gooey chocolaty goodness.



## Act III: The Show (for video check FB)



## Act IV: Judgment

## Act V: Final Bow and Awards



All actors and actresses line up to hear who will win. Oh the anticipation!

Congratulations  
Runner ups  
Romeo and  
Juliet and The  
Tempest!!

And the winner is....A  
Midsummer Night's  
Dream!! Everybody  
loved their portrayal  
of The most  
lamentable comedy  
and most cruel death  
of Pyramus and  
Thisbe.  
Congratulations!!!



# Gregory Knitting Group



Glen models Leslie's latest creation, a lovely hat.

While fall break meant travelling and seeing family and friends from back home for most Gregorians, some of those who stayed behind decided to explore their crafty sides with Leslie Delauter and Maggie McDonald. Now in its third year, Gregory Knitting Group is a place for all skill levels to chat while making handmade gifts, charitable donations, or accessories for yourself. During Fall Break, the majority of participants had never crocheted before, but Leslie gladly showed them how. She has had many years of practice, so she was an excellent teacher. It was the perfect relaxing Sunday afternoon to crochet a special something while chatting with fellow Gregorians and enjoying tea, cake, brownies, and fruit.

Glen crocheted a purple arm band and Cat knitted herself some raspberry colored leg warmers. Lauren and Maggie decided to make themselves scarves. Maggie chose a red scarf, because she is going to donate it to the Red Scarf Project for former foster children who are now in college.

The Group gathers roughly once a month, so the next meeting should be occurring very soon. Keep your eyes peeled for an email if you would love to make yourself a new winter scarf, anklet, bracelet, etc. Can't you just imagine your worries disappearing as you meet new friends and your creation takes form right before your eyes? Alternatively, you can join the Group just so you can hang out with Tipper, who is a very good listener. Who can worry when they're playing with an adorable dog?



# Whips, Lube, and Handcuffs...Oh my!

In the interest of promoting sexual education, Gregory has its annual Sex Quizzo event, featuring booby cupcakes, penis cake, peanut butter penis cookies, kinky sex toys, and educational paraphernalia. Prior to the event, Priya Dedhia, your friendly neighborhood 1st floor VP GA, sent out various websites from which to study. If you studied hard, then that most coveted dominatrix whip would surely be yours. Questions tested your knowledge of sexual statistics, STDs, contraceptives, and sexual trivia.

Sex Quizzo was a great way to promote knowledge of safe sex while making it fun to learn about. Who wouldn't want to take home a riding crop, whip, the Handjob Handbook, leopard handcuffs, or the Super Cock?

The game proceeded in 3 rounds of 10 questions each and a bonus lightning round. Additionally, the team with the most creative name, as determined by Chris Donovan, would receive an additional bonus point. Congratulations to Interracial Facial for winning the bonus point.



The penis cake.  
Mmmm....tasty :)



*Fun facts: The scents of lavender, pizza, and pumpkin pie increase blood flow to the penis.*

*Men's cologne decreases blood flow to the vagina.*



**Priya showcases the lovely prizes that everybody could win. Prizes ranged from educational to naughty to nice.**



**Congratulations to the winners from Smushroom, Crabs....Aids, and Congress of the Crow!**



Team	Place
Smushroom	1st
Crabs...Aids	2nd
Congress of the Crow	3rd
Interracial Facial	4th
Moulin Splooge	5th
Freud and the Flute	6th
Consenters	7th
Freudian Fisters	8th
Supermassive Black Hole	9th
Suck, spit, swallow	9th

# Rally to Restore Sanity And/Or Fear

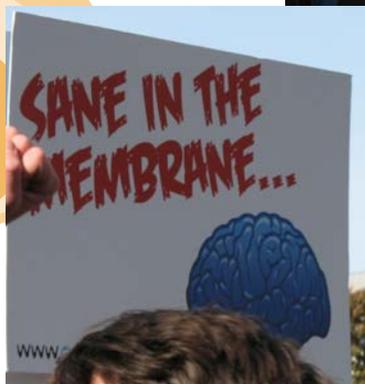
On the 30th of October, Gregorians set off for Washington D.C. to attend Stephen Colbert and Jon Stewart's Rally. The purpose of this rally was to satirize the extreme politics that seem to dominate television and provide a place for less extreme views to be heard. It was quite a spectacle to behold, and it was marvelous to be part of the roughly 215,000 attendees. While the trip to the rally was unnecessarily slow (10 hours on the bus total) due to buses that drove slower than my grandma can walk and an unnecessary pit stop at McDonalds courtesy of Bus 1, my personal thought is that it was a lot of fun to be part of a national event. Due to huge crowding, and the fact that I am short I was unable to take decent pictures at the actual rally so I have included some photos from online.



