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WHAT I LEARNED FOR 10 DAYS

That I Didn't Learn in College
By: *Everett J. Herman*

So I had a professor that taught me life is full of learning moments, and it's best (if you want to pass his class) to write down these little takeaways down. I was shocked to find him correct. After seeing them written I had a greater appreciation for what I had just learned. Over winter break, I visited Israel for 10 days and have been blaming jetlag for not doing this earlier... but now, I share.



1) Why pay for that which you can get for free?

This has always been my mantra. There is a rich someone out there that will feel better if they pick up the tab for you. Some of these great people paid for my undergraduate education, my graduate education, and 10 days in Israel (all not the same people). If you want to go for free to Israel (and are the tiniest bit Jewish), if I recruit 10 folks, I get to go back again for free too.

2) America really is a global superpower.

I didn't understand this before I traveled the farthest I have ever been from Philadelphia. Only knowing 5 words in Hebrew, I managed to survive. 90% of the signs were written in English, and a large majority of the employees understood the language, as well. As much as it was convenient for me, it's quite frightening.

3) Food is good. Israeli food is incredible.

Sure hummus 3 meals a day did weird things to my stomach, but I won't get into my bowel movements here. The easiest way to understand a culture is to try its food. I have found that the people most accepting of other cultures are more likely to enjoy and try these great delights. I strongly encourage you to buy Israeli Feta cheese at Trader Joe's. That falafel sandwich you're eating from a food truck? Think it's good? Try it in Israel.

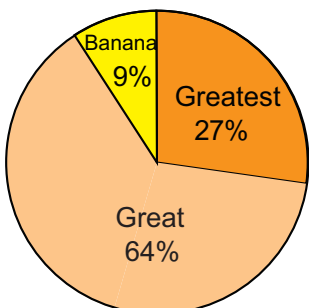
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Welcome back from break
We hope you had a great time
Enjoy the Tribune



RANDOM NONSENSE POLL QUESTION

Clementines. Great Fruit or Greatest Fruit?



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ADVICE GURU!

The Advice Gugu is back! Be amazed as he answers your questions!

Dear Advice Guru,

My little brother asked me a question I'm having a hard time answering, and I was hoping you could help. He asked, "Why can't a guy lick a candy cane without everyone looking at him like he's gay?"

-Lazy Guy who is attempting to outsource his older-brotherly duties

Dear Lazy,

I would recommend the following strategy: Take all the leftover holiday candy canes and put them in a big pot. Melt them down and pour the molten sugar into a heat-safe round Pyrex dish and freeze it. You will then have a big round peppermint-flavored disk that you can either cut into chunks and eat or you can use it to throw at ninjas who might surprise attack you.

Note: The Tribune is not responsible for any fires that might be caused from boiling leftover candy canes.

More of your questions answered on Page 4!

STEERING BY THE NUMBERS



2

Consecutive semesters that Steering has spent more than 10% of the budget on "Culture"

\$2054

One cent more than the exact amount of Steering money that went towards food for Stouffer events last semester

197

SEPTA Tokens purchased on Steering's dime last semester (Odd number? Sure, thanks to D-Section GA Matt Sklar's shady shady math that was recently discovered...)

STOUFFER SPOTLIGHT!

"I just wanted to pass along the good news that **Jon Kole** (E Section) has been selected as the recipient of this year's MLK Community Service/Volunteer award and was honored on Thursday, 1/18, in Bodek Lounge in Houston Hall." - GA Sarah

EDITOR'S RANT

Never Grow Up

By: Corey Hulse

Hello Everyone! Welcome back! I missed you all. Even all of you new people that I haven't had the opportunity to meet yet. I'm already getting somewhat sad because this is going to be my last semester at Stouffer and Penn, and I already know that I'm going to be missing this place. However, this is not the time to be sad. This is the time to enjoy every waking moment that I'm here on campus, even things like tests and exams and papers, because next year I won't have Ms. Cute French 140 TA as a teacher, I'm going to be entering the world of Mr. Pointy-Haired Boss and Mr. Incompetent Landlord. And I won't have the Tribune. I need to pass the torch of Stouffer's finest monthly newsletter on to some strapping young squire. Are you interested? Are you work-study? Please enquire within. Well, it's 5am, and my first class is at 3pm, so I should go to sleep so I can get a solid 9 1/2 hours. I love being a senior.

