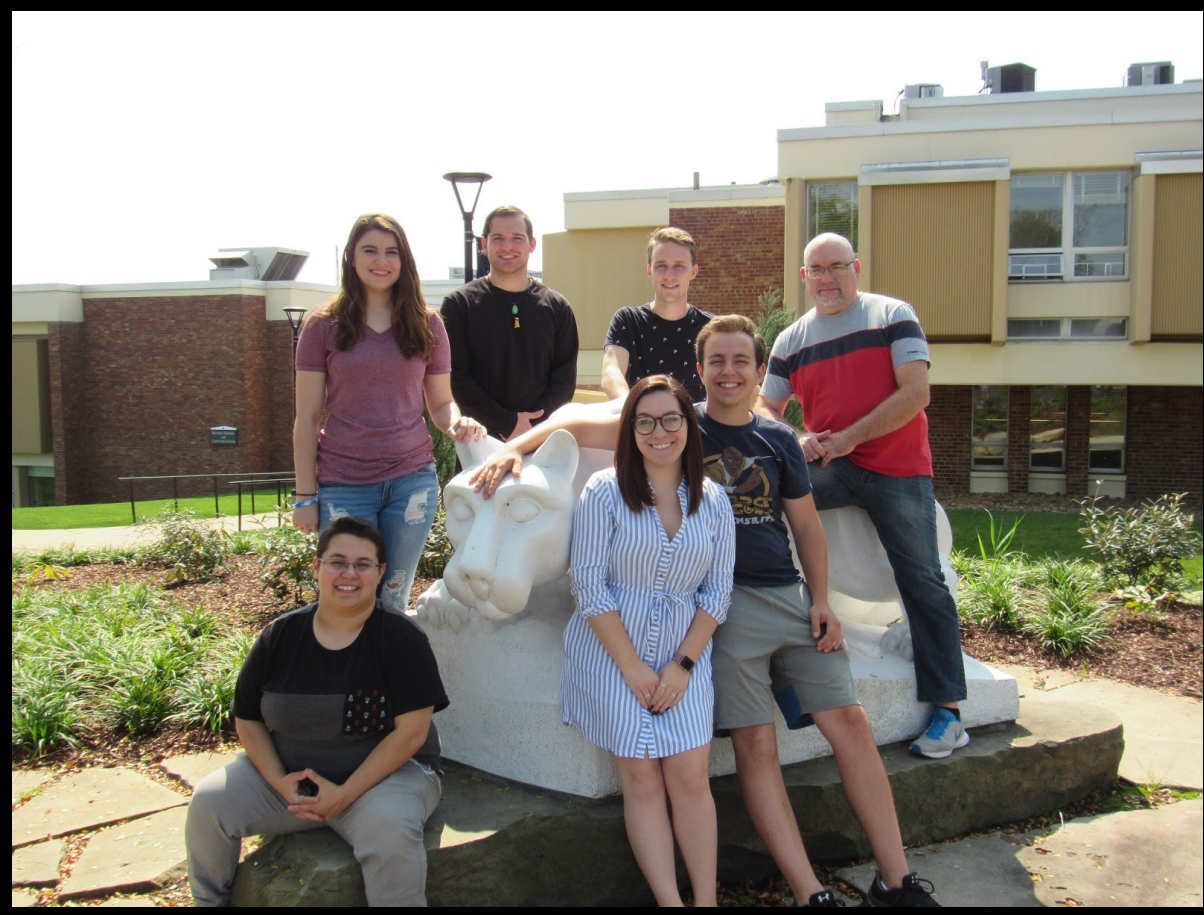


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Letter from the Editor:

To Our Readers,

I am very excited to begin this series of issues. I am extremely proud of my staff for pulling together, and making this first issue the best it could be! I hope that you all enjoy what we have created for you. If you ever want to give feedback, or even join our bunch, do not hesitate to email me at [nittanypridenews@gmail.com](mailto:nittanypridenews@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

Isabella

Editor In Chief



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# CAMPUS LIFE

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## **We Are (Becoming).....**

### **Orientation 2017 prepares incoming students for college life at Penn State New Kensington**

*By: Scott Sinclair  
Staff Writer*

NEW KENSINGTON, Pa.- Most events are said to “start off with a bang”, but thanks to Red Pride Leader Jeff Lang, New Student Orientation (NSO) 17 had one right in the middle.

NSO is an opportunity for new students to get acclimated to their college life through various events over three days; such as meetings with faculty advisors, team building exercises, and games of both the physical and mental variety.

The new students were split up into 6 “Pride Groups”; in addition to Lang’s Red Pride, there were Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, and Purple. These groups are well known by all Penn State New Kensington students, as each had been a member of a pride upon their arrival.

Although the most visible and exciting orientation days were the Wednesday and Thursday just prior to the beginning of the semester, the 2017 orientation process stretches all the way back to the Spring '17 semester.

Michele Marcks, Assistant Director of Student Affairs, who runs the Student Life Office recalls having NSO meetings shortly after her hire in April, “It seemed like I was in orientation meetings right away,” she said. This began the process of nominating and selecting student orientation leaders, training those leaders, and coordinating the logistics of the fall orientation.

Orientation Leaders attended many meetings throughout the spring and summer, including a 2 day retreat at Camp Ligonier, where they were put through many of the same team building exercises that the new students would be part of in the fall. These were meant to prepare them to be able to understand how to effectively communicate to a group of people who were entering a new environment, and the fears and doubts those people may feel.

