

Opinion

Letter from the editors: Caught up in all the changes

Welcome back!

It's good to see everyone on campus again after a summer of blissful and blistering sunshine. It's hard to believe that the relaxing summer months are now behind us and it's time again to put our behinds in gear as we prepare for another Fall semester.

How many of you left Delco in the spring and haven't come back until the start of classes, now? Congratulations, it's difficult to do, what with all the fun we've been having here during the summer. Many of you have filtered through the weight room and gym. All of the freshmen have been here at some point to become oriented with Penn State life. Faculty and staff have been working here all summer to ensure that the Fall semester gets off to a wonderful start.

And for those of you who haven't been here in a while, we're sure you can't miss all of the changes that have occurred. The Commons building is completely different. Java Joe (who has also been here throughout the summer) has set up in the remodeled cafeteria and he is excited to serve you. What was formerly known as The Lion's Den has completely changed to accommodate sofas and even a fireplace. There is no longer a computer lab upstairs. In its place, you now have various club offices including the office of the Student Government Association and the office of *The Lion's Eye*. Make sure you stop by and visit us in our new home.

Other changes include moving the Computer Services office to the Vairo Library and restructuring the Academic Advising office. Of course, who can forget the construction of the new entrance?

With everything refreshing itself, the *Lion's Eye* had to jump on the bandwagon as well. We're sure you've noticed by now that it's under new editorship (that would be us, Sarah Gallatig and Jennifer Rufo) and we have some new features in store like Ask Momma Q, Gerry Dungan's column and more. You'll just have to read every page to discover everything new.

Another change we will surely make you aware of is that the *Lion's Eye* will now be holding club meetings every Wednesday at common hour in our office room. Our meetings are open to everyone — anyone interested in joining, anyone with an opinion, anyone just curious and who wants to know what will be in the next issue. Keep that in mind as you traverse the halls of Delco and wonder whether all the changes around here agree with you.

We'll keep an open ear and an open eye.

Good luck this semester and see you around campus.

Sarah and Jennifer

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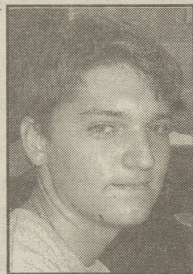
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People Poll

We asked freshmen at Penn State Delco:
What's your biggest anxiety about coming here?



Just the work because my study ethic isn't the best.

Matt Cassidy



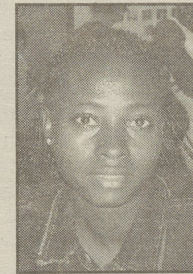
Coming to Penn State and meeting new people.

Sean Nichols



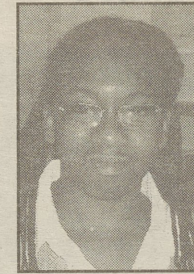
New surroundings.

Ericha Loftis



To learn about different cultures.

Roseline Okyne



Not getting good grades.

Antoinette Brooks-Thomas



Not enough people here to socialize with.

Hari Khatri

Train's leaving the station: Don't get run down by it

I hope everyone enjoyed your summer vacation, because for the next 15 weeks finding free time to relax doesn't appear in the forecast.

Teachers prepared all summer to start off with a fresh start this year, and work their students to death.

OK, maybe I'm lying; they probably don't want to kill us, but doesn't it seem like every fall, homework attacks you with a vengeance? I'm sure teachers don't agree with us students in saying that they give us too much homework, and maybe they don't, but it sure does feel like it.

After such a short summer, I don't think I'm prepared to get back into the swing of things. Or better yet, study. I forget the concept of the word study. Unfortunately, I'm not going to be given the satisfaction of forgetting it for long. Summer faded away with the sunset, and school rolled in with the beginning of fall.

I guess we all need help this year finding the right track. I know I definitely do.

After staring at a blank screen for a while, I realized how fogged my brain actually was, and I tutored this summer, and took classes. So spiders really must have struggled this year to strike my brain. This leaves me to wonder about all those who weren't provided with the opportunity to keep those muscles moving.

For starters we should start with the basics on how to get back on track. Because I wouldn't want to leave anyone behind on this train. We all know if you miss it, you end up frustrated, alone, and not starting off on the right foot with your professor.

To begin I'm going to remind you to look up your schedule and make sure you follow it precisely.

Attend all your classes. Missing a class can get you thrown off the train before you even hit the first station. And everyone knows it's impossible to run and catch up to a train.

Secondly, I must say that in all your classes please use separate notebooks. Nothing will drive you more nuts than if you're unorganized. Personally I don't know how people can live around clutter. But, hey, my obsessions aren't what we're talking about here. If you even attempt to use one notebook for five classes, you're crazy. How will you ever be able to find all the information you need to study for in time? Plus, your notes will never make sense if they aren't in order.

Finally, here's one more pointer. I heard rumors this summer that teachers call on the students who sit in the back. Now, that doesn't mean that everyone should rush to the front. All it means is, look interested if you do sit in the back. There is nothing worse than a professor calling on you out of the blue and not knowing the answer. But if you pay attention maybe you will.

Plus, professors enjoy teaching to attentive classes, and I guarantee that if everyone looks interested, they will deliver cool information into their lectures.

So there they are: Tips to begin the school year. I trust you're ready to start studying again.

I hope everyone has a great fall semester, and earns even better marks than last year. Good luck to you all.

And remember: It will be over before you know it.

Really, it will.



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