THE STUFFER TRIBUNE

The Stouffer Tribune is a publication created by the residents of Stouffer College House that is delivered fresh to your door. Publication takes place five times a semester, and is printed up and delivered about once a month. Copies of old issues of the Tribune can also be found online (www.stouffer.house.upenn.edu/tribune.html) and in a box in my closet in 309 Mayer. This way, if you were to ever google yourself then you will find your name immortalized in the Tribune. If you want to write something, please send me an e-mail at tribune@pobox.upenn.edu. If you want to send love and/or hate mail, also send to tribune@pobox.upenn.edu. The comments within reflect those of the the individuals submitting and do not reflect those of Stouffer College House as a whole. The Stouffer Tribune currently has a circulation of about 350. If my calculations are correct, when this baby hits eighty-eight miles per hour...

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WHAT I LEARNED FOR 10 DAYS

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4) Appreciate what you have.

I always attempt to be grateful and humble for my material possessions, friends, and family. Being nowhere near e-mail, the Interweb, and ESPN for 10 days makes you appreciate how beautiful a flood in the middle of a desert can be. My grampa, who goes to synagogue every week, at 90 years old has never been, and probably will never see the country. I spent several days with some amazing Israeli soldiers. Aside from the joking of how attractive a woman is while an M-16 is slung over her shoulder, can you imagine what it's like to serve your country? I'm very grateful to live in a country where it's not mandatory to serve in the armed forces. At the same time, I'm grateful they are defending Jewish people around the world. I also got to spend 10 days with one of my best friends, Russ.

5) It feels great to be among your own kind.

At Penn, it's definitely understood that there are a lot of Jews here. However, when you step off campus you still see Christmas lights everywhere. Heck you even see a Christmas tree in the school bookstore! I had never spent that much time with so many people like me before. After sharing so much with them, I was extremely worried about re-entering an overwhelmingly non-Jewish society. However, I immediately felt right at home back in my Stouffer Family. This reinforced that you really do need to love and respect yourself if you want the same from others. So use this time when you have no spouse, or kids, or serious responsibilities and find yourself!

FOURTH GRADE STORY TIME

By: Matt Berger

I'd like to submit the following to the Tribune. It was the night before I go off to college, and my parents were a little emotional about me leaving. They grabbed a big box full of pictures and stories that I made during elementary school to reminisce and be nostalgic about. I came across a particular story in a journal I kept throughout fourth grade. The following is the same story (spelling preserved).

The 3 bears

Once upon a time there were three bears, and they lived in a house.

They were starting to eat their porage, but Father bear said, "my porage is too hot" as it blew up in flames, Mother bear said "my porage is too cold", then baby bear said "my porage is toxic waste". They decided to take a walk. They didn't know that on the other side of the house was..... little red riding hood! She went inside the bears house, and saw the porage. She tasted the Father's porage, and she said it was too hot. She tasted the Mother's porage, and said it was too cold, but she didn't try the toxic waste. The bears came back and shot her with a rifle.

THE END

WINTER BREAK HAIKUS

*Flight to Florida
Shuffle board and heated pool
Happy family
- Kate Ziemer*

*My gaze fell upon
Eagles destroying Cowboys.
I heart Boise State.
- Matt Crespi*

*Romo botches snap
Cowboys blow big playoff game
Sucks to be Taylor
- David Dai*

*Sleeping after noon
Wake up with no work to do
No day dreaming- STUDY!
- David Freeland*

*"Hey! It's two p.m."
Look, mom, I need to sleep more.
Wake me for dinner.
- Andrew Ettenger*

*I must get a job
I really must get a job
Job job job job job
- Matt Crespi*

*Corey Hulse dances
Girls turn and stare in horror
He gets no digits
- David Dai*

*Accounting sucks much
Why am I taking that class?
I'm not in Wharton
- David Freeland*

*Minute and half left
Eagles punted on fourth down
Sad sad Andy Reid
- David Dai*

CHEAP AS FREE ADVICE

Dear Mr. Guru,

At work, I frequently encounter one client who is very obnoxious and confrontational. No matter what I do it is never good enough for this client, even when it is far beyond the scope of my job. This person uses large, meaningless words to insult me and my co-workers. I do not know what to do. Please help.

Sincerely,
Frustrated in F

Dear Frustrated,

You should adopt the strategies of Corporate America. Clients who are obnoxious and confrontational are generally unprofitable, therefore you should cut them out of your client list as soon as possible. Strategies for doing so would include ignoring e-mails and putting the customer on hold for exuberant periods of time when they call your customer service line. Or, you can do like one bank in New York did. They determined that old people were not very profitable clients, therefore they moved their operations from the first floor to the second floor and they didn't give customers access to an elevator, therefore many of their older and disabled clients left! It's a foolproof way to get rid of those pesky annoying non-profitable clients of yours.

Dear Advice Columnist,

I'm currently switching brokers, and have a good amount of liquid assets in a money market fund. What stocks or funds should I buy with it? I'm looking to double my money overnight with no risk.

