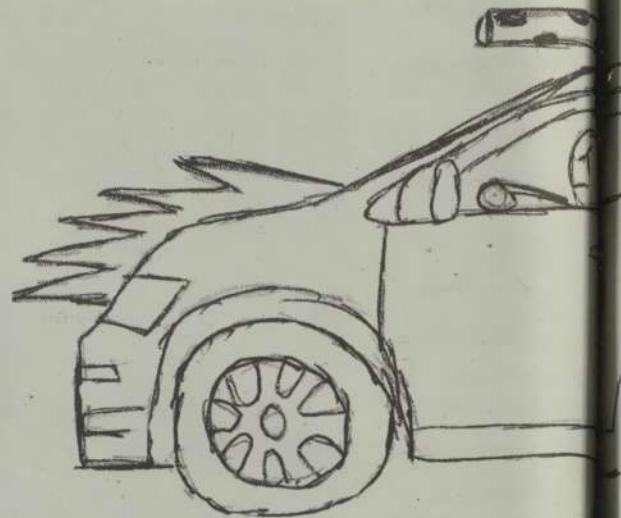


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College survival skills



Feel free to use this guide as your personal coloring book and boredom prevention kit during lectures!!!



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Veteran community college student spreads her knowledges with ten helpful survival tips

By Annemarie Schulte
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chapters of the book before the first day of class or even contacting the instructor and seeing if it's possible to get started on the first essay or research paper. The real problems come when you (gasp!) get behind. NEVER get behind on work in a college course, especially when dealing with math. It's

unlikely you'll ever catch up.

1. Parking is a battlefield: Get here early for parking. Allow at least ten minutes to find a spot. And another ten minutes to trek to class. Add another ten minutes if you plan on picking up a coffee from Dutch Brothers.

2. Beware of the FBS, Facebook Syndrome: A syndrome I know I share with a good number of students here: opening Facebook on another tab "just to have it open" while I research for other homework related topics. You will ALWAYS come back to Facebook and find yourself browsing around for a good length of time and then realize you were supposed to be writing your essay for English that's due in roughly eight hours.

3. Procrastinators unite...tomorrow! We are notorious for procrastinating up until the last second and just barely squeaking by. A good way to avoid getting behind is going ahead when you have the chance. This means reading the first few

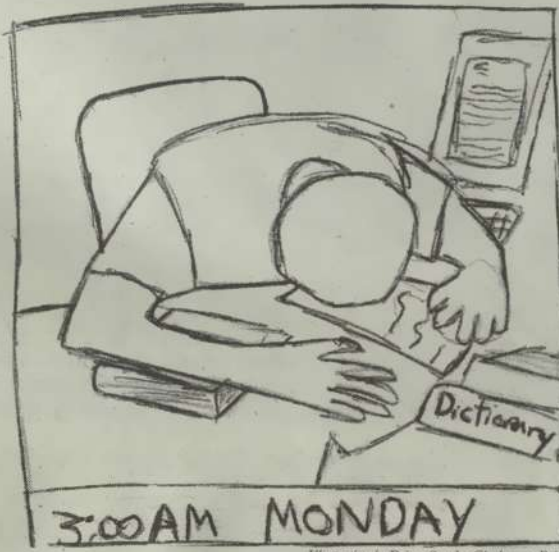


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4. Function over fashion: This one is for the girls. You're not in high school and you can wear what you want without being judged. Sometimes you must sacrifice picking out a great outfit in order to have more study time. Walking around campus and to your car (five miles away) isn't fun in those four inch stiletto heels. Especially during the winter months, making sure you still look put together with a bunch of layers isn't easy. Sweats, UGGS, and pony tails are perfectly acceptable in college.



You're not in school any more and you can wear what you want without being judged.

Students feel furious over unfair fees at Clackamas

Fees take a toll on students from class to the DMV, making wallets smaller and patience even thinner

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If you drive a car, I'll tax the street
If you try to sit, I'll tax your seat
If you get too cold, I'll tax the heat
If you take a walk, I'll tax your feet

Hearing about our numerous fees and dues only makes me think of "Taxman" by The Beatles. Prices are only going up but they are never high enough. If there is something we do, "the man" will charge us for it.

Various math classes are now using MathZone, an online homework program, which seems only designed to take away the teacher's pain (or might I say, job) of correcting homework.

Trisha Freitag's math teacher is using MathZone, but I wouldn't say Freitag is very excited about the prospect.

"It's very dumb," she said when asked how she feels about having to buy a code online to use MathZone to do her homework.

MathZone counts for a total of 100 points, and in the class syllabus, it states that the book will also be used for homework and a graphing calculator will be needed.

Students have to pay for the class book, the graphing calculator, and now their MathZone code.

There are many other fees included in our education process. Bobby Binder finds it frustrating at how often the college and teachers update the books used in their courses, making it difficult to sell books back to the bookstore or to use the same book



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in a future course. Binder also thinks we should have an option of buying an all book class or a hybrid one and then taking a class, buying the book and then doing the additional work to be done online when it costs.

I'm sure most of us are aware of the prices, but did you know, according to the Association of College Stores Student Survey report, the average college student spends \$86 on required course materials.

Binder is also frustrated by the fees associated with dropping a class.

"I signed up for a class and dropped it and ended up having to pay \$300 in fees I didn't even take, cause I dropped it on the first day," he said.

He also explained that the fees got so high at the college had been e-mailing him instead of sending letters (going green) and he hadn't been checking more than a year and was unaware of the fees they ended up in collection.

Binder also told about a friend who had an account open and someone else signed up for a yoga class, (she is someone who has never been interested in yoga and would not sign up for a class). She attempted to explain this to her friend, but Binder says, "they wouldn't budge."

Binder also said that some teachers are not helpful. His Spanish teacher is printing out the names of those who did not buy the book.

Although he wishes he had known that he had bought the book.

The state is also trying to raise prices. Most of us thought cost enough as it was, but the DMV increased tag prices from the \$54 to \$86 and unimproved price of \$86.

Prices are up, not only for drivers. The state has drastically upped the price of an ID card from \$44.50.

It's not all bad, at least we are not paying oh-so hard to find parking!