

# Trash Disposal Slated To Change

By Nathan Lee Gadsden

A recent Pennsylvania law will change the way trash is disposed at Penn State Harrisburg. According to Brian Clark, state senate counsel, Act 101 of 1988 mandates that municipalities pass ordinances requiring recycling of certain solid wastes.

Under such an ordinance, Penn State Harrisburg would have to sort four categories of trash: high grade office paper, corrugated paper, aluminum, and leaf waste.

The Borough of Middletown has until

1990 to comply with the law which includes financial incentives to encourage participation.

Financial penalties for non-compliance are also part of the law.

Speaking on Oct. 10 before a group of students at the Colloquium in Environmental Control, Clark said the law is one of three major legislative initiatives to deal with waste disposal problems in the commonwealth.

The other two areas of concern are hazardous waste disposal sites and storage tank facilities. Since Clark's presentation, Superfund legislation has

been enacted to provide funds to help clean up hazardous waste sites throughout the state.

Nearly 2,000 of the sites have been identified although investigations and preliminary assessments have not been completed.

The Department of Environmental Resources (DER) is currently in the first phase of this process.

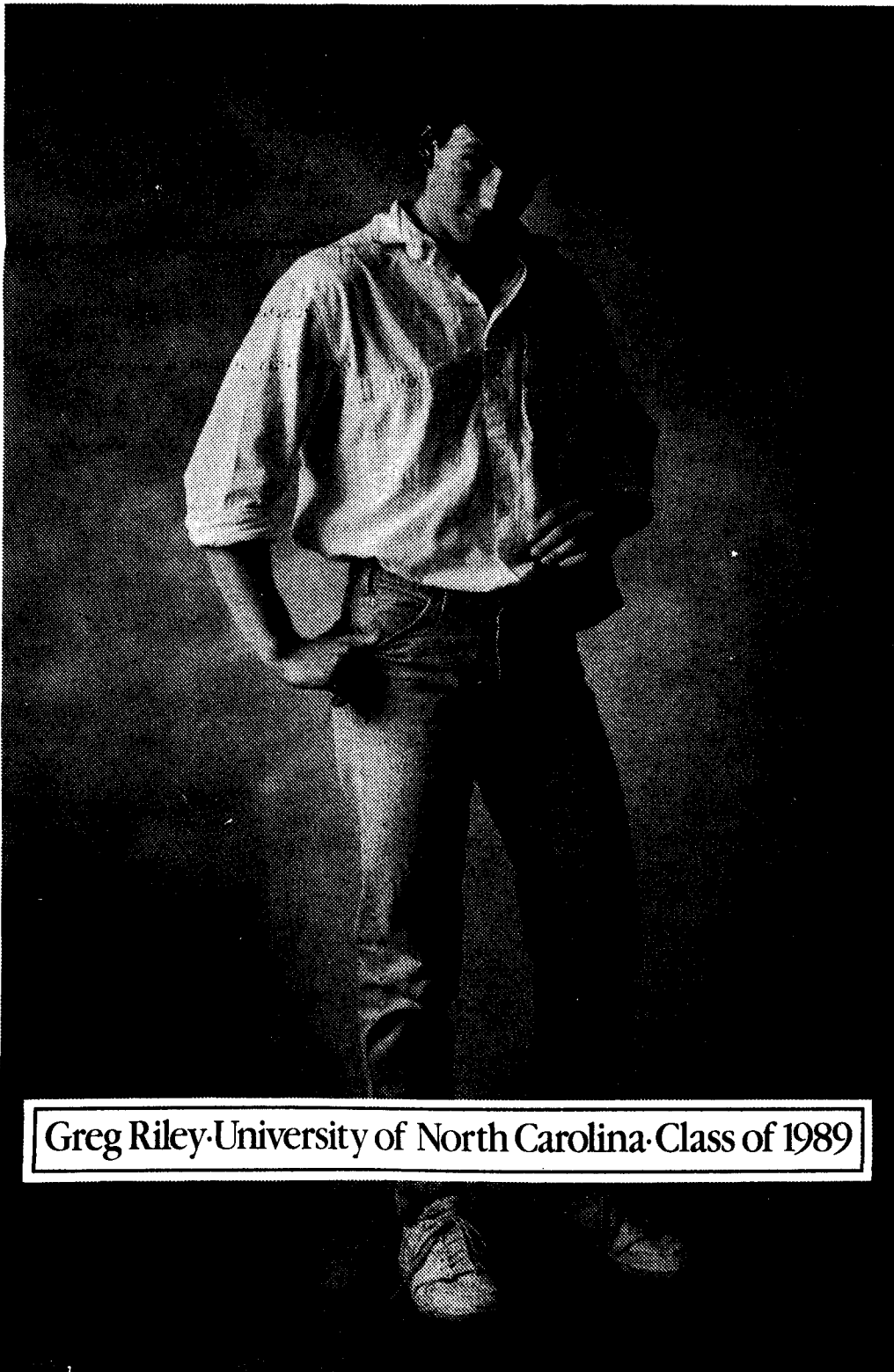
Clark said, "Pennsylvania has the first piece of legislation in the United States to address the storage tank problem. He added that the problem was highlighted by the 1987 Ashland Oil

spill on the Monongahela River in Western Pennsylvania.

The proposed legislation would require companies with above ground or below ground tanks to provide a spill-prevention plan. In the case of a spill, companies would have a time limit to notify downstream water users as well as DER and other state agencies.

The General Assembly is currently engaging in the "most active session for environmental legislation since 1980," said Clark, a graduate of Penn State University and legislative counsel to the Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee.

“I don't want a lot of hype. I just want something I can count on.”



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## Community Council Seeks Members

By Christine Reilly

The Meade Heights Community Council was officially reinstated by the Student Government Association on Wednesday, Oct. 5, but members are desperately needed.

The Council is basically a social organization for Meade Heights, but without support, it will fold.

The main goal of the Council is to unite the people of Meade Heights and to provide more social activities.

It also provides people with an opportunity to focus their thoughts on something other than school work.

President Dave Weaver said, "The Council will help boost the morale and the spirit of the campus by giving people a chance to become acquainted and to get involved."

Some of the activities include video taped movies every other week and various dances throughout the year. They also hope to sponsor a semi-formal at the end of March.

Plans for students to see a Hershey Bears' game are also being considered.

The underprivileged children of Harrisburg and Middletown won't go unnoticed this year thanks to what the Council will call "St. Nick's Day."

Fund raisers will be held to buy Christmas toys for the children on this day.

As one can see, the activities of the Council are centered around having fun and sharing fun.

Meade Heights Community Council is people working side by side to make college life more bearable and more exciting. The dedicated officers of the Council -- President Dave Weaver, Vice President Penny McDonald, Treasurer Rich Snyder, Secretary Bob Harshberger, and Adviser Joe Kupec -- are working very hard to make this year a success.

They urge participation. After all, MHCC is for the community, but without involvement, it will become nonexistent.

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