

Opinion & Review

Commentary

Kicking Off Your Freshman Year

By Emmanuel Seabrooks

Question: how do you survive your freshman year at Penn State? Well, it can be very simple, but it is up to you yourself to feel around for what you need and what you want out of this school. Here are just a few tips and bits of information you may want to look into.

First, you want to make sure to get involved in your classes. You can not just expect to take just anything to fill those requirements. Familiarize yourself with the material; get to know your professors, let them know who you are. You will find that in a class where you and the professor are close you tend to get a great deal more out of the class instead of sitting in the back of the room hoping not to get called upon to answer a question.

It would also be in your best interest to find a people in your classes who you can study with or with who you can just exchange opinions and ideas on material covered during class.

When assignments are given, it would behoove you to start them as soon as possible. You do not want to fall behind.

So you do not like to read, huh? Well, get used to it, because a great deal of your college education will come from your textbooks (The ones you spend enough to send yourself on a trip to Jamaica with). Use them! You need to get the most out of them; get your money's worth.

If you find you're having problems, there is a place for you. It is the learning center in the Library Building. At the Learning Center are tutors who are very skilled in helping you with your mathematics, english, and reading. There are even student tutors selected the classes on this campus by professors, who can also help you.

These are just some of the things you need to know about this campus. You should keep in mind that only you can help you. Ask questions, take names, get all the information you can. Besides, isn't that why you are here?

Homelessness Threatens America; Forgotten Children Endangered

By Nick Indeglio

"In San Antonio, I met a father with two boys who had been sleeping for four months next to a highway not far from the Hyatt Regency Hotel." wrote Jonathan Kozol, author of the book *Rachel and Her Children* and an expert researcher on the homeless situation in America. His text may be familiar to those who have had Mr. Kovach for Introduction to Sociology. "He sold blood plasma twice a week to buy food for his kids...In a good month he made \$100."

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This is a story that thousands of people across America can relate to. It's a nightmare that homeless people in this country don't wake up from. It is also a situation that we, as students, can do something about.

When most people envision homeless people, they see a broken down old man sleeping on a sewer grate or an aging lady pushing a shopping cart through the city. It is unfortunate that such stereotypes exist. The truth is that in 1988 alone, there were fourteen million children living in poverty. If they were not sleeping in the streets then they were sleeping in overcrowded shelters or government "hotels." These people are victims of a system which locks

them in an inescapable maze known as welfare.

So here we are. We are students of the Pennsylvania State University. We are students with a bed to sleep in, food to eat, and a safe place to study. There are things we can do to help those who are less fortunate. If the students joined together, we could start a program to collect clothes for the upcoming winter season. We could have several collection dates, on campus or off, to procure as many items as possible by the holidays. When December finally rolls around, we can give the kids the best gift we know of...a little warmth from a harsh winter and a little hope in their cold and gray lives.

Several clubs and organizations on campus focus their attentions on community service or volunteer work. A clothes drive is one activity that would definitely be educational for the students and beneficial for the children. This clothes drive will be proposed at an upcoming Student Government meeting.

"We had no money to buy a Christmas tree or toys. We buy them what they need (heavy clothes and winter boots) so they will not feel different from the other kids at school. All the money that we have, it goes to them. They're nice kids. They deserve it."

Yes, they do. They deserve it. So let's do something about it!

What do you think of this month's issue? Let us know! Drop your note in our mail box.

Top 10 Videos for September

By Pauline Ferzetti

Tired of studying? Tired of reading the same paragraph over and over? Bored? Well why don't you visit your local video store and pick up one of these recent hits.

In cooperation with West Coast Video Brookhaven, we suggest the following:

1. *The Crow*
2. *Naked Gun 33 1/3*
3. *Threesome*
4. *Beethoven's 2nd*
5. *Schindler's List*
6. *D2: The Mighty Ducks*
7. *Four Weddings and a Funeral*
8. *The Ref*
9. *3 Ninja's Kick Back*
10. *Major League 2*

Did You Survive? Will You Come Back?

By James Foltz

I'm sure that there were many smiling faces anxiously awaiting the arrival of the first day of classes. I'm also sure that for every smiling, happy face, there was another filled with gloom and dread. Needless to say, all of those faces ended up here on August 24.

Welcome to Penn State, freshmen.

You were greeted by a temperature of 62 degrees at about 7:45 in the morning. Both the sun and the moon, facing opposite directions, were out to say, "Hello." A cool breeze blew across campus to make sure that those who were half a sleep would certainly be woke.

New, unfamiliar faces that would soon be recognizable as friends and classmates were also on the welcoming committee. Maze-like structures readying to gobble you up as you searched for classes were waiting to be called home. You fidgeted around in your seat uncomfortably as a professor stood menacingly over you, only to offer guidance and encouragement.

And you wander around campus, giving prayers that lightning might strike you dead from the clear blue sky. Finally, the day is done, the

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classes are over and you've made it to the comfort and familiarity of your home. The big question is asked, "How was it?"

You think it over. You rummage through your memory of your first day.

"It was great!"

Going to bed that night you actually look forward to going back the following day. College isn't so bad. No, not at all. Everything is going to be all right.

And it is.

America's Fallen Star-Angel Anxiously Awaits Judgment

By Carolyn Castelli

"At first I thought he was innocent but I don't know what to think now," says Jennifer Holland (third semester DUS). "If you have to use ice cream to prove him innocent then that is ridiculous!"

Guilty or Innocent, is what a jury must decide later this month, in the highly controversial case of the state of California versus O. J. Simpson.

O.J.'s trouble started back in June when his ex-wife Nicole and her friend Ron Goldman were found stabbed to death at Nicole's house. After this happened O.J. seemed to act as usual.

It was not until the night when he and his friend, Al Cowlens drove down the Santa Monica freeway being followed by the police for about an hour that people began to think of O.J. as a suspect in the case.

"Innocent people don't run," said Jim Foltz, one of the editors of the *Lion's Eye*. Thanks to technology, millions of viewers got to witness the whole event live as it was unfolding. No one knew how it was going to turn out.

Much has happened since that long night. Being televised on almost every network, the public was able to see first hand how the judicial system works. For example, those who tuned in to watch were able to see the many people who testified, along with the endless disputes over evidence like the blood samples. Watching this trial day after day, people began forming their own theories on this case. With O.J.'s past history as a pro football player many people have mixed emotions about this trial.

One student I spoke with said O.J. had to be innocent because of all the confusion with the evidence. On the other hand, others I spoke with thought he was guilty because all the evidence points to him.

If O.J. committed the murders or not, he is still guaranteed a fair trial. Hopefully he will receive one. Everyone is innocent until proven guilty, even O.J. Simpson.



FACT

American use enough toilet paper each year to stretch to the moon and back almost 670 times.

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