Life is filled with opportunities. As a result, it's also often filled with missed opportunities as well. While opportunities come at different times and in various shapes and sizes, there are a handful that I am going to do my best not to miss in the time I'm given. April 29, 2011 is a day that will live in infamy. It is when Prince William and Kate Middleton, future king and queen of Britain, got married.

With my typically erratic sleep schedule, I should have been awake watching the royal wedding as it happened, but for some reason I didn't pay attention to it until after the fact. Even though I bought into the aftermath of hype (literally, I have a special edition newspaper all about the ceremony), I wish I had memories of staying up late or waking up early to watch it as it happened. This was a missed opportunity.

Well, with it recently announced that the Duchess of Cambridge is pregnant with the couple's first child aka heir to the throne (consider your thunder stolen, Jessica Simpson), I am definitely not going to miss out on this one. Although I highly doubt there will be a video of the birth since the royal family is a little more private than Kourtney Kardashian and pregnant 16-year-olds on MTV.

However, I'm pretty much going to treat this unborn child like the panda watch in the movie "Anchorman," except I will be thousands of miles away whenever this baby is born. But that doesn't mean I can't throw a baby shower for it! I've only brainstormed a little bit for it, but I'm thinking it can be a good excuse for my friends and I to get together, talk in British accents, wear pastel colors and funny hats while sipping mimosas. Clearly this is necessary.

Speaking of royalty, the king of ISU himself, President Al Bowman, announced that he will be retiring. This comes as a blow to many, myself included, because Bowman is such a great figure at ISU and is quite beloved.

I've had the opportunity to be around President Bowman a couple times — either when he stopped by Vidette functions, was attending ISU sporting events or this one time I was walking

on campus and he gave me a friendly greeting because I was staring at him. Despite these run-ins, I have never gotten a picture with him.

It's funny because I was thinking just a couple days ago about graduating in May and how I was going to give my family specific instructions to get a picture of him and me as I'm shaking his hand. But now that's a potential missed opportunity because I don't know for sure if he is even going to be there. As a result, I'm now carrying my digital camera on me for the next seven to nine days that I have left on campus, in hopes that I'll run into him and he'll be able to spare a minute so we can take a "selfie" and I can make it my Facebook profile picture, even if my face looks gross and shiny or something. A Bowman pic is a Bowman pic, so I'll take whatever type of picture I can get with the ISU legend.

This might come as a shock, but I didn't know that places like Chasers weren't open Sunday through Wednesday. Or are they? I don't know, but what I do know is that Chasers is trying out being open on Monday nights (which would put ISU at five somewhat-official going out nights).

From what I heard, its inaugural Monday last week was quite the hit. But seeing as I'm super busy finishing the semester, downtown Bloomington on a Monday night is nowhere near the top of my priority list. But I've got one Monday left at ISU and it's the first day of finals. Lucky for me, that is the only day I have any finals, so once I'm done on Monday, I'm done with the semester and will therefore have the opportunity to spend my last Monday on ISU's campus, quite possibly ever, at Chasers.

Despite Chasers being like a transportation center for the "hot mess express" and "struggle buses" alike, I think I owe it to my college self to experience it on a Monday.

Even though all these opportunities I'm trying not to miss aren't a make or break for me, why miss an opportunity when you have a chance to make one?

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