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Photo by Jen Walker

## Taking the path most traveled?

Students walk over the grassy path, currently being made into a new sidewalk outside of the Olmsted Building's west wing. Now, will they use it?

### Story Update:

## Kern and administration at impasse over contract

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An attempt by students to keep a popular business professor in Penn State Harrisburg classrooms appears to have failed.

University officials last summer told Charles Kern, instructor of accountancy, that he must add a fourth class to his schedule.

Officials, faced with serious budget cuts, have begun to enforce full teaching contract provisions. Kern's contract called for a normal teaching load of four courses.

Kern, who runs a private business, said he has time to teach only the three courses per semester that he has taught for the past 12 years.

Sixty students signed a petition that said they would like to keep Kern in the classroom.

Rick Delgiorno, president of SGA, said he wanted to see SGA help the students be heard.

Delgiorno said he went to Kern to learn if there were any new conditions that might induce Kern to stay.

"I don't want to change the terms of my contract," Kern said. "I want to keep things as they have been for so many years."

Delgiorno said he then asked David Hansen, assistant to the associate provost, if there is any way to keep Kern. Hansen described a part-time contract with a course load that varies depending on how many classes need staffing.

However, Kern said he would not accept a contract on those terms because it does not carry health benefits.

James Mullane, SGA treasurer, said he was concerned that the administration simply accepted Kern's resignation even though students had made an effort to express what was important to them.

Ernest Dishner, dean of faculty, and Krishna Dhir, head of the school of business administration, could not be reached for comment.

### Story Update:

## Eight students charged with disorderly conduct after raid

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Eight Penn State Harrisburg students face charges of disorderly conduct and one student a charge of public drunkenness after police raided two parties in Meade Heights on Oct. 23.

Supervisor of Safety and Police Services Charles Aleksey said that each of the charges carries a maximum fine of \$300.

Charged with disorderly conduct are Crystal Amand, Karl Miller, Scott Kupper, Steven Betarie, Ryan Crouthamel, William Price and Erica Michener. Kurt Reish faces public drunkenness charges, Aleksey said.

Three people who are not students here were also charged with disorderly conduct. Allison Rhodes, Kelly Harman and Albert Kelly, all of Harrisburg, could have been charged with underage drinking, Aleksey said.

These penalties are a result of a six-police department raid of two parties involving more than 100 students.

While police checked IDs, someone slashed a tire and smashed a window on a Middletown police car. Penn State Police Services are investigating to determine who did it. Aleksey said they have no information so far.

Everyone caught at the party had to provide proper identification before being released. Those charged were involved in the collection of money from guests for entry or serving the beer.

People cited for disorderly conduct could have been charged with violation of liquor control laws that make it illegal to

sell alcohol without a license and to serve alcohol to minors. Penalties for this misdemeanor could include a 5-year jail sentence and/or fines of about \$2000, Aleksey said.

"Since everyone cooperated, we decided to go with the lighter sentence," Aleksey said.

The amount of each fine will be set by District Justice Robert Yanich once the pleas are made.

Student allegations have been filed for violations of the University Code of Conduct.

Because of privacy policies, information regarding specific cases cannot be released to the public, said Don Holtzman, director of student affairs.

A student violation of the code of conduct could result in a disciplinary warning, loss of housing contracts, suspension from class or in the extreme--expulsion from the University, Holtzman said.

These actions may be supplemented with educational programs, Holtzman said. For example, students cited for alcohol law violations could be required to attend alcohol awareness classes.

"Our discipline system is geared toward education rather than punishment," Holtzman said.

Police confiscated the \$183 that was collected for admission to the parties. The district attorney told Aleksey that the money could be put into student programs.

"I put it in a Student Government account for the sole purpose of alcohol awareness programs," Aleksey said.

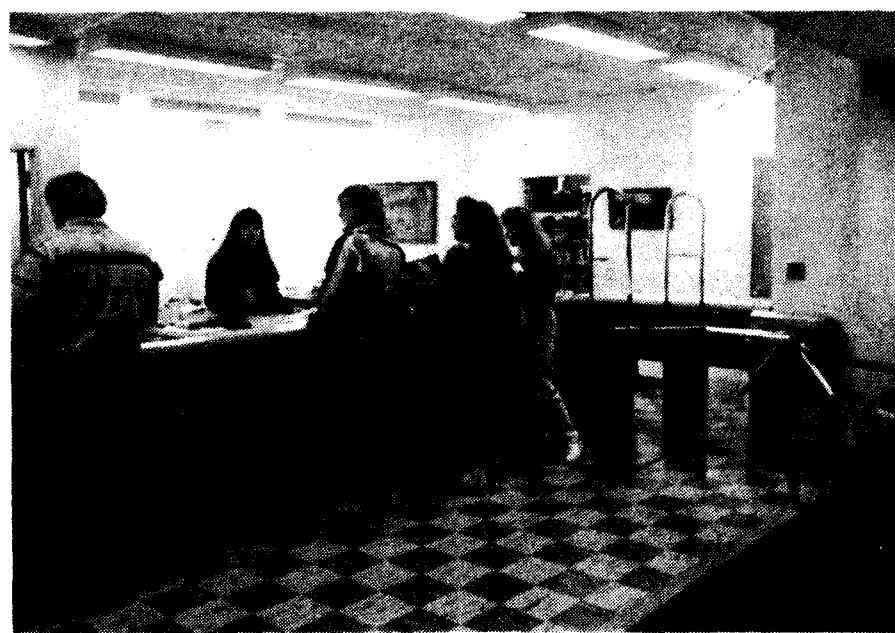


Photo by Michael Starkey

The circulation area in the library has been enlarged and renovated to accommodate the new automated checkout system.

## Library starts automated checkout system today

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Starting today, checking books out of the Heindel Library is as easy as using your MAC card at the grocery store.

The automated check-out system will replace the time-consuming manual procedure, said Harold Shill, head of library and information services division.

"Ten years ago, (the procedure) was taken for granted," Shill said. "That was the way you checked out books." Shill said the old system deterred students

from using the library, which he says will change once automated check-out is implemented.

In the past, students taking out books had to fill out a card for each item, listing the title, author and call number, plus the student's name and address. Shill said this method was not only time consuming, it was painful.

"If you were checking out more than 10 items, you ran the danger of getting writer's cramp," Shill said.

Students must have their college identification card handy when checking

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