

We first discovered the Music Room while studying for our British Studies midterm. It was then that we decided to write a letter of our own before we left. Now that we have only seven days left here at the Manor, that time has come. We hope these hints are helpful and that you enjoy reading this, as we are enjoying writing it.

TRAVEL: (go in small groups!)

1. Ireland kicks ass! The people are really friendly and the country is beautiful. Kiss the Blarney Stone, have a Guinness, go to O'Connors in Killarney - if you meet Sean O'Grady, ask if you can play his spoons.
2. Go to Bath, have tea in the Pump Room, walk in the Parade Gardens, listen to the street musicians. And it's fun to stay at the YMCA!!
3. When you go to Paris, don't get too caught up in all the tourist stuff. Take time to enjoy the setting, especially at night. Go to Sacre A Courbe - beautiful view of the city at night. Walk barefoot in the gardens of Versailles.

DRINKING:

1. In Scotland, have Belhaven's Best - we know you can get this at Belhaven's Best pub on South Queensferry Road on the Firth of Forth.
2. Make friends with Margaret at the Greg and have a Margaret Special.

3. In Grantham, try doing an Animal Pub Crawl - go to all the pubs with an animal in the name. Have a drink at each one, but prepare a hangover treatment kit before you go.

Manor / Classes

1. Make friends with Paul and Harold - they will help make some of your best Harlaxton memories. Sing along with Harold and play a game of Snooder - he always knows how to make people smile. (Thanks Harold!) Love ya lots, Meritha
2. If you are ever short of bullshit to write on a test, always remember the answers to everything: the rising cost of war, the Industrial Revolution, and national identity.
3. If there is any way you can work an overhead of a cow into a presentation for Dr. MacLeod, do it. Ask Diane and Jan for them in the library.
4. Tour the manor - make out places are in abundance - enough said!
5. Run the Naked Mile! Do it more than once; do it drunk; do it sober. It is very liberating and just plain cool to be naked in nature. Don't worry about the cabbies - they're used to it.
6. Call Ray at Central Taxis #75050 - he's cool!
7. Watch out for Harlaxton wrongness: Snoggin', bump & grind, and feeling randy in general. It's fun while it lasts, but remember you're here to have fun and don't get too caught up in it. There's no reason to be sad.

In general, do everything you can to enjoy yourself while you're over here. Get to know everyone you can, but especially yourself. Learn to

appreciate your independence. Keep a journal - it will be a great memory as well as a way to work out feelings throughout the semester. Expect to change while you are here. Don't fight it. Change is good. Take advantage of every opportunity; do everything you want to do while you are here. Don't make concessions - you may never have the chance to experience these things again. Keep an open mind - just because the British way of life is different from the American way doesn't mean it is wrong. Learn from their culture and learn to appreciate it and be a part of it. Above all, live your life here, not at home. Enjoy it!

Happy travels & safe journeys!

Emily M. Zolbert

& Martha R. Galtsoff

Spring '96

P.S. We are so jealous that you're here and we're not! If we could do it again, we would!

Hey Harold,
I hope you've enjoyed this! I want you to know ~~you~~ that you really made my Har-laxton experience special. I'm ^{all} going to miss you bunches! Love ya, Martha

09 December 1996

Hey Harlaxton Goers!

Harlaxton is the most awesome experience ever! Go to Ireland. Go to Switzerland. Go to Paris. I've learned so much here:

- Do Karaoke at the Greg
- Do not call home on a calling card
- Go to Ireland with the school - that way you can see the King of Kerry & Ride with Big Al!
- Go to the Bistro
- Jim & Jen Froha are awesome!
- The Principal, Dr. Stepsis - You decide.
- Do not eat the meat here
- Too many packed lunches will make you sick!
- Take a shuttle, taxis aren't cheap
- Smiley Laugh Daily
- You'll discover more about yourself in these 4 mos. than you thought possible
- Learn to Love Bread
- Travel is small groups
- Cadbury chocolate is fattening
- Meet & families are awesome
- Steer clear of Chicken à la king
- It cost to go to the toilet!

I leave for Italy in 4 days, then home. I know home seems so far & long way off. Just enjoy your time here & make friends w/ people from other schools. You may not get another opportunity like this.

May you love it here as much as I did.

There are a lot of letters down here. Read them all & then leave one of your own.

Have A Great Time!
-Run the Naked Mile.

University of
Evansville
Fall '96

Rhonda Hinkle

You MUST get a
Meet-A-Family

April 25, 1997

I guess you have found the letters that have been hidden underneath these bricks! I remember when my boyfriend and I were down here during the first month and realized that the bricks were movable. We sat for at least an hour reading all of the insightful words that were put there by people from the previous years!

Tonight is my very last night here so now it's my turn to leave behind a letter! I have never realized how much Harlaxton has meant to me until this past week! I spent the entire first month being homesick and now I don't want to leave! So, my first words of advice are don't take this incredible experience for granted-you will find that you do. Love every last minute of your four months here because they will fly by so fast!

Make so many friends, take lots and lots of pictures, drink A LOT, and most importantly--Run the NAKED MILE!!

My boyfriend Jason and I have loved this experience and I hope that you will have someone to share it with also--so, make some really close friends and remember don't take this for granted! Harlaxton is awesome and the days will pass you by!

Have so much fun and DRINK!!!

LOVE -- MICHELLE FIGG

600 N.E. Plumbrook Pl.

Lee's Summit, Mo.

64064-----Zeta Tau Alpha, William Jewell College(Class of 1999)

Dear New Student³,

12 December 1997

I promised myself that I would write to those who would be coming to the Manor next semester. Some of the letters you read in these floor bricks won't make any sense to you right now. Just wait and see what happens and then reflect back on what you remember reading right now.

You are going to have a wonderful time here. *But* only if that is what you want out of this experience. It's your turn to find out what you're made of. What opportunities will you take hold of? You've got the world at your finger tips and only have to push the right buttons.

