

Terror Behind the Walls at Eastern State Penitentiary

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Sunday October 22nd, 2006 a group of brave Mont Alto Students traveled to Philadelphia to go "Behind the Walls" at Eastern State Penitentiary.

Every year for 24 days in September and October the

penitentiary runs a haunted attraction named "Terror Behind the Walls".

This attraction includes several stations that guests get to go through including a boarding bus full of chained prisoners, the 13 rooms of terror in which you must run your way through the prison and try to avoid becoming a meal for the prisoners. And their newest

attraction, Night Watch, where you are given a flashlight, and must try to guide your way through the pitch dark hallways of the crumbling prison.

Terror Behind the Walls at Eastern State Penitentiary has recently been named the 5th most popular haunted house in America by America Online, and has been

raved about by all haunted attraction enthusiasts.

Not only is the Eastern State Penitentiary a great way to get a good scare, but it is an interesting historical landmark that many would find interesting. An interesting fact about the Eastern State is that gangster Al Capone spent eight months behind the

walls, under the charge of carrying a concealed weapon, and his cell is the biggest tourist attraction at the penitentiary.

If you couldn't come on the trip to Eastern State Penitentiary, I recommend that you try traveling to see it either during a day tour or at night during Terror Behind the Walls. It is well worth the trip and you won't be disappointed.

Abandoning Ambivalence

A Section of Your Campus Newspaper Bravely Given to Mike Bloom

Pay attention now! Especially if the rest of this paper bores you, pay attention now. Welcome the advice column. Although this particular day's section is about me, all sections hereafter will be about you. That is of course as long as you get off your posterior and ask me things. Which raises the question, "what the [choose an expletive] are you trying to tell me?" This is the future position of my (Mike's) advice column, "Abandoning Ambivalence," in which you, [insert your name here], will ask me questions about almost anything. Here's a list of great things to ask me about: college issues, relationship situations, sex or sexuality matters, personal dilemmas, interpersonal dilemmas, and/or any other kind of quandary you may need advice in getting out of. Do not ask me questions about me, quantum physics, homework, or car troubles (among other equally unimportant things). You will find very quickly that I will talk about me on an experiential basis as needed throughout the section, that I do not know anything about quantum physics, and that I do not care about your homework or car problems because I have homework and car problems of my own.

Let's establish a sense of authority. I hope you are wondering what qualifies me to have such a column because that is what I plan to discuss next. My main qualifying agent for an

advice column is that, to quote singer/songwriter Jill Scott, "I am a wealth unfathomed." That which I am a wealth of is experiential knowledge. Although I am only 22, I have the wisdom of a person three times my age. Without getting too personal with you, let me support that statement in saying that I had the kind of traumatic childhood that would top the best-selling autobiography list for a very, very long time. I genuinely understand what it means to have struggled and gone rough any number of hells. Thus, I empathize with those who are struggling, and it is my intention to help them. A number of people on this campus, to whom I am a friend, would attest to that. They would also attest that I am one of the most honest people they know. Let me define (or possibly redefine) honesty. Honesty is the revealing of how one sees a situation to another person without bias, judgment, or concealing any observations. That definition is my approach to dealing with any other person, be they friend or otherwise. I would like for we all to be friends more than be otherwise. Let me help you, if I am able.

Here is what you need to do and disclaimers:

o Submit your query via the Penn State e-mail system to: mpb5019@psu.edu. Use the [Subject] "Help Me." If you send it to me through another e-mail service or do not include that title, I will think it is junk mail and discard it. *Do not send me

anything obviously inappropriate or hateful or you will be dealt with accordingly*

o Also, include a handle that you will recognize like: "Desperately Seeking Advice" or "Mr. Happy-Boxers." This is so you will be able to recognize that I am addressing you and no one else will. *Do not use your AIM screen name or anything else other people can find you with, unless you want to be stalked*

o Most importantly, tell me the whole story. Example: you tell me your ex-girlfriend hates you even though you did all these wonderful things that would not lead a person to hate, but you leave out the fact that you cheated on her a dozen times. My advice in that example would not be very good because you did not do a good job explaining the situation to me. *I cannot help you, if you do not tell me whole truth*

o Do not be disappointed if I cannot address your issue in the first paper or if I do not have the newspaper space for it at all. There are many people who need help, and I am only one person. Be patient with me, and I will extend you any courtesy I can.

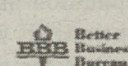
o If for some reason I am unable to help you, I will reply to your e-mail and refer you to someone who can help. Remember I am not a health professional, so do not treat me as such.

Until I hear from you, be well and remember that you should not laugh at others if you cannot laugh at yourself. -Mike

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