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Happy Birthday, Penn State!

Happy 163rd Birthday, Penn State University! Back in 1855, the Pennsylvania State University was founded and the rest we know as history. Today, anyone can simply say “We Are” and immediately receive a “Penn State”



in response. However, have you ever wondered what Penn State University was known for when it first became a University? As Lion Ambassadors on

campus, we know some pretty interesting facts about the Penn State University. Some of these are well known, but some may be surprising to hear

depending on your knowledge of Penn State University. Here is a list that we have compiled that features some interesting facts about Penn State!



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My Schedule, My Way

As the spring semester began with a five-day weekend starting week two, we all knew that it was going to be an interesting one. However, some students discovered that their first week was not as they intended. It was brought to this newspaper’s attention that some students had a change in their schedule and not because they did not like the class. One of the EET classes had their entire schedules changed because most of the class did not have their required prerequisites. This seems unfair to me because there were many classes that I was not able to take because I did not have the required classes for it. Someone could debate that if the entire class did not have it, then it would be a fair choice. That would be, but there are students within that class who have done the prerequisites and are now suffering the consequences. Students know have a five-hour class on Fridays. (Cont. on Page 6)



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Can You Spot It?

The Revolt staff wanted to continue our little game of "Can You Spot It" from our previous year's issue. We have hidden two photos of hearts throughout the paper in order to celebrate Valentine's Day. Be the first person to find both and comment on The PSWB Revolt Facebook page. Perfect bragging rights to your friends! Here is the first one! Can you spot it?

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Library Wants Your Requests

The library is a wonderful place for anyone to go to work on home work, research, or to just simply hang out. Our campus library staff is dedicated to making sure that every student has access to materials for academics and for personal curiosity. In addition to trying to get every course reserve book in for courses offered on, or through our campus, the library also has funds for requests for other items. These items can be books, movies, board games, and so much more.

The library needs students' input on what you would like to see be added to the library's collection. Therefore the library has setup a request form, and an iPad, in the library where you can send in your requests. You simply fill out your name and the item you would like to see added to the collection. As long as Penn State does not already have the item in the system, the library will try to purchase your request.

If you wish to put in a request today simply go to the new movies, TV shows, and video game shelf next to the study rooms. You will see the iPad on the side of the shelf. Want to submit a request at home before you forget what you want? Simply fill out the online form using the url below.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScHRFOq4d858fLy-WhI6mGoNfy6Gz5YD-LRPpBHj6Wuwfedovw/viewform>

If you have any questions, please visit the library! Also don't forget to check out the library's Facebook page, Instagram, and Twitter for more updates on new materials, special events, and so much more.

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SRTes: Useful or Useless?

At the end of every semester, all of us have received an email to evaluate our professors. Student Rating of Teaching Effectiveness (SRTes) are intended for students to voice their opinions about each class and the professor. Each one is anonymous and the questions range from “Did you take this class as an elective?” to “What suggestions do you have to improve this class?” However, students have to wonder if their comments and suggestions are actually taken into consideration. How many times have you had a professor for multiple classes and have seen no improvement? Understandingly, not everyone’s comment can be used because they are not helpful to the class. However, students need to question why professors are pushing for their SRTes to be completed, but never make any changes. I went around campus to ask students about their thoughts on SRTes and have excluded names to maintain the anonymous aspect.

One student said “they’re worthless when it comes to tenure professors. Their setup is not appealing to students because the questions seem redundant. Also, the open-ended questions allow professors to know who wrote them because of small class sizes.” Another student stated “they are a waste of my time and they don’t mean anything to tenure professor.” I even had one student ask me “does anyone else read them other than the professor?” Most of us want to know if anyone above the professor is aware of the professor’s ratings. If almost the entire class gave the professor a low rating, can the professor choose to ignore it and continue on with their current teaching method? These are some of the questions we have for our professors. If any professor would like to elaborate on SRTes, you are more than welcome to write a letter to the editor.

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Congratulations To Our THON 2018 Dancers!

Sam
Amos



Jake
Yaple

Photo by Ashlee Harry

Nerdherd Setsucon Trip

On January 26th, Penn State Wilkes-Barre's Nerdherd traveled down to Altoona for the 12th annual Setsucon. To answer your first question, Setsucon is an anime convention that is sponsored by none other than Penn State itself. This year, being its 12th in a row, this con started all the way back in 2006 and was started by another Penn State club that runs down in University Park.

Now for those who have never been to a convention, you're probably wondering just what exactly is it that you do at these events? Well, conventions boast plenty of panels and tournaments for such popular competitive games like Super Smash Bros, Pokémon, and other such fighting games like Blue Blaze and Skullgirls. Panels can range from things like informative breakdowns and deconstructions of popular trends, tropes and media works in extensive detail. Some examples are the very influential "Magical Girl" genre to more specific shows like "Neon Genesis Evangelion" or "Attack on Titan" discussing what made them successful. Though there are some panels that have more audience involvement, like gaming gauntlets where would-be champs participate in playing classics games for one victor to emerge, or competitions in the form of the "Iron Cosplay" where volunteers try to come up with an costume with a specific set of given materials.