I came over hoping to meet many new friends and make my friendships that I already had stronger. I wanted to be immersed in a new culture and widen my eyes more. It's all happened, and

more. This morning I'll be driving
of here with some of the greatest
memories of my life. Yes, everything
isn't as easy as we would like for
it to be at times, but you'll make
it through.

It is hard to keep your morals &
standards high. So many people have
changed. Whether or not that is just a
part of growing, or the Harlaston experience,
I don't know yet. My advice to you is
to live it up, but in your own way.
Some folks will want to go out and
party all the time, others want to
travel, it's up to you. Run the naked
mile, but only if you feel compelled to,
not because everyone else was at
the time. I'm not going to sit here
and write out a list of things you've
got to do! I can only advise
you.

I suggest getting a meet-a-family:
I first thought it would take up too
much time, but it was so worth
it! At Harlaxton you are surrounded
by Americans! The meet-a-family is
a chance to get out and experience England
culture. Everyone will have a different
story to tell you about their meet-a-
family...

Walk around the grounds with a
new friend & try to get into the Gate
House! Find secret passages by the
Jons in the back. (Wear dirty clothes &
take a torch!) Explore the rooms you walk
through every day with your eyes. The
Great Hall can be so beautiful!

Please, keep a journal! You will appreciate
it sooooo much when you leave. And please
write a letter to students coming through
next semester! They deserve to get some
advice like you are! Best Wishes! in Christ's

Love,
Joni Longtin

P.S. - look out for Black Berries! They taste good
and make cool stains on paper.

- visit those in Room 516 & ask if they
found a note somewhere near the door!

Have a blast but don't forget who
you are!

1-12-97

Where to begin...

I suppose the first thing to say is appreciate and enjoy every moment here because it goes by so quickly.

I can remember the first day as if it were yesterday and now my room is bare and I am leaving for Italy in about 10 hours. Everything this semester has been perfect.

I have grown so much as a person and found out what I really am. Most people come here knowing only a handful of others. Basically one comes here with a fresh start.

You can be anyone you want when you enter this place. It is a perfect time to just be you. I have learned so much about myself while being here. I have also learned you don't have to follow the crowd and get drunk every night to have a good time.

Don't stress about the work, but do take it seriously. You will get so much out of British Studies if you just let yourself. It really isn't that bad in the end. Just remember

National Identity, national identity, national identity & you'll do great!

Travel as much as you can. Don't miss the ring of Kerry (ireland) or Paris. Travel with the school & be sure and travel on your own too. Mixing both ways is the best way to get the best of both worlds.

Friends. I have made some of the best friends here. Everyone is thrown into the same unfamiliar circumstance. You are forced to bond quickly. I am so thankful that I met so many great people.

Just enjoy your time here, run the naked mile 😊, be smart, be yourself & treasure every moment because it soon becomes a memory.

God Bless!
RNH fall semester 1997

P.S.
learn to love
Potatoes!

10/12/97

Dear SAI,

I hope that you all have a wonderful semester. Here's the first time you'll hear this: don't run the naked mile! Personally, I suggest running the snowsuit mile before the weather gets too cool. ☺

Take advantage of the time you're here, but realize that you can't see the world in a couple months. Keep a journal; otherwise, you might really regret it.

Umm... let's see... be sure you see the King of Kerry in Ireland. Best wishes to all of you.

Love you!
Danielle
MacKay

Fellow Harlaxton Students,

You will have a fantastic time here! Whatever you do, be sure to travel and see everything you can. The musicals here are great. You can go in on a Wednesday, and see a Matinee and then a night show. Try the pubs, the atmosphere is great.

You will make more friends here than you can imagine, because everyone is sharing the same experience as you are. British Studies can drag, but it can be interesting.

Just take advantage of everything you can, because if you are like me, you won't have a chance to do this again soon. The semester will

absolutely fly by, and you will
miss this place. I know I will.

Have a great Semester!

Jennifer Thierich

~~George~~

Fall 97

P.S. Order pizza on lamb night in the
dining hall.

Harlaxton Students,

Sitting here in our smallish computer lab, at the very last day of classes of the semester and for me the very last day of my undergraduate career, I'm bombarded by a flood of emotions. This semester has been a mixture of good, bad, indifference, and all the other emotions that a person can experience. You cannot truly understand the feeling of being here and having gone through a semester here until you are finally finished. The things you do, the friends you make, and the people you grow to love will remain with you for the rest of your days. I know the Manor and everything around it seems daunting at first, and there are many strange faces among the small group of people you know, but trust me, that will soon change. You will come together as a class, like we did. You'll share both good times and bad (namely finals and midterms!) and you'll witness things that you'd never thought you'd see. The places you go and the people you meet will leave their everlasting mark on you and you will come out of the semester changed. I went in this semester hating soccer, mostly because I had never watched it. At the end of the semester I am now an avid fan and supporter of Arsenal. If you had asked me a day before I had arrived here if I would watch a football game, I would have told you never in my life. This change is superficial compared to the things you will realise both about yourself and the world around you. This had been one of the most trying and fulfilling times of my life. Do not waste your time here. It moves faster than you can possibly imagine. Take Carpe Diem to heart, seize every day you have here and live life to its fullest. Once it's over, you may never have the chance to do it again. Don't let this opportunity slip by, because if you do, you'll regret it for the rest of your life. So to all that read this letter; Have a great semester here, I know you will!

Sincerely,

John A. Wehr Jr.
Class of 1998.

I have no idea of what to say at this point. I'm leaving in about an hour and a half, and I just ran the naked mile, well, walked it. This was an incredible semester that I wouldn't trade for anything. But I don't want to tell you what to do, or where to go. These are things you need to discover on your own. Perhaps this is what it's all about...discovery. Discovering yourself and the people around you. The pictures will remind you of this time and you'll smile. Look around you...read all the letters...look at the grafitti in the bistro...these are our legacy. These are what we leave for you. If only these walls could talk...many more have come before you, and many more are yet to come, so live it up! These are some of the times of your life, make it what you can. I came here with no expectations, a complete blank slate, and I can honestly say that it's full now. What else can I really say besides that? Enjoy this, it's over before you can believe it!!!!