The “Day 1” portion of NSO was actually spread out over many days over the summer. This small group approach to this part of orientation was done to allow new students the ability to get IDs, meet advisors, and have their parents with them to ask questions and get information from returning students, as well as faculty and staff.

Wednesday, August 16, was Day 2 of NSO. This was the first day that all the new students would be in attendance at the same time. This was also the first time students would be asked to attend an event without parents, the unofficial start of college.

One of the highlights of Day 2, among all of the games, meetings, and team building exercises, was speaker Matt Glowacki, a man born without legs who gave a speech to teach students how to “Do Happiness.” John Spigelmyer, a Graduate Assistant in Student Affairs commented that this was his favorite part of NSO, “I felt that the audience of new students was really engaged in Matt’s words,” he said.

Day 2 also gave both new and returning students a chance to meet and interact with each other, which seemed to happen quite naturally. “We were having trouble rounding up Orientation Leaders for tasks,” Marcks said, “but it was because they were bonding with the new students on their own, and that was a good thing.”

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During the morning, the new students were introduced, one by one, to all the orientation leaders. The leaders had their names announced at which point they walked on to the theater stage. Upon hearing his name Lang ran down the aisle with the intention of leaping on to the stage. During this process, however, the law of gravity was very strictly enforced, causing Lang to disappear from view of those already on stage. The only clue about his whereabouts came in the form of a dull “thud” which originated from the front of the stage. Lang emerged unharmed and the moment of levity only served as a moment to give the new students a unifying story.

Day 3, on Thursday, saw more activities to bring all of the new students together. They were asked to do various things outside of their pride group, giving the entire NSO group a chance to interact.

Another highlight of Day 3 was the Academic Convocation, where students saw Faculty in full academic regalia and were explained the significance of it. They were also officially welcomed by Chancellor Snyder to Penn State as the Classes of 2019/21.

In the afternoon, after the new students had a chance to meet with their individual department heads, the banner event, the Pride Olympics, took place. This test of both physical and mental skill was ultimately won by the Blue Pride. One of the Blue Pride Leaders, Savannah Smith, spoke about what she took away from the entire NSO process; “I really enjoyed meeting the new students and getting to know things about them,” Smith said.

Smith’s comments are the key to the entire NSO event, the timeline and reporting of the days’ events are not nearly as important as the takeaways of both the new and returning students.

“Being an Orientation Leader was a tiring but rewarding process,” Smith said. She would be somewhat of an expert on this as she was also an Orientation Leader for the 2016 new students. From a staff perspective both Marcks and Spigelmyer thought the overall results were outstanding. “The NSO days were fun but structured,” Spigelmyer said. Marcks agreed and went on to say, “One of my favorite parts of the process was watching the leaders take the initiative and bond with the new students on their own.”

Marcks also thought it was important to acknowledge those who had done a lot of work behind the scenes to prepare for this event, such as Paula Dove who is the Student Affairs Staff Assistant. “Paula was vital in taking care of the detailed logistical things such as ensuring all of the new students, including those who enrolled late, were accounted for and got into a Pride,” Marcks said.

So another New Student Orientation is complete, and the new students are, by all accounts, settling in well to Penn State student life. The Orientation Leaders are, for the most part, taking on different leadership roles for the school year.

That is the magic of orientation, bringing a group of people together in a new environment and nurturing their evolution to the welcome the next group of new people. The transition from “We want to be” to “We Are!”

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New students gather for the welcome ceremony.

Pictures courtesy of the Student Life Office.



New Students gathered with their leaders.



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Students playing outside during orientation days.

(Photos courtesy of Student Life)



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## It's Never Too Late To Get More Out Of College

*By: Isabella Bordonaro  
Editor In Chief*

As a college student at a commuting campus, it can be really easy to get into the routine of just coming to campus for classes, and nothing else. What many students, including myself, fail to realize is that there is so much you can get involved in on campus that can enrich your personal and academic life.

Even at a small campus like PSNK, there are several clubs you can join, and student life plans events for almost every day of the week.

One of the first benefits of getting more involved on campus and maybe the most obvious, is the fact that you can meet new people, and forge lasting relationships. According to [collegeparentcentral.com](http://collegeparentcentral.com), becoming more involved on campus allows you to meet people other than the students you have the same classes with. This can diversify the people you meet, and open your friend circle to a whole new world of opportunity.

Making new friendships through campus activities and groups group can also help you to learn to get along with a more diverse group of students, whether they are from a different culture, or just from a different major.

While getting involved on campus can help you make friends, it can also help you develop skills that you may have not have developed any other way. Being part of a group or club can help with leadership skills, or communication skills in general. According to [internationalstudentguidetotheusa.com](http://internationalstudentguidetotheusa.com), getting involved in student organizations can enhance the student experience, and create a more well-rounded student, which can help them stand out when entering the job market.

Another major benefit of getting more involved in student organizations is that it allows you to be directly involved with the change you want to see. If you personally don't like the events your student life plans, or love the events and want to help plan more, becoming part of student life organizations can allow you help make that change.

So if you want to meet new people, develop lasting communication/leadership skills, or be involved in change, PLEASE consider joining the clubs and student organizations here at PSNK.

Don't know what we have to offer? Don't fret, here's a list of all the clubs YOU can join.