A huge thank you to our house dean Chris, who had to be up since around 5 a.m. on the morning of to prepare for and accompany us to the Rally. It was very much appreciated :)



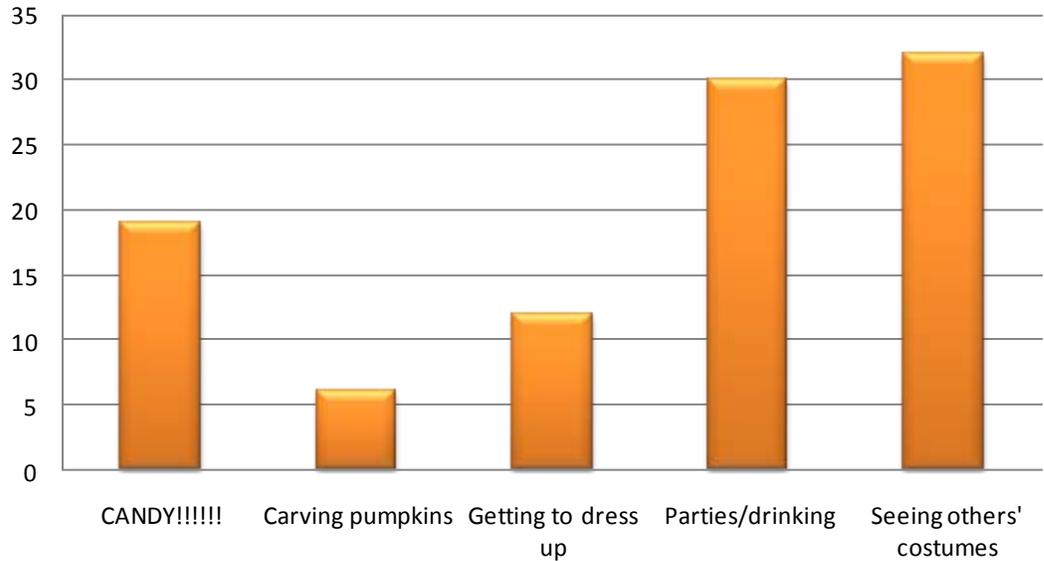
Waiting for our buses outside the Quad at 6:45 A.M.



# Gregory Pulse

**Halloween factoid:**  
 The ancient Celts thought that spirits and ghosts roamed the countryside on Halloween night. They began wearing masks and costumes to avoid being recognized as human.

### Favorite Part about Halloween



### What did you wear for Halloween??

- Alice in Wonderland
- Batgirl
- Belly dancer costume
- Catholic Schoolgirl
- Cat
- Coraline
- Elmo
- Cookie Monster
- Scott Pilgrim
- Evil-ex in Scott Pilgrim
- Lucas Lee
- Todd Ingram
- Football Player
- French costume
- House MD
- Chilean cowboy
- Incredible
- Jazzersizer
- Joker
- Mafia costume
- Mario (2)
- Nurse
- Roman Legionnaire
- Scary Scarecrow



- Steve Urkell
- V for Vendetta
- Veronica from Archie's
- Wild Thing (from the book)
- Zombie
- Penn Dance costumes



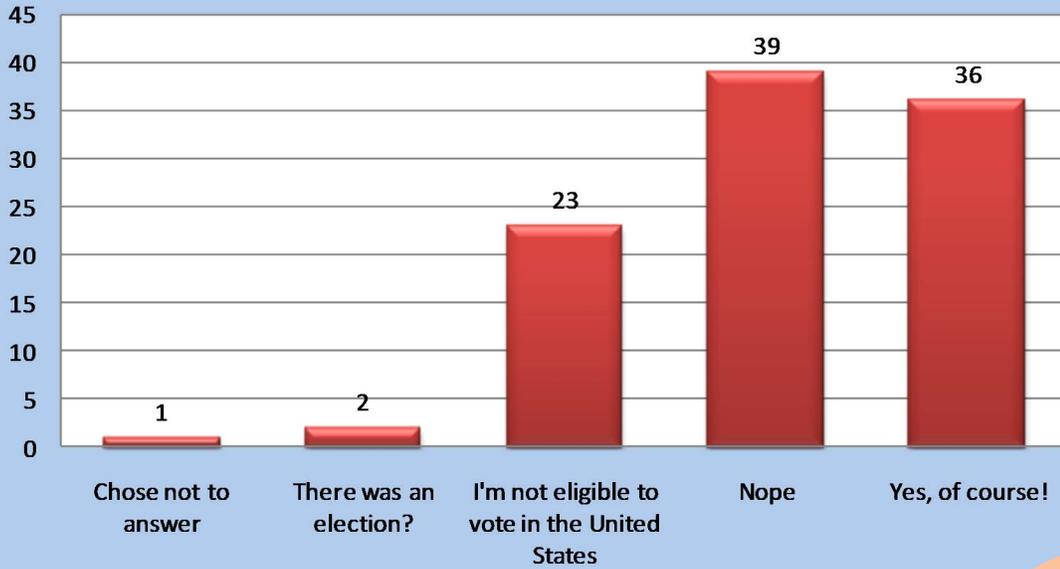
### Other answers:

- Birthday suit/naked/literally nothing (6)
- Regular clothes/clothes/me/nothing (41)
- Didn't dress up/No costume (7)
- Pajamas (2)
- Chris Donovan costume
- Very little
- Ur Mama (haha...)
- They be rippin' my clothes off!
- A mask
- A suit
- Academic Garb
- Cloak
- A bra covered in sequins
- Lesbian sweater
- Scrubs

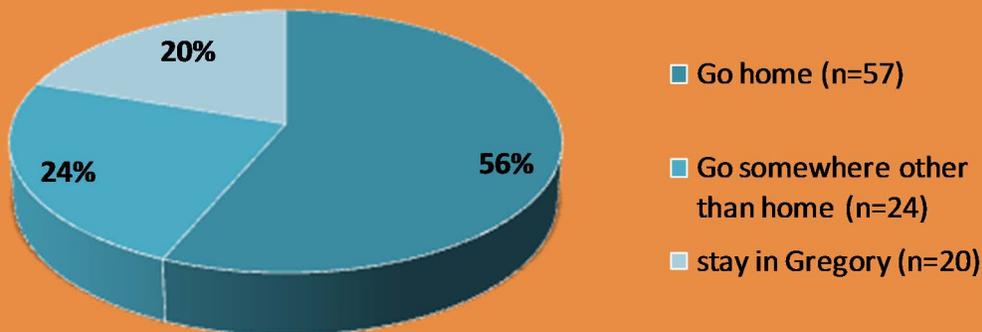


# Gregory Pulse

## Did you vote on November 2nd?



## What are your Thanksgiving plans?



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The millions of turkeys estimated to be raised this year (Census Bureau)