Love forever...

The Harlaxton Kitten, Ginny
Spring 1998

Dear future Harlaxton students,

I am writing you all this letter on my last official night here at Harlaxton. It is a sad night, my great friends are leaving and we are all saying goodbye. I have had such an incredible semester here and I can't believe it is over. The only advice I have for you is to make the most of your time here. It will go soooo fast and before you know it you will be saying goodbye too. Don't let petty "high school" crap run your life while you are over here. Hang out with the people who make you feel good and do what you want to do. Be true to yourself and never forget your sense of humor. Remember: You will not fully appreciate this experience until it's over! Have an awesome time and run the naked mile for me!!

Cheers!

Sara Rowe
Sara Rowe
Harlaxton, Spring '98

Spring 98!

Well just keep an open mind my friend, and
be tolerant!! Go to Edinburgh, Ireland too.
Visit the woods, walk around the grounds here,
Have campfires in the woods and make new friends
Visit the WW2 bunkers and be an adventurer!!
Don't worry about drinking too much, grab the
chance when you have it!! Experiment with
"other things" if you want too! British Studies
is not tough, Don't Sweat it!!
"Go sliding down the hills when it rains!!"

Don't forget that we are all children inside,
be playful, youthful, and original. Be inventful.
You will 'hook up', you will get homesick, you
will cry! Expect it, don't worry though, it'll pass.
"Walked mile" - Do it! Get to know the
pubs!! I am leaving now and am sad, I have
enjoyed this place immensely for its natural beauty.
"but never forget that this manor is a manifestation
of the upper class prejudice + bias of aristocratic England"
Leave your mark on this Harlaxton but don't damage it,
respect the history of past students + respect their
mark! As I leave now with a pang in my heart,
just let me advise you to have a fuckin' wonderful
time here, you will have memories forever of
great times. This is my wish to you stronger,
Friend. "Think for yourself!"

Craig Stone
Spring 98

23 April 98

you've never seen. Give everyone a chance; they could surprise you. Travel as much as possible; it's expensive but when will you again have an opportunity. Visit Edinburgh. Explore the manor + grounds w/ a new friend. Hopefully you'll have less scaffolding. ☺ If you're dating someone back home, good luck. I never thought it would happen to me, but I found out my relationship couldn't last. Just remember to have fun and enjoy every minute that you have here. It's okay to be homesick, but remember to live in the present.

Dear Harlaxton Students

Welcome to Harlaxton! I hope you've been having a good time so far. It's my ~~last~~ night here and I can't believe we're all leaving. I've packed my room and boxes for next semester and started my good byes. I never thought this day would come. It seems like just yesterday I got off the coach, awed by the sight of my new home. Now I'm leaving.

This semester has been the best and the hardest of my life. I've learned a lot about myself and my friends. Don't be afraid to make new friends and introduce yourself to people that

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If you can, get Harold to let you see the top of the Cedar staircase. Learn how to play Snooker. Listen to British radio. Walk the mile with a good friend; the bridge is beautiful at sunset. Take pictures to remind you of this semester.

Most of all, enjoy every moment I've loved this place + I'm sure you will.

Brie Ellen Stewart
Spring '98

4-22-98

The bricks on the floor have been removed and of all letters to pick up and read you chose mine! I have a little less than 14 hours left as a student of Harlaxton college and should be studying for my British Studies final right now. But I'm not. Because when I woke up this morning I was overwhelmed by the sense of time -- Where had it gone? and look how little there is left! I wish I could rewind and play this whole semester again -- it was that amazing, intense, and magical. So my only advice to you is this...

Yeah, I know it's tough sometimes to be away from home -- from friends & loved ones -- but remember that you'll be back there sooner than you think. So don't miss any opportunities here. Be bold, a little crazy, meet lots of people, make new friends, maybe fall in love... Just cherish every second that you have. You were brought in with this group of people for a reason, so learn from them and grow with them. Travel as much as you can, experience new people & new foods -- just enjoy yourself! I promise this is going to be an incredible semester if you let it! It was the best 4 months of my life -- if only I could somehow slow down these next 14 hours!

18.4.98

To the future generations—

Harlaxton is like any other life experience, only amplified. You'll make great friends over, perhaps meet your soul mate. Don't think it's all roses though. There are times when things will get tough, some friendships will get rocky, and school might bring you down. But don't let that happen. Don't spend too much time with just one person or group of people. Branch out. It may be clicky at first, but open up and you'll see how soon the clicks dissolve. I read these letters for the first time four days before the British Studies final. I'm leaving for Costa Del Sol the day after. For the past week, all I've thought about is how much I miss the people back home. But reading these has made me think back on this semester and the great times I've had. I can't believe it's almost over. Live it up. Sleep is overrated. Night trains on the continent are great. Salzburg and Paris are beautiful. Do Ireland on your own, unless you want to spend 50 hours on a bus. Try new things, especially the food. Get a Meet-A-Family. Keep a journal, especially write down quotes you say or hear. In five years, or even five weeks, you'll laugh. Speedy Peppers is your friend, although they aren't all that speedy.

I've never run the naked mile and have only been drunk twice, which I'd like to forget. So don't think that that's the only way you'll have fun. The best times are travelling with your friends or those who will soon become your friends.

It's hard to find privacy here. You'd think this was huge, but after a while it seems to shrink. Give people space so they don't get on your nerves and you'll end up wanting to kill them. Believe me, it happens. Enjoy your time alone. You find the love of your life here, or you may find a lot of dead ends. Whatever you find, have fun. Don't take any of it for granted. British Studies isn't that bad. We've all survived so far.

