

Student Arrests

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PSH police log, eviction notices were served by University police on Aug. 17.

According to a document obtained from Coleman outlining University housing terms, conditions and regulations, housing contracts may be terminated for "violation of University rules and policies, and/or the terms, conditions, and regulations of the Housing Contract."

Possession or use of "non-prescribed drugs" is listed as a violation of the housing contract and "the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance" is listed as a violation of University policy in the Penn State Student Guide to General Policies and Rules.

In discussing their inspection of the apartment, Coleman referred to the terms, conditions and regulations in the University housing contract signed by all Meade Heights' residents. The contract states that "the University unconditionally reserves the right to inspect rooms or houses at times convenient to its staff," and to "terminate rental contracts."

Penn State Harrisburg's Judicial Affairs Officer Dr. Janet Widoff received a student allegation form from PSH police services shortly after the criminal charges were filed. Possession of drugs on campus

is a violation of University policy and the allegation form initiated the University's disciplinary process.

According to Widoff, the procedures are designed to be "respectful to the student and a fair and just adjudication process inside University policy." Widoff contacted Grillo, Crisafulli and Tilva to notify them of the receipt of the allegation form from police services. Following notification, the disciplinary process continued with a disciplinary conference between the Judicial Affairs Officer, in this case Widoff, and the individual students. According to Widoff, policies and sanctions are designed to be uniformly applied throughout Penn State University campuses. Widoff noted that "specific charges require specific sanctions." However, Widoff also noted that information concerning the meetings with the three students, the University sanctions recommended and the students' response to the sanctions is protected by the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Consequently, Grillo, Tilva and Crisafulli's status as students of Penn State Harrisburg is unknown. Attempts to reach the three students for comment have been unsuccessful.

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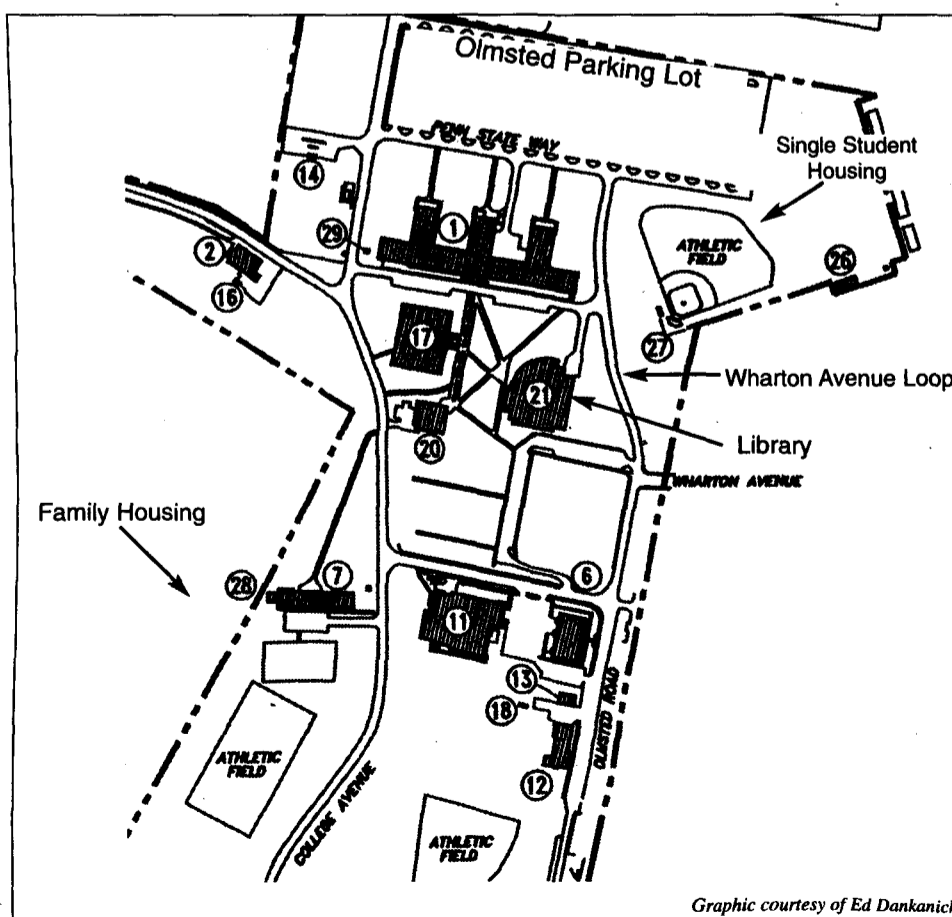
State Way after circling the library. New sidewalks and lights will be installed along the traffic loop. The projected completion date for this phase of the project is summer 2001.

New sidewalks were recently installed to improve handicapped access at the rear of the Olmsted Building. A new entrance-way is in the design phase and should be completed by fall 2001.

Heat plant renovation began this summer and new boilers will be installed this fall.

Olmsted Building projects include a Food Court Town Square in the first floor space formerly occupied by the library. The Food Court Town Square will include a coffee bar, a new Lion's Den and a large meeting room for functions. Work in the Olmsted Building is slated for completion in fall 2001.

Construction on new single-student housing begins soon near the baseball field along College Avenue and housing for families will be located south of the Educational Activities Building. The south side of the Capital Union Building will be expanded and an indoor swimming pool installed by late fall 2001.



Graphic courtesy of Ed Dankanich
Overview of planned campus changes.

CAMPUS POLICE REPORT

August 25, 2000

3:30 p.m. Institutional vandalism: Report of screen and window damage at residence. Housing notified.

August 26, 2000

4:00 p.m. Suspicious activity: M&O reported finding masking tape over door mechanism of Room W210. Tape removed and room secured.

August 27, 2000

11:46 a.m. Parking complaint: Faculty member stopped at station to complain about a ticket received while parked in handicapped parking.

9:25 p.m. Alarm activation: Alarm activated by thunderstorm. Checked building and reset alarm.

11:46 p.m. Assist campus: Power outage due to thunderstorm. Housing and M&O contacted.

September 1, 2000

2:40 a.m. Assist outside agency: Request by Highspire PD to assist with active domestic. Situation resolved.

September 2, 2000

12:45 a.m. Health and Safety: Large tree down on roadway. M&O contacted.

3:15 a.m. Lost and Found: Textbook found on top of VCR cart in room E341.

9:11 p.m. Assisted Steelton PD with a disturbed individual.

9:38 p.m. Assisted Steelton PD with a barricaded subject.

September 3, 2000

6:11 p.m. Report of juveniles playing rough with younger children. Resident Life notified.

September 4, 2000

3:45 p.m. Resident reported accidentally breaking window pane in door. Housing contacted.

Spanier Speaks

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Spanier said the university could not rest on its laurels. Rather, it needs to "ask how we could do a lot more with a little more; how we can change the world, not do more with less."

Spanier called for a renewed commitment to education between the university and the public, at a time when education is viewed by some people as just another commodity or credential. He urged his colleagues to stress citizenship and academic and social responsibility among students. More importantly though, he encouraged all students to do more than just share their suggestions to guarantee a strong future for Penn State. He said they should also consider what they can do as current students and alumni.

Richman agreed with Spanier. "The university has come a long way," she said. "But we still have a long way to go."