Gone Clubbin’ Lately?

Genina Ricca

How many times have you looked up at the blue screens around campus and figured that the announcements have nothing to do with you? From dodge ball tournaments hosted by the Lion Ambassadors to the food drive managed by Students for Justice; there are many clubs and organizations all over campus that you can be a part of.

Attention students: don’t be a loser and only come here to learn something and get a degree. There is more to the college experience than going to classes, doing projects, and meeting deadlines; it’s called getting a life. For those of you walking around campus with your eyes closed, here’s a suggestion, come to an SGA meeting on Wednesday at 12:00 p.m. in Hayfield 105 and learn about what’s going on around campus, and how you actually have a voice.

Our campus offers a slew of clubs and organizations that an intrigued person like yourself can join. Whether you’re someone who is business savvy, nosy and good with words, enjoys the outdoors, an artist of some kind, likes to help their community, or just a freakin genius, Penn State has the club for you.

The Business Club consists of business majors who desire to be their own bosses. From trips to New York City to see the inner-workings of large corporations to ideas on managing your own companies, this club is proactive in preparing its members for the corporate world.

The Collegian is the newspaper you are holding in your hands this very moment. If you enjoy writing and the idea of sharing your thoughts and creativity with the entire campus and internet, this is just the club for you. Please let us know!

The Engineering Club is for you really smart people who enjoy inventing really cool robotic toys. If you’re intelligent and good at creating complicated designs this is the place to be.

The Four Seasons Club was established just for you outdoorsy types. If you enjoy participating in skiing, white water rafting, or any other really cool outdoor adventures this is definitely a club you should join.

Lambda Sigma is a branch off of the Honor Society Club specifically for surveying majors. If you have leadership skills and are majoring in surveying, grab a hold of your closest Lambda Sigma pal and have them sign you up.

The ISTSA (Information Services Technology Association) is a club designed by a group of computer savvy heroes who have committed to come to our rescue and save us from the technological villains that terrorize our campus’ computers. The Lazy Artists’ are more than just their name. Besides their career as the campus DJS, they have a broad range of media in which they express their artistic points of views. From Open Mic Night to the Radio Club, if you’re interested in any form of art these guys will point you to the right canvas.

The Lion Ambassadors is a group of cool students who are interested in campus promotion. These awesome people have superior ethical dispositions. If this is you (or you just think what we do is cool) we want you!

The Surveying Society is designed for the surveyor in you! If that’s not you, tough luck! Try Students for Justice they’re always looking for some fresh meat.

The Students for Justice Club wants you! If you’re interested in helping the campus reach out to community and victims of crime, this is exactly where you should be. This club consists mainly of future crime fighters, but if you enjoy helping others and learning about the legal system don’t be afraid to give them your information and join their club.

If you’re still not convinced about joining a club and becoming more involved on campus, well I’m not sure what else to tell you, except that the best part about being involved in a club is the fun people that you’ll meet and the cool things you’ll get to participate in. So if you’re tired of your dismal existence on campus and know that you’re totally awesome and want to share your awesomeness with others, join a club of your choice.

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Yeats once said: “The best lack all conviction, while the worst are full of passionate intensity.” This quote is true to Generation Y, our generation, as becoming increasingly categorized as the “Whatever” generation. This coined phrase has become popular and has given teenagers and college students a bad rep for not caring about their future or the consequences of their actions.

Let’s go back to the 1960s: the world was changing every day, teenagers, students, and even faculty had signs to petition war, gay rights, African-American civil rights, and women in the workforce, etc. These same people were out on the streets with peace signs on their faces, yelling and fighting for a cause they thought worthwhile. Now we as a generation have our own set of problems, wars, and causes. We seem to not care enough to realize these problems do exist; we have become too wrapped up in our own lives to realize these other causes.

Penn State Wilkes-Barre–An epidemic has spread throughout the small town campus, PSU Wilkes-Barre. We in the “Y” generation need a check-up. Have we succumbed to the epidemic of rudeness? Are we the “Rude” generation? According to Tricia Ellis-Christensen, the “Y” Generation refers to the population in the United States born between 1976 and 2000. The “Y” generation is also known as the “echo boomers” because large portions of the population are children of the baby boomers. Other names for this generation are “Millennial,” “Internet Generation,” “Gen Yers,” and lastly, the “Rude” generation.

