

Opinion

A Farewell and Thank You!

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Since I am graduating and will be passing my position on to someone who will probably end up doing the job better than I did (only because I set everything in place for him, haha) I wanted to leave a few words on my experience. The past two years as Editor-in-chief have been a roller coaster to say the least. It has been such a wonderful learning and life experience that I wouldn't change it for the world. Did I come across some obstacles, big and small? Yes I did. Was every single one worth it? I think so. Since I have been a part of this newspaper I have seen a variety of staff members along with the number of staff we have at one time. I want to take this time to say thank you to everyone who has contributed to the newspaper in the time I was a part of it. I want to thank the editors of the newspaper, especially! I know it is hard sometimes knowing how much work you put into it and sometimes it doesn't always show—due to late papers, papers not coming out, wrong pages being published...we've had it all happen; but I think we've done a pretty fantastic job and it wouldn't have happened without the hard work of all of you. I couldn't have asked for a better right hand team than the group of editors I have seen this year.

My next thank you would absolutely be the advisor of this newspaper, Professor Bowen. Not only did she advise us but she helped this organization tremendously...she was putting in all-nighters with the rest of us, in order to have a paper come out on time. So I thank you and I know the rest of the staff thanks you. Without her mentoring and help with the paper it would not be what the paper is today.

I want to express the importance of getting involved with a club or organization on campus to all of you. Am I telling you to join the Lion's Eye? No...well maybe; but in general being a part of this organization made coming to the school worth it to me. It got me involved and gave me the chance to meet great students, faculty and staff around campus and every single one of the people I have met, kept me coming back day to day to end up where I am today...graduation in a week! EW! There are so many organizations and clubs around campus that can offer any type of participation—if you are an artist, design their flyers, if you're a computer person—be their IT person, set up a website or social media for them. There is something for everyone and I truly believe by getting involved you will notice a difference in your time on campus and even in your education.

Now I want to introduce the new Editor-in-Chief for the upcoming school year...Rob Ewing! I want to thank Rob for accepting the position and I think he will be fantastic at his job. He already has a huge presence on campus with students, faculty and staff and I know he won't let the BS slide. I am very happy to be passing my position off to him. Rob has been Editor of the campus section for the past two years and also worked on his high school year book and newspaper, so he has plenty of experience. I hope to see a successful newspaper in the years to come as he is in charge!



Thank you everyone who has supported our newspaper and I hope the support continues and gets stronger.

Thanks for the Memories
Judy

School's out for Summer

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It's that time of year again. Seniors are counting down the minutes, underclassman are watching the courtyard where the football flies through the air. Both ways, we are distracted as students. Instead of worrying about what is going to happen, you really should worry about now. Your finals can make or break your grade. That paper could mean a + instead of a -.

I have been every kind of student under the sun; full-time, part-time, no-time, full-time school part-time work, part-time school full-time work, and then a decade off running a small business. Coming back to school has made me realize how dumb I really was a decade ago.

I have seen friends not get accepted to the grad school of their choice because they had a B and another person had a B+ [insert class here]. My cousin missed Harvard Law because his writing was not that good...and he graduated Magna-cum-laude from Pitt. My neighbor missed a job opportunity because his attendance was not good in college. And yes, if you are applying to a national corporation, they will check things as mundane as attendance.

With all that being said, I figured that in my last article I would pass along things that can only make you better, or more attractive to employers. First, and foremost, do not lie! I cannot stress this enough. Be it in school or in the workplace, the truth is best, even if it makes you look bad. Teachers/employers will respect you more, and most will work with you. Whereas if you lie, and your teacher / employer finds out, s^&! can hit the fan, and can cost you a grade or a job.

If you are going to miss a class or a day at work, email or call ahead to let them know. If a teacher knows you are going to miss class, they will be more approachable in the future for an excused absence or the class notes you missed (thank you Dr Greene).

Make sure you are on time. Nothing is more awkward than walking into class half way through. Make sure your assignments are on time also. The workplace is all about deadlines, deadlines, deadlines. There is no going back after you miss a due date. Do not show up and do your assignment during class while your teacher teaches...they see you! If there is a reason for missing a due date, see paragraph 5.



When your teacher / boss asks you to jump, you ask how high; seriously. I had an interview where I had to go into the work area and do the YMCA song five times. That was just to get through the door, before the interview even began. There were 15 of us at the beginning, but only 3 sang YMCA. Unless you own your own business, you work for someone, remember that. You are replaceable, we all are replaceable.

Lastly, be yourself. If you are acting, and saying what you think you're supposed to say, you are lying to yourself. What happens when you run into a co-worker or boss while you're out at the bar? You may fool them at first, but inevitably your true self will emerge, and may make you look like a fool.

CONGRATS to all the graduates, and I hope you succeed. To our underclassmen, budget your time and do not blow off assignments because they may come back to haunt you.

I'M OUT!!!

CONGRATULATIONS
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