Brace for Impact

Questions arise as Penn State awaits fallout after scandal

It took one week to diminish Penn State University’s 156 year old reputation. The University was brought to its knees by the actions of Jerry Sandusky, accused of molesting over 18 boys over the past 15 years.

But Sandusky has taken a back-seat in the scandal as Joe Paterno was implicated in the mess and charged in the court of public opinion of doing too little to stop the abuse. Though these are still early days in the scandal, a handful of officials of the Penn State football program seemed to have swept the depraved actions of one man under the blue and white rug in order to save the establishment’s reputation. However, this explanation seems too simple to some. It fails to explain why Sandusky was given an office and access to Penn State facilities for so long. Did those that knew about Sandusky’s behavior not only hush the initial incident involving McQuery but then allow Sandusky to continue a reign of terror on under-privileged boys for years afterward?

We may, in fact, never know the real story of what happened at State College. The lack of morality on all levels is difficult to grasp and leaves all affiliated with Penn State University in an extremely difficult position. The question is, “where do we go from here?”

Is it the end of the world as we know it?

It has been foretold that the world is coming to an end sooner than you think, in the year 2012.

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The firing of Joe Paterno elicited the strongest reaction from Penn State students, faculty, and alumni. A riot erupted almost immediately at Penn State Main as students, perhaps prematurely, defended their deified hero, pitting common sense against loyalty. Across the Penn State world, opinions clashed against the fate of Paterno threatening to dissolve the comradery the University has built over the years. With Penn State’s figure-head lopped off, other heads rolled with it including University President, Graham Spanier, who initially vehemently defended the actions of Tim Curley and Gary Schultz. Today, the University stands still waiting for the true fallout. The University as a whole has taken a reputation beating unlike anything we’ve seen before.

It will take months to fully understand how the University will truly be affected by the scandal. Almost undoubtedly enrollment will drop which could mean consolidation of programs and perhaps even campuses. Donors and sponsors could also potentially back off which could force tuition hikes for the remaining students. The inevitable slew of lawsuits could further derail the campus financially.

The football team will most likely suffer the most from the scandal in the coming years. Recruiters could potentially find it extremely difficult getting the top talent to play for the University. The inevitable drop in the campus financially will carry the University into its future.

Yet with all the bad news at Penn State this holiday season, there is still hope. Only hours after the Paterno riot, students held a candlelit vigil for the victims of the abuse, showing the world the real Penn State, instead of a barbaric Paterno-worshipping mob flipping over a news van.

Student organizations across the University also showed their support for the victims by selling blue ribbons for Prevent Child Abuse Pennsylvania. Penn State University has a long history of child advocacy and organizes the largest student-run philanthropy in the world called THON, which fights to conquer childhood cancer. Last year, the university raised over $9.5 million for the cause.

The outpourings of support directly from the students of Penn State University is the kind of spirit that will carry the University into its new, post scandal, age. Yet many students, as witnessed in the Town Hall conducted at Main Campus on Wednesday, November 30, 2011, are still concerned over Paterno’s firing, saying that he wasn’t afford-d “due process” and his release from the University was simply carried out because of the pressure from the media.

Questions pertaining to the Paterno firing led the new president, Rodney Erickson, to emphasize to students that they need to stop dwelling on that issue alone and instead look to the future so that we can all move on. Erickson, who was appointed President by the board of Trustees immediately following Graham Spanier’s dismissal, has made many efforts in the past few weeks to keep Penn State students appeased.

In an e-mail to students, Erickson released a list of five promises to Penn State saying, “I will reinforce the entire Penn State community the moral imperative of doing the right thing – the first time, every time. We will revisit all standards, policies and programs to ensure they meet not only the law, but Penn State’s standard.”

He also has plans of appointing an Ethics Officer in hopes to “re-orient our culture,” and stresses that no one at Penn State should be afraid to do the right thing, ever.

Yet despite his own eagerness in correcting the culture which enabled the scandal, Erickson also asked the students at the town hall, “what are you going to do?” The responsibility to uphold Penn State’s reputation can no longer lie in the hands of a few faculty members but within every student’s.

After years of screaming “We are Penn State,” it now time for every student to figure out what that actually means.

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The Mayans believe that the year 2012 will bring with it a series of events that lead toward the “future,” which lies beyond the end date of December 21, 2012. This “future” is literally a new world age - a new creation - an Apocalypse. They believe the changes are underway and will continue steadily accelerating as we head towards this date.

However, there is a difference of opinion regarding what exactly the Mayans think will happen on December 21, 2012. Some think it is the destruction of the planet Earth and human life. Others believe that we are in for an unprecedented spiritual awakening. Some predict a global financial meltdown. To others, an asteroid is the harbinger of doom. Interestingly, the Mayans aren’t the only people who predict something to be happening in 2012. There are plenty of theories about how the world might end, but most have only one thing in common: The ending.

Campus student, Dan Walters Jr. believes that the 2012 phenomenon comes “from media and from other people making use of the Maya past to fulfill agendas that are really their own.” He believes that it is all just hype and nothing to be concerned about. Another student, Dan Coates, stated that he isn’t “taking any chances” since “we don’t have enough real evidence to support an apocalyptic ending,” but if he knew for sure an end was coming he would “quit my job and run up a lot of bills.”

