

Bloggin' Life Away!

Cyberjournals help students stay in touch.



Log on to www.drury.edu/whydrury and see our featured bloggers, including Kristy Ladd, a freshman from Kansas City who will keep us updated on her Drury experiences.

It used to be that students wrote letters to family and friends, sent them through the good old U.S. Postal Service, and waited for a response.

No longer.

Trackbacks, photo essays, and blog entries are a way of life for some Drury students. It has become an immediate way to download their innermost thoughts and impressions, as well as show others about their personal experience.

Kent Otto, for example, took his readers along with him to India and Malaysia during the spring 2005 semester. Otto was one of two Drury Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) student interns. On www.kentotto.com, Kent not only wrote about his experiences, he showed them, with pictures of a tiny Kent near the Taj Mahal, and a shot of the world's tallest skyscraper.

"I did it to keep in contact with family and friends while abroad," Otto said. He hasn't been posting recently, although that's partly because he's changing his blog a bit. He saw the blog

as another way to journal, something he's been doing since high school.

Elise Winn also saw her blog as a way to commit to keeping a journal. She blogged about her summer internship for the Drury website. Elise's Editing Adventure www.drury.edu/whydrury lets the reader follow her through the pirate shop, up the stairs, and into *McSweeney's*, the hip literary journal where Winn worked. The blog really was Winn's writing journal of her time in San Fran.

"In a new city, especially one I connect with, I always feel compelled to write," Winn explained. "I know I should make time to scrawl a few lines in a notebook, but often I don't."

"Writing the Drury blog helped me keep to some type of writing schedule, something that I struggle with, and forced me to make a record of at least some of my thoughts about San Francisco, *McSweeney's*, and the summer as it happened."

For Meg Myers '05, The Life of Meg was therapy. She blogged

about her final semester, and the blogging helped keep her sane.

"It helped me, it made me attach meaning to certain things in life," Myers says. "When you attach that meaning, I could understand why things were happening, you could look at something as funny, rather than stressful. It changed my perspective on life a little."

Myers no longer blogs, partly because in her new career at the Tulsa Area United Way, she simply doesn't have the time. But she's thinking about bringing it back, maybe as a way to help this year's seniors through their transition from student to the working world.

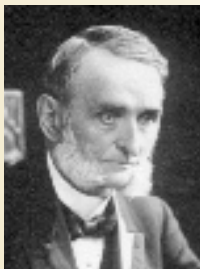
"It's a very, very hard transition to complete," Myers explains. Blogging helped her, and she hope it helps others:

"I really needed to blog. It's just good for anybody."

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proud of or took greater joy in his children than I do in my colleges. They are good and growing children and are my crown and joy. I have watched them, scolded them, nurtured them and loved them and they are a great and growing joy to me." **Dr. Daniel Kimball Pearsons, 1912.**



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it my personal responsibility and duty to support such institutions as Drury to the limit of my ability."
Herman Warden Lay, 1967.



"There were two main reasons for that decision – one a very personal reason, I'll admit. [My years at Drury] gave me a broadened

outlook on life and a thirst for greater learning that has been a motivating force throughout my life. I shall always be grateful to Dr. Meador and others at Drury for their kindness to me, and their faith in me, at a critical time in my life." **Ernest R. Breech, 1960.**



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