

Opinion

Letter from the editor

How to Fix PSU Delco in eight easy steps

With all the changes happening around campus, and more sure to come throughout the entire university, the Lion's Eye has some suggestions on what *should* be changed here at Penn State Delaware County.

1. The Library.

Need we say more? The place is still the color of muck and drastically dull. It's difficult to not take a trip back to the forgotten days of the '70s and be reminded why that era is in the past.

2. Food and snacks back in the bookstore.

It's a pain to have to visit a vending machine that isn't always fully stocked, or walk across campus in April showers to get to the cafeteria. The bookstore had almost everything and gave us the excuse to buy that cute hoodie while we were in there.

3. The long-forgotten new entrance.

We love how the new entrance is done, yet just sitting there because there is still no traffic light. The SEPTA bus circle is ready, yet the buses still disrupt classes in front of the Main building. Allegedly, it is now out of Penn State's hands and in PennDOT's. It is going to take a student or two to die at that intersection before the new entrance is finally finished.

4. Road names.

While we are on the subject of roads, why not name the road that is actually on our campus? It wouldn't hurt anything and would actually give us something to identify when driving on campus.

5. Dorms.

Penn State owns about 90 acres of land here and we are only using a small portion of it. The space is there for dorms, but obviously not the means. Dorms would expand the campus and give it less of a high school feeling.

6. A path to the gazebo.

Seriously, how ugly is that patch of grass that leads to the gazebo? It's difficult to get to in the mud, and even harder to get to on wheels. Delco alumni should chip in and buy bricks with their names on them to make that area of campus look better.

7. Student and faculty involvement.

There are many events on campus that students and faculty should attend in order to show support to fellow students and staff. Faculty seem just as hurried as students to get off campus at the end of the day, which is sad. Without proper examples, what is a freshman to do about showing support and enthusiasm?

8. Writes in to the *Lion's Eye*.

Maybe you have other ideas to improve the campus, or disagree with these. Whatever, write in and let us know. Let us hear your opinions. Remember, we can only point out the problems on campus. It's up to all of us to fix them.

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People Poll

Staff writer Lauren O'Neil asked:
How do you feel about the loss of Y100?



How many hip-hop stations do you need? I think it was a mistake.

Dana Riberio
Telecommunication



I don't think it should have been taken off. It was one of my favorites.

Doug Morris
IST



I think it's a real shame because Y100 was one of kind.

Erin MacQueen
CAS



It was one of the only stations playing alternative, I can think of five stations that play rap off of the top of my head.

Mike Mental
Justice



It's a shame. They played a variety but I am sure it will increase the purchases of CDs and satellite radio.

Stephanie Garon
Elementary ed



Personally, I'm not affected by it.

Crystal Bowhall
Business

Now that the weather's turned, get out there and act your age

Before we begin, I'd like for you to think about this: "I'm not sure if anyone who's not a soap-opera character truly gets amnesia; it might be one of those fictional TV diseases, like... gum disease. However, we all experience intermittent amnesia, sometimes from drinking Ketel One Vodka. We refer to this phenomenon as "forgetting stuff."

Chuck Klosterman wrote that in his low-culture epic, "Sex, Drugs, and Cocoa Puffs." The reference to amnesia and the fact that one of our biggest fears is "forgetting stuff" really kind of stuck out to me.

Imagine if you woke up one day and couldn't remember anything... anyone... who you were?

It would be horrible, but then again, maybe it wouldn't. You would be able to live each day anew. The question now is: Would you prefer to remember anything ever again? If not, then the idea of living as a Taoist would be possible.

The goal of Taoism is to be like a child. A child is the perfect being in Taoism. Children are curious, living in the moment with no worries. In the same manner, the elderly are considered wise.

Children's movements and actions are smooth and joyful. Their hands reach out in curiosity, and yet at the same time, they are experienced. They are textured, they are living as one with the body and the moment.

Life without memory, life without a past,

makes you want to forget about what troubles brood in the deep reaches of your heart, doesn't it?

Recall the movie "Memento," which is an irony because the movie depicts a person's everyday life as if it's constantly new (this, in large part, due to the fact that the main character has amnesia). And although the movie itself was about a man trying to find the murder of his wife, he exemplifies the essential meaning of reality and for living in the moment.

So what am I trying to say?

Well, allow me to put it this way: Did anyone notice how nice the weather has gotten? No, I didn't just forget to make my point, because that is my point.

The number of squirrels and deer I see frolicking out there on our campus during the day, tells me that there are a number of you who aren't representing your dominant species

and having fun in the sun.

What is stopping us?

I try to forget this thought, I try to forget everything. For if I were to wake up everyday to the perfect warm sun, from whatever dark inhibitions held me down the night before, my first thought would be: "I'd like to go outside and play."

So, why not bring this paper with you outside and read. I assure you that the light is much better.

And don't forget to act your age.



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