You will change over here. This is your time to find out who you are and what you want out of life. It very well could be the best time of your life. Good Luck!!!

Stephanie Strand
University of Evansville
Spring 1998

P.S. If you hear stories about those two girls who always sat in the chairs in the library hallway, well, one of them is me. It's an okay place to study, and a great place to meet new friends.

Well, it is nearly 3AM and 23 Apr. 98
I am crying my eyes out! We 2:30AM
have just sent one of our close friends
on her way as all the students who are
not going to Italy departed this evening.
I was going to say all this great
and memorable stuff... but now it seems
to boil down to one thing... Harlaxton is
great, there is nothing like it! The times
you spend here are so valuable and
no one can take away the great memories
and life-long friendships you will create
here. You won't even realize how
much it has meant to you until
it is almost over. SO ENJOY IT!!

Go to the pubs, try new foods and drinks,
try new things!!!! Don't be afraid to get
clazy once in awhile. Do the naked
mile. It's legendary! And British
Studies, (after the 1st day you'll be calling
it 'BS') isn't so tough. Go to a
lecture with a hangover to see what it
feels like but stay on top of the work.

We just took the final today and
what a relief to have it OVER!!!

Do Meet-a-family. The people have so much
to share and time to give. Also go on
Lake District with the school, but do
Ireland and Scotland on your own. North
Wales is gorgeous! Also Amsterdam is
a really cool city and not as scary as
it sounds. Wetherpoons, the Greg, and
Welby Arms rule!! Stay away from →

lamb nite in the dining hall.

Memorize the Speedy Pepper number!!!

Spend some wild nites in the Bistro
to bond w/ everyone. Also, the cottage
blocks or "ghetto" RULES!!!

Be sure to find the secret passages and
World War II bunkers. Shopping in Nottingham
is excellent.

One more thing, if you came over here with
a significant other at home... don't believe
what people say... you'll make it!! Love
survives all and becomes stronger from
it. Just be honest, faithful, and understanding.
The rest works itself out on its own.

I am so jealous of you with all this ahead
of you. I know you'll hear this a
million, zillion times but treasure
every moment!!! I seriously doubt I'll
ever forget these four months my whole
life. And I really know who I am
now! Best of luck to you, hope the food
here doesn't kill you (don't O.D. on
peanut butter & jelly) HAVE A GREAT SEMESTER!!!

University Wisconsin - Eau Claire
ROCKS THE HOUSE!!!

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Laura M. Smith
Spring 1998

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deal personally. I am more sure of who I am and what I want, and I'm convinced that if you approach your semester here with an open mind and without reservations, you too will grow.

While I'm writing this, the manor is eerily silent due to most of the students having departed. It's a depressing thought to realize the people I've lived with for the past few months are almost all gone. While I'll see most of them on campus in the fall, it will never be the same as seeing them every day and constantly getting to know them.

Harlaxton

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4/24
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My fellow Harlaxton students,

Doubtlessly you've heard of all the things to do and see here by reading the other notes located under these floor bricks, and there's little doubt you've all been told how marvelous and fantastic spending a semester here is. All I can say is they are absolutely right. It sounds cliché, but this has definitely been the best semester of my college career, not only have I experienced more new things and places that I can readily recall, but I've also grown a great

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Have a great semester and
cherish this time you have.

Sincerely,
Don Chapman
University of Evansville
Spring '98

PS: Try waltzing in the Great
Hall under the chandeliers -
it's a great way to fall in
love... trust me.

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So, my advice to you is
don't waste a single minute.
This is the experience of a
lifetime, but only if you
take the chance to make it
so. Get out and meet people;
go to the Greg, to the Miles;
check out the Bistro; go to London;
do the pub crawl in Edinburgh -
do all you can. Try your
hand at snooker: it's an
addicting game and a great
way to meet people. Just
don't let this opportunity
slip by.

I'll close this note with
a quote I'm fond of:

Travel is fatal to bigotry
and ignorance.

From: Self <sm53.Harlaxton>
To: Crista Flanagan <cf7@evansville.edu>
Subject: Re: your mail
Date sent: Thu, 23 Apr 1998 04:13:04 +0000

As I stood saying goodbye tonight in the pouring rain, the drops dripping down my nose and soaking me so thoroughly that my jacket stuck to my back, I could not believe that my time here was coming to a close. I gave my hugs goodbye, knowing that many of the people I would probably never see again, but never letting myself think about that fact, instead always saying, "I'll see you later bro," and cherishing the time that I DID have with them.

The semester has come and gone in the blink of an eye. They told us when we got here that it would be the fastest semester of our lives, . . . they told the truth.

I have stood on the cliffs of Aran before dawn, and been there as the night became day. I have experienced a true Irish pub. I have traveled through a blizzard and climbed a mountain overlooking my family's castle. I have drunk wine on the Eiffel tower, played "sailboats" with French kids, danced the till dawn, and watched the sunrise over Paris. Even more than that, I have met tons of people, and experienced life in this unbelievable castle.

Now it is time to tell it all goodbye.

I don't know what it is that I will miss the most about this place, perhaps it will be the little things. Perhaps it will be the conversations around the snooker table, or the terrible food. Perhaps it will be sleeping through British studies, or laughing at Dr. Murphy.

There is so much.

And now, I sit in the computer lab. It is 4 oclock in the morning and yet I do not feel exhausted but rather, dazed. Everything has seemed a bit surreal today. So many emotions swirling around in the air, it takes your breath away.

From: Self <sm53.Harlaxton>
To: sm53@evansville.edu
Subject: goodbye
Date sent: Fri, 24 Apr 1998 01:56:09 +0000

Well, the time has come.

Last night, I wrote to a friend trying to describe the scene as we all said our goodbyes to those that are already gone.

Now, the time has come when I must write my goodbyes to Harlaxton.

... Where to begin?