But is there anything scientific about these predictions?

The end of the Mayan calendar coincides with a galactic alignment, in which the Sun will align with the center of the Milky Way galaxy. It arrested over 200 people who did not evacuate promptly. Among the arrested citizens were journalists from various news outlets, some as prestigious as The New York Times, NPR, and NBC. An official statement from OWS was released; the concise and appropriate “You can’t evict an idea whose time has come.” All members of the media were kept a block away from Liberty Square so they did not have access to the “cleaning process.” Police helicopters also blocked off media helicopters in the sky. What they didn’t want to be reported on was the fact that this “clean-up” was actually more like a raid. Tents and personal belongings were removed and destroyed, and sadly 5,000 or more books that composed The People’s Library were put in dump trucks and carried off. The protesters are obviously not easily deterred and continued on, thousands banding together all across New York City’s five boroughs including gatherings at Union Square, the Brooklyn Bridge, entrances to the New York Stock Exchange, and even New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg’s house, with crowds as large as 33,000. The movement’s reaction to the November 15th raid proves that OWS has relentless determination, the ability to both mobilize and improvise, and a dedication to longevity; a combination as powerful as any to fight for the personal freedoms we as Americans should be guaranteed.

Since the end of October, things have certainly shifted for OWS. It’s gone from police compliance to reports of police brutality and unnecessary destruction and evacuations, from the media ignoring the movement to the media being forced not to report by NYC officials. Protesters have been allowed to re-enter Liberty Square and are currently still there, but are planning strategically in the event they are forced to evacuate again. The future may be uncertain, but one thing that is certain is that the spirited protesters of Occupy Wall Street are equipped to fight adversity with perseverance and adaptability.

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Shut it down

A letter from the Editor in Chief

Maybe I’m preoccupied or maybe I’m just tired, but either way, I really don’t feel like writing a “goodbye from the Editor letter,” even though this will be the last thing I write for The Revolt as a Penn State student. The truth is I have half a page to fill and I’m not going to make my picture any bigger.

If I had to sum up my experience as Editor for the past two years in one word, it would be “interesting.” I have never been part of anything that has been so frustrating and so rewarding at the same time. It has definitely been the most valuable experience of my college career and the sole reason I’ll be graduating this month.

The truth is, I hated college. My first semester at this campus was absolutely awful and I seriously considered dropping out the following spring. I can’t tell you how many times I drove from Wilkes-Barre for 9am Spanish class, started walking down the wooded path, my pace eventually slowing until I turned around, got in my car, and drove back home.

Then, my advisor suggested I join the campus paper, then called The Collegian, which I did. Within weeks I was completely devoted to it and I, along with some rogue staff members including Jennifer Shubilla and Gencina Ricca, went about changing the entire thing.

The Revolt was meant to be an agit-prop newspaper, to spur conversation and maybe eventually change. We were going to have a voice, not just about campus issues, but about the world they live in. It was a lofty concept at a largely apathetic campus and it still is. Whether or not we actually changed anything is debatable but we definitely pissed a lot of people off, which I call progress.

My time on The Revolt has taught me a lot about myself, people, and the world we live in. One of the more poignant lessons was that being liked is overrated. It can also denote a lack of courage. Everyone likes “yes” people, people who go with the flow, who never question anything, and never stand up for what they believe in. But the pushers of the world don’t get anything accomplished. The people who have a greater percentage of “screw you” in their blood, do.

Throughout our issues, we’ve often included quotes, pictures, and references to our founding fathers because if anyone in this world had “screw you” blood, they did. It was their refusal to go quietly that made this country what it is and their spirit which we try to infuse in every issue. They didn’t lie down and accept the way things were; neither should we.

These goodbye letters are typically more sentimental in their content but I doubt anyone has read this far so let me continue with some advice, not that anyone asked for it. Like I said, joining the newspaper is the sole reason I’ll be graduating this month for the simple fact that it kept me interested and, more importantly, on campus. If you’re anything like me and often wonder whether spending the next ten to twenty years paying off school debt is actually worth it, you’re going to need something else keeping you here. So join something. If there’s nothing you want to join, then start something.

If nothing else came from the past eleven issues, I got the chance to work with some really great people that I otherwise would never have gotten the chance to know. I want to thank all of the staff members of The Revolt for all of their hard work over the past two years. Without them there would have been no paper. I also want to thank all of the English professors of this campus for all of their support. The face of college students changed over the years. Today, there are more of them working full time in order to get an education, which may or may not pan out into an actual job. On behalf of all of the students, who had a professor cut them some slack one time or another, thank you. It was appreciated.

Finally, I would personally like to thank Dr. Steven Putzel, my advisor, who told me to join the paper in the first place. It was a pleasure being your student. I also want to thank my friends for listening to me talk about the paper for the past two years, and my parents for their limitless support in whatever I’m doing. I should also probably thank George Washington.

And thank you for reading. See you in hell.

Just kidding.

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**Letters to the Editor**

**Veteran’s Day**

“I really enjoyed reading the article “Veteran’s Day” written by Melissa M. Bennett. I think it was a wonderful touch that it was written by her because she served in the U.S. Navy. It is interesting to learn that we do not have a club that actively supports both past and present members of our military. I for one would be a great supporter of this club. While I myself have not and do not plan to serve in the military, I have several friends who do. Some are in the Army, some are in the Navy, and some are even in the Marines. I’m so proud of every single one of them. It takes a lot of courage and strength to serve our country. Whether I know the person or not, I say thank you one and all for your protection and your service.”  

