ADVICE FOR THE JOURNEY

By James Engel

For 131 years, the staff at The Daily Collegian has been offering its unsolicited advice to freshmen, in its first edition of the paper for the fall semester—or in its New Student Orientation edition, which is what you're blankly staring at now.

In its long existence, I don't think it'd be fair to say the Collegian has "seen it all." Though it has grown (a bit) since the copper-plate brick buildings in a field era, our community and the paper's audience is still relatively small.

But the Collegian has seen it all. And in various Keratons, it has reported or opined about these things.

So, we're now in (the era of James Franklin and Penn State President Noel Nasser) in a gloriously remote era and a bewildering time where the State East Hall and now the East Willard.

By the time you read this, the fall semester will be enter soon. Can you contribute? Will you contribute? Or will you take it no matter how3

The writers told freshmen they would be "verdant" in a dictionary, that "All hail that verdant horde and army of Penn State students," they wrote. "And all the while, you've got a degree – but still will lack an appraisal of our society."

They advised students to take in the "best four years of your life," they wrote. "You have to find out for yourself, 'you are a party boy to those at the party school."

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Strong love for diverse NSO leaders

By Eliza Vidal

Incoming Penn State freshmen who arrive on campus this summer can share advice with their NSO leaders — a program to introduce students to the campus, liaise and more.

Penn State’s orientation leaders start preparing for NSO during the spring semester, according to Volker’s fall 2022 orientation leader Mikayla Obrist.

Oberst (sophomore-architecture) said the preparation processes began with a class called IDEED 210: Leadership Development through Orientation, which was “extremely helpful” as she learned how to develop “good people skills.”

“We did a two-week training in the spring and then we started our orientation,” Oberst said.

The experience of living in the same floor as another dorm and helping not only with her public speaking but also with leadership, helped not only with her public speaking but also in the moment when meeting new people.

“I choose to be an orientation leader because I want to meet new people and hate public speaking,” Oberst said. “I also hate the color pink, so I figure that having all the things I don’t like might be a good learning experience for me.”

Although the job can be “challenging, especially when wearing those hot-pink outfits,” Oberst said it’s “rewarding at the end.”

“The best thing we can recommend to students is to keep an open mind; you never know what is going to happen at college,” Oberst said. “You should be open to trying new things. College is a huge learning curve, and an open mind is an awesome mindset to have coming in. Former orientation leader Se- nate Ratnayake said although students are the minority parents are also present in the scene.”

“The parent’s advice I had was that I should be nice, but also not to take things too personally,” Ratnayake said.

Ratnayake, a mechanical engineering major, added, “I can make mistakes responsibly and learn from them so you don’t get intimidated later on.”

As for NSO, Ratnayake said it’s “going to be a ‘long and tiring day’; however, it will also be informative and fun.”

“Some of the students come from different backgrounds and different cultures, which some times can be quite challenging,” Ratnayake said. “Especially when it comes to a college like Penn State where the diversity is so large, it could be intimidating for some students.”

Ratnayake said students will need “collaborative skills, problem-solving skills and public speaking.”

“If you decide to be an orientation leader, my biggest advice is to always have a nice smile on your face and be very welcoming. No matter if you might have a really bad morning or rough night,” Ratnayake said.

For Laurant Morris, the biggest thing he learned from his NSO experience was “to always have a nice smile on your face and be very welcoming. No matter if you might have a really bad morning or rough night,” Ratnayake said.

“Every day, a new group sees you for the first time. You might be seeing different groups each day, but that group is seeing you for the first time, and for them, you are their one and only orientation leaders,” Ratnayake said. “The start of their experience depends on you.”

For Lauren Harvier, the biggest advice an orientation leader can share with their NSO group is to “get involved on campus” and “don’t lose those opportunities to learn something new.”

“You never know where your heart will end up staying,” Mor- ris (senior-department of un- dergraduate studies) said. “We tried the state of the Barreman- tur meets every student’s head — just go around, say hi and have a little talk, and you never know what would happen.”

Morris added, “You might not like seeing the same thing, but it’s a great way to make new friends.”

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By Teagan Mayr
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

Penn State students seeking a bachelor’s degree will need to obtain a minimum of 45 general education credits during their undergraduate college career. With classes spanning from fly-fishing to critical approaches to undergraduate college career, students are challenged with filling their schedules outside of class.

Transfer students are not the only students who may find college to be intimidating. Jordan Thomas said the first week of class was “pretty overwhelming.”

“It was a culture shock,” Solana (freshman poltical science) said. Originally from Boro County, Pinckney, Solana knew “some people” from his high school at Penn State but didn’t talk to them much. Solana instead made friends with the people in his dorm hall. During the first few weeks of school, they used dressers as “make-shift tables” to play cards with the people in his dorm hall. During the first few weeks of school, they used dressers as “make-shift tables” to play cards with the people in his dorm hall.

“Students don’t take too much time and they’re his closest friends.”

“The Penn State Nittany Lions looks up toward the crowd during the annual Blue-White game. The Blue-White game is Penn State’s spring scrimmage. The Penn State Nittany Lion Game is offered frequently for students. The goal of the course is to create an appreciation for dance by acknowledging its accomplishments in communicative and performing arts.

The course is for nonscience majors and acts as a creative space for those with science backgrounds and interests in visual arts.

SC142K: Science for Humanities and Social Scientists

This course serves as an introduction to American politics and its institutions. The course covers periods of time in American government systems.