Generation “Y” is the first group to come of age as the internet began to bloom. Gadgets such as cell phones, electric organizers, and cable radio have continued to proliferate. Generations before the “Y” generation did not grow up with gadgets. The generations who came before us fought for the tools needed to become more enriched as human beings. They are children of the baby boomers. Other people contributing to our community, society and the world. The Y generation and older generations don’t take into account how much we strive to better our education. Our parents have given us the tools to know that to better ourselves we have to go to college, get a job, and move out of the house. Being technology savvy gives us the advantage over older generations to better understand how the world works. With the internet at our fingertips, we can learn how to do anything. While some may see this as making us lazy, it endows us with the tools needed to become more enriched with intelligence and an extensive global awareness.

I feel as though our generation should speak up against the accusations made about us. As young people, we have the ability and power to make the future a safer and better place. Let’s get up off our gluteus maximuses, start thinking about the future generations and find a cause worth fighting for. It is said one person can make a difference and I fully believe in this. All it takes is one step.

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Letter From the Editor

Poverty Awareness Meal Touches on Important Issue within Economy
By: Brieana Mitchell

In a nation known as “The Land of Opportunity,” more and more statistics come out about the rising issue of poverty in America. While our government officials are worrying about the “important” issues such as warfare and politics, 42% of the people in the United State are living in poverty; making $35,000 or less a year will place you in this category. The issue of poverty is overlooked in our own society, but it’s becoming more of an issue each passing year as families struggle more and more to make ends meet, especially in today’s recession.

Poverty is not an issue of little means. However, in the United States it’s more about power and those who control our society. Too few American citizens have limited access to the necessities of life, such as healthcare, education, and decent jobs. The people who do reap the benefits of this “perfect” life account for a low 25% of the US population. Everyone else is left with the choice to try and eat or be eaten.

March 14th, the Campus Environment Committee will hold their annual Poverty Awareness Meal, an event that attempts to shed light on the ongoing issue of poverty. Participants will randomly be placed into an economic class level (upper, middle, lower), seated, and fed according to their assigned class level. Class levels assigned are kept hidden until the day of the event. All proceeds of the benefit will go to the Back Mountain Food Pantry. Tickets will be sold two weeks prior to the event held in The Commons Chalet Area for a $3 donation.

We’re THON?
By: Gencina Ricca

Haunted Forest, Penny Wars, T-shirt sales are just some of the fund-raising events hosted by Penn State Wilkes-Barre’s student-run committee called THON. At this point in the semester I’m sure you’ve all heard of it. But do you have any idea about what it is and why these students continue to raise all this money?

Until recently I didn’t have the slightest clue about THON. All I knew was that it was something a bunch of people on campus were involved in. After talking to a few people and learning about it, I realized that Thon is a pretty cool group to be a part of.

The name THON is short for Penn State IFC/Pan-Hellenic Dance Marathon, which is an annual two-day event held in the Bryce Jordan Center on Main Campus. Its purpose is to raise emotional and financial support for children with cancer, their families, and the researchers and staff of the Four Diamonds Fund at the Penn State Children’s Hospital. So far the Four Diamonds Fund has contributed more than $52 million, with the help of THON, in effort to conquer pediatric cancer. The students involved in THON commit to a year-long effort in order to raise funding and awareness for the fight against pediatric cancer.

This year Penn State Wilkes-Barre THON members will support Tristan Waters and his family. Tristan is four years old and finished his last chemotherapy treatment in November 2008 for Wilms Tumor. The money THON raises will help offset the cost of treatment and other expenses.

Any Penn State student interested in being a part of THON is welcome. They hold their meetings in the Gym room 102 on Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m. THON participants raise money by going “canning” (which is standing in front of grocery stores with cans asking for donations), by soliciting donations from small businesses and corporations, and through other fundraising events. So if you want to make a difference in a kid’s life head over to the gym this Tuesday during noon hour and check out what’s happening with THON.
October is very colorful. Along with the changing colors of the leaves, you will also see a lot of the color pink, representing National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. From hair salons doing pink highlights to the involvement of the National Football League, there are various people and organizations helping with this cause. I took the time to witness how far people will go for a cause that supports women suffering with this affliction and the families that support them.

