Welcome back to the BFC Newsletter, and to the 2013–2014 Academic Year! Gosh, you’re all looking really good, maybe even a little bit rested and relaxed. So, I saw an ad on TV recently about “hump day.”

What’s the great brainstorm, you ask? Quite appropriate for the beginning of an academic year, I reply. That is, what is/are the “hump months” in an academic year?

Well, September and October just have to be Monday, with September having the dubious honor of being Monday morning. Awww, c’mon… can’t I just hit the snooze button and wake up to see the leaves turn? No? RATS!

November and December – do they feel like Tuesday? Hey, Tuesday can be such a non-descript day…what does Tuesday feel like anyway?? Well, at least not like a Monday, but no reason to leap for joy, unless the shortest day of the year is your nirvana. Does that make January, February, and March the academic “hump months?” They sure are for me! The end of March is like the rush of a roller coaster ride.

April makes a nice Thursday. Lots of promise, but in some ways not quite there yet. May is definitely Friday -- the end of Spring semester and commencement the Sunday before Memorial Day. Ding-Ding! Punch the clock after commencement, go home, change into your comfy clothes, and spend “Friday night” enjoying Memorial Day.

June, July, and August? Package them as you see fit. Is it June and July/August for Saturday and Sunday? Or is it June/July and August? I tend to go with the latter. By the time August rolls around and gets past mid-month, it starts to feel like Sunday night, with the dreaded Monday (oops! September/October) soon to follow.

Wait… my phone is ringing. “Mr. Provost?”<pause to listen> Yes, Mr. Provost… just kidding, Mr. Provost. I love all the academic months equally, really I do. Brown’s months are unlike any other school’s months. No, sir… it won’t happen again.” [[ Until NEXT September, that is… I had my fingers crossed! ]]