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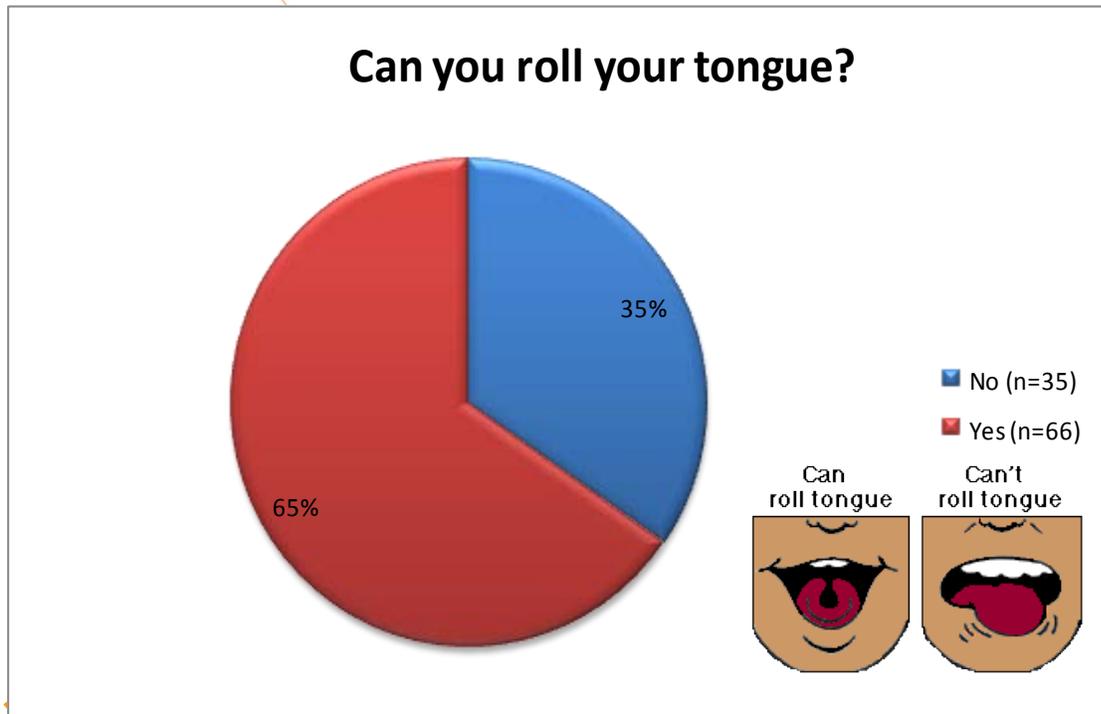
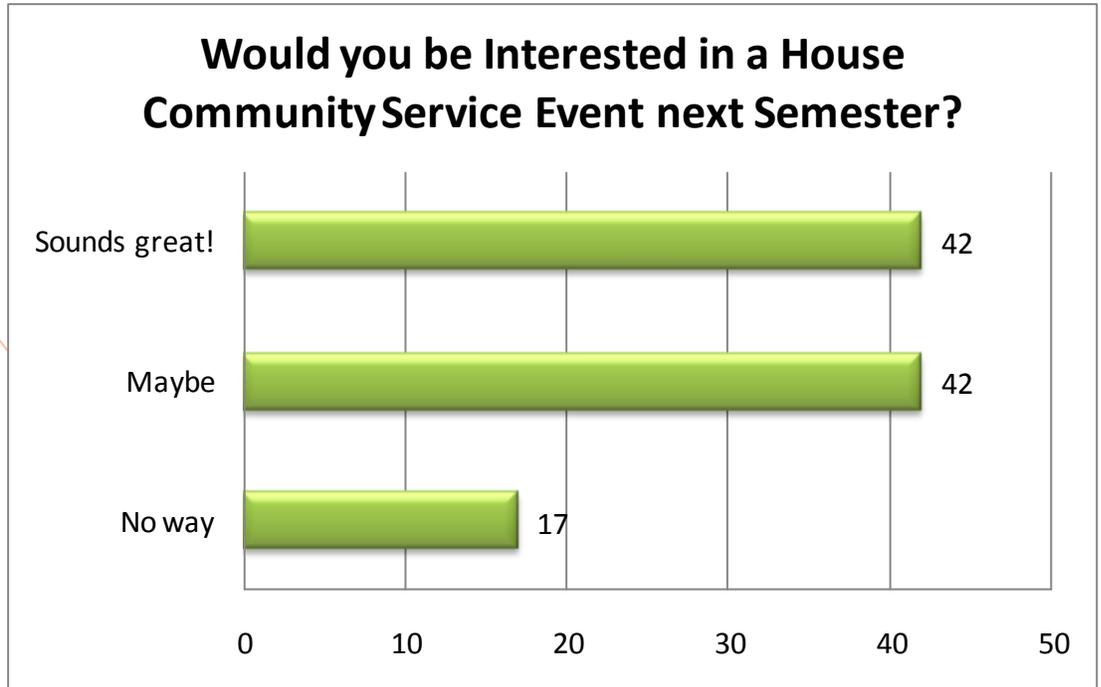


*"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it for someone else."*

- Benjamin Franklin

You most likely have the dominant R allele if you can roll your tongue and your children should inherit the trait from you. If you cannot, you're probably homozygous recessive rr. Check with your parents to see if they can or cannot and learn a little bit about your genetic heritage. However, there is evidence that tongue rolling can also be a learned trait.

To kick off the start of next semester, Gregory is planning on taking a trip to the Philadelphia Food Bank as a house community service event, and I'm so excited that many of you who answered the survey expressed interest in giving back. At the Food Bank, we would be helping to sort through the donations they receive so that they may be distributed to local shelters and soup kitchens to feed the needy. It will be a lot of fun, and people will be so grateful for the good you have done, especially since Philly winters are so harsh. Look out next semester for more information!