### PSNK Club & Student Organizations:

(taken from the student life page at [nk.psu.edu](http://nk.psu.edu), and a list from SGA Pres. Raven Brunner)

#### Biobehavioral Health Club

- allows students interested in this subject to meet outside of the classroom.

#### BET Club

- gives students in the BET field opportunities to gain more educational experience outside of the classroom.

#### Campus Activities Board (CAB)

- allows students to help the Student Life Office plan events and activities.



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## Diversity Club

- bring students of all backgrounds together to learn about different cultures

## Film Club

- students interested in film can create student films, and share interest in films

## Gaming Club,

- allows students interested in gaming to get together

## GIG Club

- "Group investigating God" allows students to discuss God and the Bible, and holds bible study sessions.

## Lion Ambassadors

- Lion ambassadors work with the Enrollment Management Office to promote Penn State to potential students.

## Math Club

- students in this club meet with the math faculty to support and practice math skills.

## Nittany Pride

- student run newspaper open to students of all majors as an outlet of journalistic expression

## Outdoor and Adventure Club

- gives students who love the outdoors the ability to get together and adventure outside

## PSYCH Club

- their mission is to produce a "well-educated, ethical, and socially responsible member committed to contributing to the science and profession of psychology."

## Science Club

- allows students who are interested in science to have educated discussions about science related issues

## Spanish Club

- students in this club can meet to share their knowledge and love of Spanish language and culture.

## Student Government Association (SGA)

- allows students to get involved in student government, and allows them to represent the student body in matters pertaining to them

## STEAM Outreach Club

- allow students interested in STEAM majors to go visit schools in the community to get other students involved in STEAM learning.

## THON

- this club allows students to get involved in the Penn State Dance Marathon to raise money for pediatric cancer

## X-Ray

- allows students interested in Radiology to get involved in educational experience.

# COMMUNITY

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## PSNK Student Helps Harvey Victims

*By: Kierstin Flickinger  
Staff Writer*

NEW KENSINGTON, Pa. - Jackie Rearick, a sophomore Biomedical Engineering major at Penn State New Kensington, said that she couldn't just sit around while thousands were devastated in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.

Rearick and her mom decided to make what they called 'Texas Totes' in order to help the victims in Texas.

The totes were backpacks filled with basic supplies that could be useful to families living in the Houston area, including first aid items, tablets, pens, water bottles, socks, snacks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorants, shampoo, conditioner, soap, and wash cloths.



Rearick pictured next to her "Texas Totes."

(Photo Courtesy of Jackie Rearick )

"I just enjoy helping people," said Rearick when asked what inspired her to create these totes. "When that [Hurricane Harvey] was happening, I just started thinking about what I might want from people if I were in that situation."

Rearick far exceeded her goal of 15 filled bags. She originally wanted to separate out male and female bags, but had such a positive reaction from friends on Facebook and Instagram, that she was able to fill 31 family bags, with enough stuff for men, women, and children in each tote, plus had loose items to send to Texas as well.

"I bought all of the bags and was just expecting people to donate stuff to put into them, but then people started donating bags," she said. A total of 15 people donated enough stuff to fill these bags.

This isn't the first time that Rearick has done charitable work like this. Her and her mother make 'Chemo Bags' for first time chemotherapy patients, after a family friend went to her first chemotherapy appointment without any idea of the things she might need for them. Now, she helps her mother create these bags filled with things that a first-time patient might need throughout their sessions.

She also sells small ribbons as a personal business, but still uses this as a way to help others. "A portion of the proceeds from my pink ribbons goes towards the Chemo bags," she said.



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Rearick also intends to collect donations for the devastation in Florida caused by Hurricane Irma, and said that this time she'd like to be more organized in order to try to gain more donations in a more effective manner.

She also plans to use proceeds from her ribbon-selling business to help with THON on campus.

Grace Life Church in Monroeville was a huge help in this process. Rearick says that this is the church where she took all of her totes to, and they were the ones sending them down to Houston.

"They [Grace Life Church] have tractor trailers that they're filling up and driving to Houston," she said. This happened on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September.

Jackie Rearick is proud of her work, and thanks fellow students Alex Conte and Ryan Stanga for helping her finish filling the totes, and also thanks everyone who helped her by donating.



# SPORTS

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## Major Change in 2017-2018 Penguins Roster

By: *Monica Fiore*  
Copy Editor

NEW KENSINGTON, Pa. - June 11 brought great pleasure to Pittsburgh fans as the Pittsburgh Penguins went on to defeat the Nashville Predators in Game 6 of the 2017 Stanley Cup Finals, claiming their fifth Stanley Cup and second consecutive win of the Cup. However, little was it known that many players raising the Stanley Cup would not be returning to the Penguins' bench for the 2017-2018 season.

**Nick Bonino** - The 29-year-old center who played for the Anaheim Ducks 2009-2014 and with the Vancouver Canucks 2014-2015 left as a free agent and signed a four-year \$16.4 million contract with the Nashville Predators after two seasons with the Pittsburgh Penguins.

**Matt Cullen** - The 40-year-old center who has been a member of many teams, including the Anaheim Ducks, the Minnesota Wild, and the Carolina Hurricanes is not only returning to a previous team, but his home state as well to play for what is believed to be his final year before retirement. The father of three, who was known as "Dad" by Penguins fans, signed a one-year contract with the Minnesota Wild on August 16, 2017.

**Trevor Daley** - The 33-year-old defenseman, who played with the Chicago Blackhawks for the 2015-2016 season and the Dallas Stars 2003-2015, signed a three-year \$9.534 million contract with the Detroit Red Wings on July 1. Daley played with the Penguins for two seasons.