- Amy Novak

**Black Friday**

“In regards to the torrent of Black Friday, I found the intriguing advice of the speaker to be both humorous and quite relative to the truth. In my opinion, when I think of the holiday season. I would prefer to think of cookies, decorations, festive attitudes and a generous red fat dude. However, the general case is more of a war zone, where the shoppers raise their weapons for the ultimate prize, the newest technology or Dora the Explorer doll at a price less than reasonable for the costs and strains that must be overcome to succeed in gaining the object. I really enjoyed the writer’s humorous, and somewhat sarcastic, diction and appreciated an article that brings about humor in the silly world we tend to reside in these days. With the warm memories of a gracious thanksgiving meal imprinted behind us and the joyous holiday season ahead of us, celebrations that take away all the ills of our communities and temporarily replace them with grace, who really wants to convert their holiday joys to holiday hell?”  

- Brittany Grimm

**Basketball Diaries**

“As a Penn State student, I totally agree with the article “The Basketball Diary”. I play for the women’s basketball team and our Coach, Leslie Livingston, really cares about her players as well. However, here at Penn State, we all are like a family. There are plenty of loving and caring faculty and staff members who treat us as they would treat their own children. They always provide us with a helping hand and are willing to go out their way to make sure we are where we need to be.”  

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“I’ve read your article about SGA on the latest revolt newsletter and wanted to let you know that I agree with you. SGA is in fact a group that represents the whole student body but I can’t help but notice that there isn’t anything out there that keeps them in check. We need a new organization that handles the money, one that would make sure that it’s spent wisely. I’m not saying what SGA has been spending money on is wrong; it’s how they spend the money that brings the issue. For example instead of wasting $300 on re-upment on gas, we have a van or bus that can bring students to events instead of having 10 or more differ vehicles going to the same place. A group outside of SGA that can watch and keep them in check is what we need.”  

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- Zach Berger

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SGA, not four. Therefore, the money spent on the CCGS trip was food, hotel services, and gas money for was reasonably spent on seven people. As for where the money goes, I do believe that there should be a greater say than just the SGA. There are many clubs that deserve the money that don’t receive it, but if the proper notions are not met; the club should not get the money. Everyone must do their part. In order to make the distribution of money more equitable, there should be a one representative from each club to vote on money requests.”  

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Countdown to London Games has Andrew Watkins already checking out the talent

The 2012 Summer Olympics will be without question one of the most highly anticipated sporting events of what may be Earth’s last year of existence. More likely, it will be another thrilling edition of what has become a rich and captivating tradition. The Olympics have evolved from a 42-event competition with fewer than 250 male athletes to a 300-event competition with over 10,000 participants from 205 nations. The city of London will host the Olympic Games for an unprecedented third time, making it the first city to do so. The United States has hosted the games four times, more than any other nation. London’s bid to host the games was not without some controversy as after being selected to host the games Alex Gilady, a senior IOC (International Olympic Committee) official, alleged that London had won the right to host the Olympics only because of a voting error.

In basketball, The United States has to be considered clear favorites as they boast a line-up reading like that of an NBA All-Star team. Returning from 2008’s gold medal team include the likes of Lebron James, Kobe Bryant and Dwayne Wade. Up and coming stars like Derrick Rose and Kevin Durant have expressed an interest in joining the team. Their stiffest competition should come from Germany which features NBA MVP Dirk Nowitzki and 2010 NBA All-Star Chris Kaman.

Women’s basketball is an infant at the Olympics, first being established in 1976. The United States women have been just as dominant as the men’s team, winning six of the eight titles, and each of the past four. Like their male counterparts, they have to be considered clear favorites in the upcoming Olympic Games. Their toughest opponent is expected to be Australia, whom they have defeated in each of the past three gold medal games.

In the track and field category, Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt seems to be in a league of his own. He became internationally prominent at the 2008 Olympics setting several world records with what seemed to be relative ease. After setting a new world record in the 100 meter dash Bolt was quoted as saying, “I was slowing down long before the finish and wasn’t tired at all. I could have gone back to the start and done it all over again.” Bolt will be competing in the 2012 Olympics and has set a lofty goal of winning four gold medals. In 2008, Bolt seemed to be more than a step ahead of his competitors. In 2008 will somebody be able to usurp Usain and close the distance?

Swimming has been available to men at the Olympics since 1896; it has been optional to women since 1912. With thirty-four events it is the one of the largest and most popular spectator sports at the Olympics. Swimming at the Olympics has become synonymous with Michael Phelps. Even if you didn’t watch either of the past two Olympics in which Phelps dominated, you most likely saw him either on a Subway commercial or on the news when controversy arose over his alleged marijuana use. Phelps has won sixteen Olympic medals, fourteen of them being gold. Phelps has stated that he will be competing in the 2012 Olympics and needs to earn just three medals to break Larisa Latynina’s record of eighteen. At only twenty-six, Phelps has to be considered the favorite in every event in which he competes. Women’s swimming at the Olympics features a bit more parity as in 2008 three women took home at least two gold medals.

