



Syracuse University First Year Voice Newsletter



On-line Report

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There have been **2318** responses since 12/10/99.

First Year Voice Newsletter

4.1 The "First Year Voice Newsletter" is published by the Office of Multicultural Affairs and is targeted at helping first year students, regardless of their racial or cultural background, at Syracuse University. Have you read this publication?

	Percent	Count	Answers
	7.6%	174	Yes
	92.4%	2112	No

4.2 If YES, how useful was the newsletter?

	Percent	Count	Answers
	13.3%	35	Useless(1)
	17.9%	47	Not useful(2)
	51.3%	135	Neutral(3)
	11.8%	31	Somewhat useful(4)
	5.7%	15	Very useful(5)

Summary Statistics Based on Weighted Scales

Valid Responses:	263
Total Score:	733.00
Average Score:	2.79
Min Score:	0.00
Max Score:	405.00

4.3 In the space below, please write any additional comments (positive or negative) you have about the First Year Voice Newsletter

Here is a list of responses for this question.

- ◆ i have never seen one. i would have liked to read a copy when i was a freshman.
- ◆ For a first year student I think the newsletter was ver helpfull.
- ◆ What about upper class newsletter?
- ◆ i necer read it.
- ◆ I've never heard of it.
- ◆ It wasn't distributed in enough in all the first-year student resident halls.

- ◆ I nver read it.
- ◆ It's a great idea, but a lot of freshman did not get it or were not made aware of the publication.
- ◆ This is the first time that I have heard of it. It should be promoted more. Maybe put in the freshman dorms when I can have easy access to it.
- ◆ I have never heard of this publication at all. Why is that?
- ◆ I would like to know why I haven't heard of this newsletter. I would be very interested in reading it.
- ◆ none
- ◆ Where is it?
- ◆ I have never heard of this newsletter.
- ◆ I have never heard of this newsletter.
- ◆ I am sure this publication talks about the fact that this school is forever segregated thanks to the help of the University housing department.
- ◆ I did not even know it existed
- ◆ Gives the Freshman the opportunity to find out about activities and resources available to them
- ◆ none
- ◆ Nver even heard of it - but I would like to read it some time...
- ◆ It is the same thing, over and over again.
- ◆ never read it
- ◆ havent read it
- ◆ never heard of it
- ◆ Never Heard of it
- ◆ none
- ◆ none
- ◆ Never heard of it. It's my first year here.
- ◆ it was nice to have something to read with pictures about what would be going on before i got up here, i dont remember it too clearly as its been so long since i read one
- ◆ i have never seen it or heard of it
- ◆ I have never heard of the First Year Voice Newsletter. I had to learn different places on campus by myself. It needs to be publicized more.
- ◆ in question 4.2 you regreted to provide negative comments to be checked off!
- ◆ I did not read it; I am an upperclassman.
- ◆ I've never heard of it.
- ◆ It should be distributed better
- ◆ It was great around the holiday time (i.e. Thanksgiving) because it had the phone numbers for the Airport and the Regional Transportation Center, and special bus and train deals.
- ◆ have not read it
- ◆ Its a good way to inform all students and put first year student at ease.
- ◆ Never really looked at it, but maybe in the future, i will pay more attention to it and read it.
- ◆ i have never read it. but i hear it is damn good.
- ◆ A VIDEO RENTAL PLACE ON CAMPUS WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT IDEA
- ◆ its cool
- ◆ I wish i knew about it, it could have been helpful.
- ◆ make more of it available
- ◆ never seen it
- ◆ None
- ◆ I havent read it yet...
- ◆ FIRST OF ALL< CHECK QUESTION 4.2, it is unanswerable, it says very useful, somewhat useful, neutral, somewhat useful, very useful, what is good and what is bad. Second of all, YOU CANNOT MAKE A 2 SIDED NEWSLETTER, how the heck are RA's supposed to post it, they leave it in the lounge and it gets thrown out, they cannot put it up on the board because ou wont be able to read the back side of it.
- ◆ i have never even heard about this newsletter before
- ◆ It was informative.
- ◆ we don't even know that it exists, advertise it better.
- ◆ have never recieved it
- ◆ didn't see it
- ◆ I don't even know what it is. this newsletter should be advertised to make first year students aware of it.
- ◆ havnet read
- ◆ I have never heard about this Newsletter. It should be more publicized, I would like to read it.
- ◆ Send a letter to the first year students that they are available.
- ◆ I never read it.
- ◆ I HAVE NEVER HEARD ABOUT THIS!!!!
- ◆ no commment
- ◆ How new is the first year voice? I do not remember ever reading it last year as a freshman, nor have i heard about it from any of my friends that are freshman this year.