**Marc-Andre Fleury** - Perhaps the hardest loss for Pittsburgh fans was the trade of former goalie, Marc-Andre Fleury. Fleury was traded to the newest NHL team, The Vegas Golden Knights, in the 2017 NHL Expansion Draft on June 21. The 32 year old waived his no-movement clause in early June, leaving him unprotected by the expansion draft. Fleury started his career with the Penguins in the 2003-2004 season and remained with the team until his trade.

"I was very upset to see Fleury get let go in the expansion draft to Vegas," said Jennifer Ryan, a junior at Wittenberg University. "We all saw it coming, but with the loss of Fleury, we lose a solid goaltending duo, placing our trust in, essentially, two rookies. I'm still going to follow Fleury in Vegas because he was my favorite player and my inspiration as a goalkeeper for soccer, but I'm really going to miss his commitment to the fans and to the community. You only get players like him once every ten years. Hopefully, he'll transfer that love of the fans and the community to those in Vegas."

**Cameron Gaunce** - The 27-year-old defenseman who previously played with the Colorado Avalanche and the Dallas Stars is headed to Columbus after becoming a free agent and signing a two-year, two-way contract



Former Pittsburgh goalie Marc-Andre Fleury raising the Stanley Cup with the Penguins one last time. (Courtesy of Google Images)



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**Ron Hainsey** - The 36-year-old defenseman who has played with the Atlanta Thrashers, the Carolina Hurricanes, and the Columbus Blue Jackets, left the Penguins as a free agent and signed a two-year, \$6 million contract with the Toronto Maple Leafs on July 1. Hainsey played the Pittsburgh Penguins for the 2016-2017 season.

**Chris Kunitz** - The 38-year-old left wing signed a one-year, \$2 million contract with Tampa Bay Lightning on July 1. The father of three previously played with the Anaheim Ducks 2003-2005 and 2006-2008, as well as with the Atlanta Thrashers 2005-2006, before signing with the Pittsburgh Penguins in 2008.

**Kevin Porter** - The 31-year-old forward is headed back to the Buffalo Sabres after signing a two-year, two-way contract with the New York team. Porter has played with the Colorado Avalanche and the Phoenix Coyotes.

**Mark Streit** - The 39-year-old defenseman signed a one-year, \$700,000 contract with his previous team, the Montreal Canadiens. Streit played for the Canadiens 2005-2008, before playing with the New York Islanders and the Philadelphia Flyers. Streit played with the Penguins for the 2016-2017 season.

**Oskar Sundqvist** - The 23-year-old center was traded to the St. Louis Blues during the NHL Expansion Draft, along with the Penguins' first round pick, in exchange for the Blues' right wing Ryan Reaves and a second round pick. Sundqvist signed a three-year entry level contract with the Penguins in May 2014.

**David Warsofsky** - The 27-year-old defenseman who previously played for the New Jersey Devils and the Boston Bruins is headed to the Colorado Avalanche after leaving the Penguins as a free agent in July. He signed a two-year contract with Colorado.

Though trading and free agency has resulted in the loss of many Pittsburgh players, Penguins fans can look up, as defenseman Kris Letang, who was out for the 2016-2017 playoffs due to a neck injury, was cleared for training camp earlier in September. The thirty year old father of one underwent surgery on April 5, 2017 for a herniated disc in his neck. Penguins fans can also look forward to seeing many new faces this upcoming season, as the Penguins have acquired many new players.

**Jan Drozg** - The 18 year old was chosen 152nd in the NHL Entry Draft. The left wing hails from Maribor Slovenia and shoots right.

**Matt Hunwick** - The 32-year-old defenseman who previously played with the Toronto Maple Leafs left as a free agent at the end of the 2016-2017 season and signed a three-year, \$6.75 million contract with the Pittsburgh Penguins on July 1. Hunwick has also played with the New York Rangers, the Boston Bruins, and the Colorado Avalanche.

**Zachary Lauzon** - The 18 year old was selected 51st in the second round of the NHL Entry Draft. The defenseman hails from Val-d'Or, Quebec and plays for the Rouyn-Noranda Huskies of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League. Lauzon earned the Kevin Lowe award, which honors the best defensive defenseman in the QMJHL.

**Jay McClement** - The 34-year-old center became a free agent at the end of the 2016-2017 season and signed a professional tryout contract with the Pittsburgh Penguins on August 25. McClement previously played with the Carolina Hurricanes and has also played with the Colorado Avalanche, the Toronto Maple Leafs, and the St. Louis Blues.

**Greg McKegg** - The 25-year-old center signed as a free agent to a one-year, two-way \$650,000 contract with the Penguins on July 1. McKegg played with the Florida Panthers 2015-2017, as well as with the Toronto Maple Leafs and the Tampa Bay Lightning.

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**Antti Niemi** - The 34-year-old goalie previously played with the Dallas Stars before signing a one-year, \$700,000 contract with the Penguins on July 1. Niemi has also been a goaltender for the Chicago Blackhawks and the San Jose Sharks.

**Linus Ölund** - The 20 year old was picked 155th in the NHL Entry Draft. The center previously played with the Brynäs IF in the Swedish Hockey League.

**Antti Palojarvi** - The 18 year old was picked 186th in the sixth round of the NHL Entry Draft. The defenseman currently plays with Lukko of the Finnish Junior League.