I know you have heard already, how quickly the time goes. . . it flies. I remember reading the letters that you are reading right now and hearing over and over again how quickly it all passes. Don't doubt it.

As I look back over this semester, it overwhelms me how much has happened.

I sit in here typing this message to you and I can't explain how much of a bond you will gain with your fellow classmates. The thing that sucks though, is that it seems that just as we have all truly broken down our walls, just as we have truly bonded, the time has come for us to part ways once again. I guess there is never enough time.

... I'm struggling to write anything at all write now. The words aren't flowing as "sweetly and romantically" as I would like them to. I guess I could try to give you advice, and say, "run the mile" or "party in the Bistro" and y es, do do those things (I'm not saying get drunk or even necessarily drink). But really, my advice would be to soak it all in. Soak it all up. All of it. It is an experience like you will never have again. I am broken, and thankful, when I think of the opportunities that I have had this semester. Opportunities more wonderful than I could have imagined. Times, when every moment seems to work into perfection better than I could have ever planned it.

It is something very neat. Very special

I envy you. Love every second. GET OUTSIDE YOUR GROUP OF FRIENDS EARLY!!!! GET INTO A MEET - A- FAMILY!! PLAY MAFIA!! PLAY ULTIMATE FRISBEE! GO TO THE ARAN ISLANDS!! I could go on and on and on.

Enjoy yourself. Be thankful to God that you are where you are.

wow.

i'm a terrible writer tonite.

I'm going to miss this place like anything. I wil miss the travel. I will even maybe miss the food. maybe.
But mostly, I will miss the little things. The little things and the friendships.

Enjoy yourself.
SHane McRAe
Spring 1998
room 607

Spring '98

Dear Harlaxton Student,

Well, you're here! What do you think of the manor? You are going to have the best semester. There are so many new experiences awaiting you. My words of advice are: Try everything, go everywhere, see it all. Don't spend lots of weekends in the manor. Travel all over. Some things that might help when it comes to traveling:

- * Always pack light incase you must carry your bags
- * Rolling your clothes gives you more room
- * Go to Morrisons grocery store in Grantham and take food with you on trips
- * Carlson Worldwide is a very friendly travel agency with good deals, too.
- * Go to Amsterdam -- it's a crazy place, but tons of fun
- * Unless you love spending tons of hours on a bus, go to Ireland on your own

And in Grantham —

- * Go to the Bistro - a good place to meet new people
- * The Gregory Arms has really good food - a nice alternative to the cafeteria
- * Youngs photography is a cheap place to develop film.
- * Witherspoons has good + cheap food - 2 people can eat for 6 pounds

Well, guys Good luck! Have fun!

Vanessa
Runk

To: Harlaxton Students

From: Vanessa Rank
3400 Iowa St
Leavenworth, KS 66048

Untitled

Hello all,

Harlaxton Rocks! It goes by faster than any other semester in your college career! Enjoy it! Don't stay here every weekend! Get out and travel...Build Memories! Make friends here rather than spending your time writting email non-stop! Get down to the "Greg" and talk with the English! It's a blast!

cheers,

BH Hansen

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Viola, WI 54664

April 23rd, 1998

Well, if you are reading this letter you must have found the loose bricks. I remember the first time I sat down and read them; I was amazed at the number of students who have been here and the experiences that they had. Now I can look back at those letters and say that I went through the same thing.

If you are anything like me, your first few weeks here will be the hardest. After you get situated, you realise that this place is your home and when the end of the semester comes, you do not want to leave, let me tell you right now, it's very emotional. Last night I had to say good-bye to people that I will probably never see again in my life but yet they are the ones that know me the best because of the experiences that we shared here. You were all thrown together for four months and then it seems like you are torn apart. But if they are true friends, you will remain in contact and I am hoping that I will with my friends.

Here is some advice for you, live life out here to the fullest. If there is something you want to see or do, DO IT! You may never get the chance again. I went to Holland, France, Ireland, The Canary Islands, and other sights through the school. If you want warm weather, I recommend the Canary Islands, I had a blast there and if you LOVE chocolate, the Cadbury Factory is THE BEST!!! Plus you get FREE SAMPLES!!! Just remember to enjoy every minute of you stay here because the time goes by very fast, I mean FAST! I barely remember February and March, they went by in a blur.

Right now I am feeling a mixture of emotions, we leave for Italy tomorrow so tonight is my last night, I'm going to spend it wandering around the manor and laugh at how we got lost our first week here. I do know that May 2nd is going to be harder yet because that's when we all leave for home. Just remember to enjoy every minute out here and keep in touch with the friends that you will meet, this will be the best experience of your life! You will come home a better person, one who has matured and seen the world. Oh, and one more thing...RUN THE NAKED MILE!!!!

Cheers,
Stacey Baumann
UW-Eau Claire
Harlaxton Spring 1998

boyfriends. But soon its time to go home. and then everything you see and do will make you think of how much you're going to miss your new friends from here. you will meet some of the greatest people you've ever met in your life. Dont be afraid to make friends or fall in love just because you know you'll be leaving soon. Its worth it. Last night I stood in the pouring rain waving goodbye to a bus carrying my new best friend, my roommate and the guy I met and dated the whole time I was here. Saying goodbye to them was one of the hardest things I've ever done. If you're as lucky as me you will have to do the same. Just remember to have fun, drink lots, and not to stress about British Studies! I'm jealous that you're there and I'm home. Cherish every last second! I did and I had the most amazing 4 months of my life.

Have Fun Kids!

