

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What do you think of Penn State's Academic Advising System?



"It's good when you can figure out who your adviser is."

Erin Henninger
Commu, 04



"I use the computer system... I think it's a good influence, because we use it (computers) everyday."

Blake Miller
EET 04



"I like and use the computer system, because you can schedule at midnight on the first day you are able to."

Libbie Johnson (left), COMMU 06

"I think it's a helpful system."

Jamie Martin (center), MIS 06

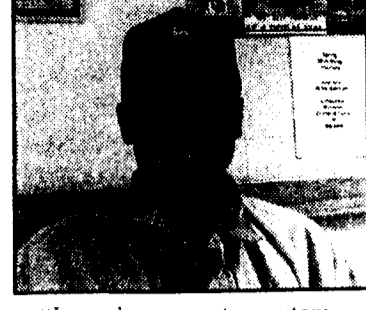
"I think it's easy to access."

Mai Tang (right), MIS 08



"It's pretty good... I use the computer system... it's a good program."

Jason Engstrom
EET 06



"I use the computer system, because all you have to do is punch in the numbers... My adviser didn't help me... he had no information for me at all."

Darren Stockton
Mechanical Engineering 02

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careers or to choose graduate schools.

To get more variety of companies to recruit on campus, Watters and the other CDC counselors want to continue reaching out to companies and establish connections. "We try to have our faculty members talk to the employer about our academic programs because some [employers] are not familiar with Behrend. However, many hiring companies always come back for recruiting once they get their foot in the door," said Watters. "We'd like to focus on reaching out to more companies, especially to [provide] more opportunities for students in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences." Watters would like to invite stu-

dents to start planning for their future career. The counselors in the CDC office help students to achieve their career goals. Students can go to Mary Beth Peterson, the Director of the CDC, for guidance in choosing and exploring their majors. Carrie Payne, the other Assistant Director of the CDC, helps students to establish a resume and find internships to best fit their career goals.

The CDC offers individual career counseling, internship counseling, and many career-related workshops including Resumes & Cover Letters, Job Interviews, Graduate School Programs, and Conducting a Job Search. The office also provides different technological equipment, such as: PictureTel video interview-

ing system to eliminate the eight hours of travel time for University Park interviews; FOCUS II to help students make informed decisions about their educational and career plans; and resume registering with the Career Management System. Every year the CDC office holds large career fairs where employers visit the campus and talk to students regarding careers, internships, summer, and full-time jobs.

The CDC office is located on the first floor of Reed Union Building. Nearly all information about and provided by the CDC is located on their homepage at <<http://www.pserie.psu.edu/career/cdcindx.htm>>.

SEMINARS

and FTP. Instructors also have the option of requesting additional seminars.

Instructors who want various seminars offered for their students, such as PowerPoint, Excel, and FTP, must complete the Computer Resource Requirement Form. This form is distributed to the college and various departments before the end of each semester. This allows adequate time for instructors to make arrangements with the Computer Center for the following semester. For additional information on scheduling a seminar, please contact Carolyn Dudas, multimedia & computer support specialist, at ddz@psu.edu.

Tutorials are another service the Computer Center offers in educating students and faculty about computer programs. Over 600 tutorials are available on the web for all faculty, staff, and students. These tutorials focus on general computer topics along with information technology. Those available include Office 2000, networking, and Unix.

The Center of Academic Computing at University Park offers these tutorial programs, provided that a student or faculty member has an Access Account.

Without this account, students and staff will be unable to access the tutorials. These tutorials are free of charge and covered by the computer technology fee paid by students annually. More information pertaining to these tutorials may be found at <http://wbt.cac.psu.edu>.

Computer Center staff members are also available to accommodate students with any questions they might have while working in the

computer lab. Their duties include, but are not limited to, installing, repairing problems, recommending hardware and software, assuring students' connection to the Internet, and providing assistance for various technology needs. Assistance or work orders may be requested anytime through the web at www.pserie.psu.edu/compctr/workorder.htm or by contacting the Computer Center at x6250.

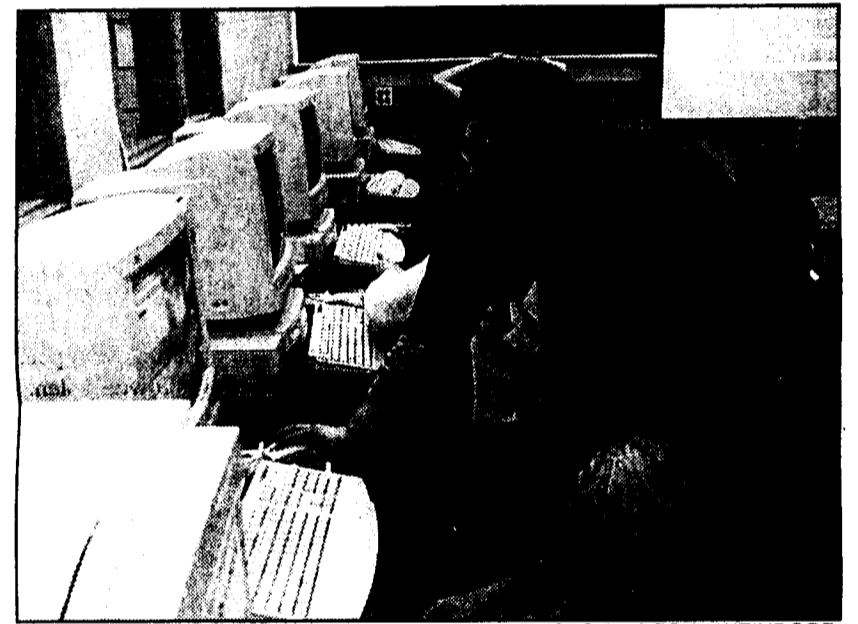


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Amanda Carlson, one of the Computer Center's help desk workers, assists student Alison Braham in the Hammermill computer lab.

Students given server storage space

by Baena Cabiri
staffwriter

What do twenty percent of the students of this campus use that makes computing easier? P Drives.

Students venturing to the computer labs need no longer worry if they brought their floppy disk. Plus, no more wasted hours of re-typing reports because the disk has been corrupted or left behind. The university has started providing network space, called "P Drives" for all students at Behrend.

This storage space was, until recently, only offered to students majoring in the engineering fields. Now all that is needed is for any student to access this space is to pick up an instruction sheet from the computer center or the

library computer lab and follow the directions.

P Drive space is limited to 5 megabytes for students. Access of the drive is restricted to the lab areas and the computer kiosks located around the campus, but that hasn't stopped 20% of students, with the number slowly increasing, from taking full advantage.

"It was popular with engineering students," remarked Todd Say, computer lab coordinator, "so we wanted to provide the students with a way to check their e-mail without a disk."

P Drives are not only limited to saving email; one may save any file format that can be stored on a computer. Say also added that "since the information is stored on the network, it is backed up daily... floppy disks are so fragile, it is easy to lose the information."

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