

Eye on Editorials

THE GREATEST INVENTION OF ALL TIME

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I am going to discuss a rather thought-provoking topic. This question is most likely a topic you may have thought about/discussed somewhere in your academic career and/or free time. The other day, a friend of mine asked me, "What do you think is the greatest invention of all time?"

Then my mind went into an overload with thousands of pictures and ideas of inventions racing through my mind. Before I give my response, I'll give you a minute or two to think about it.

Seriously, what is the greatest invention ever? The TV? The radio? A computer? Electricity? It's a pretty big list.

Ready for my response (and hear me out)?! The greatest invention of all time is... (drum roll, no, okay) the creation of writing.

Another invention I would say is the invention of the human mind, if that could count as an "invention."

Here's my reason: I am a person who takes a very historical approach on life; therefore, for me, you must start at the beginning. We have all been given minds, and as time went on, our minds evolved allowing our thinking-pattern to increase. If it wasn't for this evolution, we could still be apes or cavemen or something along those lines.

So, in the early days of human development, our prehistoric ancestors wanted to improve their communication and they started to draw pictures and other symbols which came to be the creation of words and language. Now that these individuals can speak, they can tell stories, and some of these stories wound up carved in stone. Stories like Beowulf and The Epic of Gilgamesh, and stories by authors such as Aristotle, Homer, and Sophocles all were created on slabs of rock and they are still being translated and read in today's world.

Once paper was discovered, these stories could now be transmitted that way, but it had to be done by hand. Next, came along the printing press; now virtually anything could be written down and mass-produced. As the mind grew and people read and heard stories about under developed societies, people wanted to solve these problems. To further this analysis, people were afraid of the dark and some could not afford oil to light their candles in their homes and businesses. What happens next? Mr. Edison finally invented the light bulb after countless experiments.

Then everything now that is considered a great invention followed from there; inventions such as the radio, the television, and the computer.

But of course, still before these gizmos, our prehistoric ancestors and ancient civilizations invented the wheel, which would eventually create the transportation boom. Not to mention, our past brethren improved math and science. And before they could comprehend these concepts, what did they have to understand before this? Communication skills through written and verbal means that way they could study these and other phenomenon's and record them. For example, these recordings and (shockingly accurate) predictions of the Mayans, Incas, and other ancient civilizations are still in use today by scientists.

Readers, do you realize how special and amazing that is, that everything we see, hear, touch, taste, and smell in one way or another came from writing and the evolution of the human mind. It's incredible! And that is why I believe the mind and writing did all we see and know today; it was a major snowball effect. Therefore, they are the greatest inventions ever.

So, what's yours?

The Lion's Eye

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What's Your College Experience?

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Do you wish that you went to a raging state school where drinking occurs every weekend and meeting friends is as simple as a snap of your finger?

Well we as students of a commuter school have to deal with different hurdles to do those things. I know, from personal experience, that going to a commuter school like ours; it is hard to have a true college experience.

From my personal experience, I was a student at a school in New York City and lived the total college experience my freshman year. Coming back home to a commuter school was a complete shock. I have met some great people but the weekend and breaks come around and you do not see them or talk to them. Making true friendships at a commuter school is capable but not simple.

As young adults and students, we all have our own juggling act; whether it is dealing and handling families, jobs to support ourselves and/or those families, and then the school work in order to get us through school, which tops everything off. Due to all of these things, most students are on campus for classes and leave without getting to know any of your peers and classmates.

My advice for all of you that want to make their experience at a commuter school more worth it would be to join clubs

and or sports teams. Penn State Brandywine has so many different clubs and intramural sports teams that are open to any student who is interested.

You are all probably thinking, you just named all of these things that schedule my life from one thing to another, and you want me to join a club and/or sport which will take up more of my time...well yes I understand that we are all busy but clubs are held during common hour during school, so if you are here and just sitting in a lounge or the Lion's Den, why not join a club and be proactive. It is a great way to meet people and further your interaction with other students on campus that may not be in your major classes. Joining clubs and sports also gives you a chance to meet other staff members on the campus that you also would not have had a chance to meet other wise.

When I joined the Lion's Eye, it changed my commuter school experience completely. It gave me something to do when I came to school and allowed me to meet some people I probably never would have, along with some great staff members that surround our campus.

Do you want a better college experience, while still being able to manage your everyday tasks? It's your choice! What will you choose?

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Sophomore

"More coverage on Penn State Brandywine sports"



Martina Gill

Senior

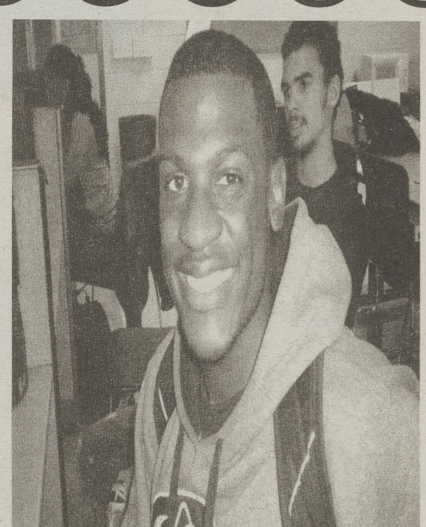
"Investigative reporting"



Brittany Tyler

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"More celebrity news"



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"More cartoons"