

Five Out-of-the-Box Ways to get into East Campus on a Saturday Night

All Barnard girls and normal-aged GS students know the struggle: it's Saturday night, you're looking to have a good time, and you're a young Columbia nerd who's never been to a good party, so you go where anyone would go — East Campus. Hair done up, Adidas sneakers on, you walk confidently to the turnstiles, only to be turned away by a security guard hell-bent on ruining your night.

You could wait to get signed in, but who knows how long it'd take? Hours? Days? The whole semester? Luckily, we here at the Fed have compiled a list of ways to finagle your way into EC. Here are five fail-proof methods to get past security into the sweatiest, soberest party of your young adult life.

1. Bribe the security guards (they don't accept dining dollars, but American ones will do).
2. Buy a bunch of Columbia Men's Rowing merchandise. Wear it. Walk past security with the confidence of someone whose dad has a hedge fund/knows what a hedge fund is.
3. Make friends with one of the cleaners, and have them hide you in the cleaning supply closet on Friday afternoon. Wait it out until Saturday. Do not move. Do not make a sound. Don't blow your cover. Also, don't drink the bleach (floor cleaner is sweeter and more enjoyable to pregame with).
4. Grab a friend and recruit eight former colleagues specialized in pickpocketing, the art of the con, mechanics, electronics and surveillance, explosives, and acrobatics. Stake out EC for a few days to learn as much as possible about the security, routines, behaviors of security, and the building itself. If any of the security guards is fucking your ex, you need to forget about it and move on — there's work to be done. When Saturday night arrives, one of you must sacrifice yourself to security, and swipe your Barnard/GS ID like a fool. As this person waits off to the side, have the rest of the team threaten to blow the whole dorm down. When security calls campus police, the team will show up in cop gear and be let right in. Finish the night by getting back together with your ex and partying till the sun comes up. But be warned: if you wear a police uniform to a party, people will either scatter or ask you to strip it off. Either bring a change of clothes or be prepared to go au naturale.
5. Get a fake ID and have a real night out. The government was never going to hire you anyways.