♡ Carrie Eshman
Baker University
Spring 1998

To Harlaxton Students of the future,
Glad to see someone found my letter. You're probably just getting settled in at the manor, but before you know it you'll be packing up all of your stuff to go home. There are several things you should do while you're here. For starters, run a naked mile (or 2), go to a wine tasting at walkers, play practice jokes on your roommates, skip all of your allowed skip days, drink the Morrison's extra strong cider in the 3 liter bottles, order a beer with dinner, run another naked mile but this time take pictures, go on a walk behind the manor, don't study for your British Studies mid-term, go to London for an afternoon, ditch your meet-a-family to get drunk with your friends, and above all... have as much fun as you possibly can! Time goes by faster than you think at Harlaxton. When you get here everything you see and do reminds you of how much you miss your friends, family, girlfriends or

23 April 1998

To anyone and everyone at Harlaxton College:

Hello!! I don't know what to say to all of you. I am sure that it has been an interesting time for you already. Some of you may be reading this not long after arriving to Harlaxton, but some of you might be about to leave this crazy place. Either way, you already know that it is amazing. You have heard people talk all about how much fun you will have and how much you will learn about yourself. All true. Even though we all go hugely into debt, it is worth even twice what we pay. But it is completely what you want to take out of it. If you want to have fun, you can.... No problem. It is just a crazy semester. You may come to Harlaxton with several really close friends, but at the end you may not be quite so close. Or you may come knowing absolutely no one. But either way you will leave with some of the coolest people you will ever meet in your life and you will share your time with people you never would have known you could love!!!! But it will be the best time in your life.

A couple of hours ago, I watched the first group of students leave in a double decker coach. I watched while they had turned in their sheets and keys and piled their luggage up in the hallway in front of the dining hall. But it didn't seem really. For days we had been talking about leaving. How great it would be to eat at Taco Bell or drive a car or cook a dinner. You know all of the stuff that we sort of forget about when it is right there, but miss sooo much when it isn't. Then in the last 2 hours, between 12 and 2:30 when the coaches were leaving, we all started to slow down and kinda stare at each other. We were all saying how much we were going to miss each other and how great it was to have met you. Some of the people I will see in 2 weeks when I get home and go to visit UE, but some of them I will probably never see again in my life. I was walking around a room saying bye and I looked over to the other side of the Schroeder Lounge. One of my friends who I had started to get to know in the last few weeks of school was crying and I lost it. I couldn't stop. As I looked around it just seemed unreal. Everyone was there. Most weren't leaving, but we were all there. 180 of us...3 had already left. We helped everyone get all of their luggage on the coaches and stood outside staring at the windows as the seats began to fill up with passengers who would mostly be back in the US in less than ½ a day. It had started raining when the coaches got here. It was pouring, but most of us stayed out there. Completely soaked staring. Finally the bus started moving. Many stared. Several ran through the circle to the gate to wave goodbye and some even ran down the mile trying to keep up. It may sound crazy to you right now, but when the time comes...you will be running right along with everyone else or staring dumbly in the rain as the lights from the coach disappear after the halfway house. Until you are there I can't explain the feeling.

But tonight, I have realized how much this semester has done for me. I have so many new friends and I have so many great memories. I know that no matter what there will always be a part of me left here England, in London, in Grantham, down the mile, in the Cottage Block (aka the Ghetto), in the Dining Hall, the Great Hall, THE LONG GALLERY (28 BS lectures!!!), my room and, of course, the computer lab. Nothing will ever change that. I will always have the memories that I made, just like you are making. The trips...the nights in the Bistro...the Greg...Walker's Wine/Bar...Fat Lou's...British Studies...Studying for tests with random people...sitting and talking till all hours of the morning...playing Mafia (cool game – don't you just wish you knew how to play it?) So very much in so very little time.

So to you the future of Harlaxton I say have fun. Go to Edinburgh and do a pub-crawl, see Paris at Night, go to a wine tasting at Walker's and get to know Andy. Basically, enjoy your time and talk to the people, they are half the fun. No one will ever have the same memories as I do, but I know that there will always be people here in this castle-like Manor house making memories and looking out the window of 508 to see the rabbits in the mornings playing in the Italian gardens (I just hope they take the scaffolding down eventually!!!). So cherish all of your time here!! Keep a journal and spend an outrageous amount of money on film and photo processing!! It IS worth every penny!! Good luck in all you do here and just remember to have a good time.

With Love

Michelle Moore

University of Evansville

Class of '00 (or they so they tell me I can graduate then)

To: All future students
Subject: Harlaxton
Date sent: Wed, 22 Apr 1998 22:08:32

hey there harlaxtonians!

i just got done packing up the last of my stuff to go back to the states. we leave in 4 and a half hours for heathrow, then a 2 and a half hour wait till i'm in the air headed back for chicago. it's unbelievable that the time is here for me to go home.

am i sad? yes. i had dinner with my friends tonight at the greg and on the way home (i walked home alone for some "me" time), i started to tear up. i will miss everyone greatly. it's been a hell of a semester, let me tell you.

you will encounter the same things. i'd like to give some advice, but you'll probably just soak it up with the rest of the advice everyone else has given you and forget what i said. so the bottom line is this: make the most out of everything you have around you. if you can't go to exotic places like russia or moscow or even paris, that's ok. scotland, wales, and ireland are incredible places to visit and spend a lot of time there. not to mention the cities and countrysides in england!

also, never forget this: you can learn something (sometimes many things) from every single person around you. not just a random trivial pursuit fact, but something about humanity and life. it sounds corny, but it's true. look at the faces in grantham and in london. look at the faces around you...at dr. snow, at dr. moseley, at the person you're reading this letter with... everyone has a unique story to tell. a beautiful story to tell. and by all means, you should tell yours to these new people you are with. and encourage them to talk about their lives. you will be amazed...absolutely amazed at what will happen.

look around you. take it in. go for many walks down the mile--naked or clothed, at noon or at midnight. talk to harold the busdriver. go to harlaxton church. have a cider in the bistro, and a guinness in ireland.

all of it...believe me...all of it is amazing.
have fun...i loved it here...so will you

Scot Greenwell
Spring 1998

UE Theatre
Rocks! ☺

24/04/98

My last night and day.....