Gymnastics are of rich tradition in the Olympics, having been contested at every Summer Olympic Games since the very first. Women became eligible to compete in gymnastics thirty-two years later, in 1928. In the most recent edition of the Olympics, Chinese men dominated, winning all but one of the gold medals awarded. Chinese women have fared well recently also, securing three gold medals for their country in the most recent Olympics. The United States and Russia are not far behind as they each scored two in 2008. Americans are likely to tune in, in hopes that 2008 gold medalist and Dancing with the Stars winner Shawn Johnson returns to the mat.

Football, or as we know
Adversity

Penn State not the only team to battle adversity

Almost every sports team faces adversity at some point in their season; how they react to it goes a long way in determining how they finish. Three of the past six Super Bowl champions (Steelers, Giants, and Packers) had to play three straight road games en route to the Super Bowl because they didn’t perform well enough in the regular season to win their own division.

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Olympics

Almost every sports team faces adversity at some point in their season; how they react to it goes a long way in determining how they finish. Three of the past six Super Bowl champions (Steelers, Giants, and Packers) had to play three straight road games en route to the Super Bowl because they didn’t perform well enough in the regular season to win their own division.

As if playing three elimination games in hostile territory wasn’t enough, the Packers did so with fifteen players on injured reserve. The fifteen players weren’t all benchwarmers either, as starters like Ryan Grant, Nick Barnett and Jerimichael Finley missed extensive time. The way the Packers rebounded seems to be in direct contrast to how the Kansas City Chiefs have fared this year.

The Chiefs have lost marquee players like Matt Cassel, Jamaal Charles and Eric Berry to injury and have crumpled in the face of adversity as a result. In the college ranks, several high profile programs have dealt with adversity recently. The most prominent of these universities include the likes of USC, Ohio State, and Penn State. As a result of the recent scandals faced by these schools, legendary coaches like Pete Carroll, Jim Tressel and Joe Paterno have lost or left their jobs.

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Sticks and Stones

Ever wonder what Bro-vember is? Or a rescue chip? Lipstick lesbian? How about Arabian goggles? Dutch oven? Well, fellow inappropriate friends, wonder no more thanks to a phenomenon known as urbandictionary.com. Many of you have probably already heard of and even used this glorious site for a few giggles, but for those who haven’t, throw your mature mentality out the window and take a peek at what this site has to offer. Navigating through this site may offend some, so if you’re an uptight son-of-a-gun, you should probably just go back to reading the regular dictionary or knitting that hideous Christmas sweater your boyfriend is going to hate anyway.

Dubbed “the dictionary you wrote,” urbandictionary.com boasts 6,209,005 definitions written by people just like you and me since 1999. Think of it as Wikipedia for words. Anyone has the freedom to add a word or change a word- English majors beware. This freedom among the people means that not everything is grammatically correct, as most of the people who have contributed something seem to have skipped out on their elementary grammar lessons. Their personal opinions are also laced throughout each definition, but if you can look past all of that, prepare yourself for a pants-wetting experience. We’re going to take a look at some examples; I’ll try to keep it as close to PG as possible so SGA doesn’t have a conniption. You can ogle the nastier definitions on your own time.

Ghost taste: The familiar taste that accompanies a post-meal burp; it’s like déjà-vu in your mouth.

Courtesy fart: When someone accidentally farts and is embarrassed, you should, if you have one ready, let one fly as well.

Turd burglar: You finally find an empty public restroom for a dump so massive that it requires complete solitude for the deposit, and then someone walks in.

Roommate chicken: The condition where a group of people sharing a living space each avoid doing a household chore for an extended period because each believes it’s someone else’s responsibility. The idea is that eventually the situation will reach a critical mass where the guilty party will cave in and do the chore. In practice, the situation can escalate to extreme levels.

Rice burner: What every 16-20 year old who’s seen ‘The Fast and the Furious’ is likely to drive. Usually running a ridiculous amount of negative wheel camber due to the car being lowered without getting an alignment done, a 3-foot tall aluminum wing, under-car neon tubing, “Type R” decals, a 5 inch exhaust tip on an otherwise stock exhaust system, a 4 million watt stereo system that, from outside the car, seems to do nothing other than vibrate the rear hatch glass, and every aftermarket Webster, schmebster! Urban Dictionary gives language back to the people.

You look like you

Winter break means some time to unwind, so why not do it in style with a drink based on one of your favorite pop culture icons? Please remember to drink responsibly.

The Scooby Snack
1/2 oz Malibu® coconut rum
1/2 oz creme de bananes
1/2 oz Midori® melon liqueur
1/2 oz pineapple juice
1 1/2 oz whipped cream

A red-headed slut with a splash of coke
1 part Jagger
2 part Red Bull Energy Drink
Splash of coke

The Lindsay Lohan
Fill with glass with white rum
1 splash Ginger Ale
1 splash Lime Juice

The Nancy Drew or Hardy Boy

The Gilligan’s Island
1 oz Vodka
1 oz Peach schnapps
3 oz Orange juice
3 oz Cranberry juice

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New Year, new you!
‘tis the season to get back on the fitness horse! Fitness Expert, Michael Buczkowski shows you how!