-Matt Crespi

Dear Crespi,

If there's one secret about money that I know, it's that the only thing that will double your money overnight with NO RISK is an investment in Phil Nichols. I don't know how he does it, but all I know is that when I leave money with Phil Nichols, I always get double or more on my investment. Whether it's his interest in Mongolian BBQ, carrying two guns in Morocco, or using his psychic powers to send a plague onto Princeton, Phil Nichols is the best investment you can make. Did you know Phil is the only one who knows EXACTLY where Carmen Sandiego is?

Dear Advice Man,

Final exams caused my head to explode last semester. I am attaching two "before" pictures and one "after" picture. Please help me. Should I consider plastic surgery?

-No Brain, No Gain

Plastic surgery? No way! This would be a great opportunity to cash in on the gift that has been given to you. My advice to you is to "Go West, Young Squire!" and find yourself a job in Hollywood! I can see it now: Alien vs. Picasso! You're a shoe-in to play the lead.

If you have something for the Advice Guru please send it to tribune@pobox.upenn.edu

STUDY BREAK IDEAS

A very dangerous (physically addictive) study break:

<http://www.tv-links.co.uk/>

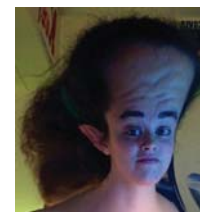
It has 5 seasons of 24.

- David Freeland

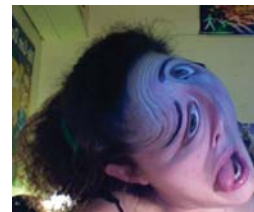
Fun With Photoshop:

Photoshop a picture of Everett dressed like a sailor.

- Matt Sklar



BEFORE



AFTER

HOUSING LOTTERY QUESTIONS?

Can I Have Your Two Bedroom Double Next Year?

By: Michele Grab, House Dean

It's about that time of year when my in-box gets clogged with a million questions about room selection. Here are some answers to the more common questions I get. Don't forget the deadlines: room retention forms are due Jan 29th, the house lottery is Feb 1. **My biggest piece of advice would be to read all of the instructions carefully and make sure to adhere to the deadlines. You can find the complete instructions on our website at <http://stouffer.house.upenn.edu/roomselection.html>**

Can I retain the room I am in now?

Yes, you may choose to retain your room for next year as long as you are not a freshmen. Freshmen will get reassigned to a similar space which you are eligible to retain if you wish. You must submit your form by January 29th if you intend to retain your room or want to have a room reassigned to you.

I am a (insert class year) that has lived in Stouffer (insert number of semesters), what are my chances of getting a 2 bedroom double in Mayer?

We are not Vegas oddsmakers. The number of semesters you've lived in Stouffer, and what year you are determines your priority in the lottery. There are 7 efficiencies and 10 2-bedroom doubles in the building but current residents who are not graduating may retain their room if they wish.

I live in the Annex, can I retain my room?

No, the Annex will not be part of Stouffer College House next year. However you will be re-assigned to a room in Stouffer Hall. If you do not like that assignment or want to live in Mayer Hall you must participate in the Stouffer lottery.

I live on Healthy Living, can I retain my room?

Upper class students on the 5th Floor of Mayer can retain their rooms. First year students in triples cannot retain their rooms. You will be re-assigned to doubles within Mayer, if you do not like this assignment you should participate in the lottery.

Lottery Questions:

If I participate in the lottery is it possible to not get a room anywhere in Stouffer College House?

Although our space is limited, you will not get shut out of remaining in one of Stouffer's two buildings.

What if I can't attend the lottery/will be late?

You can elect to send a representative on your behalf. Please contact the House Dean in advance of the lottery as to who your representative will be. Make sure it is very clear to your representative what your housing desires are. Once the lottery continues, there is no way to go back and "re-do" a pick.

Can I retain my room, and still enter the lottery to see if I can get something better?

No! Once you retain your room, you are no longer eligible to enter the lottery. If you enter the lottery and your room is still available when it is your turn to select then you may choose your room but it will not be saved for you if you do not retain it.

Roommate Questions:

I live in a triple. We all want to retain. What happens?

We ship one of you off to the quad. No seriously, if you are in a triple and all three people want to retain two of you must be roommates and the third person gets to pull someone in. Each pair will then be assigned an equivalent space in Mayer. If you cannot decide who will be roommates than we will pick out of a hat to see who gets the re-assignment and who has to participate in the lottery.

Do I have to sign up with a roommate?