**Clayton Phillips** - The 17-year-old defenseman was picked 93rd in the third round of the NHL Entry Draft. Phillips' currently plays with the Fargo Force in the United States Hockey League. Phillips' hails from Edina, Minnesota and shoots left.

**Ryan Reaves** - The 30-year-old right wing was traded from the St. Louis Blues, along with a second-round pick, to the Pittsburgh Penguins, in exchange for Oskar Sundqvist and the Penguins' first round pick. Reaves started his career with the Blues in 2010.

"I'm looking forward to seeing Reaves play," said Matt Domyancic, an avid Penguins fan. "He'll be the enforcer when teams go after Crosby. He'll be a good fit."

**Chris Summers** - The 29-year-old defenseman left the New York Rangers as a free agent at the end of the 2016-2017 season and signed a two-year, two-way \$650,000 contract with the Penguins on July 1. Summers has also played with the Arizona Coyotes.

**Jarred Tinordi** - The 25-year-old defenseman signed a one-year, two-way contract with Pittsburgh on July 1, after playing with the Arizona Coyotes for two seasons. He has also played with the Montreal Canadiens.

**Zach Trotman** - The 27-year-old defenseman became a free agent after playing with the Boston Bruins since 2011. He signed a one-year, two-way \$650,000 deal with Pittsburgh on July 1.

Changes have also been made with staff and coaching.

**Mark Recchi** - Recchi, who played with the Penguins 1988-1992, 2005-2006, and 2006-2008 was named assistant coach on July 11. He previously worked as the player development coach for the Penguins.

**Rick Tocchet** - Tocchet, who worked as the assistant coach to the Penguins 2014-2017, was promoted to head coach of the Arizona Coyotes. The fifty-three year old played as a defenseman for the Penguins 1991-1994, and has also played for the Los Angeles Kings, the Boston Bruins, the Phoenix Coyotes, the Philadelphia Flyers, and the Washington Capitals. Tocchet has worked as an assistant coach to Colorado Avalanche and the Phoenix Coyotes, as well as associate coach and interim coach to the Tampa Bay Lightning.

Penguins will host their home opener to the St. Louis Blues, as well as raising their 2016-2017 Stanley Cup banner on October 4, 2017.



# EDITORIAL

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## Equifax Data Breach; Serious, Unknown Problems

By: Broderick Gerano  
Staff Writer

On July 29<sup>th</sup> of this year, data experts at Equifax, one of the three major credit reporting agencies in the U.S., noticed something peculiar. Traffic from their online website was deemed suspicious, and shut down the questionable webpage immediately. A quick investigation showed a vulnerable portion of the site's code left a hole for potential hackers to enter, leaving open information for more than one-hundred million Americans.

By August 2, the security team at Equifax patched the exposed page and reopened it to the public. But the damage had already been done, and so Equifax hired cybersecurity experts at Mandiant to figure out exactly what damage was dealt. According to one of the press releases around the incident, information about 143 million Americans could have been exposed. Further, credit card information for more than 200,000 citizens was accessed.

Despite having known about the suspicious activity towards the end of July, it wasn't until September 7 that Equifax let the public know of the breach. The agency has since taken many steps to work on covering the problem, such as "tripling the call center team" in order to answer concerns, freezing many affected credit accounts, and producing an easy-to-read website specific to this incident ([equifaxsecurity2017.com](http://equifaxsecurity2017.com)).

Currently, no agency has released information showing who entered into the system. Further, Equifax claims that nobody has had their identity stolen or credit affected because of this breach. They have increased their security team to provide constant support and mitigate damage.

While the agency has taken many steps to alleviate the fallout, they still face many consequences from the public. Dave Ramsey, host of the popular podcast *The Dave Ramsey Show*, criticized the company for their 'class-action waiver' clauses in their Terms of Use. This clause claims that users of their product cannot participate in a class-action lawsuit against Equifax. According to Ramsey, this could be considered "slimy" because it protects them from a major lawsuit following this incident.

But, as the company discusses in a press release, the waiver clause was not intended for this type of event, and so users could still participate in a major lawsuit despite the Terms of Use.

Another more concerning reaction involved the actions of certain staff themselves. In the days following the initial red-flags, three top executives sold more than \$1.8 million in stock within the company. Equifax claimed that those individuals did not know about the intrusion at the time, but others are more skeptical. Ramsey criticized this too, raising a problem with the idea that the CFO, who sold \$946,000 of stock, would not have been immediately informed about the potential breach.

Maybe the most damning issue for consumers was the report from January of this year from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau that argued that Equifax and another major credit-reporting agency, Transunion, were signing consumers up for products they never wanted. The trust placed into these major agencies was already thin following that report, and this breach surely made matters worse.

Equifax, despite the criticisms, seems to be taking this incident with great professionalism. They have offered free credit security for those potentially affected, with up to \$1 million in protection per consumer. They've refunded those who paid to freeze their credit, instead offering that service for free. They've publicly apologized and promised to work without pause to right this wrong.

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The best potential news is that apparently the information accessed was not incredibly sensitive, according to Equifax. So, an individual's social security number and other related material may not be compromised.

What happens as a result is still unknown. Could the information be sold to advertisers for in-depth marketing or could it be sold to individuals who would attempt to open credit under other people's names? Right now, nothing has happened, and maybe Equifax can prevent any serious consequences. The only way to see what will occur is to wait, and for those 143 million Americans, waiting is a troubling gambit.





