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- Drop classes every term
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- Never pull an all-nighter
- Take three days to write a paper
- Always be working on a “grand project”
- Do one thing better than anyone else you know

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