It depends. It is **STRONGLY** recommended if you would like a 1BR double in Mayer to sign up with a roommate. If one is not selected, there is the possibility that a random assignment will be placed with you. It is **MANDATORY** to sign up with a roommate for a 2 BR double in Mayer. Doubles in Stouffer are reserved for first year students.

Does my proposed roommate have to currently reside in Stouffer?

Absolutely not! The only requirement is that they are a Penn undergraduate eligible for housing. They must attend the lottery with you or you must have their signed paperwork at the time of the lottery.

How do I obtain non-gendered housing?

Both roommates must come to the lottery and sign the non-gendered housing agreement.

I'm a Mayer resident that wants to retain my double, and so does my roommate, but we do not want live together anymore...who gets the room?

If you can't decide among yourselves who gets the room, you must see the House Dean **BEFORE** January 29th to pick out of a hat.

I'm a Mayer resident that wants to retain my double, but my roommate doesn't want to, can I still retain?

Yes. However, if you do not find a roommate, a random one will be assigned to you. If you are having trouble finding a roommate, stop by the lottery and see if anybody wants to live with you.

I want to get housing with my roommate, but they are going abroad in the Fall/Spring Semester. How can I make sure I get to live with them?

The best way to ensure this is to find someone that is going to be abroad in the opposite semester as your roommate. For example, if your roommate is abroad in the Fall, find someone that is going abroad in the Spring. If your roommate is going abroad in the Spring, and you don't mind being assigned a random roommate, you have nothing to worry about.

So I filled out an agreement and have a room. Still, I might want to try my luck elsewhere to see if I can get a four bedroom quad in the High Rises or something like that. But I can keep this assignment as my safety valve, right?

No. You cannot apply for another process, here or anywhere in the College House system, unless you cancel your assignment and pay the cancellation fee (last year, this started at \$250.00). If you apply for another House and do not get the room type that you want, you can try to find a space here at that time, though there is a chance that we will be at full occupancy. Again, this is Housing policy, not something we came up with.

I still have questions about room selection. Who do I talk to?

House Dean Michele Grab is in charge of room selection. If you have questions, send an e-mail to mgrab@pobox.upenn.edu or stop by her office in 142D Stouffer Hall. Don't knock on her apartment door at midnight to ask her how to beat the system though – this makes her cranky.



CAPTION CONTEST!

Stoufferites put in their entries for this issue's CAPTION CONTEST. They will be judged by an expert panel of experts where their expertise will be applied to determine a winner. The winner will be given a Certificate of Awesomeness. Enjoy!

"I'm invincible! The cat always triumphs! Have at you! Come on then."
- Shannon Jensen

"My wife...she dead now...HIGH FIVE!"
- Andrew Stern

Linda: *"All in all, this will be one day Mittens the kitten won't soon forget."*
Morbo: *"Hahaha. Kittens give Morbo gas."*
- Matt Crespi

"Rocky IX: Loki Balboa"
- Matt Sklar

Dog: *"You require more vespene gas."*
Cat: *"WTF! I lost? You know what, screw this, I'm going to play with my Wii. Check out my sweet tennis serve."*
- Jerricka LoVerme

"Loki warms up for her spinning class with Beth at the asscrack of dawn."
- Emily Buzzell

THE INTRAMURAL REPORT

Awesome to the Max
by Mike "Brick" Housman

College House A – Stouffer Dunch Bunch

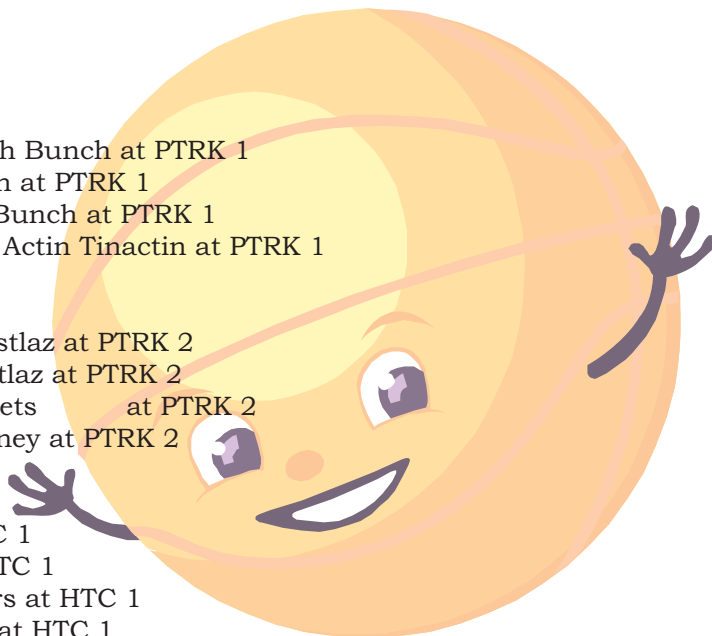
Thu-Jan-25 @ 7:45 PM: Harrison Mitch vs Stouffer Dunch Bunch at PTRK 1
Thu-Feb-01 @ 7:45 PM: KCECH vs Stouffer Dunch Bunch at PTRK 1
Thu-Feb-08 @ 7:45 PM: Fisher Bears vs Stouffer Dunch Bunch at PTRK 1
Thu-Feb-22 @ 7:45 PM: Stouffer Dunch Bunch vs Fisher Actin Tinactin at PTRK 1

