



The Daily Collegian staff poses in front of the James Building on Tuesday, April 17.

Get involved early, let yourself connect

By Kelly Powers EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

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.

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

Writing was one of the only have earned a place here that the freshman with one headphone in and her feet up would have never expected.

Î 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. And I'm so glad I didn't wait. I'm thankful I joined as a freshman, could really take in as much time connect with other students.

That's my next point.

I find it pretty hard to open up to people — it's no secret. But, getting involved early in college is an invaluable opportunity to meet as many people as possible.

I must admit, I viewed the Collegian as a place to take away skills and drop off articles for a while — not taking the time to connect with anyone.

But slowly that wore away.

Running a news staff of eager a junior. Though I'm excited for reporters and working alongside the board of editors for two semesters landed me in the office much more often than I had ever anticipated.

Afternoons reading with reporters, late nights putting the paper together, Cafe after dark, trips to Altoona — you name it

- I spent with these people and as possible and got to actually I started to realize not only how much this place really meant to me but more so, how much many of this staff did.

> Before I knew it, I was forming bonds I never expected and becoming closer to people here than I ever saw possible.

I encourage you to join clubs that interest you, even if you aren't sure at first what your part in will look like at first.

Do not be like me and finally connect with people when you're

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.

I can't wait to see where we can take the Collegian moving forward and meet all of the new people it helps find a place for on this huge campus.

I truly love it here and I know you would, too.

But even if the journalism thing isn't for you, look around. This university has thousands of other clubs and student organizations to offer.

Find something that draws you and let it.

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The Nittany Lion Shrine stands at the north end of campus, and is a popular stop for students to pose and take pictures.

Eight campus spots every new student should explore

By Chelsea Kun and Lindsey Toomer THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

New Student Orientation is an exciting time for incoming freshman. They get to meet some 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 NSO.

So, grab a friend or two and take a trip around campus. Be sure to stop at a few of these places on your journey through Penn State.

Residence halls

The first and maybe the most important place to explore is the residence hall areas. One of them will be your home for at least a year, and finding your way around them can get confusing.

There are five residence right by Recreation Hall. areas freshman can choose from: East, North, South, West and Pol-

lock. Walking through the residence hall areas tends to be like a maze. Each area has many different dorms, so you will most likely get lost the first time.

But, the best way to learn how to navigate campus is getting lost.

Since you are coming from the creamery, East Halls is the closest, so explore there first. Many of the freshmen live there anyway. If you come to NSO already knowing where you will be living, explore that residence hall area.

Becoming familiar with the residence halls will help you significantly when it comes time for move-in day.

Nittany Lion Shrine

Nearly everyone who comes to Penn State has to take a photo with the Nittany Lion Shrine at one point or another. It is a tradition for students to take a picture with the lion on their first visit to campus or during NSO.

The Lion Shrine is on the northwest corner of campus,

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How to be prepared for an emergency at Penn State

By Mikayla Corrigan THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

If I remember anything from my New Student Orientation last year, it would have to be the endless papers and packets upon packets that I lugged around in my tote bag but never actually read.

Those packets are the ones full of information presented to all incoming freshmen from the hours of powerpoints that parents seemed to be engaged in, but many incoming students used as a well-deserved nap time.

It is not until you actually need the resources and do not know where to go when those NSO daydreams turn into reallife nightmares.

Instead of advocating for incoming students to be afraid for their safety or to drink a Redbull to avoid those mid-day snooze sessions during NSO, here's a refresher of what resources are available when you become a student at Penn State and advice to keep your campus expe-rience a whole lot safer.

Be engaged from the

get-go

One of the best resources offered by the Penn State community is the information students have access to when there is a threat on campus.

This is because of the Clery Act, which is a federal law that requires that Penn State reach the entire campus community as quickly as possible in an

emergency. Penn State distributes this information through multiple avenues that students can sign up for.

These warnings are sent through Penn State emails, but there a lot more direct avenues to can get the information from. One of these is signing up to have timely warnings sent right to your phone. Penn State students and fac-

ulty can visit psualert.psu.edu to have text message warnings set up. Students can also find out this information by putting so-cial media accounts of the Penn State Police and Penn State University on push notifications.