For the past five Octobers, Philadelphia has hosted a 3-day Benefit Walk. On October 16th I got on the turnpike and headed south for Philadelphia. As I drove, the rain poured, and, while I was safe and dry in my four-door sedan, the Benefit walkers trudged through the rain in Willow Grove just northeast of the city.

As the rain cleared and night fell, my trip ended with an arrival at a friend’s house, while the walkers camped outside for the night. Sleeping inside, in warm, dry air, I could not even begin to relate with the walkers’ night.

Considering location and weather, my decision was to center my attention on one location. Where else but city hall in center city? City hall was a major stop on their route and on Saturday night the tower of city hall was lit up a proud pink.

Sunday morning I woke early and after a refreshing coffee, I took a spin down Broad Street heading directly to city hall. Countless people passed along the side of city hall, ponchos and all. I conducted a brief interview with Kelly Steinbeiser, a member of the event staff. She informed me about the five-year history of this event and told me that over 26,000 people walked through the city on Sunday morning.

While this particular event lasted only three days and National Breast Cancer Month only thirty-one days, one should never forget about those who inspire it. The victims, survivors, and their families— all the lives that have been affected by cancer. I have been down that road, and have experienced the pain and confusion of losing someone to cancer. For the longest time I couldn’t understand what happened, wondering if something could have been different. I read all the information I could find, but only found more confusion. The seemingly random selection of victims that cancer strikes: old, young, middle-aged, male or female and only theories are presented about the cause. It doesn’t seem fair to some people, and it didn’t to me. However, now almost a year after my experience and after witnessing the dedication of these people, I feel almost selfish. I focused all my time on the cause, and never once thought about what I could do to help find a cure.

Whether it is October, November, or January we should never stop fighting for a cure. Life is priceless and immeasurable, so get involved in trying to preserve life. Help those fighting cancer, remember those who have lost the battle, and join those searching for a cure, because everyone deserves a future.

On Tuesday October 6th, Penn State Wilkes-Barre hosted their 2nd annual Youth Symposium, a program geared towards high school students from around the area. This year’s focus was justice, violence, and tolerance. Over 300 students came to campus to learn how to do the right things in the course of their lives. Students attended various workshops that touched upon various topics from healthy eating to internet safety. Other topics included the dangers of engaging in gang activity and how to deal with daily stress. Keynote speaker Alma Johnson hit home as she spoke to the students and read an original poem she composed about her experiences of stealing money, getting caught, and being processed through the juvenile justice system. She spoke with conviction about how lives can be reversed if you make amends for mistakes by getting involved in more positive activities. Johnson emphasized throughout her presentation how the life of crime she led impacted her permanently as she was left with a criminal record that changed her life.

Also included at the Youth Symposium were team-building activities. A rock climbing wall was provided by the local fire department as well as a demonstration about what it takes to become a Pennsylvania State Police Trooper. Students saw the world through impairment goggles and a DUI simulator. Students also got a tour of Luzerne County’s Mobile Emergency Command Vehicle. Campus clubs, Lion Ambassadors, and Students for Justice were present at the event leading students throughout the event as well as handing out door prizes.
The leaves have changed, the cold is setting in, and basketball season is finally here. The men’s and women’s teams have been awaiting this season since summer play, and are looking forward to putting their thumb prints on Penn State Wilkes-Barre with a successful season. On the men’s side, fifteen talented players have set high goals in order to make a run at the playoffs and upset some top competitors.

“As a group we have two main goals: first, to get better every day and second, to make the playoffs. With our athleticism and depth we are ready for the start of a new season,” said Coach Minor.

The men kicked off with the Luzerne County Community College tournament November 6 and 7. Their first PSUAC, December 2 at 8:00 p.m. is a home game against Penn State Schuylkill. As for the women, getting players to come out for Penn State Women’s Basketball 2009-2010.

The future of this team is unknown, but the uninexperienced at the plate, it is a relatively strong suit of the Nittany Lions. Penn State has a blessing in disguise as the girls more so than the boys.

In a poll of fifty-seven students on campus (about 2/3 male, 1/3 female), 56% of the students said they wanted the Yankees to win, and 44% of the students were rooting for the Phillies (there was no “neither” option). Sophomore student Mike Farrell is enthusiastic and supportive.