January is almost here, which means resolution season. After a stressful fall semester and the dreaded Freshman 15 becoming a reality, it’s time to hit the gym. Just make sure it doesn’t hit back because getting in shape for summer starts right now!

Exercise is a two-part program, involving both cardio and weight training. These 2 elements work hand-in-hand to eliminate more body fat because they can, only together, burn fat in trouble areas that neither can reach on their own. Remember, if you’re only doing cardio and not lifting weights or doing calisthenics then you would need to do at least 30 minutes of cardio 7 days a week to see a change in your body!

20-30 minutes of cardio is the ideal amount of time. Cardio can consist of many things, such as running, biking, the elliptical, swimming, aerobics class, stairs, and even walking.

Weight training is an essential part of burning fat. While most men do it without having to be told, many women avoid it in an attempt to not get bulky. This is something that women shouldn’t have to worry about. You can get tone without getting bulky if you work out the right way.

Here are a couple of tips, for both men and women, to help achieve maximum results in the weight room:

1. Set a reachable goal for yourself, whether you’re trying to gain mass or lose it.
2. Get a notebook and keep track of your workout to ensure that you stay in the gym and don’t slack off.
3. If possible, find a motivated workout partner and push each other. Keep on each other to make sure that you stay in the gym and don’t skip workouts.
4. The usual rule: Lighter weight+higher reps= More cut and defined, while heavy weight+less reps= More size, more muscle gains. This isn’t always true, it depends on your body type as well as genetics, but this is the basic rule.
5. DON’T OVER TRAIN. Overtraining can have an adverse effect to your lean muscle gains and cause injury. Resting after a week of workouts can be just as beneficial as the workouts themselves. When doing weight training, the key is not to do more than you can handle because form is more important than the weight.

Master each weight before you move on and the same goes for cardio; if you haven’t been working out regularly then don’t hop on the treadmill and try to run 5 miles on level 10. That’s how most injuries occur in the gym.

Exercise is very important, but when losing belly fat there is something even more important. Your Diet! You can work out for hours a day, training as hard as you can, but if you aren’t eating right it’s like being on a treadmill, trying to take a step forward but not moving anywhere.

Stay tuned for step two of the fitness journey in next month’s issue of The Revolt, which includes simple and easy guidelines to eating healthy.

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can use a drink!

1 oz Blueberry Vodka
1 oz Grape Soda
1 oz Grape Juice
1 oz Kool-Aid Grape mix

Garnish with grapes if you’re feeling fancy

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Putting the G in GTL

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The Lil Wayne
The Coco Channel
The Evil Queen
The Papa Smurf
The Oprah

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1 oz Blueberry Vodka
1 oz Gin
1 oz blackberry schnapps
1 oz Strawberry Vodka
4 ounces tangerine juice

1 oz Grape Soda
1 oz Kahlua
1 oz Bailey’s Irish cream
2/3 oz Blue Curacao
2 ounces tequila , Patron Silver

1 oz Kool-Aid Grape mix
1 oz Heavy Cream
5 oz hot chocolate
1 dash Lime Juice
1/3 ounce triple sec

Top with whipped cream

Lemon-Lime Soda to taste

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December grads get cold shoulder

After four years and thousands of dollars of student loan debt, college grads are now faced with the abysmal chances of finding a good job after they walk across the stage and receive their diploma. The occasion, which is traditionally a happy event in a person’s life, now has new meaning. But even though graduating in this economy is slightly less joyous, it still marks a turning point in people’s lives and deserves to be acknowledged.

So why are December graduates not given any type of graduation ceremony at Penn State Wilkes-Barre? Everyone puts their time and though December graduates are not finishing at a “normal” time, doesn’t mean they don’t deserve the recognition that everyone else gets. How much time and money would it really take to put a stage in Hayfield ballroom? What is the big issue here? While there are other options for these grads, a simple ceremony on our campus is what is really wanted.

Currently, December graduates have the choice of driving to University Park and walking or coming back to Penn State Wilkes-Barre in the spring to walk. But what student wants to go to main campus and endure a long ceremony with people they don’t even know? They want their own professors whom they’ve worked with over the years to hand them their diploma. It makes the occasion a far more personal experience. Going down to main campus is also an inconvenience for family members; no one wants to drive two and a half hours in ice and snow.

Nittany Commons wants to “improve”

Shortly after The Revolt ran the article “Missing,” Dennis Dunn, one of the owners of the Nittany Commons Apartments, responded. The article had explained how returning students were given the opportunity to store some of their personal items in the apartments during the summer last year, after she graduated with a B.A. in English. When asked if the lack of ceremony bothered her, she said, “Honestly, no not at all. I was only going to do it for my mom, but then I moved so I couldn’t come back for it anyway. I was a college student for about 8 years so when I

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permission due to summer cleaning and construction. Upon their return in the fall, some of their items were missing. “We resolved those [issues] by the Resident Manager and Resident Assistants,” claims Dunn. He goes on to say, “To my knowledge every person who signed an agreement with us got their possessions back.”

