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EDITORS' NOTE: Alison Bechdel has announced that this episode of Dykes to Watch Out For is "the last episode for who knows how long."

Dykes To Watch Out For by Alison Bechdel

The top row consists of three panels. The first panel is a title card with the text "sing, cuecu" in a stylized font, a circled page number "527", and the copyright notice "©2008 BY ALISON BECHDEL". The second panel shows a character with a speech bubble that reads: "SUMER IS ICUMEN IN. BUT IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE OUR FRENETIC FRIENDS WILL BE GETTING MUCH OF A FURLOUGH." The third panel shows a character with a speech bubble: "SYD'S DONE READING... BUT NOT WRITING." Below this is a large speech bubble containing the text: "In conclusion. I think the main factor underlying the spread of the protestant work ethic has been the fact that it's such a widely pervasive concept." To the right, another character says "FINITO!" and a third character says "HEY, DR. K. I WAS HOPING TO TAKE THE SOCIAL CONSTRUCTION OF LEISURE FROM YOU NEXT FALL, BUT IT'S NOT LISTED."

The second row consists of three panels. The first panel shows a character saying "SORRY, TIFFANY. NO LEISURE NEXT YEAR. I'M GOING ON SABBATICAL TO WRITE A BOOK." and another character replying "I'M MEGAN." The second panel shows a character asking "WHERE IS THAT THING?" and another replying "ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN'T COME TO CAMP TRANS WITH US THE FIRST WEEK IN AUGUST?" The third panel shows a character saying "I'D LIKE TO, BABE, BUT I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH VACATION TIME TO DO THAT AND PROTEST AT BOTH CONVENTIONS."

The third row consists of three panels. The first panel shows a character saying "ESPECIALLY IF YOU END UP MAIMED OR IN JAIL." and another replying "OR BOTH. AH, HERE WE GO." The second panel shows a character with a speech bubble: "IF STU CAN'T HAVE A SECOND CHILD... NO, THERE'S NO ROOM FOR YOUR POOL, SWEETIE." The third panel shows a character saying "WE NEED THAT SPACE FOR THE TOMATOES IF WE WANT TO BE COMPLETELY FOOD SELF-SUFFICIENT THIS YEAR." and another replying "BELIEVE ME, YOU'LL THANK ME IN FEBRUARY."

The bottom row consists of three panels. The first panel shows a character saying "HERE'S TO YOUR SABBATICAL!" and another replying "AND A PULITZER FOR THE CONVERSION OF A DEADLY SIN: FROM SLOTH TO MODERN LEISURE." The second panel shows a character saying "WHAT A LIFE. NOTHING TO DO BUT RELAX, AND WRITE!" and another replying "HEY, I SENT IN THE SECURITY DEPOSIT FOR THE CABIN ON LAKE MINNEKOOPA! WE'RE ALL SET FOR JULY." The third panel shows a character saying "WAIT! IS THERE INTERNET ACCESS? CAN I AT LEAST USE MY IPHONE? I'VE GOTTA PUMP OUT A CHAPTER A MONTH TO MAKE THIS DEADLINE!" and another replying "CAN I GET A SABBATICAL FROM MY GIRL-FRIEND?"

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