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EDITORIAL

Renaming campus buildings harms integrity of university

There are some things at Penn State that are sacred and carry a special meaning in the hearts of anyone who is attending or has attended this university.

Along with the Nittany Lion Shrine, Old Main and Beaver Stadium, the University Creamery is something that we all keep coming back to. It's not just the ice cream, though that helps; it's the memories of college.

In raising money for the reconstruction of the Creamery, which will be rebuilt on the corner of Bigler and Curtin Roads, the Creamery name can be bought for \$3 million.

Essentially, Penn State is offering the name of a university institution to the highest bidder.

Other buildings at this campus have been renamed but have been done so with tradition and honor in mind, not money and brand-name advertising. Although the former Classroom and Office Building was renamed after former Penn State President Joab Thomas, it is understandable and acceptable because he contributed to the life and mission of this university. Renaming the Creamery after an alumnus who has done great things for Penn

State would be one thing; renaming it the "Nike Creamery" would diminish the nostalgia that links it with the university and all the good things that come with it.

Although it remains to be seen if anyone will actually purchase the Creamery name, to actually put a name tag to a piece of university history is sad and disheartening for students who still have reason to believe in the value of the Penn State name on their resumes.

Any integrity that Penn State has acquired through its fine educational programs and its mission of academic excellence is jeopardized by possible corporate sponsors who care for nothing but their bottom lines.

We have endured the continual selling of our university. The Penn State Bookstore, although partnered with Barnes & Noble Booksellers, is only tolerable because the corporate giant's name is not splashed on the front of the HUB-Robeson Center.

Renaming the Creamery could be the next step toward a commercialized campus and having students' educations sponsored by companies that do not understand the educational needs of a university.

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Life in fast lane won't get you anywhere

By Justin Goldman

Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop to look around once in a while you could miss it." Spoken like a true philosopher in the opening of his 1980's hit movie *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* Matthew Broderick nonchalantly gives some advice that everyone on this campus today, as well as in America, could really use.

There are never enough minutes in the hour or hours in the day. The phrase "I don't have time" is more commonly used throughout the course of the day than such phrases as "hello" and "goodbye." "We are in a rush. We are making haste. A compression of time characterizes the life of the century now closing." That is how James Gleick sums up today's hurried souls in his *Time* magazine's book of the year *Faster: The Acceleration of Just About Everything*.

In his book he talks about how fast everyone and everything moves as the end of the millennium is nearing. Gleick gives many insightful and humorous examples to back up this theory.

One memorable example is when he speaks of the "close door" button on elevators as being symbolic of today's society. If an elevator stays open for three seconds

what will the "close door" button do by pushing it? Will it close it one second earlier?

I, too, have been subjected to this cultural disease of being time-driven and time-obsessed. Once I found myself trying to heat up my microwave dinner and instead of punching in 3-3-0, the recommended time for the preparation of my Stouffer's Fettuccine Alfredo, I just hit 3-3-3 to save the nanosecond that it would have taken to slide my finger from the three to the zero.

Never in the history of the human race have so many people had so much to do with so little time to do it. With life moving so fast these days too many people are doing exactly what Ferris Bueller warned them not to: missing life.

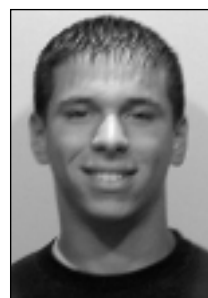
It feels like these past six weeks of Summer Session went by faster than the time it takes to download a song off Napster. Before I knew it I was looking down at week five of my English syllabus wondering what happened to weeks 1 through 4. I am finally starting to feel comfortable with my classes, the campus and the people, but today I have to pack up and move out.

Does all of college go by this fast? I sure hope not.

If these are supposed to be the best four years of my life, then I want them to go as slow as possible.

My freshman summer is already over and as much as I would like it too, it isn't coming back. So what can I do to make sure I get everything out of the next four years that I possibly can?

Listen to Ferris of course.



MY OPINION

College is what you make of it; don't let opportunities pass you by

By Matthew D. Wunsche

I've learned a lot of things in my four years of college:

How to order a drink without (hopefully) sounding like an idiot. How to smoke a cigarette without looking like one. How to operate on three hours of sleep a night on a regular basis. How to write a 1,000 word essay in 30 minutes or less. How to share a one-bedroom apartment with two roommates while running on three hours of sleep because of working on a 1,000 word paper at the last minute.

But if there's one thing I've learned (especially in the past six months) that's actually useful, it's that it's absolutely vital to take advantage of opportunities when they pop up. Don't live up to the old adage that youth is wasted on the young. Generally, you only get one shot at doing anything worthwhile, and if you blow it you'll



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probably regret it for the rest of your life. Maybe that's a little fatalistic for a 22-year-old, but after all the colossal mistakes I've made in the past half year, I think I'm entitled to be somewhat dramatic.

Let me explain a little. I was supposed to graduate in May. Twelfth or 13th, I can't quite remember. Needless to say, I'm still here to write this column.

My parents had the hotel room booked. Everyone was taking off of work, the mundane jobs they keep just to help pay the tuition my loans don't cover, to come and see me stand up for a few seconds and get my degree.

And I screwed it all up. I don't want to go into the details of how, because it's pretty embarrassing even after I've left town. I'll just say that everything was well in order, and through my own unforgivable sloth I managed to make it a total mess.