This wasn’t the case either. In fact one student who lost $200 worth of
Punch for Punch

From the Executive Board of the Penn State Wilkes-Barre Student Government

Only the President and Treasurer have access to the budget, this is why it took awhile to get to the Editor. Unfortunately all requests from the SGA to meet in person with the Editor were ignored. It then took weeks of emails to answer questions. We did have one sit down meeting with the Editor which only happened because the President accidentally walked in on a meeting between him and Jackie. We were then given one day to go over the ‘edited’ version of the budget to make sure it was correct. Unable to meet this deadline, we are providing this letter to The Revolt and the budget to correct any mistakes.

First we would like to explain the makeup of The Student Government Association. SGA consists of the entire student body. There’s an open forum during all SGA meetings. The Senate is composed of the senators, club representatives, and the Executive Board. The Executive Board consists of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Upper Class PR, Freshman PR, and Webmaster.

Most of the SGA money went to better the campus, student environment, or student life. The renovation of the SGA office assisted the Executive Board to be more efficient and provide a professional environment for students to visit and voice their interests and concerns. The campus did renovations of the Commons, Lazy Artists’ office and SGA office. The desks and chairs in the office were found through PSU Salvage. We also purchased two loveseats, an end table, and new phones through our IT department. The total cost of the furniture and phones came to under $1400. The SGA office is open to all students.

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gauge that the local Pep Boys car-
ries (not necessarily connected to
anything).
Yellular: The loudness one adopts
in response to a bad cell-phone con-
nection, in the misguided hope that
talking louder will improve the con-
nection.
Brain bleach: What one might use
to erase a particularly nasty image
or memory.
Blind transfer: When someone calls
your office phone and you transfer
them to a random number from any
department because you either can’t
find your own number, or you don’t
feel like looking it up.
Sargasm: Deriving far too much
satisfaction from glibly berating an-
other with sarcasm.

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students buy the tickets. Neither of
these two items are Executive
Board expenses.
CCSG stands for Council of Com-
monwealth Student Governments.
Three times a semester all of the
campus’ SGAs meet. We recom-
mand changes to University policy,
exchange ideas, and help make the
notion of “One University geo-
graphically dispersed” a reality. We
would gladly sit down and show
anyone what CCSG has done for
you. Between 6 and 12 students at-
tend. SAF and SGA provide gas,
per diem for food, and lodging for
those representing our campus. We
encourage other students to par-
ticipate in the CCSG but they must
attend all meetings that weekend.
Gas reimbursement is outlined in
the constitution as the mileage / 20
mpg * current rate of gas, the car
must have 3-4 students in them.
This is much less than what other
organizations, or even the Univer-
sity, gives in gas.

We have been asked through the
years to see our spreadsheets, and
have always been forthcoming.
Last Spring and this Fall, after the
Revolt was denied a full alloca-
tion, it was then that they requested
to see the SGA budget. SGA does not
fundraise for themselves, only for
charity. This year we are rais-
ing funds for the Victims’ Resource
Center and Let Them LOL.

THON and Haunted Forest are com-
mittees under SGA. Both chairs are
appointed by the President and ap-
proved by the Senate. The funding
given to THON was mostly for the
THON weekend expenses of gas and
food. This helped take the expenses
from the students so that they could
enjoy the weekend and support our
dancers in the fight against cancer.

Some improvements to the bud-
get include: bringing it up at CRC,
making sure it’s updated weekly by
the treasurer, meeting once a month
with the reconciler and plans to put
it on the website. This was told to
the editor during our meeting, but
didn’t make the article. We are
audited by the University. Every-
thing that SGA spends money on
is authorized through our advisors.
This all helps ensure that we do not
take the money and go “on a trip to
Cancun with it.” As was explained
to the Editor, we are using some of
the carryover for one-time supply
expenses. We also intend to keep a
buffer of funds in the unfortunate
case our funding from University
Park is pulled.

The Executive Board makes every
attempt to be available. Our meet-
ings are Wednesdays at 12 in TC
101. We have our names and infor-
mation posted on our door and the
website. We would love to hear any
other questions/comments. Email: aiw5182@psu.edu.

Respectfully Submitted,
SGA Executive Board

Shuffle shame: When your mp3
player is playing on speakers in
shuffle mode and somebody enters
the room at the exact moment that
the worst song of your collection is
being played.

Spot tease: A parking spot that ap-
pears to be open, but is actually
taken by a small car or motorcycle.
This can also refer to a car that takes
up 90% of its own spot and 10% of
the one next to it, leaving no room
for another car to park.

Onion boot: Booty that looks so
good, it makes grown men want to
cry.

While urbanslang.com provides
slang words made up by any Joe
Blow on the street, it also of-
fers alternate meanings for words
already accepted and used in the
English speaking world. Let’s take
a look at some examples, shall we?

Ugly: Dictionary.com- very unat-
tractive or unpleasant to look at; of
fensive to the sense of beauty.
urbanslang.com- the result of
being hit with an ugly stick.

Easy: Dictionary.com- not hard or
difficult; requiring no great labor or
effort.
urbanslang.com- a term used
to describe a woman who has the
sexual morals of a man.

Dead: Dictionary.com- no longer
living; deprived of life; not en-
dowed with life.
urbanslang.com- Britney
Spear’s career.

Tool: Dictionary.com- an imple-
ment, especially one held in the
hand, as a hammer, saw, or file, for
performing or facilitating mechani-
cal operations.
urbanslang.com- one who
lacks the mental capacity to know
he is being used; a fool; character-
ized by low intelligence and/or self
esteem.