# Gregory Pulse

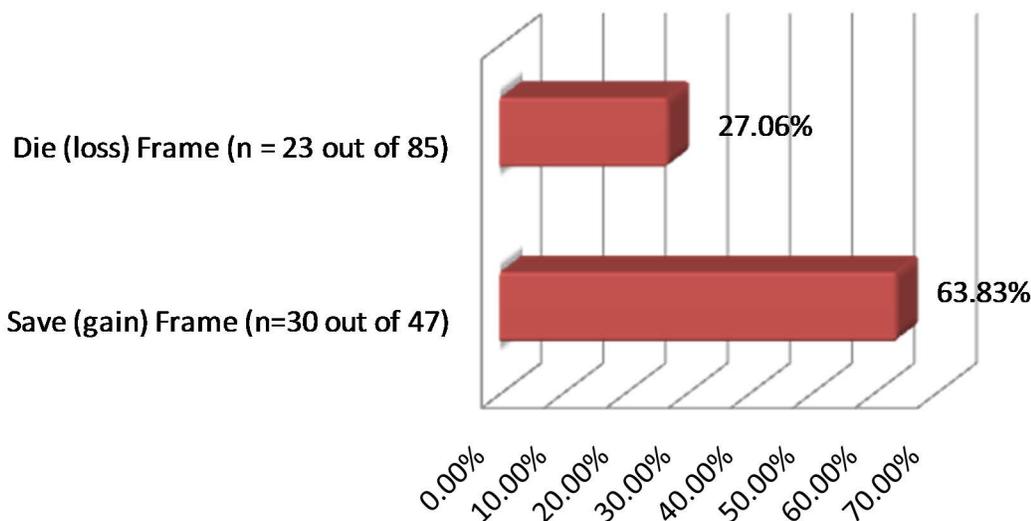
For those of you who have taken psychology before, you know that people tend to be loss averse, because in our minds a loss of X weighs more heavily than an equivalent gain of X; there is a negativity dominance to our thinking (negatives are more potent). Thus, if people are presented with the possibility of gambling to prevent a loss, they tend to take it—they are risk seeking for losses.

On the flip side, people presented with a gain will be risk averse, because gambling could make them lose it, and we already know how much people hate losses.

So, I decided to test this concept within Gregory in the monthly survey. In the survey, I divided the house with odd day birthdays and even day birthdays. Odd day birthdays received a prompt that was framed as a loss while even day birthdays received the same prompt except framed as a gain. The prompts are equivalent in every way except the framing—the way in which the information is presented.

Framed as a Loss	Framed as a Gain
Imagine that the U.S. is preparing for the outbreak of an unusual infectious disease, which is expected to kill 600 people.	Imagine that the U.S. is preparing for the outbreak of an unusual infectious disease, which is expected to kill 600 people.
Two alternative programs to combat the disease have been proposed. Assume the consequences of the programs are as follows:	Two alternative programs to combat the disease have been proposed. Assume the consequences of the programs are as follows:
If program 1 is adopted, 400 people will die.	If program 1 is adopted, 200 people will be saved
If Program 2 is adopted, there is a 1/3 probability that nobody will die and a 2/3 probability that 600 people will die.	If Program 2 is adopted, there is a 1/3 probability that 600 will be saved and a 2/3 probability that nobody will be saved
Which is the program you favor? 1 or 2	Which is the program you favor? 1 or 2

## % No Risk in Save Frame Vs. Die Frame



*As you can see from the data, Gregorians tend to be risk averse for gains but risk seeking for losses, supporting the theory above. So what does this mean? It means that you should examine the way in which information is presented to you, because marketers know how to manipulate your negativity bias to their advantage.*

# The Bulletin Board

Please. Turn off the lights in the study lounge when no one is there! Oh and pie is yummy.

CAT AND MAGGIE,  
YOU ROCK MY SOCKS!

HI  
CHER!

To: Everyone  
"Gregory House = Huge ego, sorry"  
From: Timothy Liu

And so the unbaked muffin said to the other, "Boy, it sure is hot today!"

Dear Benjamin Blumberg,  
  
I think your really cute. You have an adorable smile. I'm sorry I didn't say hi to you last time I saw you, my roommate was distracting me by making me pronounce random Hebrew words. I thoroughly enjoy our conversations about roller hockey. Let's get hot chocolate sometime.

Sincerely,  
Your fellow peer advisee

Chris,  
The Wicked Witch of the West called. She wants her monkey minions back.  
-Concerned Gregorian

Dear Casa Hispánica,  
  
**Why are each and everyone of you so beautiful and smart, and yet so acuardo?**

**-The rest of the world**

*To my rational Englishman, my German Vater, and my immoral De Grioux:*

*I know you're envious of my whiskers ;)*  
-The Russian Gambler

Hey, Gregorians! Anyone here interested in football (as in the one played with FEET, ¡fútbol!)? We plan to organise a ~zuper game night for El Clásico in the Baller Basement (aka the basement of Class of 25). Interested? Let us know! (Because we're going to do it anyway, but the more the merrier!)

from Daniel (¡Hala Madrid!) and Mali (Força Barça!)