Not surprisingly, announcing that you're not graduating makes for an unpleasant phone call home. It ranks right up there with "Hi Dad, remember how you said not to drive too fast?" and "Hi guys, I know you warned me about not urinating in public."

Although I've certainly made my own

share of mistakes (see graduation example above), I'm definitely not the only person who has a tendency to waste his time, effort and opportunity. Especially here at Penn State, where people seem to think time is theirs to misuse. Allow me just cite a couple of specific examples, out of thousands, of exactly what I've observed.

Among my first lasting memories of Penn State is sitting in Findlay dining commons as a freshman, and overhearing some guys at the next table talking about how great it was to go out and drink until they puked three or four nights a week.

Well, I can now draw from my own four years of "out-of-the-classroom" experience to say that, no, drinking until you puke is not a lot of fun. In fact, it's pretty disgusting and unpleasant.

We all make mistakes and do things we later regret, myself certainly included, but drinking that much almost always happens gradually enough that such disasters should be prevented.

In life, you only get one liver. I'm not a big enough hypocrite to say to completely abstain, because I enjoy drinking socially myself. Just be more careful. Don't let alco-

hol ruin a great opportunity. Don't be the person who goes home from his or her bar tour in an ambulance and wastes a few months recovering in a hospital or worse.

And then there are the people who regularly used the ATM in the convenience store where I worked this summer. Time after time, some brat would curse a blue streak because their parents put \$500 — not \$600 or however much he or she wanted — into his or her account that week, and, oh my god, there's a sale on tiny T-shirts and tilted, backwards visors at Abercrombie & Fitch.

Get a grip. Even people who are that spoiled, which I hope is a very small minority, have to understand that there are more important things to spend their time thinking about than the name on the tag of their capri pants.

Like with drinking, don't let an unhealthy attitude distort your priorities and cause you to waste time. Remember why you came to Penn State and what you want to accomplish. All the frat packing and stylish clothing in the world won't make you any smarter or any better a person.

Simply by attending this university, we all get an incredible opportunity to make some-

thing, anything, of our lives. Don't take the road I chose and almost ruin your chance.

Wade through the distractions and go to your classes — faithfully. Try to pay attention. You might even learn something in that lousy 8 o'clock gen ed class that's all the way across campus.

Or you might learn something more important simply from the experience of making yourself get up to go to it every day.

As Ferris Bueller once said, "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in awhile, you could miss it." Appreciate what you've got and don't waste your time here.

I'm sure somebody told me the same thing about four years ago. I just wish I would have had the sense to listen and take it seriously.

You have about a million opportunities every day, and the ones you miss out on, whether due to self-doubt, laziness or stupidity, could be the best ones of all.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter misguides readers, states obvious about rapes

Janel Leone and Dawn E. Stauffer owe *The Daily Collegian* and its reader an apology. Their letter to the editor — ripping the *Collegian's* recent rape-prevention editorial — is remarkably misguided.

In case you, too, were disgusted by their letter and didn't finish reading it, here's a recap: They say the *Collegian* is "careless" and "deceptive" because, in response to a sexual assault against a woman who did not know her attacker, the paper wrote an editorial with tips on how students can try to minimize their risks of being the victim of such an attack.

They say that telling victims how to protect themselves puts the blame on women rather than their attackers. That, of course, is a ludicrous argument. But the *Collegian's* editorial went far beyond that. It explicitly stated that victims are not to blame for their attacks.

And, unlike the stereotypical view presented by Leone and Stauffer, the *Collegian* editorial never once said that only women can be victims. The *Collegian* should be applauded for its gender-neutral approach, not berated.

Perhaps this analogy will illustrate best how simple-minded Leone and Stauffer are acting. Instead of sexual assault, change the topic to drunken driving. We all know that drunken drivers — not sober drivers — cause deadly drunken driving crashes. But is it "careless" to urge sober drivers to take active steps to protect themselves, like not driving at midnight on New Year's Eve, by watching for swerving cars and by calling the police if they spot a potentially drunken driver on the road? Of course it's not careless — it's prudent.

But Leone and Stauffer have been so brainwashed by outdated political correctness that they feel obligated to attack responsible journalism. Shame on them. They are the ones who have used the *Collegian's* editorial page to do a disservice to men and women.

In the end, it is rapists whom we should all be turning our attention toward. Society has not done enough to punish them or to make rape an unacceptable action, and we all need to take a part in that effort. But when people like Leone and Stauffer make silly attacks against smart editorials, they take all of us a step backward in this fight.

Jason Alt
former Collegian editor-in-chief

Public should not agonize about Paterno's decisions

In response to the article regarding Joe Paterno's decision to start senior quarterback, Rashard Casey — despite the charges brought against him. Most would argue Paterno has made a wrong decision, however, I agree and respect what Paterno has chosen to do.

Joe Paterno has been a reputable football coach for 50 years. If he thinks Casey should

be the starting quarterback, then the public should respect that. He is only looking out for the well being of his team.

We all know Penn State has an astounding reputation to uphold and by allowing Casey to have a starting position on the football team after being charged with aggravated assault of an off-duty police officer, our reputation is at risk of being slandered if he is convicted. But if Penn State were to bench him, then the only example set forth would be that we do not deserve a second chance. Penn State thrives with opportunity and everyone makes mistakes. If Penn State were not to give him a second chance then what kind of example would it be setting? Casey is human and everyone can relate to that. Put yourself in his position — would you want a second chance?

By American law, the accused is innocent until proven guilty. Therefore, until Rashard Casey's case is heard, the public should not concern themselves with the issue.

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