

Have something on your mind? Want to just share a laugh? Frustrated about something? Here's your chance. A forum is available online at w3.sckans.edu/forms/collegian for you to post your thoughts. It is 100 percent anonymous, so say anything you please!

- MOUNTAIN DEW IS MY FORM OF CRACK COCAINE.
- We warmed up in choir singing, "Boobz Boobz Boobz," and yes, I chuckled.
- WHEN WAS YOUR LAST ADVENTURE, TINY OR LARGE?
- If you had a baby chicken, it would make you not want to eat chicken anymore.
- Once upon a time there was a young boy named Drew.
- Roommates allow a look into life on other planets.
- WHO IS ELIZABETH TAYLOR...WHO IS CLEOPATRA?
- It was Mr. Green in the conservatory with the candlestick.
- IF YOU LOOK IN A NERD DICTIONARY, THE FIRST WORD YOU WILL FIND IS EPIC.
- Papa Chester is proud of you.
- I don't know if being a jerk is a side effect or a cause of using steroids.
- Whenever I think of food I think of cheeseburgers.
- WHAT SHOULD I WEAR TODAY, MY AIR FORCE P'S OR MY DUNKS?
- Why do people write secrets on their facebook status if they don't want anyone else to know?
- Brown chicken, brown cow.
- It's funny how people can't share their life story with other people face to face, but can poor their heart out online.
- When I grow up I want to be just like Ronald McDonald.
- I wish the tooth fairy would still come see me, I am broke.
- WHY DO PEOPLE THINK THEY HAVE TO YELL THESE DAYS TO BE HEARD?



Random Thoughts from the editor

- I have difficulties with the female name "Lindsey" because of the various spellings it often produces.
- Oh math, what an interesting relationship I have with you. I love to number crunch and dive into statistics, but unfortunately I hate square roots with a passion. They really ruined math for me in high school.
- People who refuse to run their heat/air conditioning in their cars make me boil. The way I figure, it's there for a reason. I don't care if it saves gas by not using it. My body is more important to me than the gas mileage of my car.

- Rose bushes get a bad rep. It's not like the thorns are invisible. In fact they are quite prominent. People should just be more cautious to avoid problems.
- I've never labeled my burnt CDs. I burn a lot of CDs. This always makes it exciting when I reached into my CD case and pop one in. Who knows what will come on the radio? That, to me, is fun.
- Tea is such a versatile drink. It can be served hot and cold and it comes in so many flavors. But the best part of it is that it covers almost every color of the rainbow and even shades in-between. It seems that each year they come out with a new one. Black tea? Seriously who heard of that in 2004? Now it's everywhere.

Busy people rush through life



Paige Carswell

I watched two people pull out in front of an emergency vehicle the other day. Its lights were flashing. Its siren pierced through the early morning traffic sounds. Still, one car pulled out in front of it. Then another. It made me wonder where all the time has gone.

To clarify, when I say, "I wonder where all the time has gone," it's not as if I'm pining over the youthful innocence I had as a five-year-old or reveling over the friendships I've had for years. I've just noticed that the world is in a hurry. Technically, there must be just as many hours in a day as there were a hundred years ago. Statistics even show that the average person's life expectancy has increased by about 20 years since 1850. By all means, with all the technology made to save us time —cars, airplanes, cell phones — we should be in less of a hurry than ever before.

But try telling that to the lady standing in front of you at the counter. You know, the one who's had to wait for four whole minutes for her McChicken. It doesn't really make sense. We have cars to get us from one place to another faster than ever before. We have cell phones so that we can call our worried mothers during our 15-minute break instead of having to do it from home. We even have robotic lawn mowers, but we still just don't seem to have enough time. Gone are the days when people would take a few minutes out of their day to walk to the store, check on

their neighbors or say hello to a stranger. I've read that back in the days before our cell phones, iPods and generally busy lives, there was a time that men would remove their hats for funeral processions. People would stop whatever they were doing. Cars pulled to the side of the road. They would sit and wait for the whole line to go by. They would take two minutes out of their day to acknowledge someone else's grief and anguish. There's a reason that information stuck in my mind.

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It's just not common to come across that kind of empathy today. I can't imagine what was so important to those two people who pulled in front of that ambulance. It's almost horrifying that they couldn't spare 10 seconds to possibly help save another person's life. But so it goes. The more time we have, the more we want. Everything that is supposed to save us time invariably takes up more and more. There are home workout machines for people who don't have the time to go to all the way to the gym. There are diets for people who don't have the time to count calories. There's e-mail for peo-

ple who don't have the time to sit and write a letter. The time problem isn't ever going to be completely solved. Life has somehow become too complex to go back to the days of walking to the five and dime store or writing to your family.] As sad as it is, you may not be able to stop and take the time to watch the whole funeral procession go by. You may not even be able to pause and take a break for yourself some days. But maybe, if you wake up just 10 minutes earlier, you could stop and let that ambulance go by and still make the early-bird special tomorrow morning.