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## The Military Industry's Dirty Secret

By: *Nathan Traini*  
*Online and Managing Editor*

Is the US military spending your money wisely and do they use it only to do what's best for the American people? The short answer is no, on both accounts, and very easy to prove. The military, and the industries that support it, have gotten out of hand and nothing has been done to reel in their unchecked waste and power.

In Dwight D. Eisenhower's farewell address he highlighted one point which stood out from others in his speech. He warned of a new partnering between a permanent industry of war and military. A marrying of private interests and public interests in the arena of war was never done on the scale America did it, at that time. He was worried that if the citizenry wasn't "alert and informed" the military industrial complex would overstep its democratic constraints.

"In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought by the military industrial complex," said Eisenhower.

Let's start with the first accusation that the military is just wasting/hiding money. According to a [report from 2002](#) a Pentagon audit in 2001 found that the military could not account for 25% of what it spends, given that, in 2001, with a budget of \$305 billion, the military couldn't account for roughly \$76 billion.

This is a big problem because the money isn't in some super secret program, with proper sight. If it was then it would be accounted for, because there is a place in the budget where money goes to such programs.

Is all the money wasted or is it being intentionally syphoned off, hidden, used, or what? These are questions that haven't been answered. The reason is that the largest military in the world has never been fully audited.

In that [CBS report from 2002](#), a military accountant Jim Minnery, from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, tried to find \$300 million of that missing \$76 billion. His supervisor asked him "Why do you care about this stuff?" Minnery was obviously confused at why his supervisor would not want an accountant to account for missing tax dollars. Minnery went on to say that "We know it's gone. But we don't know what they spent it on."

That's just one example; things like these accounting errors, waste, and vanishing money continue through to today. A [2013 Reuters report](#) found that the military would order thousands of the same parts it already had a 14 year supply of, at much higher cost than they bought the originals for.

A [report from the Business Insider](#) found the Pentagon paid \$8,000 for helicopter parts that cost less than \$500. Cited in that same report they found \$3 million worth of boats, ordered for landlocked Afghanistan, sitting in a warehouse. They found \$6.2 million spent on vehicle maintenance for vehicles that don't exist.

[The Washington post](#) also acquired an internal Pentagon study that found 125 billion in bureaucratic waste and over priced contracts that was buried by the Pentagon in fear of budget cuts.

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If the money is intentionally being used then it's a very expensive project that is so secret that black budgets aren't secret enough. If the money is all waste/incompetence then there needs to be cuts. Either way the American people deserve to know where their money is going by the billions.

Whenever we use our tax dollars for war we are all responsible for the actions our military takes on our behalf. A just military victory is our just victory but a military genocide and cruelty is our genocide and cruelty.

When Americans look back on our past, we all want to say that we were always a force for good in the world. More often than not America has turned into what it revolted against England for, being an ruthless empire.

[Salon has an article](#) listing all the times the US has "worked with fascists, dictators, drug lords and state sponsors of terrorism in every region of the world." The US helped Pakistan and Saudi Arabia overthrow Afghanistan, which was a socialist government advancing women's rights and education.

The US "ordered the secret and illegal bombing of Cambodia in 1969, American pilots were ordered to falsify their logs to conceal their crimes. They killed at least half a million Cambodians, dropping more bombs than on Germany and Japan combined in World War II."

There's the 1980s El Salvadoran civil war where CIA trained government operatives killed thousands in a popular uprising against their already brutal government and thousands more disappeared.

In 1999, we bombed Yugoslavia without any justification other than that we were afraid they were about to attack or did attack the US. It is illegal under international law to attack another country unprovoked.

In 2009 the US helped establish the government after a coup in Honduras which is now murdering its own people.

The invasion of Iraq was seen as payback for 9/11 under the assumption they had weapons of mass destruction. It turned out we knew Iraq didn't have those weapons and had nothing to do with 9/11, but we invaded anyway.

Many more examples of this can be found on [Salon's website](#). The last example is one of a declassified document from the George Washington University National Security Archive titled "Justification for Military Intervention in Cuba." In it, the Joint Chiefs of Staff were planning to fake an incident that would make it look like Cuba attacked the US, therefore justifying a war with Cuba. There were many suggestions on how to accomplish this false flag attack on ourselves. We would have "friendly Cubans in uniform over the fence to stage an attack on base." Or the US could set up "A 'remember the Maine' incident where we would 'blow up a ship in Guantanamo bay and blame Cuba." Many other fabricated events were thought up to make it seem like a MIG type aircraft shot down a U.S. civilian or military plane.

We know that this document was talking about Illegal activities and was kept secret because in the recommendations, it states the paper should not be distributed to commanders of unified or special command, NATO, or the United Nations. The reason being that if these plans went into place the United Nations and others wouldn't give the U.S. the green light for a war of self defense that the U.S actually started.

Why don't we know about all of these terrible things done in our name? Dozens of examples like this exist but we aren't told about them in school, or in the news. Are we so embarrassed of these atrocities that

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These instances of terror and barbarism by the United States are not the bug in the system of the military industrial complex, but the feature. More war and bombs being made and more people killed whether they be civilian or military is what drives profits for companies like Booz Allen Hamilton, Skunkworks, Northrop Grumman, and Raytheon. They are war profiteers- plain and simple. These companies wouldn't exist without your hard earned tax dollars.