Matthew Buffano

The Philadelphia Phillies and New York Yankees won the pennants in the American and National Leagues, respectively – leading to a grand World Series matchup. The two teams are hands-down the most relevant teams in Pennsylvania’s houses. The “other” Pennsylvania team, the Pittsburgh Pirates, is the most down-trodden team in the majors, as in 2009 they missed the playoffs for their seventeenth straight season. The other New York team, the Mets, had a rolodex of baseball stars rotating on-and-off their disabled list, as they finished on the outside looking in at the playoffs. But, the Phillies and Yankees will forever have two of the strongest fan bases in the world, regardless of their season’s outcome.

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We Find You Fascinating. 

You Do. 

It Would Make Us Feel Connected to Our Leader, And Dare I Say, More Motivated. 

Oh, Yes! Every Little Thing You Do Is Interesting. 

Well, Gosh. I Suppose I Could Try It. 

I Didn't Know That. 

Hey, I Just Had an Idea. 

I Already Feel an Improvement in My Quality of Life. 

Where's Your Boy Now? 

May Be You Should Use Twitter to Leave Us Little Messages about All of Your Daily Activities. 

Parking Woes

Have you ever had a class in the Tech Center, the science building, or in the Nittany Courts and couldn’t find a place to park other than the open faculty parking lot? Have you ever been late to class where your teacher gave you the regular speech on how you should arrive on time? Well you’re definitely not the only one. Realistically, you would not have to search high and low for a place to park your rusty steel only to find out that the only place to park is the main lot on the other side of campus. Some of us have teachers that mark us absent if we’re late to class, so we decide to take the chance and park in the faculty parking lot and hope to avoid those crazy parking fees that start at $15. 

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Art Forms Shared on Campus 

Abby Bachman

Throughout the year Penn State Wilkes-Barre offers a lot of culturally enriching activities. On October 8 for Hispanic heritage month, Penn State WB hosted award-winning spoken word artist Gabriella Garcia Medina. Spoken word is a unique style of delivering poetry that gives emphasis on how the poetry is performed. Medina is a poet who delivers her poetry with a passion. Her topics range from social changes to how her upbringing as a poet in New York and Philadelphia are two of the biggest markets in America, and for every calm, knowledgeable fan there is a drunken fool yelling slurs at opposing players. 

The epic game to end all that was hyped to be. There was no standout memory from any one game, there was no “instant classic,” there were no truly jaw-dropping performances; it was ordinary. It went six games, and one game changed the future. That game was the epic game to end all that it was hyped to be. There was no standout performance, there was no “instant classic,” there were no truly jaw-dropping performances; it was ordinary. It went six games, and in the past five seasons, our area has seen the Phillies leave, while the Yankees moved to Moosic. Several of the stars of the Series called the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre area their home for a season or two before getting the call to the bigs. In the end, the Yankees took the Series and Hideki Matsui won the World Series MVP award. 2009 ended the Yankees' ten-year drought without a fresh World Series trophy in their possession; my guess is that their success leads into 2010.

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Writers’ Corner

“Doubt”  
By: Nicole Navoczynski

Light is darkness with hate to harness  
Control like a net,  
Caught a ghost called loneliness  
Heat and ice, frozen cold to the marrow  
No blanket for the heart  
No warmth for what is not mine.  
He consumes me all,  
Heart, thought and memory  
as a dream’s repeat, he always arrives in shut-eye, on time  
His voice in every song,  
His name in every breath of sugar-frosted air,  
every slice of my soul complete,  
every flicker and every beat.  
I never heard so clear a name as his  
every slice of my soul complete,  
every flicker and every beat.  
I only ask for a sterling diamond second chance,  
I await his reply, thirsty and hungry in love’s line.

Everyday  
By: John Bailey

You have the handle on the door to everyday  
With that sort of reflective glass  
So that you cannot see through  
It looks like you’re giving yourself a handshake.

The gruesome greeting forces you to get along  
With an image of worthiness  
So nod your head and swipe your card as proof  
Of identity in this place  
And walk into work.

Song Song Glory of my Heart  
By: Sarah Ferrier

Sing song, sing song  
Does your voice move you?  
Can you hear in three dimensions?  
The song song glory of my heart?