Lack of sleep creates chaos

By Anthony Cook
Editor in chief

Lots of things get pushed aside. Spring cleaning sometimes doesn't get done until the summer. Trash sometimes spills over the edge before it gets taken out. And a reading session with a referred book is often put on hold indefinitely time and time again. But one activity gets cast aside more than any of them all. It's mistreated, underused and taken for granted. We don't sleep enough. It's as simple as that. Sleep deprivation is as common in a Monday morn-

ing lab as it is in a Wednesday afternoon lecture. Anticipation for a weekend at lunch on Friday is often curved by a week's worth of nights spent juggling studying, having fun and wasting time. At any time sleep deprivation is a current issue on the face of our campus and surely most others. This shouldn't come as a huge surprise. It's not unlike students to take on more than they probably should. "No" isn't used much anymore. We pile our plates full with activities, often going back

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for seconds when the dish is full. And personal time fills the desert menu. A variety of delicacies are on the cart, including chatting with friends online, facebooking or having a few drinks at the bar with a few friends. A full day of work and a night of play equals a bunch of zombies by the end of the week. Think you're immune to it? Think about your schedule for a second before you answer. Fifteen hours worth of class each semester is a fairly likely load. That's 15 hours a week in class. Most professors will tell you that you should probably be working

twice as many hours outside of the classroom per week as well. On average, students probably work 10 hours a week on or off campus. Some keep busy with a sport. It's not too liberal to say that this would take up to 20 hours per week of time. Don't forget to add time in with friends to the mix. For those with a relationship, double or triple that time. Those can be a full-time job in themselves. This is before recreation is accounted for. Some of us are internet junkies, while others watch TV and listen to music. Don't forget about video games, they can sup-

ply hundreds of hours of entertainment and frustration per game. Think you're good at multi-tasking? Well it's probably good if you are. How well can you consolidate a weeks worth of those activities? Can you finish them all in 16 hours? How about 18 hours? Wait, you say it might take you 20 hours a day to do that all? We could all go 20 hours for a day. It's going 18-20 hours for consecutive days or even weeks that start to put a wrench into the equation. Think about the simple tasks of the day. Do you ever stutter or trip over your words? How about tripping over your own feet? Even something as small as forgetting your meal card may trip

you up. How about locking your keys in your room? Most concede these simple mistakes to absentmindedness. Too much on your mind made you do it. Some of us are just naturally clumsy to begin with. We have a variety of ways to make excuses. But before you blame shaky performances on something like this, think about how much you slept the night before. Maybe midnight should be lights out instead of the start of the second half of your day. It probably isn't the cause of all of our miscues. But sleep deprivation may be the cause of some types of strange and erratic behavior. It's an idea worth sleeping on.

Comic book movie worth watching

By Blake Carter
Staff reporter

A body flies through a window and a bloody smiley face button follows behind as they both hit the ground. This is the "Watchmen," or at least a scene from the movie that is playing across theaters nationwide. The basic plot of "Watchmen," for those not familiar with comics, is in a different world where it is 1985. In this world Nixon has been re-elected president, going on his fifth term. It's a time when the world is at the brink of a nuclear war. And it's a time where heroes are or have been in society. At this point of the story heroes have been forced to retire and one of the retired masked heroes is murdered by being thrown through a window by a mysterious killer. This leads to the story of who did it and how big it turns out to really be. This movie was based on a graphic novel from the 1980s written by Alan Moore. There have been a couple of comic book movies based

on the works by Moore, such as "V for Vendetta" and "The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen." Like other writers, Moore doesn't like it when his work makes its way on the big screen for fear that the message might be lost in favor of action or sex or just a way to make more money. Moore doesn't want anyone messing with his work and will have nothing to do with it if it gets filmed. And this was the case with this movie. Moore won't see it. Many people have tried to direct this movie without success. Warner Brothers decided to get someone who had a graphic novel movie under his belt. Zach Snyder, who directed "300," really had some amazing visuals in "Watchmen" and I really have to give it to Snyder on this one. It's almost like he found a way to make the panels from the book come to life without tweaking anything. There are

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some really beautiful pictures in the movie that need to be seen to be fully enjoyed. That being said, I must say this is not the book. There are changes including Snyder's own stamp of blood either being splattered on the wall in slow-mo or being poured from a gang member's arm as it is broken by one of the heroes of the movie. And there is a reason this movie is rated R. There is sex, violence and language. Moore's point in the book was to show heroes can be dark. Snyder shows that superhero movies can be for adults and be serious. Don't get me wrong. There's sex, violence and language in the book as well. But Snyder adds more. It doesn't completely hurt the film, but doesn't add to it either. Some of it just seemed stranger than it needed to be. The big sex scene seems to drag to the accompanied strange music. It made everyone in the theatre just look around the room wondering when it was going to end. It almost seems like Sny-

der extended the scene just to make sure they had the R rating without a shadow of a doubt. With all that being said, it was a fun movie to give viewers a chance to see a darker comic book movie with a large following before it was even made. The sound track, except for the sex scene, was really fun. Anyone who can make a dark movie with "99 Red Balloons" playing must be praised. This wasn't a drop dead amazing movie, but it was fun for what it is — a different take on heroes and politics that really hasn't been shown in this light before. You don't really have to be a fan of the book to like this movie at all. Snyder does a decent job of explaining what is going on, even if it takes all three. If you are willing to sit that long for a fun, different type of movie experience, give this one a try. Blake Carter is a junior majoring in communication. You may e-mail him at blake.carter@sckans.edu.

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