Updates like these can include threats, sexual assaults and robberies to other disturbances and campus cancellations,



Officer Adam Rawding, sergeant Monica Himes and officer Michelle Beckenbaugh pose together for a group portrait outside of the University Park Police Station on Wednesday, Feb. 21.

like when the university has a the spring semester began on rare snow day.

Know who to contact

Besides the normal 911 contact, there are many resources available to students in case of an emergency. Numbers to have on hand are the university police and State College police for any crime that occurs off campus.

In addition, the university has other programs, including Campus Safe Walk and Blue Light Emergency Phones around cam-

The Campus Safe Walk is accessible by calling 814-865-WALK, a program for students which has a police officer accompany the individual and guide them to their destination.

The blue-lit phones connect the caller directly to the university police if there is an instance in which a student feels unsafe or is under threat.

In addition to this, students can report crimes anonymously through a form on the Penn State police's website.

Use the additional services offered

While most services are proactive and give help before disaster strikes, campus also offers resources for students that have faced distress following an incident.

For instance, at the time of publication, there have been 17 sexual assaults reported since

Jan. 8 and 23 sexual assaults reported since the beginning of the academic year. However, as previously reported by The Daily Collegian, for every 100 sexual assaults that occur, only 15 are ever reported.

This does not include other forms of assault or distress a student might face.

Two of these resources are the Penn State Gender Equity Center and the Centre County Women's Resource Center, which are experienced in helping people with assaults or other forms of violence.

Intimate hotlines are available and include Centre County Women's Resource Center 24-hour hotline at (814)-234-5050 and the Penn State Counseling & Psychological Services sexual assault and relationship violence hotline at 1-800-550-7575.

Beyond this, Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) is a counseling service on campus that aids in crisis intervention or contacted for a variety of mental health concerns.

Even though we at the Collegian hope you never have to experience any kind of accident or distress which would cause you to seek help, knowing the resources available to you beforehand will help you be as prepared as possible to be a Penn State student.

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Students also have the chance to gain leadership experience in positions such as a crew leader, culinary assistant, nutrition assistant, or even a student manager. Discounted meals, made available to employees either right before or after their shift, are only \$2 and students who do not have time for a meal can grab a quick snack at the fueling station, which is stocked with snacks and fresh fruit.

Penn State Campus Residential Dining is committed to enriching students' residential experience. Campus Dining consists of five dining halls and over 35 options of places to eat, always working toward serving quality food and beverages with quick, friendly, and responsive service. If you have more questions about Campus Dining or would like to apply for employment you may do so at https://psu.jobs/job/78284, or contact Jamie Robinson, Senior Assistant Director of Residential Dining, at 814-867-6357 or jlb616@psu.edu.

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Explore

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During football weekends, the line in front of the shrine may be 100 people long, but the iconic photo is worth the wait.

The Creamery

You should fuel up before you start walking, so make sure to make a quick stop at the Berkey Creamery.

You mostly likely know this if you have toured campus before, but it is not your ordinary creamery. The ice cream is homemade by Penn State's very own food science students. Mixing flavors is forbidden, and you can only top the ice cream with blue and white sprinkles.

Whether you get Alumni Swirl or Death by Chocolate, the ice cream is delicious. It will certainly satisfy you before your walk around campus.

The HUB

The next to stop is the HUB-Robeson Center, which is a major hangout location with a bunch of study spots and places to eat. Although it may eat your meal points sometimes, it is right in the middle of campus and probably close to a lot of your classes.

Many people go to the HUB in between classes to get homework done. It is a great place to study, so you will probably be there a lot. Therefore, it is

important to navigate.

The HUB is big, and you may get lost the first time. Once you get used to it, it doesn't seem that bad. Most of the food places are on the ground floor. There is Chick-

fil-a, Starbucks, Panda Express and many other options. On the first floor there are comfortable chairs and couches where students can study or just hang out.

The other floors are mostly offices, but if you want a quiet place to study, there are comfortable chairs on the second floor. You will find it easily if you take the stairs, or else you will find yourself walking in a maze of offices.

The Library and Stacks

The library is a quieter study spot on campus, and you should definitely learn your way around it. 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 Paterno 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 it: the Stacks.

