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Business or service?

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Recently, students have voiced dissatisfaction with the food prices in the Wintergreen Cafe, commonly referred to as the "Gorge." The opinions of students range from: "they're extremely high" to "they suck."

Ed Moffinger, director of Housing and Food Services, said that the "Gorge's" prices are understandable. "Housing and Food Services is self-supporting. We do not receive funding from Penn State University," he said.

Except for a few items that are pre-priced by the manufacturers, H & F Services sets the prices of the food items. Moffinger has compared the prices in the "Gorge" to other restaurants.

"We try to make an honest effort to stay in line with the prices," said Moffinger.



Photo by Stephanie Payne/Contributing Photographer

WINTERGREEN CAFE: The prices at the Wintergreen Cafe, "Gorge," have been the center of much student criticism.

He said that the "Gorge's" prices for hamburgers and subs are comparable to food restaurants not running special offers. Price discrepancies do occur among

items found in grocery stores and convenient stores.

An eight ounce container of Cal 80 yogurt sells for 89 cents in the "Gorge" while Wegman's

carries the same item for 57 cents. Snakwell's cookies sell for \$2.47 in the "Gorge" but are only \$1.98 at Phar-Mor. Moffinger justifies these price

differences "because of the large volumes grocery stores purchase at."

Otis Spunkmeyer cookies are three for a dollar at Country Fair stores and are .55 cents in the "Gorge." According to Moffinger, "little money is made off of the cookies and this price discrepancy is something to be looked into."

When asked if the students' complaints were justified, Moffinger responded, "Some complaints are justified. However, you could find anything, anywhere, anyplace cheaper."

"We're here to serve the students and enhance their quality of life," he added.

Concerning future price changes, large decreases are unlikely but Moffinger says, "We will look to reassess menu items and prices."

Student joins rank of honor guard

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If you were watching the inauguration of Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge, you might have seen Erie native and Penn State-Behrend student Scott Woznicki.

Woznicki was a member of the honor guard at the inauguration. He was selected from Erie's National Guard unit, the 1st battalion 112th infantry division. The decision was based on appearance, respectability, and reliability.

Woznicki is a third semester Earth and space science / environmental science secondary education major. He also graduated from Cathedral Preparatory School in Erie.

Woznicki is secretary of the radio club, works on a volunteer basis at WPSE, and is a faithful patron of the Back Room in the Reed Building.

His duties in the National Guard include driving a Hum-Vee (a large military vehicle) and firing a TOW missile. "I am a heavy anti-armor weapons infantryman."

"A TOW missile is a tubular, optically launched, wire guided missile system. It takes out tanks and certain kinds of aircraft."

Woznicki enjoyed being part of such an important event. "I kept people away from the Governor when he was walking through a crowd of people, and worked with secret service agents. I had a pass

to go anywhere in Harrisburg which included the capital building."

Woznicki was next to Gov. Ridge while he was being inaugurated.

"It was really neat to see pictures of former Governors and to talk with Secret Service agents on top of the capital building."

Woznicki said one of the reasons he went into the National Guard was because of his father, "I went into the service to serve my country, save money at school, and to be part of something my dad was in."

After graduation Woznicki plans on being a Earth and space science teacher.

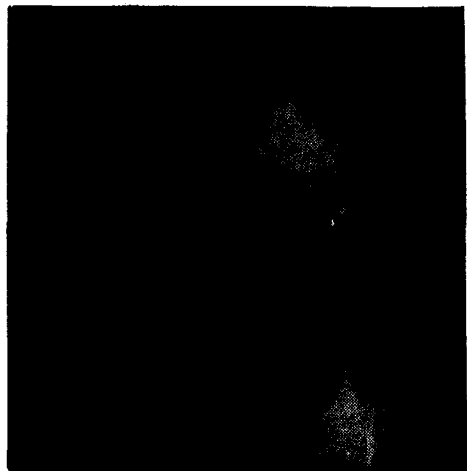


Photo by Jennifer Bernier
Scott Woznicki: heavy anti-armor weapons infantryman

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