Is it acceptable that your military wastes, hides, and spends money to overthrow democratically elected governments and kill hundreds of thousands of civilians? Will you permit a government to continue these kinds of atrocities and waste of human lives and potential?

With a 15% reduction in the \$523 billion we spend on the wasteful and imperial military today we could pay for free tuition at public colleges and universities for over a year. Ultimately every dollar spent on the military's wasteful and cruel budget is a dollar not spent on our crumbling infrastructure.

It was better put by [Dwight D. Eisenhower](#): "Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed."

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# ENTERTAINMENT

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## Review: Harry Styles' Self-Titled Debut Album

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Harry Styles' self-titled debut album is better than almost anyone thought it would be. My boyfriend (an avid "I don't like One Direction" guy) said "Each time I listen to the album, I realize a bit more just how good it is." That's saying something.

The album easily ranks among the best albums released in the first half of 2017 (number 4 on Rolling Stone's top 50) for its soft rock sound and powerful vocals. So, here's my breakdown of all 10 songs from the album *Harry Styles*.

### Meet Me in the Hallway

This song is a solid starter for the album. Realistically, there's no better song to show just what Harry Styles is all about. The song shows the raw vocals that Styles showcases throughout most of the album and has standout lyrics (*'cause once you go without it / nothing else will do*). Plus, the way he sings the first 'maybe' of the song is my favorite bit of the entire album.

### Sign of the Times

The first solo off of the album is the soft-rock ballad for the late 2010s. It's five and a half minutes of raspy vocals, high notes, and a pretty piano playing in the background throughout the song. It's one of the slower songs on the album, but it's not a boring song by any means.

### Carolina

I'd read various reviews calling this song the standout hit from the album, but I disagree. It's a good song. It falls into good place for the third song of the album, as it's one of the more upbeat songs, and it's decent. For me, however, the song falls into just good. It may be because this song houses my personal least favorite lyrics (*but she says I remind her of home / feeling oh so far from home*), but this song is just good.

### Two Ghosts

It seems that I've started out by saying how great this album is, and then proceeded to be difficult on the first three songs of the album, but at this point I'd like to say that I am a fan of all of the songs so far, but *Two Ghosts* is where I really start to get into the songs. Lyrically, this is my favorite song on the album. (*I'm just trying to remember how it feels to have a heartbeat*). This song resonates as someone who is searching for love and just can't find it, which is where Styles seems to be at for the entire album.

### Sweet Creature

The second single off of the album, *Sweet Creature* is my favorite song in general on the album. This is mostly due to the vocals by the former boy bander. It's short, generally happier than the rest of the album (as it seems this might be the only song where he seems hopeful about whoever the romantic partner might be), and lyrically describes what it's like to be in a decent relationship.

### Only Angel

This is such a great song because the first minute is angelic and sweet, and then it comes in saying "this is Harry Styles, and this is what I'm about." This is one of two songs where Styles sort of gets into some harder rock- something that I desperately hope Styles will explore on a sophomore album. His vocals are largely unedited and raw, which showcases that, yes, Harry Styles from One Direction is meant to be a rock singer.

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## **Kiwi**

Here it is: the most rock that we get to see Harry Styles on his debut album. This song is filled with fantastic lyrics (*She worked her way through a cheap pack of cigarettes / hard liquor mixed with a bit of intellect, hard candy dripping on my til my feet are wet, it's like I paid for it, when she's alone she goes home to a cactus, and many more*). This, like *Only Angel*, has a sound that I want to hear in future albums.

## **Ever Since New York**

The last song really makes me sad, but this one gets to me also. While in general, the song is relatively forgetful (*which is something on my end about my taste in music*), the phrase (*I've been praying / I never did before / Understand I'm / talking to the walls / I've been praying / ever since New York*) is one of the best sets of lyrics on the album.


## **Woman**

From the speech at the beginning (*Should we just search romantic comedies on Netflix and see what we find?*) through all of the shouts of woman and la la la in the song, this song is fantastic. The beat is my favorite on the whole album and the piano in it is something straight from 80s rock. But, it's not up to par lyrically with the rest of the album, and falls lower in the ranks of all of the songs for this reason.

## **From the Dining Table**

The ending song is undoubtedly the best one on the album. It's the one that makes listeners feel something for Harry Styles. What is it, you may ask? Is it jealousy at his fame, how many girls he can get, or at all of the money he has? Nope. It makes you feel sad for him. Sad for Harry Styles. The opening lyrics are the most vulnerable he has on the entire track, and are sung with such embarrassment and humility that they're easily the most powerful lyrics on the album (*Woke up alone in this hotel room / played with myself, where were you? / Fell back to sleep, I got drunk by noon / I've never felt less cool*). The album cycles back to the place in the beginning of the album where Harry had been searching for someone to stay with him, but alas, they had left him in the hallway back then, and nothing's changed now.

The album started out with Harry feeling alone and sad, and cycles back to him feeling that way at the end. The ending is the most promising and emotional song on the album and shows that wherever this already famous boy bander goes, it can only be up from here. At least, I hope that's where he goes, because I've never felt sadder for anyone. 4.5/5 Stars.



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## PSNK, Alive At All-U Day

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UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. - On September 16, over 100,000 students, alumni, fans, friends and family from Penn State's 24 campuses gathered in University Park once again for the annual "All University Day" football game. The sea of Penn Staters in attendance, including those from the New Kensington campus, witnessed their Nittany Lions (who are 3-0 and ranked 2nd in the Big 10 East Conference as of this writing) destroy the visiting Georgia State Panthers with a score of 56-0.

