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"Where the NEWS is all about U"

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Monday, August 27

Day Time Music:
Ryanhood will be per-
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12 pm.

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VIBES Hypnotist:
Marshall Manlove
will try to get you to
look into his eyes at 8
pm in the High Acres
cafe.

Wednesday, August 29

Late Nite Pool Party:
Come to the pool in
the gymnasium for
snacks, drinks, swim-
ming, and plenty of
fun.

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Summer's over: Back to the grind

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Welcome to the brand new Penn State Hazleton media source, The PSU Collegian. As our name implies, we are campus-centered and student-run. Our focus is on you; your experiences and perceptions at the Hazleton campus - that is why we underline the "U." We want to see you, hear from you and write about you. We want you to contribute and be part of this renewed venture no matter what your major - we can use you. If you have a cell phone, you can contribute photos, videos and more. We are fully committed to being an innovative and interactive media source - first as a newsletter then with plans of transitioning to an online vehicle in the near future. We are also active on Facebook, so we encourage you to "like" us and check out how the social media can augment our new media ideas.

We're here for you, to be your voice, and your sounding board. The PSU Collegian is here to have a positive impact on your college experience and the campus community. However, for this mission to be a success, we need you. It is your involvement and feedback that will make this



Photo by Casey Petty

Time to leave the South Hall steps and get yourself to class.

endeavor a success. No talent or story idea is too small to contribute. Do you have news you want covered on campus? A cause you are passionate about and want to share? Do you think there's something wonderful going on or something that needs to be changed on the Hazleton campus? Whatever news means to you, we're here to cover it, and your talents and opinions would be a wonderful contribution to our news team, no matter your major or previous experience.

Meetings are Tuesdays from 5 to 6 p.m. Other meetings may be added but our long term plan includes much of the work being done on a virtual platform with online group sessions,

repositories on ANGEL for story and photo submissions and the use of emails and texts. In keeping with our student-centered focus, your submissions, from art and photos to jokes and editorials are gratefully welcomed. Guidelines on what we will accept are in effect and will be printed in the second edition of The PSU Collegian and posted on our Facebook page.

Your insights are our greatest assets. Our reporters are committed to making The PSU Collegian an atypical news vehicle, totally different from any attempt at news coverage that has been on the campus in the past.

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We need students to be part of The PSU Collegian from all majors. Are you a photographer? Do you take pictures with your phone? Video? We'll take them! Can you design Web pages? Do you like Facebook? Come join us at The PSU Collegian.

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Facing college fears

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We all suffer from a fear of the unknown and no matter how prepared you think you are to start college, there will always be something that will send butterflies to your stomach. Here is a list of some of the fears a first year student may face:

Culture shock

College is about meeting people, but that doesn't mean that they're all going to be exactly like you. No matter if you come from

a rural or urban area, be prepared to experience and embrace new ideas, new ways of thinking, of living. Also, you may not be accustomed to winter weather or to the climate on campus. A coat and boots are generally recommended from November to March.

Talk it through

College is a period of intense change in life, especially your first semester. It's fun and exciting, but it can also be scary and overwhelming. That's to be expected, but don't bottle it up, visit the counseling

office in Butler for free and confidential counseling on anything you may be experiencing. It's important to remember that you're not alone, and that there is a huge support system here at Hazleton, but you have to take the first step and tap into it. You'll be so glad you did.

Be a hoarder

Well, not really, they do expect your room to be clean and livable.

It is a good idea to save your tests and grades as well as your handouts.

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We are *still* Penn State proud

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Sports Illustrated ran a story on the front cover titled, "We Were Penn State." Apparently, in the eyes of the media, Penn State is no longer what it used to be. Due to the actions of **one** man, a whole university has become tarnished, a legacy destroyed, and our hopes diminished.

Am I missing something here?

Since when has an institution's worth been based entirely on a football team? So what? Yes, we lost a once well-respected coach; yes, we did lose a hundred or so games and a few years of bowl eligibility; and yes, we did lose a few players and recruits. But, to determine the success of an entire university based solely on the wins and losses of a football team, that is plain ignorant.

Editorial

What a blatant slap to the face. And not just any face either, this is the face of a university that houses more than 90,000 students and 160 different majors, the face of a university that has raised more than \$8 million for children with cancer through the largest student-run philanthropy in the world – THON, the face of a university who devotes \$700 million in research annually, and the face of a university that has more than 500,000 living alumni today.

No, Penn State is not just a football school. We are more than that. We are a close-knit community of dedicated individuals, who strive for the same thing – that insatiable pride that comes from holding a degree awarded by The Pennsylvania State University.

None of us will ever forget what happened to Penn State. Our hearts go out to those who were abused by a selfish, sick man and the inaction of others who should have listened and took action.

But in the end, I'm a firm believer there is a silver-lining in any situation, even here after the wake of the Penn State scandal. People arise from adversity – George Washington during the Revolutionary War, Martin Luther King, Jr. during the Civil Rights Movement, and now, students of Penn State during the aftermath of the Penn State Scandal.