Prom: Dictionary.com- a formal
dance, especially one held by a high
school, or college class at the end of
an academic year.
urbanslang.com- an excuse for
horny young teenagers to get to-
gether for a night of drinking, forni-
cation, and promiscuity.

Rack: Dictionary.com- a framework
of bars, wires, or pegs on which ar-
ches are arranged or deposited. urba-
slang.com- a set of breasts.

You get the picture, right? This
website may not necessarily be ac-
curate in terms of how correct a
word is, (which I have gotten into
many, many arguments with peo-
ple about-the term ‘asshat’ would
never be found in a real dictionary
people), but if it makes you laugh,
it has to be a good thing. Urbandslan-
tion can be compared to watching
an episode of Family Guy; ev-
everything and everyone are made fun
of equally.

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December Grads

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ning that main campus was not her
school. She may be associated with
it because she goes to Penn State,
but she felt it would be awkward…
“Like I’m crashing someone else’s
party.”

Ted Carl, an English major gradu-
ating this December, is also disap-
pointed about not being able to walk
at this campus.”It’s really upsetting
that I will not be able to graduate at
Penn State Wilkes-Barre this winter.
This campus is a second home to me
and I have grown close with many
of my professors. It’s a shame that
they won’t be able to see me walk,
but I know they will be with me in
spirit.”

Some type of ceremony in Decem-
ber for graduates on our campus is
wanted. Otherwise, students will
miss out on the opportunity to cel-
brate with fellow graduates, fam-
ily, and faculty. So come on, Penn
State, let’s get it together and make
eye one graduate count!

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40 singles in the UK and six top 40 singles in the US. The band even has their own record label, 3CG Records. They are still making albums today and are currently touring the world, with Roberts catching them as often as she can.

Roberts has actually met Hanson numerous times, the first time being at a meet-and-greet at State College. One of the amazing things that Hanson does before every concert is walk a mile barefoot, with their fans to raise awareness of AIDS in Africa. While on these walks, Brittany has brushed arms with them multiple times.

When asked how much merchandise Brittany owns of Hanson she said, “I own TONS of Hanson merch! I have two bookshelves jam packed and all dedicated to these boys! I also own every single cd (plus extra copies of each)...34 Hanson shirts, tanks, and hoodies. I have had the Hanson coffee, chocolates...pretty much anything Hanson, I own! And yes, I am the girl on campus with the “I Heart Hanson!” sticker on the back of my car!”

Besides having all that merchandise to show her dedication, she wakes up around 3am for every concert she attends. She travels miles and miles away and has to make sure she gets as close to the front of the line as possible to get the best seat at the concert, since most concerts are first come, first serve for seating. Roberts has been to a total of 10 concerts. In fact, this past October, she went to two concerts in the same week! Now that is dedication and love for your favorite band!

When asked if she would recommend Hanson to fellow students, Brittany said, “I definitely recommend them to people! Tell them to judge them for MmmBop, but they have even said they never wanted that song as poppy as it was. If you listen to the first recording, its acoustic, and that’s how they play it at every show now. Anyway, people can say they don’t like their music but you can’t say they aren’t talented! They write their own songs, play their own instruments, and have their own record label!”

Despite Roberts being a bigger Hanson fan than most people will see in their lifetime, she knows many people who are way more obsessed than she is. Regardless, it is refreshing to see someone so dedicated, supportive and genuinely happy for their favorite artist. So next time you’re going to judge Hanson, you should really make sure Brittany Roberts isn’t around.

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Some of these services include the Nittany Commons website, the RM, RA’s, email, NC Text system or the toll free number 1-87 STUDENTS.

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The image of the manly-man refusing to ask for directions translates directly to this phenomenon. Most men believe in the “ignore it and it will go away” philosophy when it comes to their own health but this can have serious consequences, especially when it comes to certain diseases like testicular cancer.

The rates of testicular cancer are small compared to those of breast cancer, but among men in the United States, they have been steadily rising. Over 8,000 new cases of testicular cancer will be diagnosed this year and it’s estimated that over 350 men will die from the disease. The majority of those deaths could have been prevented by early detection which, like women and breast cancer, should become a routine part of a man’s life.

Testicular self exams take only a few minutes to conduct and can save your life. Let’s face it, you’re probably spending quite a while playing with yourself already. You can find out the correct method to do a testicular self exam easily by going on-line. Educating yourself now can lead to you developing healthy habits that can last a lifetime.

So fight the sexism of cancer prevention and tell your guy friends to check their junk this month!
The Goldstein Standard

Who needs Oprah’s Book Club when we have Dr. Lynda Goldstein’s? Check out one of her expert picks over break!

*The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lack* by Rebecca Skloot: imagine that your cells are harvested without your knowledge. Imagine that through some fluke of biology, they’ve got an unbelievable ability to multiply in the lab. Imagine that the cultivation of your cells by scientists around the world lead to breakthrough research in vaccines and cancer treatments. Imagine that millions of dollars are made—but not by you or your family. Sound like creepy science fiction? Nope, true story of medical science, 1950s race relations, and ethics that reads like a thriller.