- ◆ I never got it.
- ◆ I thought the one during finals was very useful by letting people know library hours and such.
- ◆ i have never heard of this newsletter....but would be interested in reading it.
- ◆ no experience with it
- ◆ never heard of it
- ◆ I find that students do take the time to pick it up and read it when copies are lying around the lounge. I think the most popular information in the First Year Voice is the "front page" story. The front page always has something pretty enlightening about campus life.
- ◆ i've never heard of it before
- ◆ They should let it be known better that there is one.
- ◆ I haven't read it yet
- ◆ never heard of it
- ◆ N/A
- ◆ This is the first that I have heard of it
- ◆ this may be more effective if it was distributed earlier and maybe in every freshman mailbox or room etc
- ◆ FIX the answer options for question 4.2
- ◆ not as catchy as the DO
- ◆ I think every student needs only a basic information to live in the campus. To much information makes people only confused. Therefore I only agree to the simple information systems.
- ◆ never read it before
- ◆ it sucks ass
- ◆ I have never even seen it... I would like to know what it is .. it sounds interesting
- ◆ Provide it to transfer students, not just freshmen
- ◆ never read it
- ◆ I have never heard of it.
- ◆ I think that as a diverse university we should get away from the idea that there is anyone on the campus that is a minority in the sense that minority = inferiority. Why shouldn't this info be available for all first year students and I think our clubs should be more integrated.
- ◆ never seen it
- ◆ it was great for my residents who are first year students
- ◆ show me the money!
- ◆ never read it - not a first year student
- ◆ what is it?
- ◆ Never heard of it.
- ◆ no comments
- ◆ I have never seen it before, nor do I know where to find it.
- ◆ ok.
- ◆ I've never heard of it.
- ◆ Should be distribute to all the first year dorms.
- ◆ I don't even know that such a thing exists. The Office of Multi Cultural Affairs seems only to deal with hispanics and African- American, i'm neither, yet i'm a minority- i'm Indian. There's nothing for us. THIS is not fair.
- ◆ Even though it was last year, I remember liking the newsletter. I found it to be very interesting.
- ◆ The issue I saw was simply information about finals. It did not really serve a purpose of interest rather than reference. I think more promotion of actual activities within the newsletter would be more helpful.
- ◆ I would like to receive the First Year Voice Newsletter.
- ◆ How can student organizations get information in the First Year Voice?
- ◆ i really ned the money for my kid please
- ◆ The phone numbers for the airport and Regional Transportation Center were very helpful, as was the information about special deals to and from major cities for Thanksgiving.
- ◆ very educational and gives me a better understanding of SU
- ◆ a multicultural waste of money
- ◆ Even though the First Year Voice is suppose to help all first year students, I feel it is mainly targeted towards minority students.
- ◆ This may have been helpful to me my first year. I would have been interested in the information that it contained. I had many unanswered questions my first year at SU. I wish there had been someone there to help answer them.
- ◆ Have no information about this
- ◆ I can not find the letter easily. So the distribution place and letter volume should be expanded,
- ◆ I have no special impression on it.
- ◆ Never heard of it.
- ◆ Maybe it needs wider distribution - just because you're not a first year student doesn't mean the information doesn't apply. Or maybe you can use it to help first year students you know.
- ◆ No.
- ◆ umm... i wouldn't know where to go to read one
- ◆ ?