College House B – Stouffer Hustlaz

Tue-Jan-16 @ 8:30 PM: Fisher Great Wall vs Stouffer Hustlaz at PTRK 2
Tue-Jan-23 @ 8:30 PM: Fisher Kusumak vs Stouffer Hustlaz at PTRK 2
Tue-Feb-06 @ 8:30 PM: Stouffer Hustlaz vs Harrison Nabets at PTRK 2
Tue-Feb-20 @ 8:30 PM: Stouffer Hustlaz vs Riepe Big Money at PTRK 2

Co-Rec B – Stouffer Slayers

Mon-Jan-29 @ 9:15 PM: And 3 vs Stouffer Slayers at HTC 1
Mon-Feb-05 @ 9:15 PM: Gregory vs Stouffer Slayers at HTC 1
Mon-Feb-12 @ 9:15 PM: Penn Design 2 vs Stouffer Slayers at HTC 1
Mon-Feb-26 @ 9:15 PM: Stouffer Slayers vs High Ballers at HTC 1



JACKSON RETROSPECTIVE

He Can Now Eat You For Breakfast
photos by: Shannon Jensen



THEN

NOW

Ode to the Mighty Annexican and F-in Commies' Mascot:



Tux and Truffles love,
Xiao and Liz fight, over you
Too darn popular

You bite me often
Abusive relationships
Make you this way



Pee in the bathroom
Couch in tatters, shoes missing
How we love you still.
- Meagan Steiner

THEN

Activities: Sleeping, biting, playing, tug of war, hide and seek, clark park, wrestling with Truffles and Tux, eating garbage and the couch

Interests: milkbones, long walks

Favorite Books: Puppies for Dummies

About Me: Adorable. Irresistible. Come play with me!

how the girls adore
always an attention whore
so why can't i score?
- Chris Bower

NOW



CRYPTOGRAM!

Correctly fill out this CRYPTOGRAM and you will be entered into a drawing for a \$10 gift certificate to the place of the winner's choice!

Entries must be turned into the Stouffer House Office or Mayer 309 by January 23rd at 7pm!

"XNOE EIJZJ VO WUNH VIJ
UNWOZAMVUON MNH IOE VO SDJ UV -
VIMV'D VIJ DJLZJV OW DSLJDD"
- MKYJZV JUNDVJUN

Your Answer :



Name _____

Room _____



29 ACTIVITIES AND THE CALORIES THEY CONSUME

How to Follow Up on Your Resolution to Burn More Calories
submitted by: AJ Schiera

| <u>Activity</u> | <u>Calories per Hour</u> | <u>Activity</u> | <u>Calories per Hour</u> |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Making mountains out of molehills | 500 | Beating around the bush | 75 |
| Running around in circles | 350 | Banding over backward | 75 |
| Wading through paperwork | 300 | Grasping at straws | 75 |
| Pushing your luck | 250 | Pulling out the stoppers | 75 |
| Eating crow | 225 | Turning the other cheek | 75 |
| Flying off the handle | 225 | Fishing for compliments | 50 |
| Jumping on the bandwagon | 200 | Hitting the nail on the head | 50 |
| Spinning your wheels | 175 | Pouring salt on a wound | 50 |
| Adding fuel to the fire | 150 | Swallowing your pride | 50 |
| Beating your head against the wall | 150 | Throwing your weight around (depending on your weight) | 50-300 |
| Climbing the walls | 150 | Passing the buck | 25 |
| Jogging your memory | 125 | Tooting your own horn | 25 |
| Beating your own drum | 100 | Balancing the books | 23 |
| Dragging your heels | 100 | Wrapping it up at day's end | 12 |
| Jumping to conclusions | 100 | | |

A MESSAGE FROM GA JEN

(That Should Have Been Published Before Winter Break)

"I just want to remind Stouffer to have a Happy Sexy Holiday, courtesy of the 4th (Bringing Sexy Back for the Holidays) Floor."

