

Word on the Hill

Time flies when...?

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"Sports consumes all of my time."

Corey Holbert
history senior



"Busy all day and time flies."

Shirley Setzkorn
Sodexo cook



"Time flies when I am playing softball because it consumes all my time."

Mandy Watson
athletic training freshman



"The thing I like to do that consumes all my time is going on the internet."

Joseph Dixon
business sophomore



"I get involved in my sports and I don't have time for me."

Kerisha Broadus
athletic training freshman



"Time flies because I am always sleeping."

Si Henderson
business freshman

Choose moments with loved ones over time with technology

Spring break is just a few days away. Before you know it, you will find yourself at home sleeping in or maybe you might find yourself playing video games all day long.

I am sure by now most of you would have already had your to-do list drafted out.

Going home over breaks is a great way for family members and loved ones to come together.

It is easy to behave differently once we have experienced college life alone.

But should it be so? We are fully absorbed into our own business that school breaks



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end up being our personal time to catch up on games and movies. We lock ourselves up in our bedroom isolating ourselves from people claiming that we are on a break.

I like to think of breaks as the only time when we get to

spend time with our family. Once we're out of college, we start working and there really isn't much time to be at home with the family.

Last summer, I learned that the best way to spend school breaks is to spend time with my family.

I lost my mother to cancer over the summer and I regret not showing how much I appreciate her.

By being caught up with online networking sites and self-centered activities, I have forgotten the importance of taking time to show how much I love and appreciate my fam-

ily. Her death caught me off guard as I immersed myself in selfish activities.

Trust me, it is not easy getting over the thought that I was too selfish in prioritizing free time to myself. When I lay in bed at night, I think about her and regret indulging in self-centered activities over the summer.

Will my late realization and regret bring her back to life? I don't think so.

If and only if I was wise enough to appreciate those around me before it's too late. If and only if I realize

everyone has only one life and that it could be taken away anytime without prior notice. If and only if I could rewind the clock of life and bring her back to life. But it is all too late to cry over spilt milk.

Today, I look at school breaks with a new paradigm. It is never going to be the same and indulging in selfish activities will no longer be part of my agenda.

I have come to a realization that we are all running short of time. Each second needs to be utilized wisely and what better way is there to utilize our time than to express our apprecia-

tion for our loved ones.

This coming spring break, you have a choice. The decision is up to you to invest your time in your loved ones or to spend your time alone doing things you think would benefit yourself.

Remember, we all have one life and we have no control over our biological clocks. When it stops, it just stops. So, what are you going to do this coming spring break?

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Different genres merge through single media outlet



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Pandora started off as an unfamiliar name, but it is now known to many. It is an online radio where the listener chooses what they want to hear.

It starts off by signing up online. The information is

quick and easy. You fill out your name and your email address and you are in.

Then the fun begins. You get to choose from all kinds of music. If you have a favorite artist you can just type in their name. It will play a lot of their songs, as well as songs that may be related to the songs from the artist.

Another option is putting in a specific song, and it will play that as well as songs that are the same kind of genre or style, as well as songs from the artist that you type in.

The third option is to type in a specific genre or theme, and songs related to the topic

will play. An example of that is typing in "gospel," and all kinds of gospel music will come up.

This has become a new found love for me for many reasons. The first one, and the most important one, is because I love music and it is very easy to access plus it is FREE. Yes I said it, it is free to sign up.

Another reason why I think Pandora has become an everyday part of my life is because it is forever changing.

When I say that I mean that I don't have to listen to the same old music day after

day. I can switch it up when I want to.

I adjust the music with my mood. If I am having a bad day and I feel like dragging around, I will turn on some slow songs.

When I am happy and upbeat I turn on something that will get me up and dancing.

One tradition that I have started, now that I have Pandora, is every Sunday morning I listen to gospel music when I wake up. It is kind of a like a day starter for me, it gets me in the mood.

Pandora is something that anyone can use because most

people listen to music.

Unlike the radio you turn on a certain station and they play a specific kind of music and a lot of times.

They play the same songs over and over and over again and it makes you not even want to listen to the radio.

With Pandora you are able to pick what you want to hear. As well as picking what you want to hear you can "dislike" or click thumbs down to a song that you don't want to hear so that it is played again, as well as a "like," or thumbs up, a song that you want to continue to hear.

Another plus is that there are not a million commercials interrupting your jam session, like the radio does. Pandora does have a couple advertisements every so often but it is not a whole eight minutes worth of commercials.

For music lovers who have smart phones, there is a Pandora app that you can put on your phone to listen to music on the go as well. So if you have a craving for music go sign up for Pandora and get your groove on.

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Seniors foresee future drawing near as time dwindles down

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Anticipating at what will happen in the future is something that can never be explained no matter what you may believe. Being filled with anticipation on the other hand can happen. For me, I am full of anticipation for when I graduate.

Most graduations happen during the spring semester when everything is turning green and life is flowing back into the world.

It is a festive occasion with spring break thrown into the

mix as well. When seniors come back from break they are in the downhill slide to graduation

I am a senior this year but my graduation date is being pushed back to December 2012 which is just fine by me. Finding the time to order class

rings, gowns, caps, invitations and letters is so tedious. Plus you have to track down all the addresses of relatives and friends that you want to invite as well which makes the process even more time consuming.

The chances of someone not

being invited or not making it increase as seniors wait till the last minute because of their senioritis catching up with them or them just being swarmed with tests, papers, and last minute assignments.

I for one am looking forward to walking down and getting a plaque with my name on it saying I graduated with bachelor's degree in business administration.

Once that happens, I will be burdened with all my student loans and the concept of basic business ideas floating around in my head.

Hopefully when I graduate I will be able to find a job that I will enjoy and be qualified for. Otherwise what would be the point in going to college at all? Wasn't that the point in the first place to go to college to make a better career path? With graduation almost upon most seniors, most of them can hardly wait to walk out of the doors of the dorms and classrooms into the real world.

But what most of them don't understand (I was there once) is that the world doesn't really care too much about what you learned, but how you can be an asset for them and prove to

them you deserve the job.

If it means taking a job you really don't want but need in order to rise up in the company or to create a stepping stone to something bigger you just have to suck up and get through it.

Overall graduation is a time

to think about what you have done and where you see yourself going in the future.

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Put in perspective:

What do you anticipate most about life?



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As the weather begins to warm up, and the semester is

halfway over, one thing seems to be on most college student's minds. How many more days until finals are over and summer finally begins? Summer vacation is fast approaching and will be here sooner than we know it.

Many students are anticipating everything summer vacation has to offer. Whether it is a great internship opportunity, road trip with friends,

or vacation with the family, summertime is brimming with freedom and excitement.

After a semester of stress and busy schedules, most students look most forward to just being able to kick their feet up and have a break from the fast pace college life.

Take summer 2012 as a time to step back from the stress and bustling and try something new.

Pick up a new hobby or finish that book you have wanted to read but didn't have the time.

Cross some things you have always wanted to do off your bucket list. Use the break to step out of your comfort zone and expand your opportunities.

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