

## Parking fees outrage campus

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Penn State - Harrisburg students, already concerned about multiple fees tacked onto their bills, feel next semester's parking fees are extremely overpriced. In 1994, faculty and university employees will be charged \$120 a year to park. Students will pay from \$20 to \$40 each semester. The new fee is drawing strong criticisms.

"It seems like they [the University] are tacking on a lot of fees and I don't see a lot of departments improving or things made available to students," said Mary Honner, a senior Criminal Justice major. She feels the money should be put back into the system to benefit students.

"It's overpriced. I think it should be maybe ten dollars at the most--but 40 bucks?" said Amy, a junior American Studies major. She feels it is unfair to charge students \$40 to park each semester, but could understand a more nominal fee.

"I understand the parking fee...I think we should have to pay to park just like every other campus, but I do think that [the fee] is a little much for college students who have no money anyway," said a senior humanities major.

Ray Stevinski, a junior in Criminal Justice, said, "I don't see any reason for it. I commute and next semester I have classes two days a week. I'm going to pay 40 dollars to park two days a week? I don't think that's fair at all."

"\$40 is way too high," said Doug Campbell, a junior Criminal Justice major. He realizes the approximate amount of money the school will generate from these fees but is uneasy about where it will be spent.

University spokespeople said that the money will go toward new parking lots, roads, handicapped parking, and sidewalks. "All of the money from the program will be used on campus in a conservative budget," said James South, Associate Provost for Administrative Operations.

University employees are affected by a parking fee as well. "The pros are that it's supposed to help with the maintenance of the parking area and walkways. The cons are that we're a small institution and I don't feel it's necessary that we should have to pay," explained one staff member.

"If you look at it in perspective, it's still a relatively inexpensive parking fee as compared to [one] you might pay in downtown Harrisburg," said Karl Martz. "I commute with my wife to work, so the issue would be do we pay together or individually?"

He also said that the administration is trying to encourage people to carpool and use other forms of transportation.

"The good thing is that...maybe more people would carpool. The other thing is that maybe more people would ride bicycles of something of that sort."

"If they want to promote the bicycling idea, they need to do some things to encourage that--for instance, making showers more accessible prior to 8 a.m. for those with classes or early work days," Martz said.

"My only way of getting here is to drive," said a senior psychology major. "It's unfair to have to pay \$40 to park for two to three hours a day."

One staff member, however, had no problem with the parking fee. "I can walk and I'm not paying it."



Photo by Mary Gates

**Global Pursuit: trivia for peace** - One of the few events which did not change location because of Jim Bostik's exhibit *Postmodern Metamorphosis*. The annual tournament of geographic trivia took place Wed., Oct. 6 in the Gallery Lounge.

## Students Speak up

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Students recently vented frustrations over the alleged campus rape and the way the administration, University Police Services and the Public Information Office dealt with the incident.

Security hasn't increased, or increased little, since the alleged Sept. 20th rape and students weren't given adequate information about the attack, students said during an American civilization class lead by Alison D. Hirsch - asst. professor of American studies and history.

Students said police services didn't provide them with basic information concerning their public safety - information they are entitled by law to know. And the Public Information Office down played the incident by posting flyers labeling it as an "accost."

With the impending fear of another rape, students want more security on campus and increased patrols.

The proposed parking fee also angered students. They said they felt that parking should be included with the cost of tuition and that the lots should be kept cleaner during snow season.

Among the many changes at PSH, students were concerned that they were not part of them. Hoping to make a difference in the administration, the class invited Provost and Dean Ruth Leventhal and currently await her reply.

## Campus car crash

Matt Hunt & Michael David Winter  
Capital Times Reporters

On Oct. 21, a single vehicle accident occurred a few hundred feet east of the dorms on Q Street (the road connecting the dorms and Meade Heights to the campus). This is only one of several accidents that were reported last week.

At approximately 2:00 pm, a red Ford Spectrum spun out of control, causing the road to be closed for half an hour. The driver, a female student, was heading onto campus when the car slipped on the wet road, skidded along the cable barrier, and finally spun around. The bulk of the damage to the vehicle occurred when the driver's side front fender smashed into one of the metal support posts. John Lescisko, the officer on

the scene, told *Capital Times* that the vehicle would be taken to a garage and held until the insurance company can appraise the damage.

The tow truck driver, who's name and company are being withheld by request, on arrival at the scene said, "Wet roads will do it." When asked if there were a lot of accidents today, he said, "A few here and there."

This is only one of several accidents that have occurred on campus as of late, Lescisko said.

In the past week there have been five accidents, according to the police blotter at University Police Services.

"It's the rain and the wet leaves on the road," Lescisko said.

People need to drive carefully when they know it's been raining, he said.

## \$cheduling blue\$

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Recently, students discovered a change regarding the course schedule; the schedule of classes will cost \$.90 beginning this semester.

According to Millie Landis of the Registrar's office, the administration felt the new cost was necessary in order to avoid cutting some student activities. The printing costs were getting higher and Penn State could not handle the production without any cost to the students, Landis said.

Students do have an alternative to buying the new course schedule. GOPHER, a file server program available on the terminals of the third floor computer lab, will allow students free access to the course schedule.

Landis said she hopes this will offset any discouragement felt by students.

GOPHER is constantly updated so that changes in the course schedule will be immediately available to students. The administration hopes this will cause less student frustration during the scheduling period.

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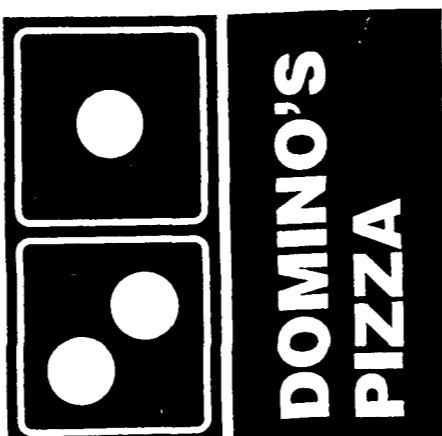
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