I don’t have a love story with The Daily Collegian. I didn’t discover it romantically, by happenstance my freshman year walking to class. I was crammed into a packed lecture hall at 8 a.m. Surrounded by other freshmen in the Bellisario College of Communications, my brain was yelling at me to talk to people, someone, and make a connection. But, my body was heavy with sleep and I simply slipped into one of the first chairs near the top of the rows and pulled out my phone. That’s where I proceeded to hear about the Collegian for the first time from its then-Editor-in-Chief Shannon Sweeney — understanding simply that it was a place to write.

Writing was one of the only things I knew I wanted to do in my future, having picked journalism arbitrarily because I was sick of people asking me what major I had planned. As it turns out, I tried out the next week. I can now tell you how important it is to get involved — and to do so early. Becoming a part of as many clubs or organizations as possible, or even just trying out a few key groups, can make an indescribable impact on your college experience.

I’m truly the last person to romanticize college or even my news outlet. But the Collegian allowed me to see that this journalism thing wasn’t just a shot in the dark. Somehow, I got to realize I truly belonged in the field and I loved it. From there, I certainly have earned a place here that the freshman with one headphone in and her feet up would have never expected. I wouldn’t have been able to do any of this, sharpen my reporting and writing skills as I have, if I hadn’t joined the Collegian.

I encourage you to join clubs that interest you, even if you aren’t sure at first what your part will look like at first. Do not be like me and finally connect with people when you’re a junior. Though I’m excited for the future, not making connections earlier is something I truly regret and watching many of the seniors graduate wasn’t easy. But I would never change how amazing my most involved year, this year, has been.

Get involved early, let yourself connect.
Eight campus spots every new student should explore

By Chelsea Kun

New Student Orientation is an exciting time for incoming freshmen. They get to meet most of their future classmates and see the campus before move-in day. It is also the first time students will get a chance to explore University Park without their parents.

Students will get a few hours to themselves on the first night of NSO and they are free to explore the campus. Navigating campus on your own is something you'll need to get used to, and there's no better place to start than Nittany Lion Shrine.

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The Creamery

You should head back before you start walking, as you need to make a quick stop at the Berkey Creamery. It may be tempting to study, so you will probably work done. It is a great place in between classes to get home - the middle of campus and probably somewhere in the library. You can always hangout with a bunch of friends around campus.

The Library and Stacks

The library is a quieter study spot than a campus, and you should head there if you need to study. It is even bigger than the HUB, so finding your way around the library may be harder.

The library is divided into two wings: the Pattee Wing and the Pattee Wing. They both have many places to study, but the Pattee side is older and a little bit bigger.

There is a spot on the Pattee side with a spooky history behind the Stacks. In the 1990's, a graduate student was murdered in the Stacks, and now that area of the library is rumored to be haunted. Don’t worry, this is the only time murder has occurred in the library, so you will be perfectly safe in the Stacks. As a matter of fact, there are studies that show if you are intragruated by murder mysteries and maybe ghosts, the library may be something to explore while you’re at PSU.

Your College’s building

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These buildings are where some courses are located, as well as careers, student advisors, and some offices for professors within the college.

The Arboretum

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Thinking differently after my first year

By Maddie Aiken


Common sense tips for all incoming freshmen

Getting used to a new environment is never easy and it’s perfectly normal for incoming freshmen to have a few weeks to adjust. Everyone has different ways of learning, so each Freshman will be in different classes, have different8 schedules, and all of the different campus buildings. This helped me out a lot. Don’t be afraid to use the bus system like the HUB and the library. Don’t be afraid to ask questions. If you don’t know many people, you might end up needing help. You might end up doing a lot of things that you didn’t think you’d be able to do.

Don’t buy your books the night before classes. College is about being responsible and responsible people do things ahead of time. However, at least attend the class before you pay for a book. You might need to re-arrange the class or the instructor might tell you the book isn’t needed. Don’t be alarmed by the guy in the red sweatshirt. That’s the Willard Preacher and he’s almost as iconic to Penn State as the Nittany Lion. Don’t buy your books the night before classes. Don’t buy your books the night before classes. You might end up dropping the class and paying for a book you don’t need. You might end up dropping the class and paying for a book you don’t need. At NSO, leaders bring students to different buildings for tours and activities. You might feel intimidated by the repair sessions in campus, like you’ll never be able to find your way around campus.