*Galveston* by Nic Pizzolatto: hard-drinking, hard-boiled mobster meets up with teenage wannabe prostitute in a run-down motel in Galveston whose other residents are thieving, drug-addicted, crazies. Sounds like a cliche, of course, but Pizzolatto offers metaphysics with his murder and mayhem. It’s a hard-driving story that’s fun to read AND gets you thinking about life among the ruins.

*Salvage the Bones* by Jesmyn Ward: more alcoholism in the Gulf of Mexico, this time mixed up with a large family living in desperate poverty as Hurricane Katrina bears down on them. I know, sounds like a doomer, but the kids’ characters are so determined to live their lives despite their circumstances that it’ll make you happy to be reading this in your warm house with a cup of cocoa. And maybe you’ll plan to spend your Spring Break hammering nails for Habitat for Humanity.

*The Family Fang* by Kevin Wilson: Just want a madcap, funny, crazy family read? This is it. The kids turn out amazingly normal despite growing up with parents who set them up in nutty performance art pieces (leading to humiliation for the kids). But “normal” isn’t a permanent state for either Buster or Annie, because as young adults they are both compelled to move back in with their parents who can’t help planning just one more spectacular performance piece that may cost them their family forever.

*Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi: coming-of-age story of a kick-ass teen feminist during the Islamic Revolution of 1979 overthrowing the Shah. You think your parents are oppressive? Trying living under this new regime. Satrapi uses a graphic narrative form with simple line drawings that are enduring and expressive. And if you love this, check out the movie version of the same name she co-directed.

*The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* by Junot Diaz: yet another coming-of-age story, this time of a fat, nerdy Dominican-American living in NYC who is destined to love the wrong girl. Narrated by his best friend, we’re introduced to sci-fi/fantasy fanatic Oscar in a crazy, funny story told within the context of the curse of the past (fuku) brought on by the regressive regime of dictator Trujillo. Even nerds can be superheroes.

*Zone One* by Colson Whitehead: a hip, urban zombie horror novel. Not into vampires? Tired of your friends reading all things “Twilight”? Want something a little smarter (ok, a lot smarter—Whitehead’s gonna use some big words and philosophical concepts) and a whole lot less “girly” romantic with, let’s face it, some gory killings? Check out this dark political/wartime satire haunted by “skels” and set in a post-apocalyptic NYC (hail Fort Wonton!) by the author of *John Henry Days*.

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This month *The Revolt* wanted to know what you would do if 2012 really was going to be the end of the world.

“I’d probably spend time with the people I love and go to a place I’ve always wanted to go”

- Sarah Mikelski

“I’d blow all the money I have and do all the things I’ve always wanted to do, like skydive and travel the world”

- Logan Mack

“I would probably do everything that is illegal”

- Elena Vieczorek
Farewell Philbin
Daytime host latest television icon to retire in television massacre

Perhaps more so than sports, politics, and movies, television has provided countless heroes over the years. From Johnny Carson to Oprah Winfrey, the medium has given us a world of shared experiences and invited an elite group of people into our homes every day. But as the departure of a daytime legend this month shows us, nothing lasts forever.

Regis Philbin has been in television even longer than any undergraduate student has been a twinkle in their mother’s eyes. In fact, he holds a world record for having spent more time than anyone in front of a television camera. His television debut came in the 1960s when he stepped in for a drunken talk show host, Tom Duggan, who was MIA come show time. The Regis Philbin Show became his first talk show. With no writers, Philbin would engage the audience or co-host in discussions about daily life events.

Philbin is most known for “Live with Regis and Kelly,” formerly, “Live with Regis and Kathie-Lee,” where he bantered with his co-hosts and good naturedly berated his Manager, Gelman, all while America started their day.

The way Regis Philbin presents himself in front of a camera makes it seem as easy as tying his shoes. Sadly, Friday, November 18th, was his last show. Many people will miss his outstanding personality and entertaining demeanor.

Regis isn’t the only television retirement casualty either. Oprah Winfrey announced that the end of her 25th season was her last show and Andy Rooney made his last commentary on 60 Minutes in September. Larry King also ended his more than twenty year run on Larry King Live last December.

With all of these TV hosts retiring, what does it mean? To some it means the end of a legacy; a daily routine of watching their show every day, now over. Many people look up to these hosts as someone who genuinely cares about their audience and after tuning in day after day for years, a bond forms. The freebies aren’t bad either; who hasn’t wanted to go to Oprah’s show to win a free car or a humpback whale? The disappearance of every one of these personalities leaves a small hole in the fabric of our culture.

But when one door closes, another one often opens. No one can fill the shoes of people like Regis Philbin or Oprah Winfrey and as entertaining as any new hosts may be, many feel it will never be quite the same. With Regis retiring, it can be expected to never see the same act again.

As Regis himself said, “I’m not retiring. I’m not quitting. I’m moving on.” Whatever Regis decides to do in the future outside of television, rest assured, he will be missed by many.

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“Drop all my classes, fill the pool downstairs with jello, and stay up playing battletoads every night”

-Seth Andes

“I would find somebody in this world who has no one and have them spend the rest of their days with me and my family, because no one should die alone!”

-Brooke Shultz

“Load up on ammunition”

-Ryan Mcdermott

“Party until the world ends!”

-Dana Bunn

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Duh. Winning.

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