THE VERY WORST COLLEGE APPLICATION ESSAYS

GETTING OFF ON THE WRONG FOOT-IT'S HARD TO DO WORSE THAN THESE OPENING SENTENCES

1. Sure, lots of kids like to start fires, but how many of them have a propane torch, gallons of accelerants and a basket of dry rags . . .

2. One score minus three years ago, and nine months, my father and mother, deciding to form a more perfect union, had sex, and that's about how it all got started with me . . . .

3. This is Shanda writing, one of the 25 personalities possessed by Ellen Kurtz, who is the nominal applicant for admission . . . .

4. among the many things that are the result of imperialism racism and kapitalism are standard punctuation grammar and spelling which all serve to put the entire human race into a sausage machine . . . .

5. Coach says . . . .

6. Of arms and of the woman and of Cindy Bindlemeyer and her college application essay, sing, O Muse . . . .

7. How's about I write page 342 of YOUR autobiography: "After flunking out of medical school, Kermit Dowling decides to pursue a career in college admissions . . . ."

8. Take me: Please, pretty please, pretty-pretty please, super-dooper pretty-pretty-pretty please . . . .

WHY I WANT TO BE A PEDIATRIC (BABY) MARINE BIOLOGIST :-)

Hi! :-)  

I want to be a pediatric (baby) marine biologist because I like the ocean, small things, and animals. :-)
Every summer my family and I go to our summer house for July and August and it is near the ocean. This is in Woods Hole, Massachusetts, where there is even a marine biologist museum, and the people inside the museum have cool clothes and they always have shoes that you can't get anywhere else. I call them Marine Biologist shoes. :-)

By the way, I was looking in your course catalog for the marine biologist courses and those courses seem to involve working with fish or things like fish. :-(

I'm not really all that interested in fish, I mean I'll take the required fish courses, but what I am really interested in is animals that live in or near the water, except fish. :-(

I like seals, especially baby seals, :-) and whales :-) (Free Willy was so cool, except or part II), and even wet kittens and other small things, like baby dolphins :-( (are they fish? :-)). That's why I want to specialize in being a pediatric marine biologist, because animals are cuter when they are little, and probably easier to study. :-)

Call me Rachel,
The Future Pediatric Marine Biologist :-) :-) :-) :-) :-) :-)

I LOVE TO BE SICK

I want to attend your university because of its outstanding health benefits. As you can probably tell from other parts of my application, I have had a number of mental break downs.

OK, I'm a psycho:

No I'm not, just kidding, but it helps to vent.

Anyway, when I took your tour last summer I wound up in the infirmary because I was really stressed and it was hot and the guide was OK but she was talking really fast and I couldn't keep up, so I just fainted--and there I was in the infirmary.

Great infirmary by the way, say HI! to Dr. Babcock (thanks for the I-V Xanax, whoo!, I was chillin’), and when we got the bill and saw what a great health plan you had, my father was really impressed.

I think you should put your infirmary in your View Book, it's so sterile and clean. I broke down on a couple of tours, so like I've checked out the competition. Cornell has a great infirmary, but they're a BIG University (Man, would I would be stressed there), and their benefits are only so-so.
OK, reject me, it's not that I'll kill myself. Well, I won't kill myself, I will come to your campus and try to kill myself, and then I will wind up in your wonderful infirmary and take extension courses.

I have to stop now.

YO, TAKE MY POSSE!

We're the NJ POSSE--six white guys livin' near Short Hills and we're applying to your school as a take it or leave it proposition: the whole posse or nothing.

And we're diverse too, two of the guys are Irish and two are Italian, and two are just white guys.

Just imagine us in your View Book.

And check out these stats:

Combined SATS: Over 5,000 (recentered)
High School Cumm.: 13.5 (on a 4 system)
Instruments We Play: Guitar, drums, guitar, guitar, ??

Seriously, isn't this a great idea?
KURT COBAIN, THE PAIN . . . .

I choose to put into the box in which you asked me to put anything that I want to put my poem to Kurt Cobain, lead singer of Nirvana and killed by his own hand and that of society in the year of our lord and savior sometime in the early 90s:

Kurt Cobain,
The Pain,
In his brain,
When in the rain,
He shot his brains out with a gun.

Ow, that must have hurt,
Kurt Cobain,
Who felt OUR pain,
In the rain.

Oh, sing his songs with a sore throat,
Oh, play the air guitar with polluted air,
And sit on the stage and mope.

And now the pitcher hurls the ball,
and now the air is still,
But there is no joy in Rockville,
because Kurt Cobain is dead.

The guy who wrote this poem graduated from Yale in 1996 and then started Poesy.org an Internet metric consulting organization.