EGGE 101: Energy and the Environment

To receive a bachelor’s degree, Penn State students need at least three credits in general health and wellness. Visit collegian.psu.edu to read the full story.
The New Era

After nearly half a decade of Randy Edsall, the interim coach, stepping back, Penn State will have a new head coach entering 2023. New Pennsylvania head coach James Franklin's name first appeared of necessity when the former Vanderbilt coach signed with Penn State as an assistant for the 2012 season. There have been just three assistants from Franklin's Vanderbilt staff that have since been head coaches under Franklin — Clifford, Trace McSorley, and Rhett Akins. It is expected that these assistants will bring an energy and enthusiasm that has been missing from the program's leadership in recent years.

In Franklin's nine years as head coach at Vanderbilt, he was his biggest quarterback recruiter, signing starting quarterbackIso Pascacio and assistant quarterback Sterling Fischer in 2013. However, the move to Penn State is not without its challenges, as the program has struggled to find consistent starting quarterbacks in recent years.

James Franklin and the Penn State Nittany Lions received an 11-2 season and a Rose Bowl victory. The future looks bright as the 2023 football season approaches.

James Franklin has been named the new head coach at Penn State. Franklin, 47, has been the head coach at Vanderbilt since 2014 and was previously the offensive coordinator at the University of Tennessee for four years.

After that, Allar played during garbage time in 2023 and three times in 2022 for a total of 40 passes and 10 touchdowns in 36 games. A couple of times, Allar proved why he was one of the highest-rated quarterback recruits in the 2022 class. He has 10 starts and 10 touchdowns in 2022.

In the past five years, Penn State has been within the top 5 in recruiting classes four times, with the 2022 class being one of its highest.

The 2022 class finished No. 5 overall, according to 247sports.com, and has the potential to be one of the top teams in the nation.

The Penn State football team has been through a lot of ups and downs in recent years, but the 2022 season was a huge milestone for the program. The Nittany Lions won a Rose Bowl, completed 11 wins, and a Big Ten Championship. The team is looking to build on its success in 2023.

The Future

Penn State's future could be bright. Coming off a Rose Bowl victory, the Penn State Nittany Lions have a lot of momentum. Franklin has been named the new head coach at Penn State, and the team is expected to have a successful 2023 season.

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There's no question that the future looks bright for the Penn State football team. With the addition of Franklin as head coach, the team is expected to have a successful 2023 season.
By Ritamaria Montagna

Living in a college dorm has become a rite of passage for many students. They enjoy their time in the residence halls and often may out, dress themselves, and create their own atmosphere in dorm rooms.

“I currently like the PSU-cen- tered decor,” Brooke Phillips said. “I think it’s cool because we have the kind of color themes that are unique to PSU.”

Phillips described her room as having a large window that allows light to come in, and plants “everywhere” as well as pumpkins and animal-themed knick-knacks scattered around it. She likes when “cottagecore” vibes go out in style.

“I hope the cottagecore Penn State was a top trend and that it’s honestly really welcoming to people,” Phillips said. “I think that a lot of people out there have been in one dorm that doesn’t have LED lights. Phillips said, “especially the clasp doors.”

Phillips said she thinks a “psycho” dorm trend could be seen as “retro aesthetic.”

“I have a feeling, bright, pop-colors are going to come in, especially because people like the bright colors from LED lights,” she said. “I think that’s going to translate to everything else, from the bed sheets to the blankets and maybe even stuffed animals.”

Kaitin Kunselman said she “loves” seeing the sticky notes in the dorm windows, and also parks and trees in the residence halls. Kunselman said that decor will continue in the future.

“If you get to go into different rooms and different dorms have different trends,” Friedman (freshman-social work), a student, said. “People really go out and take a look at different homes.”

At this house, Friedman said his parents were “strict” in terms of the number items they could get. He said that was because “there’s a lot more going on in the halls.”

Ethan Helmrath said Target, a dorm lifestyle trend, saying he “loved it.”

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By Ariana Sapoznik

Although move-in day may take more of a financial reality, you can make it easier for yourself.

According to current Penn State student Jaden Greenwell, Target is “the perfect store because it has everything you need.”

“You can basically get all your necessities from one place,” Gre- maw said. “I think Target is amazing.”

On some students’ lists, school supplies are included. However, Jory Jackman said she “likes to” and “can draw” on the list. He said “you can find” and “you can do” this at Wal-mart.

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By Ena Castrovillo

When you’re 18, the scariest thing a person could ask is “What do you want to do with your life?”

This position also comes in the form of “What do you work- out in the next four years?” or “What are you doing about where you want to go to college if you’re not sure?”

When I was a senior in high school, I had absolutely no idea what I wanted to do in my life and just thought about doing college — despite convincing myself that I had all figured out.

For me, of all of it was unknown.

At the time, I was jealous of the friends who knew exactly what they wanted to do and why they wanted to do it. I had no idea where I was going to go to college because of my large selection and relatively low price.

Despite my ideal plan for the university, after I was accepted to the school I applied to, I was unsure what the decisions were going to be.

But once I learned the campus, I knew my campus was Penn State, and I really had to find the best.

It’s hard to describe, but it felt right. There are so many different paths you can go down after college.

I still didn’t have a clue what I wanted to do, but I was able to have all the opportunity to go to college.

I’d imagine, I’m biased. I love this place.

I love that it’s a place that I choose. I love that it’s a place that I can call home.

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