

#### COLUMN

### 'Real World 101' holds challenges for new grads

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In the real world, nobody wears a backpack.

Long weekends are shorter. Greeks are inhabitants of Southeastern Europe. The demand for caffeine tablets drops dramatically.

Welcome to Real World 101 - a compulsory course that never ends. No exams. No set texts. Self-taught and self-assessed.

The most important aspect of Real World 101 is the schedule. Although refreshingly clear of lectures and office hours, students can no longer live by the "liberal arts appointment calendar" - dragging out of bed at 9:30, working from 10 to 4 with only a three-hour break, then spending an intensive evening researching local hostelries.

Days outside college are a continuum rather than a random generation of work, pleasure and travel. Indeed, life itself outside of college is a continuum, rather than a repeated 10-week, gradecurve pattern of stress (new courses), pleasure (interesting courses) and stress (end of courses).

Real World 101 does not allow the excesses of stress and angst indulged in by the student body. Also, whereas a student can empathize with a fellow student's problems, he can only sympathize once they are adrift in different real-world situations.

Besides, Real World 101 students have less time available for counseling and being counseled than college students. Even the backbone of somebody's support network will not appreciate being phoned at 3 a.m., however freaked out the caller may be.

Containment of emotion becomes important. Telling a workmate exactly what you think of them is not such a great idea, since space has to be shared with them for a matter of years rather than that 10-week period.

Fortunately, the real world compensates for not allowing free emotional expression by reducing the opportunities for emotions to bottle up. No homework; no week-

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#### GRADUATION

'Real World 101' Spring graduates are in for a whole new way of life including longer workdays and shorter weekends.

#### MONEY

#### Fly cheap

A new book tells students how they can save up to 85 percent on airfares when they travel as couriers.

## **Purdue offers Saturday sessions** to combat crowded classrooms

The Purdue Exponent

Purdue U.

For many Purdue U. students Saturday is a day for taking lecture notes, instead of rest and relaxation.

Carol Horan, assistant coordinator of space management and academic scheduling, said there are approximately 2,400 students enrolled in classes with Saturday sections this

Michael Matthews, assistant coordinator of space management and academic scheduling, said Purdue schedules Saturday classes so there will be enough space for students to take their required courses.

"The larger variation of times classes are open, the better chance students have of getting the class," he said. "In other universities, students write off their first year because they cannot get the classes they need.

"We like to think that happens less here because of the Saturday class policy."

Matthews said it is generally classes such as English 101 that are scheduled on Saturdays. "Students pay their dues when they are in lower level courses."

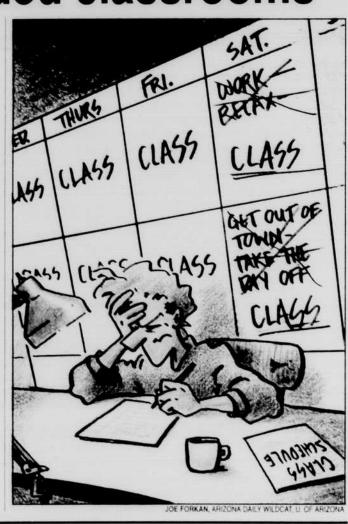
Since class placement is done by computer, Matthews said all students enrolled in a class have an equal chance of being placed in a Saturday section. The computer puts an equal number of students in each class section without regard to classi-

Students scheduled for Saturday times have the option to drop the course or try to change sections.

LaTonya Aitken, a sophomore, said she would rather switch sections or drop the course than endure another Saturday

"I hated it," she said. "I couldn't go home on weekends, leave

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# Student's torn jeans turn top dollar

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Michigan State U.

If originality is the most sought-after component of fashion, then Michigan State U. sophomore Paul Burneikis is destined to succeed.

Burneikis developed his own clothing line, Faceman Street and Sportswear, in high school. His ideas originally caught the attention of his friends, but since then he has worked for clients in New York, West Germany and Japan.

Each piece of clothing is unique, reflecting an original design or print, excluding his silk-screened T-shirts. Burneikis sews and alters pants, jeans, hats, shirts and sweatshirts.

"At first glance, the clothes look outlandish," Burneikis said. "But at second glance, they look even more outlandish. The clothes sell themselves. Someone will spot one of my outfits and say, 'Hey, I like that. Can you make that for me?"

Burneikis first tried his hand at designing four years ago when he started modifying his own clothes.

"It was my mother's nightmare," he said. "I put my whole wardrobe through a full metamorphosis."

When interest sparked at his school, Burneikis saw a chance to go into business for himself.

Burneikis' advertising campaign con-

sisted of friends serving as informal rep-

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Michigan State U. sophomore Paul Burneikis began designing clothing four years ago.

resentatives outside of Michigan and the United States. Burneikis sent clothing samples to friends, who acted as "walking billboards." Orders were referred to Burneikis in exchange for commissions.

When Burneikis arrived at MSU, he continued to expand his business. His advertising is still mostly word-of-

mouth, although he plans to design a catalog using student models.

Sophomore Bill Whitehouse said he was attracted to Burneikis' clothing line because of the "wild colors and wild ideas."

'His clothes make a statement and are original," said Whitehouse, who pur-

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