In the 1960s, 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 a beauty place to murder has occurred in the library, so you will be perfectly some fresh air.

safe in the Stacks.

As a matter of fact, there are desks in there so people can study

If you are intrigued by murder mysteries and maybe ghosts, the stacks might be something to explore while you're at NSO.

Your College's building

Every college within the university has a central location somewhere on campus. Some of these buildings include the Business Building, the Carnegie Building where the Donald P. Bellisario College of Communications is located and the Westgate Building where the College of Information Sciences and Technology is located.

These buildings are where academic advisers for each college are located, as well as career/internship advisers and often times offices for professors within the college

The Arboretum

The Arboretum is a place for Penn State students to experience the beauty of nature, and possibly escape from the craziness of everyday college life. The Arboretum is at its finest in the spring and summer when all of the flowers are in full bloom.

With gardens of flowers, fields of grass and plenty of trees, the

Arboretum is a relax and enjoy



The HUB-Robeson Center sits on Pollock Road in the middle of campus. It is a popular spot to get food and meet with other students.

Old Main

Last stop: Old Main. It's not very far from the library, and it is a beautiful building. It is one of the oldest buildings on campus.

When Penn State was founded, Old Main originally had dorms and classrooms in it. It served other purposes throughout the years, but it now holds different offices, including the office of the president.

If you are able to get inside, there are beautiful murals on the walls to look at which illustrate the history of Penn State.

If not, it would be a great place to stop and take pictures. Old Main is a great view, with beautiful trees around it. There is also the Old Main lawn, where many people will sit in the sun during the summer.

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Thinking differently after my first year

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.

I can guarantee you that by the end of the year you will think differently about things and know much more about Penn State. Here are a few things that changed for me throughout my freshman year.

Buildings

At NSO, leaders bring students to different buildings for talks and activities. You might feel dismayed with the expansiveness of campus, like you'll never be able to find your way around campus.

You might be asking yourself "What's this 'Forum' building?" and "Wait, there's a lecture hall with 700 seats?" I know I did my first few days here and at NSO.

The first step is getting to know that "landmarks" on campus like the HUB and the libraries. Don't be afraid to use Google Maps and an online campus map for locating specif-ic buildings, this helped me out a lot.

By the time the end of the semester rolls around, you'll know where lots of buildings are, even ones that you don't have classes in, like Thomas, Willard, Forum and Hammond.

Bus System

I knew that Penn State had a bus system, I just always thought 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 Collegian office and the far ends of campus. I can't imagine my life without them.

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 and dedicated to cheering on the Nittany Lions. Being in the student section, tailgating and singing the Alma Mater created a deeper connection to the football program that didn't exist when I first got here.

Sleep schedule

I've always valued sleep and read full То story, visit collegian.psu.edu.

Common sense tips for all incoming freshmen

By Maddie Aiken THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Getting used to a new environment is never easy and do things ahead of time. it's perfectly normal for incoming freshman to take a few weeks to adjust to Penn State.

Many freshmen are constantly told to "join a club" and "be sure to take your classes seriously.

While this is good advice, there are some seemingly commonsense things that every freshman usually has to learn on his or her own. Never fear, though — The Daily Collegian is here to help you avoid a few emdecisions.

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.

Rain or shine, hot or cold, the Willard Preacher stands outside of the Willard Building daily preaching to students, arguing with others or having conversations with different people.

After a while he'll just into the background. fade

Yes, college is about being responsible and responsible people

However, at least attend the class first before you buy its book. You might end up dropping the class or the instructor might tell you the book isn't needed.

Most of the time, you're actually better off waiting until a few days into the semester.

Don't use all LionCash to buy clothes.

While it might be tempting to tell the clerk at McClanahan's 'LionCash" when they ask what payment method you want to use barrassing moments and bad to buy your "Happy Valley" Tshirt -don't do it.

Unless your parents plan on continuously refilling your Lion-Cash account, save the money for necessities, like food and laundry. You'll thank yourself later.

You know CATA the buses?

You can only enter the bus through the door by the driver, but you can exit through either door.

Nothing screams "it's my first time riding the Blue Loop" like visit collegian.psu.edu.

Don't buy your books the night trying to enter through the bus's back door.

