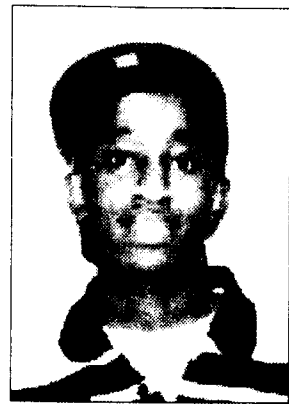


# NEWS

## Where would you like to see LionCash accepted?



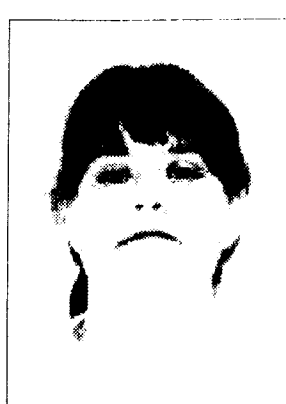
"Maybe Wal-Mart or something."

Samuel Nyutu  
Comp. Eng.  
05



"Basically Everywhere."

Zeynep Ezgi  
Muderrisoglu  
Undecided  
03



"I'd like to see it accepted at Wal-Mart."

Amy Laird  
Psychology  
05



"A grocery store. Maybe Giant Eagle or Wal Mart."

Catherine Feath  
Communication  
05



"Taco Bell. Any of the fast food places would be fine."

B.J. Shields  
English  
07

Have a suggestion for question of the week? E-mail ideas to jah1005@psu.edu.

## LionCash brings convenience

By Dawn Richards  
staff writer

In November of 2004, Penn State University joined the technological revolution when 80,000 LionCash plus I.D. cards were introduced at over 25 Penn State Campuses; 6,000 of which were distributed to Penn State Erie, The Behrend College. These cards promised a new and more convenient way for students to do laundry, buy books at the Penn State Book Store, and dine at on- and off campus locations.

With this technology, Behrend students can add funds by going to the new Housing and Services office (located in Senat Hall) by adding money at the cash register in Bruno's, or by easily adding funds through [www.idcard.psu.edu](http://www.idcard.psu.edu) with the use credit or debit cards.

LionCash Plus was first introduced to Penn State University after the failure of its Diners Club cards, which were computer chip generated ID cards. These cards were similar to LionCash because they allowed students to use the laundry facilities, dine at the dining halls and use the vending machines; however, there were many draw backs with this card; the first being that only 99 dollars were allowed on each card which meant that students would have to frequently replenish their cards.

Another setback was that when a student lost his or her card there was no way to retrieve the money that was on it because the account information was only attainable through that card. So if the card was either lost or stolen who ever found it would be able to deplete its funds and the owner would not even be able to suspend the missing card. The owner would have to get a new card and then add more money to that card. A third problem was that the students could only add funds to the card by taking it to the Housing and Food Services office,

or by sticking them into a cash machine then entering cash into those machines. These machines were very unreliable because they were weak and would break down easily and frequently. It would take days for someone to come and fix them because there weren't any repairmen in Erie.

While in the process of reconstructing PSU ID numbers by using Social Security conversion, the University Board decided to also reconstruct their Dinners Club Card. The board decided to make their ID cards into a debit card that could be used just like its predecessor except the entire card's information would be stored at a database at University Park.

If a student either lost his or her card or reported it stolen, the student could deactivate the card, get a new one, and still obtain the funds that were left on the card before it was misplaced. As an added bonus, students could now add any amount of cash to the card through a University-controlled website 24 hours a day, seven days a week and through cash registers at the dining halls. The only problem with this idea was that the name was quite peculiar (The Diner's Club of LionCash), so of course the board got rid of the name and now calls it LionCash Plus.

