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17. WHY OBERLIN?

How did you become interested in Oberlin College, and why have you decided to apply?

To tell you the truth, I have only one reason for applying to Oberlin. You see, my mother, Kathleen Spivack went to Oberlin and I guess you could say that she liked it. In fact, she is probably the worlds most vocal Oberlin promoter. All I ever get from her when talking about college is "Oberlin, oh, you must apply to Oberlin!" Our house is Oberland. There are these glossy Oberlin Alumni magazines all over the place. Besides that, your office keeps sending me more and more material on Oberlin. Well, what could I do? I couldn't say "No, I'm not going to apply to Oberlin, Ma." I swear, she's a fanatic. Help me. Help me. When I go to bed I hear the voices echoing, "Oberlin. Oberlin. Oberlin. Try Oberlin. Oberlin is calling..." AHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH! I'm surrounded. My mother has already persuaded others to go to your school and now she's working on me. What can I do? You've gotta help me. Pretty soon I'll probably get one of those Oberlin Chairs (from an anonymous donor of course) and next, what? an Oberlin shirt. "Hey, look dear, an Oberlin shirt! Well, I'll be, I wonder where that came from..." Maybe I'll come home one evening and find the whole house redone...I can see it now... Oberlin wallpaper: printed with tiny renditions of music students and casual student scenarios, Oberlin paint: a nice semi-crimson, Oberlin blankets: quilted by real midwesterners!, Oberlin furniture: nicely varnished stuff with that distinctive insignia of course, an Oberlin yard: the grass is green, comes complete with stand-in coeds and a small ensemble (you position them). Even an Oberlin garage (some assembly required).

Example "A"

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It's driving me crazy. I went into intensive therapy. It didn't help. I tried drugs. I couldn't hide. I read the New Yorker: I didn't even laugh. Things

were getting out of hand. So, on a last attempt, I tried Art therapy. Well this is what I came up with (see "A"). The therapist just sighed and said, "I'm sorry kid, 'jus can't help you, I'm sorry." It seems that I've contracted a rare but incurable disease, Oberlitis Ohiostras. Oh no! OHNO! *#\$\$@&%!!! Now I'm in a fine mess! My friends won't come near me. My girlfriend went in and got tested; I haven't seen her since. But one person still talks to me.....can you guess who it is?

18. CAMPUS VISIT AND INTERVIEW

A campus visit is strongly encouraged. This visit will allow you to become better acquainted with Oberlin and the students, faculty members, and administrators who make it the special place that it is. An interview may be arranged to coincide with your visit if you would like one. Please indicate your plans below:

- I have already been to the Oberlin campus.
- I have had an interview on campus. Date of interview _____
- I plan to visit the campus. (Visit planning information is available on request.)

19. FINAL STATEMENT

My signature below indicates that all the information contained in my application is factually correct and honestly presented.

Signature Nova Spivack

Date 1/25/86

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