What you hear; what they hear.  
What I hear, oh listen.  
Sing song sing song  
I hope your voice will move you.

“Nature’s Suicide”  
By: Nicole Navoczynski

Insomnia drags my corpse around. It speaks for days in sagging eyes and engorged skin. There are not enough coffee breaks to wake me from this comatose-like state. The hells hues of coral consume me; the rusty shackles around my legs. I wear a muddy sleeve with my beating heart soaked in the coffee-covered lies and stained tears that drop like crying clouds. These pathetic lines seek no empathy or sympathy, just antique-colored understanding or maybe a hug from a bear-of-a-tree-human being. But instead, I find the wrong, tall one of nature and fix myself to hang from the highest chestnut growth that is embedded like a sore thumb or a broken leg with the marrow projected out from the skin. The wretched leaves as droplets of blood; drip, drop, drip, drop, down to be suffocated by the emerald blades that look more like daggers than grass. Everything must die eventually.

Follow Me  
By Jennifer Shubilla

The bright lights just beyond the corner of her eye  
She followed it in a mystical sense, unknowing, unaware  
She could hear a calming voice that trickled from the sky  
There’s a whole different world out there.  
And she felt the warmth of a distant place  
the chill of a challenge on the way  
She visualized the details of an unfamiliar face  
And wandered to her delight and dismay.  
Contradictions amid her illustrous mind  
Curiosity making its peak  
Was it worth it to leave everything behind?  
Would this prove her strong or weak?  
No time to decide what is and is not  
No answers to be found just yet around here  
She heard a whisper from an adjacent spot,  
“We’ve been waiting your arrival, my dear.”  
Now she hadn’t had time to figure it out  
if she had been dreaming or living a myth  
But this thing that spoke had tremendous clout  
and she was forced to hastily come with.  
She looked all around her at nature and its creatures  
The night time air that sparkled as did her eyes  
At the lake and the trees with magnificent features  
And pondered the truth among lies.

“The Abandoned Wanderer”  
By: Nicole Navoczynski

Ask him how he’s doing today  
If you’d like a taste of cynical contradictory  
He holds onto twilight obscurity because he fathoms nothing else.  
If there is any slight flare of illumination,  
any brilliant fire by way of flames,  
He quickly chokes such a candle with his bare, calloused hands  
Blasts it to the ground where he lives,  
resides in the abysmal darkness,  
Forever in affliction with imperfect, glum, disfigurement  
The blisters and scars of his dead past  
Haunt him as gray ghosts in his desolate home.

By: Michael Calore

A scent of burning embers from fires unseen is carried on chilling winds. The air is cold enough to afford a familiar burning sensation. Autumn nears. Most leaves are still green, except for a few small ones near the bottom of each tree. Silence settles in the valley this time of the year. It seems that the world grows reverent when Old Man Winter comes, as if he is respected. Maybe rightfully so. It’s the quiet frigid that judges us. It forces us to bond… to commune. Those that are mindful will endure the harshest winters.

In the dark, I hear geese calling overhead. I wonder if they’re the last convoy out of town. A singular moth circles around a lamp post. Still attracted to the dazzling light, I suppose. I imagine he wasn’t paying attention when the others started to leave. He won’t make it. As for me, I like the silence. I listen. Perhaps God will whisper something as the leaves rustle. Perhaps He wants me to whisper something to Him. A “Thank you” seems fitting in this weather.

The colder it becomes, the more we come to each other. We grow closer when we’re reminded of our frailty. How many loves were borne from a chill? Oh! How that sensation can make us forget we were even cold to begin with! The rolling steam from a lover’s lips radiates a warm security. Watching her flowing hair fall around her face is more graceful than the dancing oranges, yellows and reds Mother Nature can yield. A coy smile burns the soul more than meagerly crackling flames. Even the mere thought of her enlivens the spirit.

Yet, I sit here with only a moth to keep me company; I’m still listening and wishing I had her instead of the moth. I’m not quite sure what I didn’t say or do. Perhaps someone else’s words were warmer or arms more inviting. Perhaps I was so dazzled by the light that I didn’t notice my opportunities soaring by. Another chilly bluster passes and the leaves rustle. “Thank you”, I whisper. I pull my jacket around me tightly and stand. The moth is still circling the lamp post. I wish him luck and walk inside.

