

LIVING JUST ONE LIFE

What are you planning to get done before you die?

How will your college education help you do it?

A pre-semester retreat for next year's sophomores and juniors

On September 6th, 7th and 8th, the Gaudino Fund and the Dean's Office will be sponsoring a retreat for people to reflect on the purpose of their education at Williams. The format of the retreat will be as follows: Sunday night the participants will view a film on campus, and then proceed to the camp site. On Monday morning, a faculty member will give a presentation, opening up the question of what the point of a human life might be, which will lead directly into a wide-ranging group discussion. After the discussion, everyone will disperse to **spend the next 8-10 hours on their own**, reflecting in silence on how their Williams education might be helping, or hindering, their ability to come to grips with this question. There will be readings to help one's thoughts along, and a place to gather for those who need a break from the silence, but people will be encouraged to speak to each other as little as possible during this period. The next day people will rejoin each other, first in partnerships (of their own choice), then in small groups, and finally all together, to discuss their reflections, and how they think Williams is and is not doing a good job of promoting thought that makes a difference to their lives. Between the small group and the final discussion, there will be time for hiking, boating, swimming, and the like.

The retreat will take place in a camp site near Williamstown, and food will be provided. Registration costs are \$10 (non-refundable) in advance, and \$25 (non-refundable) within a month of the event. Please contact Sam Fleischacker, in the Philosophy Department, or Wanda Lee in the Dean's Office, if you are interested in attending.