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adj. **gaud·i·er**, **gaud·i·est**

Showy in a tasteless or vulgar way. See Synonyms at [garish](#).

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gaud i·ly *adv.*

gaud i·ness *n.*

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gaud·y²  (gô dē)

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n. pl. **gaud·ies**

Chiefly British

A feast, especially an annual university dinner.

[Middle English *gaudi*, *gaud*, prank, trick, possibly from Old French *gaudie*, merriment (from *gaudir*, to enjoy, make merry, from Latin *gaudēre*, to rejoice) and from Latin *gaudium*, enjoyment, merry-making (from *gaudēre*, to rejoice; see **gāu-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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