Interested in submitting your written or drawn art form? Submit it to Gencina Ricca GMR5076@psu.edu :)

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Dodgeball Tournament Tonight!
It’s that time of year again, the semi-annual PSU-WB Dodgeball Tournament! Those who may have played last year could recall that it was a lot of fun. Don’t want to play? No problem! Show support by coming out to the game.

What: Dodgeball Tournament
Who: Lion Ambassadors and Surveying Society Benifit
Where: Athletic Recreational Building
When: Today (Friday 13, 2009) at 5:00 pm until 11:00 pm
How to Join: Walk ins are accepted to this event. Teams consist of 6 people, $5.00 per person for a total of $30.00 per team. Double-elimination tournament.

Penny Wars ends Today
Penny Wars which benefits THON (See our article on THON on page 3) ends today. Thanks to all who have helped through your generous donations. During the lunch hour today THON will announce who the loser is which will be pie’d in the face and the winner who will pie the loser. Stay tuned for more fun THON benefit events!

Poverty Awareness Meal
Please sir, may I have more? Some of us take the luxury of PSU WB chicken wraps and the vending machines for granted. For those that don’t know, the poverty awareness meal allows students go get a good glimpse of what goes on in the different economic classes such as Upper, Middle, and Deprived. Students participating in this event will be placed into a group randomly where they will experience how the other half lives. For instance, deprived students will sit on the floor eating ramen noodles and water. This Collegian staff member thinks that this will be an interesting event. Check out our story on the meal on page 3!

When: Tues., Nov. 17
Time: 12 Noon to 1 pm
Where: Cafe Commons (High Ceiling Chalet Room)
Cost: $3.00 Donation (Faculty/Staff & Students)

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Useless Facts
Thanks to world-english.com for the following.

- Months that begin on a Sunday will always have a “Friday the 13th.”
- Coca-Cola would be green if colouring weren’t added to it.
- Of all the words in the English language, the word ‘set’ has the most definitions!
- “Almost” is the longest word in the English language with all the letters in alphabetical order.
- Right handed people live, on average, nine years longer than left-handed people.
- Honey is the only food that does not spoil. Honey found in the tombs of Egyptian pharaohs has been tasted by archaeologists and found edible.
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These creatures feed off the result of others’ hard work, and need it to keep their heads. You should look out for them in group projects, where the life of your presentation will no doubt be devoured by the heap of flesh that makes up the fourth and completely unmotivated member of your group.

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2. Raccoon eyes (massive bags lining the socket)
3. Lack of arm strength (cannot raise hand)
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Also, these stage ones will often be found repeating themselves, in both word and action.

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December 21, 2012 - A Day of Pandemonium

John Bailey

If the rotten pile of partially decomposed limbs, conveniently missing its head, asks you for your homework, get out of class. Do not fall for these tricks. More than likely you will smell it before you actually see it, stumbling into the back of the room, where it will take a seat. So, we here at The Collegian implore you, leave at first sniff. There have been reports by teachers and students alike that classrooms have been haunted by this lazy, headless being, probably escaped from the haunted forest last month. When asked, Dr. Putzel explains that, “It thinks it goes unnoticed hiding there in the back of class, but it’s pretty obvious. In fact, it will even make a sort of grunting noise every so often, as if it can’t control itself. I am beginning to doubt the absence of its head, and to wonder if all it really wants to do is disrupt the class.”

Students say that the creature does, in fact, have a voice, however impossible that may seem, and that it appears intent on getting its homework done by copying it from other students. But be warned. For if you comply with its demands, you may well soon be missing your own head. But it doesn’t start there. When an individual first contracts the germ, he does not immediately lose his head. At that time, he may appear to be “normal,” but will have begun to contract many of the symptoms associated with headlessness.

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Sarah Ferrier

Oh no, the Mayan calendar is coming to its end! Oh no, a black hole is on its way! The world is about to end. What should we do? Exactly what the government wants us to do. Spend money!

I believe that the government is trying to fix our little economy problem. What better way to put in more money than to scare people? If you convince a person that they are going to die in a certain amount of time, they might decide to spend their money on things that they never thought they would be able to spend money on.