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Coming to Penn State and college in general can be a big change. You’re away from home. You don’t know many people and campus is huge. You can guarantee that you by the end of the year you will think differently about things and know much more about Penn State and the logistics of things that changed for me through my freshman year.

Buildings

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The first step is getting to know that “landmark” on campus like the HUB and the library. Don’t be afraid to use Google Maps and an online campus map for locating specific buildings, this helped me out a lot. By the time the end of the semester rolls around, you’ll have memorized every building on campus. Even those that you don’t have classes in, like Thomas, the Willard, Forum, and Hammond

Bus System

I knew Penn State had a bus system, I just didn’t think that students had to pay to ride. A few weeks into the semester, a friend told me about the White Loop and Blue Loop. Both loops go around campus and don’t cost anything. Needless to say, my life was changed. Now I take the loops to downtown, the Collegetown office and the far ends of campus. I can’t imagine my life without them. You might end up needing help. You might end up needing help. If you don’t know many people, you might end up needing help.

Football team

I knew Penn State had a good football team when I first started in the fall. I had already bought my season tickets and was excited to see what the 2017 season had in store for the team. After experiencing my first season as a student, I feel much more connected to the football team.

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Sleep schedule

You’ve probably always heard and read about the importance of getting enough sleep. If you don’t get enough sleep, you can get quite snowy, so be sure to have at least one or two boots. And, unless you want to slip and fall, you should probably bring an umbrella. If it rains, you’ll be able to ride it through the cold and wet. While this is good advice, I learned that you should probably be doing the opposite. If you don’t like a class, drop it during the add/drop period. If you don’t like a class, drop it during the add/drop period. If you don’t like a class, drop it during the add/drop period. If you don’t like a class, drop it during the add/drop period.

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No AC? How to survive a State College summer

By Alyssa Merchant TAYLOR COLLIER

Whether you’re attending a LEAP program this summer or starting your first semester in August, State College summers can be sweat inducing. Temperatures average around 80 degrees and if you are living in a dorm, chances are there is no air conditioning either.

Here are some helpful tips to cool off indoors when it’s heating up outside.

Try taking a cold shower

Instead of spending hot afternoons in your dorm without air conditioning, find somewhere on campus that has AC, and camp out there all day. Reading at the HUB-Robeson Center for a smoothie or lunch that does, and camp out there all day. Head ing to the HUB-Robeson Center for a smoothie or lunch that does, and camp out there all day. Head ing to the HUB-Robeson Center for a smoothie or lunch that does, and camp out there all day. Head ing to the HUB-Robeson Center for a smoothie or lunch that does, and camp out there all day. Head ing to the HUB-Robeson Center for a smoothie or lunch that does, and camp out there all day. Head ing to the HUB-Robeson Center for a smoothie or lunch that does, and camp out there all day. Head ing to the HUB-Robeson Center for a smoothie or lunch that does, and camp out there all day. Head ing to the HUB-Robeson Center for a smoothie or lunch that does, and camp out there all day. 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Join a club to find your family at PSU

One of my former high school teachers told me, "They don't call it Happy Valley because the students like the classes they're taking." Instead, as I've come to know, it's more about what you do with your time here and the people you meet that make this place so special.

I had no idea how one simple decision would affect my first year here. On the first day of my freshman year, I decided to join the Penn State Club Cross Country team. That decision—now and still—is one of my best decisions ever. If you're anything like me, the idea of college is probably overwhelming to find your place. Your possibilities are endless. It can be difficult to establish and maintain lasting friendships, but if you join something and see it through, I can assure you that this is where you will find your "family" at Penn State.

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Find something that you are passionate about. I am a former member of Penn State's club cross country team, and it was one of the best decisions I've ever made. You have an entire world of opportunities and choices available to you. Don't be scared.

So, future freshmen, remember, you are living there full time.

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Unique places to visit downtown during your NSO

By Darcy Pacheco
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State College is a place many of us hold near and dear to our hearts, but one of the aspects that make it so unique is the downtown scene.

