SSPEAK QUITE

How do you feel about the construction noise?





The noise is annoying.

Do the work at night."



Ben Risser

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"It can be annoying but necessary if the campus facilities, namely a cafeteria right now, are to be built or improved."

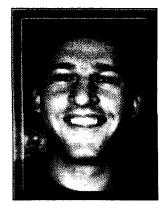


Teresa Fleming

Elementary Education

"It is not that disruptive as to be a major problem.

I hope it ends soon though."



Steve Tecau

Sec. Ed. Social Studies

"I'm paying some good money to be here listening to my professors, not some guys with hammers banging away underneath my class."



Omar Shute

Marketing / Management

"I think it is a pain in the...."

Circle K

By Rachel Sheperd Features Editor

You may have heard or seen something about Circle K, a new club forming on campus this semester.

Emphasizing community service, the club's first project will be to help build homes with Habitat for Humanity. To complete this project, they will team with the sponsoring Middletown Kiwanis Club and the Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC) Circle K, according to Club President Amy Brown, a junior of public policy. Brown says, although the club has not officially started yet, 20 people expressed an interest in the club at the Clubfest held last week.

"Now the struggle I will face is getting the students that showed an interest to become involved and make a decision of whether to pay dues or not," says Brown. "Circle K International requires that we pay dues to obtain a charter; I also need the Student Government to approve the club once we assume our leadership roles."

She says that a few people are interested in being involved as an officer of the club. Jen Anderson, junior, elementary education, is running for secretary. "I'm looking forward to bringing the Penn State student body and the surrounding community together through service," says Anderson. Brown, who serves as the Pennsylvania Circle K District Treasurer, says she really feels strongly about this organization. "It teaches leadership, fellowship and service [which are the clubs three tenets] while allowing college students to have fun and get involved," Brown said.

Being a member of Circle K has immediate benefits to students as well. Circle K started a new program this year called Pennsylvania Partnership. Brown says this program serves as a networking tool for active members of the club. Kiwanis members will be asked to fill out a survey and a database will be compiled from those surveys.

The database will include Kiwanis contact information, career, and their willingness to have a Circle K member serve as an intern at their workplace. This database will be made available to Circle K members. The members will be able to contact the Kiwanians that work in the members' current field of study and ask them questions or get help finding an internship. According to Brown, simply being a member of Circle K also gives students an opportunity to apply for several internships.

In addition to building homes in Harrisburg for Habitat for Humanity, the club plans to attend local schools to read to students and visit local nursing homes. Brown says, "We are truly a great organization with great potential to change the future."

