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# BREAKING NEWS: ORIENTATION TRIPS A THING OF THE PAST

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STOP THE PRESSES!

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## Off-Campus Orientation Experiences | First-Year Experience

Denison Outdoor Orientation: You will walk 2-6 miles per day on mixed terrain while carrying packs. You have to be able to carry more than 40 pounds, walk more than 10,000 steps on uneven ground...

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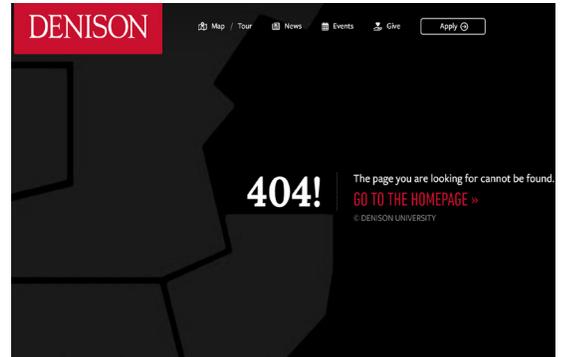
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### Courses

The concept of liberal arts embodies certain fundamental goals...

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## Denison Department of Student Life Finally Listening to Students? Future First-Years Finished.

The complaints have been rolling in that when it comes to the Department of Student Life, Denison has been overly focused on first-year students, leaving upperclassmen out to dry. However, new reports are coming in stating that a big change may be evening the playing field.

No, it's not giving up on the first-year quad after banishing a large number of sophomores and juniors back to Shorney and Smith, to the frustration of many. It's not adding the gym and gaming equipment that Housing said they would add to these buildings. And, it's not a solution to the parking perils.

Instead of making life for upperclassmen better, Denison Student Life has decided to make the bold decision to instead make the experience for future first-years worse by removing the best part of orientation. No more trips! No more adventures in rafts, caves, and under stars. No more nasty forced proximity that leads to bonding and a sense of belonging. Now, Denison can avoid being unique and exciting. After all, why have students start the year out having already faced new challenges and overcome them while building meaningful relationships? Sounds like a snooze-fest to me. I, for one, would give up my four-day trip rafting, camping, building s'mores, and meeting some of my best friends to this day, to go on a day trip to Columbus with people who lack shared interests with me.

Thank you, Denison. You truly have done it again.

## FUN NEW ORIENTATION EXPERIENCES!

William Eddleman,  
Proud Denison Shill

Woah! I'm sensing a bit of sarcasm and negativity about the small tweaks Student Life has made to the orientation experience. There have been a lot of wild accusations thrown around like "Admin is perpetually terrified of lawsuits," or "they spent all their budget on some stupid AI thing" or even "maybe Weinberg just hates us." Worry not! I just heard from a reliable source about all the new, even BETTER orientation experiences rolling out next fall, right here in our thriving Panopticon campus community :)

### Denison Contruction Experience:

Like to get your hands dirty? Thinking about joining the metalshop? Provide us with free labor at the Denison construction experience! Stay on campus for three days, helping to pound nails, pour cement, install rebar, and do anything else that the new Comp-Sci/Data Analytics building needs. Don't tell anyone, but we are falling way behind on the time table for finishing this building, and we would really like to use it for at least one semester before AI fully takes over those fields!

### Den-AI-son Orientation:

Speaking of AI taking over, have you heard about the new Denison-unique AI that nobody asked for? It's currently only available to a select few students, but we'll make an exception for our lovely first years (please please please don't transfer please). You'll have access to the cutting edge of machine learning technology, and spend three days learning new skills in the field of AI that employers are seeking. Learn how to craft prompts for boring writing with incorrect facts, churn out slop videos that only 2 year olds on YouTube and 70 year olds on Facebook think are real, and even use generative AI to complete an "art" project! Water will not be provided.

### Daydrink Ohio:

Let's cut the bullshit, okay? We all know that you're going to have a first semester full of D&D (Drunkness and Debauchery), so why not start now? Get together with like-minded peers to spend your orientation learning the ins and outs of daydrinking. We'll be bringing in semi-functional alcoholics from the upper classes to show you how to get fake IDs, tell you which frats will actually give you alcohol at their parties (none), and give a guided tour of the best bathrooms for barfing. The experience finishes with a cooking contest to see who can make the best hangover food.

# OMELETTE MAN: GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Anna Crum,  
EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA!



Thursday, February 29th, at approximately 9:12 am, I accepted a bittersweet truth. The Morning Master of Meals, the Staple of Sunday Salvation, the Bringer of Breakfast, pictured above, has left Denison. The Omelette Man has been a staple of my Denison experience, and while I know he must be in a better state, maybe even a warmer one, a rather selfish part of me will miss him. Who else could have seen me through my most tumultuous times? He saw me at my lowest (when I ordered a single over-easy egg and then the juice from my cantaloupe got all over it and made it cold) and at my best (a cheese, ham, spinach, peppers, and onion omelette) and never handed out any much-deserved judgment. As I watch a squirrel outside my window scuttle across a swaying branch, I feel very much akin to it. I, too, am left exposed, unsure on this shaky new ground. But as the squirrel makes a brave leap to another branch, I'm reminded that the only way is forward. Perhaps the Omelette Man was thinking this very thing as he was wiping down his station for the last time. I thank him for his years of service, for his commitment to excellence under pressure, and for the warmth that his omelets provided even on the coldest days.



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