Coincidentally, the second panther-based team PSU had played in two weeks were clearly out of their depth when the Nittany Lions scored a touchdown with the extra point within the first few minutes, never letting up afterwards.

"As soon as we touched the ball, we scored right away," said PSNK student and first-time All-U Day attendee, Nick Roth. Roth and SGA President Raven Brunner were Penn State New Kensington's two chosen student representatives for All-U Day. The positions came with a few perks, including the honor of standing on the sidelines, holding a banner with PSNK's name on it for all to see.

"Being a campus rep, I was able to go on the field during halftime. I got to meet with a lot of the important representatives from other campuses. We had a lot of fun getting together," said Brunner.

Coming from a performing arts school and not being a regular sports fan, this was actually Brunner's first live football game (high school, college, and or professional) ever. So it made sense that her highlight of the night was getting a close-up view of the Penn State Blue Band.

"We got to watch the band and stuff, from the field, on the field, which was probably the coolest thing," said Brunner. While Brunner was enjoying the music though, Roth was taking in the aura of Beaver Stadium's legendary student section.

"The student section is regarded as like one of the greatest student sections in the country and just being on the field, it was like you could feel the energy from everybody. It was kind of like electric," Roth explained.

The crowd was indeed rowdy, as project supply chain major and fellow All-U Day first-timer, Jason Fruh can attest to.

"Every time we (PSU) scored, we would literally throw kids in the air, and just toss them like ragdolls for however many points we scored. So if we had like, 20 points, we'd throw the same kid 20 times in the air. It's ridiculous," Fruh explained.



Raven Brunner (Left) and Nick Roth (Right) hold a PSNK flag. Photo by Nico Regoli.



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Though some might agree with Fruh's accusations of ridiculousness, the celebrations of Section EG's highest rows were tame in the eyes of psych major and PSNK junior, Savannah Smith. While also an All-U Day newbie, Smith has attended her fair share of football games, and has even sat in the famous student section that Roth spoke so highly of. And apparently in the student section, such celebrations are maximized to the nth degree.

"That (throwing people in the air) happens in the student section, but instead of just being one person getting thrown up or two, it's everyone. Just, like, everyone is getting thrown up in the air," Smith explained. "If you're in the student section, everyone is going wild."



Students celebrate as Penn State scores a touchdown. Photo by Nico Regoli.

Now 4-time All-U Day veteran, Jake Boney, was simply happy to be on the side of Beaver Stadium that yelled his favorite half of his favorite chant. "I have to say being on the 'We Are' side of the field instead of the 'Penn State' side of the field for the big chant... I like being the 'We Are,'" said Boney.

The "We Are, Penn State" chant holds a special place in Boney's heart, and ties into his all-time All-U Day highlight (from last year) of the four times he's attended. "Whenever we were leaving the stadium, I started a 'We Are' chant and like everybody that was leaving through my gate started screaming back at me," Boney explained. "It's a whole different experience when you have that many people responding than whenever you do it at smaller campus events."

That reaction and wild environment is mainly why Boney plans on buying season tickets for next year, why the rest who attended plan on going back for regular games (if not another All-U Day), and why they recommend that other students from Penn State New Kensington make the trip to Beaver Stadium at least once before their cap and gown season arrives.

"Specifically for All-U Day, I would say it's a good game to go to because it's one of the few games per year that you're definitely going to see your campus represented. There aren't too many university-wide experiences where your campus gets the spotlight even for a few seconds or a minute," said Boney.

He continues, "just in general for going to a Penn State game, it's insane the level of energy that you get whenever you have over a hundred thousand people chanting in unison or singing a song together. It's just amazing."

## Chocolate Chip Cookie Recipe

Now that the fall season is just around the corner, it's time (for me at least) to start baking season! Chocolate chip cookies are definitely a comfort food for me, so I wanted to share my favorite recipe so others can enjoy this awesome treat as well, during the coming cold weather.

### Ingredients:

- ◆ 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter
- ◆ 3/4 cup packed dark brown sugar
- ◆ 3/4 cup sugar
- ◆ 2 large eggs
- ◆ 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- ◆ 1 (12-ounce) bag semisweet chocolate chips, or chunks
- ◆ 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- ◆ 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
- ◆ 1 teaspoon fine salt



Photo courtesy of Google Images

### Directions:

Evenly position 2 racks in the middle of the oven and preheat to 375 degrees F. (on convection setting if you have it.) Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper or silicone sheets. (If you only have 1 baking sheet, let it cool completely between batches.)

Put the butter in a microwave safe bowl, cover and microwave on medium power until melted. (Alternatively melt in a small saucepan.) Cool slightly. Whisk the sugars, eggs, butter and vanilla in a large bowl until smooth.

Whisk the flour, baking soda and salt in another bowl. Stir the dry ingredients into the wet ingredients with a wooden spoon; take care not to over mix. Stir in the chocolate chips or chunks.

Scoop heaping tablespoons of the dough onto the prepared pans. Wet hands slightly and roll the dough into balls. Space the cookies about 2-inches apart on the pans. Bake, until golden, but still soft in the center, 12 to 16 minutes, depending on how chewy or crunchy you like your cookies. Transfer hot cookies with a spatula to a rack to cool. Serve.

Store cookies in a tightly sealed container for up to 5 days.

(From Food Network Kitchens How to Boil Water, Meredith, 2006 )