The last night here and of course I am up again doing things at the last minute, things will never change. Yet again they have. I have just been through the fastest four, expensive, emotional, fun, yet "wearing" months of my life, yet it was all worth it. There are so many things to see and do here, I thought I would never be able to do it. I was right, I wasn't but I think that is the point. You can't do it. This whole "experience" to me is about getting a taste of things outside of our everyday life. I have travelled many places...Austria, Spain, Italy, Ireland, just to name a few, and now I am able to see the world as a whole, not just "our/my way", the American way. I hope that you do as much travelling as you can because it has such a great influence on you, it will change your way of thinking in the future. When you travel though make sure that you experience things and see the sights. This trip is not about how much you can shop and buy, it's about the people and their way of life. Just remember that you are lucky to be there.

One of the biggest things about being here is that you find out who you are. Sometimes I think that I still feel like my same old self. I know that I have influenced people, and they've influenced me. I think that I will realise how much this trip has taught me and made me grow up when I go home. I have had great times this semester, and bad times. The thing is that you can't expect things to be perfect the whole semester. You are LIVING here and things will go wrong, especially being so far away from home. Just keep a positive attitude. It's not great to have bad times but your new friends will be there for you and you will grow stronger because of it.

Time is of essence and since I have little time left of that at Harlaxton (approx. 1 hour and 15 minutes) I am going to enjoy where I have lived for four months. I just realised that I have never really truly taken the time to sit in and soak in the beauty of the place around me, but then the place is so magical that I don't think there is enough time in the world.

Though I have a lot to say, I am not going to get to say it. I know I have grown in so many ways and I have realised so many things that I want in life. I feel like I can go home and start new. I have made so many great friends. I just can't believe that I am leaving, I feel like I am leaving a part of myself here.

"You never really know what you have till it's gone."

Good luck with everything, and remember how lucky you are each day.

Good bye Harlaxton, thank you for this magical experience, you've influenced me in ways that will effect my life forever.

Love,
Kelly

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kelly' followed by a complex, swirling flourish.

April 22, 1998

Hello,

I decided to write this letter the last day because I figured that it would be the best that way. Harlaxton is the best experience in my whole life! I have met so many great people here. I am from uwec and came here on my own. When I first got here I was scared. I did not know anyone and it seemed like everyone knew someone and I was alone. But soon enough I met great people. Everyone here shares a special bond that will be there for a lifetime. I don't want to leave now. Make sure while you are here that you explore the manor and all of the secret passages. Go for a walk in the woods behind the manor and find the WWII bunkers that you can party in. Make sure you go to the Greg, and Witherspoons. Order a snowball if you are a girl. Make sure you go to Edinburgh, Scotland and go on the pub crawl you will have the time of your life. Go to Paris and stay up all night walking around the romantic city. I went many places including Istanbul, Turkey and Bergen, Norway. It is fun to go to places out of the ordinary. Make your trip your own and have lots of fun. Make sure you do the naked mile. You just have to do it, at least once if not more. Go to Liverpool and go to the Cavern club at night to party. That is where the Beatles used to play. If you are worried about money forget it. I spent lots of money and found myself in the hole thousands of dollars. It was all worth it. Make sure you go to the Bistro and have good times that you will always remember. Everyone here is so special in there own way. I met a girl here and she happened to be from uwec too. She is now one of my best friends. I just have to say that you should enjoy your time here. At first I was glad that time was going fast, now I wish I had more time. Enjoy every minute you have here. I wish I was here with you to have this wonderful once in a lifetime experience again. Enjoy your time here.

Lacey Stange

University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire

Spring 1998

23 April 1998, 1:00 a.m.

Dear Students,

Well, I have about an hour and a half left to this wonderful semester. You would not believe the changes all of us have undergone. There have been new friends, old friends, drunkenness, nakedness, and all sorts of crazy things going on! We all got to know each other pretty well, and enjoyed the semester. I am ready to go home, but I don't want to! I know that sounds a little odd, but you'll understand when you get to this point. Read on to see some of the tips and oddities the students of the Harlaxton Spring '98 class have left you.

1. Go to Scotland! It's the greatest experience you'll ever have.
2. Go to the pubs. They're the height of English culture. You'll understand when you hear about British national identity in British Studies.
3. Go exploring! Find secret passage ways, beautiful rooms, and new people!
4. Take pictures of everything. It's worth it.
5. Keep in touch with your friends at home.
6. Get your projects done early. You'll be glad you did when you don't have to wait for a computer the night before your paper is due.
7. Use all of your skip days.
8. Get to know people. Even if you're shy, this is a great time to branch out. You'll be glad when the end of the semester rolls around that you have so many good-byes to say.
9. Go to the Bistro! It's great even if you don't drink.
10. Don't do anything you think you may regret, but if you want to do something, don't hesitate to do it. You won't regret it if you've thought it out.

Above all have fun and make friends. The class of Spring '98 wishes you well. Best of luck in everything.

Love,

AP

Amanda Price, UE Class of 2000

4-22-98

Wow! What a great semester! It has flown by! I can remember the first couple of days when I found my way here to the Music Room and read my own batch of letters. I can remember thinking that four months was going to last forever. Boy, was I wrong! I can remember coming to the realization that I had to make the most of the opportunity and from then on it was awesome! My advice is to be a risk taker! Do things you wouldn't normally do and have fun with it! Have a great semester, travel every chance you get and live it up!!

God Bless
Kelly Bawel

P.S. ERIC SCALES
SAYS "DITTO"

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RULE!

My best advice to you is

- ① Use only discount taxi + cancellos, the rest rip you off.
- ② Beware of the Bistro!!
- ③ Go to Scotland
- ④ Watch out for all of the ghosts especially the headless woman on the 5th floor. She comes out after midnight.
- ⑤ Make everyone you know email you, it gives you something to do when all of the stores close at 5.
- ⑥ Spend it, it's only money!!

