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The Power of Charisma: An Inquiry into First Year Trips Croo



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Applications for First Year Trips Croo just opened, and it is a highly sought after bunch. Each year, a select group of students take on the task of welcoming the incoming class to our beloved college and all of its quirks. Whether you're a repeat applicant, croo-curious, or just plain baffled by such an eccentric group, we're here to pull back the curtain and give an insider's perspective into what being a croo-ling really means. This is Jack-O, Inside Look.

I sat down with '23+1 Asher Berenson who has served as captain of Hanover Croo — fondly known as H-Croo — for the past three years. Asher has danced many dances on the Robinson Hall steps. I asked him what it was about croo that drew him back every year.

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“*SNIFFS* Yeah. Yeah. Yes! When you’re up there it’s just, I mean, there’s no better feeling.

SERIOUSLY, *none*. *SNIFFS* It’s just like you’re so fucking wired man. Ha Ha! You’re just in there and it’s the moment and *you*. And the music just takes you over. IT OWNS YOU. You just become a dancing *machine*, all you can do, *DANCE*. *SNIFFS* Like even if the world was ending you would just fucking dance along. HA HA! *SNIFFS* And the *music* dude. FUCK! The *music*. It’s better than sex I swear to GOD. I would KILL, MURDER, to feel that way again.”

But despite Asher’s glowing reviews, some first years still feel apprehensive about applying. Abby Yu ‘27 expressed self-doubt, worrying she wouldn’t be able to live up to the precedent set by the croolings before her.

“I don’t know, it just seems really intense. They were all so spirited. I remember I went to one of the informational socials. I had a few drinks and next thing I know I’m in the middle of the forest, covered in green paint, hailing a burning effigy of Dean Brown. I vividly recall seeing the all-powerful crew mother birth her croolings. I wept and wept. The concept of the self as I knew it dissolved into the vast ocean that was reality. I was merely a drop. Then we all sprouted wings and flew into the sky to migrate south. I didn’t have thoughts anymore. I just was. Weird that my appetite was suppressed for a while after that though.”

Abby will Join H-Croo this coming fall. Thank you for tuning in. This has been Jack-O, Inside Look. To learn more about the First Year Trips experience, walk upstairs at a dance scene and stumble into a room of people wearing white tuxedos suspiciously huddled around a coffee table.

-NN ’27

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