When entering the bus, wait until everyone has exited and then hop on through the front door. And when you need to request a stop, be sure to tug on the vellow cord.

Sneakers and umbrellas are must-haves.

Penn State is a big campus, and you will likely walk everywhere (half the time it's uphill). your To avoid blisters in the summer, ditch the sandals and opt for sneakers.

In the winter, Happy Valley can get quite snowy, so be sure to have at least one pair of snow boots. And, unless you want to walk into your 8 a.m. class soaking wet, you should probably bring an umbrella.

If you don't like a class, drop it during the add/drop period.

If (insert subjectively boring or hard class) just isn't for you, consider dropping it, especially if it's only a general education course. If a class seems boring or stressful and you don't have to take it, don't take it.

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No AC? | How to survive a State College summer

By Caitlyn Frolo FOR THE COLLEGIAN

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.

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

Try taking a cold shower

This may be only a temporary fix from the blistering heat, but cold showers can help to bring your body temperature down and leave you feeling refreshed.

Buy a fan (or lots of fans)

The closest thing to an air conditioner you can get may just be your savior. Using a box fan in the window to circulate air and an oscillating fan to cool off you and your roommate can help to move hot air out and circulate slightly less stuffy air in.

Use an ice pack or wet washcloth

Each dorm comes equipped with a micro fridge, meaning there is a freezer that can be used to keep icepacks frozen. You can use these icepacks to put on your neck for temporary heat relief. Another helpful tip is wetting a washcloth and letting it chill

in the freezer to use as a cooling head wrap or neck towel.

Leave your comforter off

Sleeping with just a light sheet or blanket can help keep your body temperature down at night and keep sweating to a minimum. Save your comforter or quilt for the fall semester when the weather starts to get much, much colder.

Find air conditioning

Instead of spend hot afternoons in your dorm without air conditioning, find somewhere on campus that does, and camp out there all day. Heading to the HUB-Robeson Center for a smoothie or going to the commons to get work done is a great way to take a break in a cooler building.

Wear light clothing

Walking to class in the summer heat can already make someone work up a sweat, so don't wear heavy layers. Try wearing t-shirts and a light jacket if needed that you can take off whenever you want. Breathable shoes also lessen the chance of blisters.

Go to the Berkey Creamery

There is nothing better than a Creamery ice cream cone on a hot summer day to help you feel cooler. Plus, with so many flavors to choose from, you'll forget about the heat and enjoy your ice cream instead.



Rooms now feature air conditioning in the newly built Earle Hall, of East Halls.



Students enjoy the beautiful fall weather on their walks to and from class on Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2017.

Tips to successfully find the right track across campus

By Alex Merchant THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Penn State's campus has a way of feeling both tiny and sprawling, depending on where you might need to go. With a host of streets and buildings that all have a way of blending together in the mind, it's good to have a few tips to make sure you're on the right track.

The first thing to remember is that the University Park campus is essentially a giant rectangle of space that will contain most to all of the buildings that you will need to go to. If you've hit Park Avenue, you're almost certainly too far north of where you need to be. The same goes for College Avenue to the south.

A good starting point when you get turned around is the HUB-Robeson Center. Centrally located on campus on Pollock Road, this big building is a good place to go. The HUB Information Desk will be helpful in pointing you in the right direction.

A good strategy for finding specific buildings on campus is checking out map.psu.edu, an interactive map tool where you can mark or search two different points and see a walking

path in between them. You can also tag specific locations such as academic and administration buildings or dining commons.

If your phone is dead, there are also a number of maps around campus displaying some of the buildings in the vicinity, which can help pinpoint the exact place you are looking for. For those looking to get places without making their feet sore, the CATA bus offers the Blue Loop during the summer which is free of charge to anyone and encircles campus. There is a CATA bus app that displays the stops and roughly where the buses are located, with even a count of how many people are onboard.

All of the buildings around campus are clearly marked with their name, so don't fret too much if you have a general idea of the area in which it is located.

A new place is always intimidating, but getting lost is all part of the fun in the early goings at Penn State and it never hurts to ask someone if you truly get turned around. Before you know it, you'll be cutting through shortcuts like a pro as you race to make it to class on time just like the rest of us.

