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The time of posers and fakes is in the past. You’re in college now and can be whoever or whatever you want to be. College is not the place for you to hide—it’s a chance for experimentation and trying new things.

Life is too short to pretend to be something you’re not. It’s OK for you to play complex card games on nights when all of your friends are at the basketball game. It’s OK to obsess over your favorite arachnids, even though your friends might cringe at the thought of them—although there’s no guaranteeing their safety if they break out of their cage.

High school was the time to fit in and buy those ridiculous-looking boots because all of the other girls were wearing them, even though you just wanted some comfortable combat boots. College is where you can find true friends who have varied interests—such as keeping cockroaches as roommates.

College admittingly can be a big and scary place. It’s a new adventure that can bring out the worst emotions of stress and anxiety without the comfort of a family member’s hug. A lot of people like to have freedom from their life at home when they go to school, but sometimes it can be nice to have a sister or even a twin on campus to share the exciting and new adventures of college.

Now is the first time in your life when you can truly dive into those passions you’ve kept a secret—whether it be laying down sick rap bars at open mic night or living the dream of playing real life Battleship. You can transform yourself from an adult obsessed with a children’s board game into a super cool ship captain, attacking enemy vessels with buckets of chlorinated water. What more could you want?

Finally, never let anyone tell you you’re doing it wrong—especially when it comes to big milestones in relationships or marriage. When you are trying new things and everyone is experimenting, it’s important to remember your values because they’re the foundation who you are—even if you find them changing throughout the college journey.

The stories in this issue are just a small sample of what it means to create your own path in your life at this university—to choose your adventure, as the whispering professors proclaim. After all, we only have four years to experience it all, and you don’t want to miss out just because you were afraid of looking stupid.

So strap in and enjoy the ride.