-MJD. 98

To RWC 1999

From RWC 1998

"Were I in England now as once I was"

-William Shakespeare,
from The Tempest

If I know myself, and I think I just might, this quote is probably what I'm thinking as you're sitting here reading this letter. I love my home, and I love my family, but there will always be a part of me that will long to return to this manor. I don't know why, and neither will you when the time comes. The friendships made here will last a lifetime (count on it), the parties will be the stuff of legend, and your travels through Great Britain and Ireland will stay with you forever. Above and beyond this, however, the haunting power of this not-quite-a-castle will cast a spell on you that will change you forever. Maybe not outwardly, but on the inside, where it matters.

Okay, so here's my advice, some of which you should probably just ignore. If you find a little nugget of wisdom in the silt, though, feel free to take it with you. Above all, go to the Aran Islands, just off the West Coast of Ireland near Galway. If you don't, you may just miss the most magical experience of your life. If you do go, be sure to make reservations at the Clai Ban bed and breakfast on the largest island of Inishmore. It's pretty much amazing.

Next, go to Edinburgh and do the Eerie Pub Crawl, even if you just drink cokes the whole time. There's no first prize for drinking the most alcohol, and the great part of the evening is just exploring the coolest city in the British Isles with your good friends.

Now, a little closer to home, let's talk about secret passages. The corner of the long gallery, the conservatory, between the great hall and the state dining room, the north side of the manor connecting to the email lab (look for red brick), behind the lions in the back of the manor, under the steps leading up to the gate in the front circle, the fire exit in the bistro, and who knows where else. Take a flashlight and someone you trust.

Also, go to London and see a lot of musicals, walk along the river Seine in Paris, the river Liffey in Dublin, go to Stratford and hang out with Shakespeare, do the Ghyll scrambling in the Lake District and make sure you jump in the really cold water, avoid Sunday evening meals at all costs, and remember your meal card or incur the wrath of the cafeteria Nazis. As far as the naked mile goes, do it if you want, but I didn't and I'm actually pretty content with myself. If getting naked's your thing, go for it, but if it's not, just remember there are others like you out there, so don't feel obligated. Finally, when it comes to British Studies, just remember . . . NATIONAL IDENTITY! It's your key to happiness and prosperity for years to come.

Harlaxtonites-

I am sitting here sad and excited and feeling so many emotions. In a matter of hours half of my friends will leave, and I leave tomorrow. I am trying to think of all the things that I am supposed to say or the advice that I should give. I don't have much advice – but I just want to let you know of my experience. This has been the most wonderful, crazy, scary and exciting four months that I have ever spent. I made some of the best friends of my life, but I also lost a few in the process, but everything was for a reason and I know it is right. I am scared of the future semesters, if the friendships will be the same. I know nothing will ever be like it is now, but I am confident that the time I had with these people I will remember forever. Take your time to enjoy it. Nothing is trivial over here. Do whatever you want to do. This is your time now. Run the mile, go to pubs, go everywhere you possibly can. Everything you do will be a memory.

Have a great semester, I know you will. Cheers, Debbie Ducar

P.S. – One thing that we did that was great is to make a list of memories and quotes from the whole semester. Funny, sad, sentimental or whatever. Everything is a memory.

Dear Harlaxton Students,

I have just ~~a~~ spent three weeks here, and it has flown by! We have learned a few things from this trip, and if I can save you guys any pain or strain, then we will feel I've accomplished a lot! 1st of all, don't drink TOO much your first time in the Bistro - the ~~celebrity~~ drinks here have a higher % alcohol than in the U.S. Start small & work your way up! (I learned the hard way my 1st week here & I have been afraid to drink since!) When you need a cab, call CAN CABS. (The rates are double at night & on Sundays!) Avoid "faces" if you can! Go to Edinburgh as much as possible, and climb Arthur's seat. Don't forget your camera! Don't plug in a fan without an adapter, because it will blow up! Pop in the machine

Ruth Benander

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is cheaper than buying it @ Morrison's. Remember, the time you spend here will soon just be a memory. And it's a memory you will always treasure. Take it all in, don't take it for granted, and

HAVE A BLAST!!



I now have less than four hours
till I leave this place. I have been
here for nearly three weeks, and
it has been one of the greatest
times of my life. I have gotten
to know new friends and
experienced wonderful things
that I had never thought I
would. I just have one word
of advice. Enjoy the time
here and the people you are
with. You will never have
a chance like this again.
The real world is close.
Enjoy the time you have now,
the future is uncertain.

David Basing
Summer 98

Vocal
Concert Choir + Inst.

July 8 1998

Welcome to Harlaxton!

We really enjoyed our time here
and we hope you do too. 20/20

hindsight is a good thing so
I wish I had figured out sooner

- to book accommodations for weekend
travel well before you go.

- don't forget to do a little homework

- go to class even if you are hungover

- Walk into Harlaxton to see the church

- Keep a journal so you remember what
you did because it all runs together.

- Ruth Benander & Benandre @ UCRWCU, RWC, UC, EDI

I'LL BE BACK

Spring 2000

Mary Mueller

UE choir tour May 10-20, 1998

1) The first few days after you have arrived, when exploring the manor, stay close to the main stairwell, or leave a trail of bread crumbs to find your way back.

2) Don't wear heels because there is lots of walking. Also don't forget your arch support shoes!

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3) Beware of The Cotton Tails !!

I know this isn't some epic elaborately decorated scroll revealing Harlowton's secrets. Sorry, I wouldn't want to ruin the surprise. 😊 I do, however, want to remind you that for the next 4 months you will be residing in a castle! Yes a Castle! And this is going to be the best semester of your life if you let it. Experience everything, run the naked mile, try native foods from every country, swim in the north sea and remember to open your heart to new people. They won't all be your best friend; you may never see some of them again, but you'll always look back on that time you lived in that castle with those people.

♡ Fall 2010