- ◆ Have not even seen it
- ◆ Race should not be included in the theme, this is not necessary, and provokes a form of imposition on those who it is written about and for those few who read it. Stop being politicaly correct and start being academically honest. Thats what this place is, right? An academic institution. Try publishing something that reflects the first year academic experiece, insted of progressing a false conciousness of first year politics.
- ◆ Looks like a good idea needing time to nuture and mature
- ◆ No Comments, Haven't read it!
- ◆ It's very useful for new students to get information about SU. I think it is better if it has more information for international student.
- ◆ I've never heard of it
- ◆ I would like to get one
- ◆ not yer read, don't know
- ◆ Never heard of it.
- ◆ NA
- ◆ I have never even heard of it.
- ◆ needs more information on other campus events(current) including things like joining/registration ie where to go.
- ◆ it can be better
- ◆ None
- ◆ n/a
- ◆ never heard of it
- ◆ i liked the fact that the library hours were written in there and the scholarship information, the information on the speaker for MLk was good too
- ◆ i have never heard of it. if i had, i would have definitely taken a look at it.
- ◆ haven't read it
- ◆ I haven't read it.
- ◆ How come I have never heard about it???
- ◆ I have never heard of it before, and I transferred here 3 years ago.
- ◆ I've never even heard of it
- ◆ n/a
- ◆ I have never seen it.
- ◆ i think that you should put links to these things here on this page. i teach freshmen and didn't even know that this newsletter existed. do you know about a journal of student writing that we publish in the writing department called _Intertext_?
- ◆ -does not apply-
- ◆ I had no idea that such a publication existed.
- ◆ I have never even heard of it.
- ◆ I have not seen yet.
- ◆ I wish it existed when I was a freshman
- ◆ Transferred in as a Sophomore.
- ◆ never heard of it
- ◆ Never heard of it!
- ◆ I think that it is a good idea. In fact anything that gives students a feeling of being part of a group is a good idea since most students need the support of being part of a community. However, it should be done in such a manner that belonging has a "cool" rather than "uncool" image.
- ◆ never read it...don't think it was available when I was a freshman...at least I never got a copy!
- ◆ NEed to publish and get out more often
- ◆ I have never even heard of it
- ◆ I feel that it shows a caring attitude towards first year students.
- ◆ never read it.
- ◆ I'm not sure if this is a new publication--I never received it as a freshmen. Who are you targeting?
- ◆ ive never heard of it.
- ◆ I am not sure of how to even obtain one. The fall semester was my first semester, and I have never recieved information on this
- ◆ Good
- ◆ As a graduate student of color,new student, new to campus and new to syracuse, I asked for inclusion in the Office of Multicultural affairs newsletter and other publications. I was told by the coordinator that I could not have access to this information and I would need to find my way around by other means. I felt both insulted and abandoned. Graduate students can be valuable assets to any program and we deserve inclusion. After all, we are not exempt from student activity fee.
- ◆ None
- ◆ dont know
- ◆ This is the first time I am hearing of this . So I have no comments
- ◆ i like the ads for the bars so i know where the best hppy hour deal is
- ◆ I hope that it is published for everyone, not just given to the Resident Advisors. RAs do not hang them up or

anything, because it is hard to hang up a booklet style paper. If we hang it up, people may only read the first page and not read the rest. I personally read it, and tell my guys about any info that may of interest to them....But I never hang it up, I dump it away....Maybe if not already, the FYVN should be sent to all residents instead of just the RAs.

- ◆ I have never heard of it!!
- ◆ I did not even know it existed.
- ◆ The publication is not circulated enough. I have never heard of it until right now.
- ◆ No comment
- ◆ I didn't read it.
- ◆ As a first year student, I have never heard of the First Year Newsletter, so maybe it is not promoted/distributed well enough.
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- ◆ Don't even know it is in existance
- ◆ N/A.
- ◆ The free weight area in the gym needs definite improvement. It is very hard to get the weights you need there.
- ◆ I do not even Know what it is!
- ◆ I transferred in my junior year and I never heard of this newsletter.
- ◆ I Think it is a good idea to have such a newsletter but it isn't visible to students and it doesn't have truly pertinent information.
- ◆ n/a
- ◆ none
- ◆ It's not really that good at this point but I can definatly see it getting better with time. It's a new thing that just started last year right?
- ◆ Have not even heard about it
- ◆ whats this for?
- ◆ I was unaware that the First Year Voice Newsletter even existed.
- ◆ The Student Voice?
- ◆ I have never even heard of this newsletter

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