From College to Beaver Avenue, downtown offers many places to visit and explore. These range from mouth-watering eateries to quirky clothing shops.

Webster’s Bookstore Café
Webster’s is a used bookseller and coffeehouse shop that has offered a relaxing environment for all since 1999. Along with the many books to dive into, it also finds a place in many vegetarians, vegans, gluten-free, and dairy-free diets. In addition, Webster’s also hosts many events for people to attend such as Friday Night Live/LGBTQ Open Mic and Global Connections: Cross Cultural Communication.
Location: 133 E. Beaver Ave., State College, PA, 16801.

2000 Degrees
For anyone who loves to be creative, 2000 Degrees could be the perfect place to go to. The shop is a paint your own pottery studio. It provides hundreds of pieces of pre-fired pottery that the customer can select from to decorate and personalize. After the product is complete, the staff will glaze and fire the masterpiece and contact the creator when it’s available to pick up.
Location: 202 W. College Ave., State College, PA, 16801.

Sadie’s Waffles
Sadie’s is an eatery that specializes in homemade Belgian waffles along with a variety of additional breakfast and brunch items. In addition, Sadie’s also offers a Monday special that is too good to resist: buy any specialty waffle and get a free classic waffle.
Location: 118 S. Pugh St., State College, PA, 16801.

Chopstick Express
At first glance, Chopstick Express is just another typical Chinese restaurant in State College. Some may not know it exists, but it’s the best kept secret in town! Chopstick Express also provides vegetarian options as well.
Location: 134 E. College Ave., State College, PA, 16801.

Escape Room Inc.
The escape room offers a very different experience. It’s an interactive, immersive puzzle game that’s filled with riddles and mystery to challenge participants to escape from isolation. The kicker? Only 60 minutes are allotted to do so.
Location: 210 E. Calder Way, State College, PA, 16801.

Inspiration Mural
State College wouldn’t be the town it is without Penn State. This mural is not only a great photo opportunity, but it features faces familiar to the Penn State community. Additionally, the mural recognizes the contributions of the Penn State community from creators Michael Pinto and Yuri Karabash.
Location: 102 Heister St., State College, PA, 16801.
What do you want to be when you grow up?

I have no doubt you’ve heard that question at some point during your childhood.

Let’s be honest, back then everyone wanted to be an astronaut, princess or a rock star. Then we got a little older, a little wiser. We started thinking a little more practically—lawyer, doctor, banker. Then college and it’s time to pick your major.

Suddenly choosing what you want to do for the rest of your life becomes startlingly real. The only problem is most of us still don’t know what our minds even want.

That’s why I’ll help you find the major that’s right for you, so you have a short list of things that you can do to help reach your career dreams.

Don’t worry if you don’t get into the classes you were banking on. After four semesters here, I know all too well the agony of watching the clock hit midnight to schedule classes only to find out that half of the ones you wanted are already filled.

If this happens (and it will), don’t panic. Although it seems like a big deal in the moment, the classes I ended up “getting stuck with” turned out to be some of my most enjoyable. The same could happen for you and if you’re lucky it could serve as the foundation for a major you never would have thought of choosing.

You should also get involved in clubs you never would have in the past. “What’s the point?” “What a waste of time.” I’m sure that’s what some of you are thinking. Well, like truth is, the more you get involved the more you change and joining a club you never would have considered in the past might actually pique your interest in college.

The list of clubs and activities is endless, so heed my advice and get started right away. Who knows, maybe one of those clubs could end up being the start of something you’re willing to do for the rest of your life. It’s never too early to get some great hands-on experience with something that could lead to a job down the line.

Not only are internships great opportunities to find out what you like and what you’re good at, they are usually even better indicators of what you absolutely can’t stand. That said, you could save yourself a lot of trouble down the line by avoiding something you otherwise wouldn’t have known you hated.

If you follow these tips you’ll be well on your way and found the major you’ll be lucky to have in your life.

The moral of the story is, there are some people who will nail their major the first time around, but those people are few and far between.

The majority of you will switch once, twice, maybe even three times like yours truly and that’s okay. College is a time for finding what it is that makes you tick and you have ample time to do so.

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