If a person has only a few years to live, they might travel to their dream vacation, or buy things to enjoy what time they have left– excepting from it than I had meant. It is so easy to see how the brain waves to their own diabolical needs.

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The Mayan calendar might end on December 21, 2012, but what is the Mayan calendar? It’s a cycle. What do cycles do when they end? They start over. Just like the cycles of the moon, the Mayan calendar may just begin again. Isn’t it a bit childish to believe that the whole world is going to end based on a calendar from a culture long past its prime? Most people do not believe in what the Mayan people believe in; why would we start with a calendar? I’m not saying that the calendar isn’t legit, but it is impossible to tell the future of the earth, based on the moon, sun, and stars, especially on something made thousands of years ago.

Another thing, something I just heard form word of mouth, is that one way the world could end, a black hole, isn’t something we should be afraid of. This black hole comes around every twenty years. Now, I am not basing this little editorial on science, but I don’t think that we should be afraid of something that has been around from the beginning of time. Every twenty years may be a long time for us, but not for earth. If we didn’t sense any danger the last time it came around, what can we base such fears on this time? Remember, this is just my opinion.

Lastly, most of our fears have come from the predictions of one Michel de Nostredame. He wrote several predictions that seemed to have come true, but did he? Being a poet, I know what it is like to write something and have someone else totally take a different meaning from it than I had meant. It is so easy to see what you want in something that isn’t clear. In a poem, “Essence of Life,” I wrote about a vampire hunting its prey. Someone told me it was a beautiful way to portray the emotions ab-
Where the Wild Things Are - Movie Review

Amanda Nolan

Where the Wild Things Are, a beloved, best-selling 1963 children’s book by author Maurice Sendak, has now been turned into an artistic motion picture. Under the direction of Spike Jonze; the nine sentences, twenty-page illustrated children’s book has been turned into a fantastical and captivating hour-and-a-half feature film. The film stars newcomer Max Records, as the imaginative and misbehaved young boy of the story, with actress Catherine Keener playing his mother.

The movie opens with the everyday antics of a young boy, who doesn’t seem to have any friends of his own age, and who is trying to entertain himself using his very creative imagination. Following a dispute with his mother, Max runs away from home and finds himself in a mystical world inhabited by these strange creatures, a.k.a “wild things.” After nearly being eaten by these creatures, Max is made into their king. The movie follows the adventures that Max and the wild things get into. Max begins to miss his family, and must make the ultimate choice between staying with his new found friends, or returning home to his actual family. This is a movie the whole family can enjoy; Where the Wild Things Are has both fantastical moments of fun and happiness, and also includes some violent and aggressive undertones. This movie has been rated PG for mild thematic elements, some adventure action, and brief language. Overall, this movie is cute and enjoyable; definitely worth viewing. So “let the wild rumpus start” and make your way to your local movie theater!

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Lost wedding ring in the parking lot of Gentleman’s Club 10. If found please return. Signed, Endangered Schmuck

For Sale Air guitar with case. Great condition. Serious inquiries only.

Free Auto Repair Service - drop off your car and you’ll never go anywhere else again!

Free Service - Struggling with illiteracy? Write today for help.

Today’s Free Advice - Tired of studying? Suck it up, so are the rest of us.

Where the Wild Things Are - Movie Review
A quick look back at some fun moments this semester...

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Advice Column

Need advice on something? Write to The Collegian and we may be able to help you out. All submissions are completely anonymous.

E-Mail all submissions to AMS6064@psu.edu.

Top 20 Countdown

Compliments of 97.1 WBHT
20. Lady GaGa-Paparazzi
19. Flo Rida/Ne-Yo-Be On You
18. Justin Bieber-One Time
17. Drake-Best I Ever Had
16. Shakira-She Wolf
15. Mariah Carey-Obsessed
14. Pitbull-Hotel Room Service
13. The Fray- Never Say Never
12. Beyonce-Sweet Dreams
11. Miley Cyrus-Party In The U.S.A.
10. Daughtry-No Surprise

Cryptogram

We gave you a hint to start out. All of the “E”s are number 6. Now you just have to figure out all of the other letters and match them up accordingly.

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Cryptogram Leaderboard

Know the answer to our Cryptogram? When you crack it, you will know what to do. The first leaderboard will be featured in our next issue and be ongoing.