While panels may be one of the big draws of conventions, there is much more to be found. One such, that was briefly mentioned, was the cosplay competition. Depending on how familiar you are with conventions, you may know already that tons of con-goers dress up as some of their favorite fictional characters to these events. In the cosplay competition, judges decide which entries stood out the most by either how well-crafted or how creative. Thus no matter what convention you may find yourself at in the future, the cosplays have a lot of work put into them. So if you see a character you like or enjoy in their home media, be sure to ask for a picture or at least give them a thumbs-up.

As you have read there is quite a bit of fun to be had at Setsucon, even though it may not be for everyone. The Nerdherd is already planning for their trip to Zetka-icon in early May. So if anything in this article piqued your interest at all, I urge you give the next trip with the Nerdherd a try!

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So You Think You Have It Bad?

It is that time of year again when love is in the air and every couple seems to be throwing their happiness in every single person's face. Valentine's Day has recently passed and for any single person out there, you might have thought the day sucked. You would be wrong because we have continued our favorite tradition of the tales of failed couples. Here are some of their stories:

Today, I slept in my boyfriend's room for the first time. I also wet the bed for the first time in a decade. FML

Today, while I was at work, my boyfriend texted me asking, "We are in an open relationship, right?" FML

Today, I came home to find my brother making out with my girlfriend while taking a selfie. FML

Today, I took my new boyfriend to my step-sister's wedding. He knew more people there than I did, including 3 bridesmaids he used to sleep with. FML

Today, my boyfriend keeps trying to convince me that the hickey on his neck was from his friend attacking him with a vacuum cleaner. FML

(Courtesy of fmylife.com)

Make sure to get yourself out of the Valentine's Day blues and laugh at the uncomfortable and unwanted relationship problems these couples have encountered. At least you do not have your significant other trying to convince you that the mark of their neck is from a vacuum fight they had with their friends.

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I know for a fact that I would not be able to sit in a classroom and learn a subject for five hours.

Furthermore, we have discovered that this is not the only class that has been changed during the first week. One of the Physics classes was another victim of a schedule change. We understand that some classes may be trying to accommodate students who are graduating at the end of the semester. However, I think it would have been better to make these decisions before the start of the semester. Other students should not have to potentially rearrange their schedules because a professor wants to change the schedule for other reasons. All of these reasons were known in the Fall semester and it is only changing at the beginning of the Spring semester? That does not seem fair to the students in my mind. What do you think about this change? Would you agree if that was your first day of class?

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1. Before our beloved blue and white colors, Penn State's original school colors were pink and black.
2. Our original mascot was a mule named Old Coaly. Not only was he the mascot, he also helped build Penn State Old Main.
3. Our famous Nittany Lion is the second most photographed landmark in Pennsylvania. It is right behind the Liberty Bell.
4. There are 372 notable Penn State alumni. Some include Keegan-Michael Key, Ty Burrell, Lara Spencer, and Bruce Banner. That's right! Bruce Banner also known as the Hulk attended school at Penn State University in the Marvel Universe.
5. Our chant "We Are...Penn State" was created by Penn State cheerleaders in the 1970s. It was created back when Penn State was playing in the Cotton Bowl and only certain players were allowed to go. The team captain made it known that all players were coming or no one was going at all.

Penn State University seems to have an interesting history from the very beginning. Old Coaly the Mule helped build Old Main when our colors were pink and black. 163 years later, we now have our great Nittany Lion and famous blue and white colors. Who would have thought that a few choices could have made Penn State completely different than what we know today? Happy Birthday, Penn State! We Are!

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Where Are They Now?



This month's featured alumni is Jason Crispell, former president of Students for Justice. Jason took the time to answer the following questions about life after Penn State and what he misses most about our campus!

What degree did you go for and what is your current career?

Administration of Justice and my current career is a Corrections Officer.

What do you miss most about campus?

I miss the tight-knit community of students that get involved with clubs and activities on and off campus. You really get to know people because it's a small campus and a lot of the people are the same people that get involved in everything. So, you learn how to form a team and work together to get things done.

How has achieving a degree at Penn State helped you in life?

I believe by achieving a degree from Penn State, it has introduced me to a lot of people that are Alumni from the University. It has given me an advantage in being hired for jobs because everyone recognizes Penn State as a university and what its students bring to the table. It has prepared me for modern society and given me the knowledge base to be a contributing member of society and challenge controversial topics in our society. It has also given me more insight to look at an issue from many different sides, therefore allowing me to make an honest and fair judgement on how I feel about a particular topic.

By: The Ghost of Ryan Sotelo

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