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The Student Voice

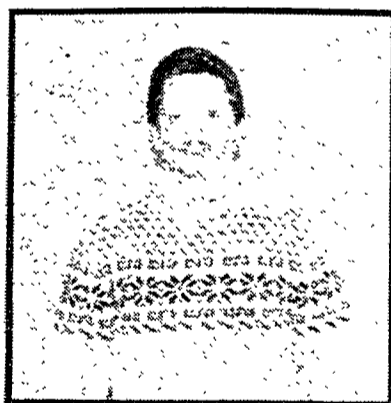
During the course of this semester, there seemed to be a problem with scheduling classes during the lunch periods. In order that the Records Office get a true understanding of the nature of this problem, a question was posed to some students about how they felt. The responses were as follows:



Ken Crumbacker

Ken Crumbacker - Seventh Semester, Accounting

"The people that it hurts the most are the students that live in the residence halls. These people are only allocated a certain amount of time for lunch and some of their classes tend to overlap. Commuters aren't hurt so bad because the time period for them to eat lunch is not the same. It is an hour or so longer."



Dave Allen

Dave Allen - Third Semester, MIS

"With the high enrollment and limited classroom space, there was probably no other way to offer the classes they needed. Hopefully with the addition of the Hammermill and Zurn Buildings they can avoid scheduling classes over the lunch and allow commuters like myself to eat three meals a day again."

Bill Faggiano - First Semester, Biological Science

"For most commuters it's nothing much, but for dorm students, other classes are filled up and some students have to work. If the classes were scheduled at other times during the day,

"How Do You Feel About Classes Scheduled During Your Lunch Hour?"

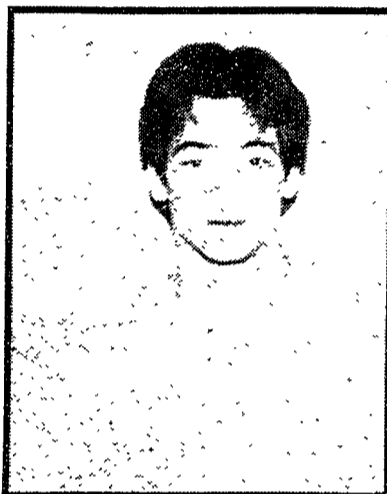


Bill Faggiano

this would limit this inconvenience very much, I'm sure instructors feel the same way."

Craig Altmine - Third Semester, Engineering

"Classes should be scheduled straight through the day. I feel that you should take lunch into consideration when scheduling your classes. Dobbins offers a two hour lunch serving period, which should be sufficient for anyone's schedule."



Greg Thompson

Greg Thompson - First Semester, MET

"I think that lunch should be off for everybody. No one should have to go to classes and not eat lunch. I don't see how it could be that hard to reschedule classes or just make lunch hours longer. There is no justice in paying for a 'meal ticket' and being refused a meal."

Bill Harten - First Semester, Business

"A lunch period would be very good for the general student body because it would allow time for friends to have a break together, plus it would allow a set time for clubs to meet. Also, the way the schedule is now, some people are missing lunch on certain days. I don't think it would be hard for the college to give the students a break."

Francis Green - Sixth Semester, Accounting

"A set lunch period would not be possible for obvious reasons.

Dobbins hasn't the capacity to seat the entire student body of Penn-State Behrend at one time. I think a lot of students would have to be turned away due to the lack of available space."

"Students should be able to allot a selected amount of time to eat lunch without too much of an inconvenience to their schedules. This would eliminate the massive rush and confusion ensuing a common lunch period."

Ed Applegate - First Semester, Accounting

"As a resident student, I have paid for all of my lunches in advance. We all know that a large number of people have a hard time getting to breakfast in the morning, and having to get through the day until dinner would be painful. I feel that it



Ed Applegate

isn't fair to schedule classes during the lunch time."

Interviews conducted by Collegian Staff Writer Gregory Goldsmith.

Club Visits Children

by Marge Tomczak
Collegian Staff Writer

Members of the Psychology Club are going to be brothers and sisters very soon. No, there aren't going to be any births. They are getting involved with the Sarah Reed Children's Center.

The center provides a home for children six through eighteen years of age who are unable to live at home due to emotional or social disorders. The center has residents from Kentucky, West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

The Behrend Psychology Club has recently become involved with the program. Modeled after the nationally known Big Brothers-Big Sisters program, each member is matched with a child who becomes his or her little brother or little sister.

Tim Davis, vice-president of the Psychology Club, said, "The big brother or big sister goes to the center once a week to visit and spend some time with the little

brother or sister. Hopefully we'll be able to take the kids out someplace later on. We want to provide them with a role model who is not a teacher or a member of the staff."

Davis stated, "Dr. Rosenfeld, our club advisor, received a letter from the Sarah Reed Center asking for help and he presented the idea before the membership. We felt that helping the kids would be a good thing to do and it would also give us experience in social services, a field that is part of the psychology discipline."

"The opportunity is open to all students," said Davis. If you are interested ask any member of the Psychology Club or come to a meeting for details. The meetings are Tuesdays at 12:15 in Behrend 117. There are no specific requirements if you volunteer through the club, just a desire to help.

"I personally enjoy it," said Davis, "it is a rewarding experience. I feel like I'm doing something worthwhile. The staff is underfunded and overworked so we not only help the kids, but the staff as well. A couple weeks ago," he continued, "I took a boy to a scout meeting. If I wasn't there to be with him he wouldn't have been able to attend the meeting. Someone drove us there and picked us up, it just meant spending my time with him. There wasn't anyone available to go with him. Spending time and being a friend. That is what it is all about. We eat with the kids sometimes in the cafeteria and play with them. But being a friend is the best thing of all."

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