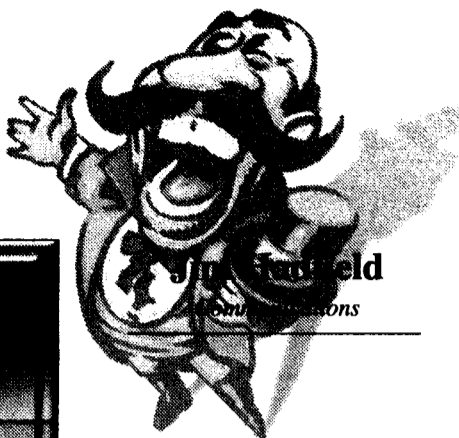


STUDENT SPEAK OUT

Fill in the blank:  
Tis the season to \_\_\_\_\_



"head to Florida"



**Erica Benning**  
*Finance*

"shop"



**Steve Schoffstall**  
*Finance*

"forget about school"



**Krista Pummer**  
*Psychology*

"spend time with my family"



**Kevin O'Leary**  
*Information Systems*

"go into debt"

# Snow Storm Blues

An Opinion by Dan Storm  
Capital Times Staff Writer

Central PA's snow season has started and with it come delays and cancellations, or lack thereof. Thursday, December 5th started with a snow storm and by 7:00 AM we had 3 inches of snow. This is pretty impressive for only starting about 3 hours before. Then I turned on the TV to see if the campus had any delays or cancellations. Well to my surprise, only afternoon class had been canceled. The campus was to close at 12:00 PM.

What I was trying to figure out is: How can someone make the decision to have morning classes on a day like that? I decided to risk it and attend my morning classes. When I arrived on

campus, it seemed as though only the minimal amount of snow removal had been done. The Olmsted parking lot had approximately 12 spaces in each aisle plowed. I was amazed at what I saw because most of the student body parks in Olmsted! After I was able to find a parking spot, I ventured toward the Olmsted Building and again I was taken by surprise: the sidewalks were not even cleaned off and the steps were not cleared either. How can you

justify opening a campus that is not only unsafe itself but not safe to get to? Come on! If you cannot have the campus up to par or within reason of no one being injured, then you are accepting the possibility of being held liable when someone falls.

Maybe they learned something from their neglectful decision on that day. The school decided to cancel classes on

Wednesday the 11th due to an ice storm. I am not sure that they have. They started by deciding to have a two hour delay, then they decided to cancel for the day. I guess they did not know that it is easier to prepare the roads for ice than

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a snow storm. The common caring for ice is cinders and salt. Not to hard to handle. Yet the snow must be plowed then cinders and salt is to be applied. I guess they were in disbelief of the local/national meteorologists (1 out of every 4 is a Penn State Grad) that said the ice would not last long into the day because temperatures were going to rise, and the roadways would just be wet.

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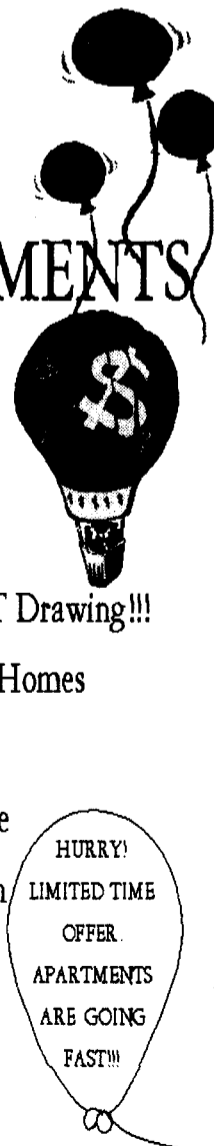
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