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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 so much.

On the first day of my freshman year, I decided to join the Penn State Club Cross Country team. That decision was, and still is, one of my best decisions yet. If you're anything like me, the idea of college is probably one that is rather unfamiliar.

No matter how many college tours you go on or how many brochures you read about the school you decided to call "home" for the next four years, you will never truly know what it's like to be at that college until you are living there full time.

And if you're anything like me, you have had infinite conversations with family members and friends alike — while they tell you all of their "advice" which probably just stresses you out.

"Make sure you have a good GPA" and "study in the library" and "put your school work first" and "build your resume" are just some of the few "tips" that I was ever so lucky to receive.

But the truth is, they all missed the most important piece of advice, which I was able to uncover my freshman year of college.

You're more than just a student here at Penn State. This is your home, your life, everything beyond school.

Yes, definitely put school first, but also, I cannot stress this enough — put yourself first.

Find something that you are passionate about—whether that be an organization, a sports team, a THON committee, a student-run publication — the possibilities are endless. It can be overwhelming to find your place in this school of over 40,000.

Take a passion that you have been cultivating and bring it

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here. It will make this large campus feel small, and you will feel like an important, working member in the organization that you decide to join. But don't just show up to IM soccer practice for a day or join choir and go every once in a while—take this decision seriously.

It can be difficult to establish and develop long 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.

The familiarity of joining something that you have a passion for may make the decision less scary.

Taking that into account, this familiarity will be comforting in the situation of a new experience.

Through this new experience, you will be challenged and grow more than you even know.

And isn't that why we are all in college?

Many of these organizations have leadership positions that one could eventually take on, which would promote self-growth and growth for the organization as well. Before you know it, the organization that you decide to join at Penn State on your very first day will be the reason you wake up and want to take on the day.

I am here nearing my last day of my freshman year and I can't even wait to be back on campus with my second family in just three short months.

So, future freshmen, don't be scared. You have an entire family here waiting for you. You just have to find it.



John Lacy, a former member of Penn State's club cross country team and their dancer in THON, runs the 46th and final hour of the third-annual "Miles for Smiles" fund raiser benefitting THON on Jan. 29, 2017.





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NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION



Julie Ammon, 13, of State College (right) and her mom, Lynn Ammon, paint pottery at 2000 Degrees on Monday, July 25, 2016. This pottery studio is located at 202 W. College Ave., State College, PA, 16801.

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Unique places to visit downtown during your NSO

By Darcy Pacheco THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

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 places 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 has a café with many vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free options and Sunday brunch.

In addition, Web-ster's hosts many events for people to attend such as Friday Night Live/LG-BTQ 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 completed, the staff will glaze and fire the College, PA, 16801. 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 lunch options.

Aside from being closed on Wednesday's, Sadie's operates every other day from morning until evening.

Plus, they offer 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 96-foot mural is not only a great photo opportunity, but it features faces familiar of the Penn State community.

Additionally, the mural recognizes members of the Penn State community who have inspired creators Michael Pilato and Yuri Karabash.

Location: 102 Heister St., State

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Undecided on a major? No need to panic

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 comes 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 have a clue what we want to do. The statistics speak for themselves.

It's estimated that 20 to 50 percent of students start off college as undecided while an estimated 75 percent of students change their major at least once before graduation, according to Penn State's Division of Undergraduate Studies.

In other words, your friend who's dead set on following in

his father's footsteps and becoming a doctor? Yeah chances are he will change his mind too. I hear organic chemistry is a nightmare.

So if you're an incoming Nittany Lion and don't know whether you want to major in chemistry or philosophy, don't worry, you are not alone.

Believe me, in the last year and a half I've changed my major three times and I've known a handful of people who have changed their minds even more.

I thought I'd help you find the major that's right for you, so I have a short list of things that you can do to fast-track your journey.

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



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Students pose by Old Main Building on April 18.

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, this could be a good thing. No, really. 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 the truth is, the older you get the more you change and joining a club you never would have considered in the past might actually pique

your interest in college. There is pretty much an endless list of clubs and activities to get involved in here 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 also 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 arguably 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 loathed.

If you follow these tips you'll be sure to find the major for you in no time.

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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