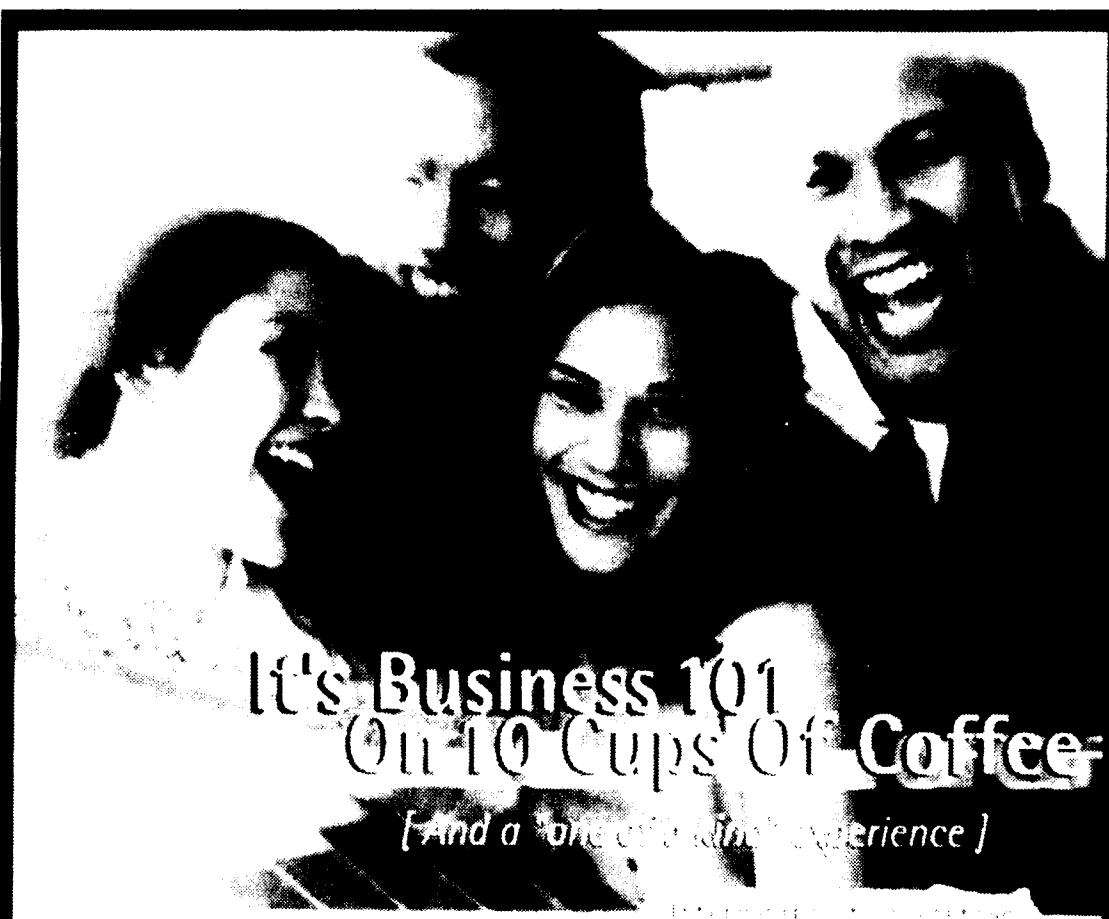
Today students are enjoying the convenience of not having to handle paper and coined money. Students also receive ten percent of every purchase made with the Lion Plus Card. Store and restaurants such as Mc Donald's and Quiznos are now accepting LionCash Plus Cards. First-year Political Science major Ashley Harris agrees that "I would have gone crazy if I had the Diner's Club card, so I definitely appreciate having this new card. I just wish I knew how to do it online."

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## Quotes on Civility

The words you use today should be soft and tender... for tomorrow you may have to eat them."  
- Unknown

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## Police and Safety

9/15/06 1:00 a.m.

- Noticed a vehicle had driven between the top and middle tier of the Ohio Hall parking lot.

9/15/06 4:55 a.m.

- Janitorial employee reported that a computer keyboard was missing from room 57 in the Kochel Center.

9/15/06 6:14 a.m.

- Student reported damage to vehicle.

9/16/06 12:40 a.m.

- An officer approached quad, on-duty RAs reported numerous disturbances in that area. Large groups of students were seen in the area. Alleged fights were reported but none were actually discovered. Participants had left the scene prior to the officers' arrival. Officers walked the quad with RAs per their request.

9/17/06 3:45 a.m.

- Officers were dispatched to Tiffany Hall after the above-named individual was found lying on a floor in one of the suites. This person was intoxicated to the extent that he had to be transported to St. Vincent Health Center via ambulance.

9/18/06 8:00 p.m.

- The computer center reported that another hard drive has been stolen from a computer at the REDC building.

9/20/06 7:35 p.m.

- Computer Center reported another hard drive was stolen from a computer in Nick 155.