Just as steel is forged through fire, we too will be made stronger for our experiences now. We can't let our past dictate our future.

No matter what happens -- **We are** Penn State, and we are **still** Penn State proud.

Fears: Tips all first-year students should know

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The professor keeps his or her records, of course, but so must you in case there is a dispute. You are in charge of your education, and keeping your ducks in a row is part of that.

Be the person with the plan

Many freshman are apprehensive about time management, and rightly so. Mom and Dad aren't here to direct you, and the freedom is exhilarating. But the anxiety of keeping track of all your assignments (many of which are long term and require planning to complete all the steps) can be fear inducing. The solution? A planner! Write down everything, due dates, exams, your Grandmother's birthday, national Pi Day, and the random Wal-Mart run you've got planned tomorrow with the person across the hall. Keeping your mind uncluttered will help you to focus on your work and the fun stuff.

Professors are people

Seriously. They're here to help you. They actually want you to succeed in their classes, and they aren't out to fail you or trip you up. Email them with questions or visit their office hours, that's why they have them.

It is important to remember, though, that you have to be the one initiating help. You earn your grades on your own merits, professors

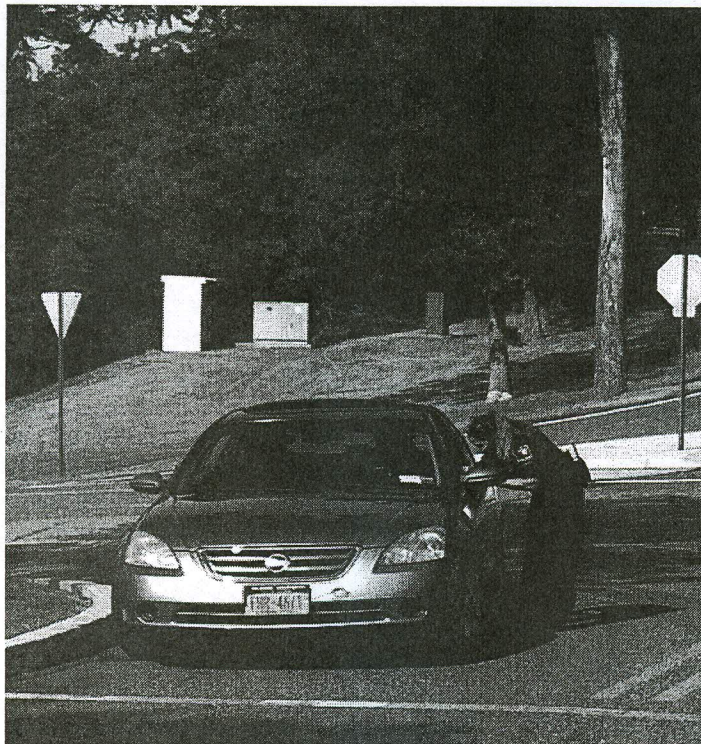


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PSU Officer Lisa Delaurentis welcomes a student this weekend.

don't assign them. Also, they've been there and bought the T-shirt, so a little respect and honesty does as much good in a professorial relationship as it does in your social interactions.

Eat food, get rest, and get moving

Red Bull may give you wings, but actual food will help you succeed. Plus, sharing a meal with someone is a great way to get to know them. A solid eight hours of sleep is also recommended. Having a workout buddy is also a great way to get to know other people.

Won't you be my roommate?

Living in a dorm can be

scary. You've got more people in one hallway than in many small towns, in very close spaces. How can you possibly get along living in such a way? A good rule of thumb is to remember what you learned in Kindergarten.

Use your indoor voice, take turns, mind your personal space, use kind words, and smile. Above all, be as considerate of other people as you would want them to be considerate of you.

Get involved

In high school, you probably had friends, and activities to keep you balanced. The same goes in college. To make friends, get involved in a club or

organization. Anything you do will have a positive impact on you and the campus community, and it goes a long way in making you feel as though you are a part of the campus here.

The magic words

Be nice to the secretaries and librarians and the custodial staff and the food workers. They can make a huge impact on your experiences here. They are the foundation of all the happenings on campus.

"Smart" students get help

Even if you're Genius McSmartyPants, college will be a challenge. While you might be accustomed to very little work for very high grades, college requires much more effort. Visit the tutoring center, and get some help.

Your grades will thank you. And if you think you need any accommodations, don't wait until the last second. The second you suspect accommodations might be needed, visit the disability services office.

Use your brain

If you're here, it likely means you're an adult, with an adult choices and options. However, with freedom, comes responsibility. You alone are responsible for your education here.

Follow the rules of common sense and be responsible for your own welfare. The reward therein will be a fun and slightly less complicated college experience.

It's over: Time to hit the books

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We hold fast to the idea of freedom of speech and a commitment to transparency. We are grounded in

the tenants of integrity that makes us all Penn State proud. If you believe that Penn State Hazleton is a wonderfully vibrant place to be, we encourage you to

make your voice heard and get involved.

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