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1. Primary Research #1: Obervations
   1. I sat through the duration of a few clubs and organizations: Photographic Sciences Club, Anime Club, and Hand Lettering Club. The Anime and Hand Lettering Clubs were said to be ‘leisure’ clubs while the Photographic Sciences Club was said to be more educational. I also was thinking of sitting through a session of PiRIT on Friday, November 13.

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| Observations | Thoughts |
| The main advisor drew some words on the board | This club involved a lot of communication and discussions which could improve social skills within students |
| Students were talking about the font of characters | The discussions force students to involve themselves more |
| One student talked about how their interest in calligraphy led to more fun in their lives | This club is a great way for students to have fun and involve themselves in something other than school work; keep themselves busy |
| Most students brought paper and pencils | The class draws in a specific audience: people interested in calligraphy and lettering |
| There’s a discussion about future projects | Being involved on the school campus can help students be more active and keep themselves occupied |

Anime Club Hand Lettering Club

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| Observations | Thoughts |
| Everyone was friendly | Good environment for students to enjoy themselves |
| They all seemed to know each other | Easy to make friends and helps with communication and social skills |
| Everyone was basically chatting, not much formal communication | This club is meant for enjoyment and for people to have fun; more for hobbies |
| Most students had their laptops out looking at Anime shows and pictures | The environment was made for students to relax and not worry about much |
| Some students have drawing booklets | It’s an opportunity for students to do something other than studying or school work |
| There was music playing in the background | Very informal environment; students who are in the club enjoy relaxing and not doing much |

Photographic Sciences Club

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| Observations | Thoughts |
| The club was in a computer lab | Involved some work with computers and cameras |
| The professor/advisor discusses future projects in the club | This club was more educational |
| A lot of hand-on activity with cameras and computers | The club is designed for students majoring in Photographic Sciences |
| Students were in groups working on different projects | While it is educational, it does show the importance of communication and teamwork |
| Music was playing in the background | The environment was still laid back and relaxing |

**Final Thoughts on Observations**: The two leisure clubs, Anime Club and Hand Lettering Club, were both very laid back and were made for students to have fun outside of school work and have some free time. There was music playing and people were chatting and having fun. The same was with the Photographic Sciences Club but that was more educational because students were working on projects to portray throughout campus. This club was designed for students majoring in Photographic Sciences or even Photography in general because it involves a lot of hands-on projects.

1. Primary Research #2: Survey
   1. I wrote out a survey online and shared it on my social media accounts as well as Reddit. After asking my YearOne advisor, I was able to share my survey with our YearOne class as well. Since my YearOne class is very specific in demographics, I kept those results separate and compared them to the results I received online from anonymous users. After checking right before this submission, I only have 32 entries online but my YearOne class is 22 students, so that totals up to 54 people total.

Questions:

1. What is your gender?
2. What is your age?
3. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you’ve received?
4. How happy are you with the choice of university-sponsored extracurricular activities?
5. How often do you/did you participate in extracurricular activities at your school/college?
6. What types of activities would you/did you participate in if they were available on campus?
7. If you do not participate in an activity on campus, why not?
8. How likely is it that you would recommend a club/organization you’re a part of to a friend or colleague?
9. How much of a sense of belonging do you/did you feel at school, especially with extracurricular activities?

I have only gone through half of the results from my YearOne class because most answers were all over the place so it’s been taking some time to separate the answers. The results for the online survey are here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/analyze/Bhicr5SfPajqPgF_2F6Me6MVbLoW6iI_2FO0W5SrpXwUgBU_3D>

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Another form of primary research that I plan on conducting sometime next week is an interview with the advisor for the Photographic Sciences Club. I have my interview questions almost finished and will probably conduct the interview after the club meets.