

Career services, connection to opportunity

From Career Services

The Career Services Office is home to the Career Library, DISCOVER Career Guidance System, career counseling, career planning/development services, on-campus interviewing programs, and career/employer information.

Students and alumni are encouraged to fully participate in the individual career related advisement and career services. A full-range of services is offered to currently enrolled students and alumni at no charge.

Services Include: Career counseling; Career planning/development; Assistance with developing cover letters, resumes, and interviewing skills; On-campus interviews with prospective employers; Web access to employment opportunities -- ft, pt, co-op/ intern; A referral system; Career library with career development, job search information, employer literature, and employment information; Lifetime assistance; Workshops; Career Fairs and Co-op/Intern Fairs; Technology based resources - WWW, PSH/CCN (College Central Network) for access to employment opportunities, OCR for access to our web-based On-campus Recruiting programs, FOCIS, Distance Interactive Video Interviewing; 48 hour resume critique; DISCOVER - an internet

based comprehensive career guidance system

The office brings together the graduating student seeking a position and employers searching to fill an opening. To this end, Career Services maintains contact with a variety of employers. An active on-campus recruitment program affords our students the opportunity to participate in interviews at Penn State Harrisburg and interviews held at the University Park and Penn State Erie campuses.

Looking for employment? Want to participate in an internship/co-op? Register for the Penn State Harrisburg "Job Searching and Resume Service" for students and alumni, and gain access to full and part-time career opportunities, internships/co-op, and volunteer opportunities -- 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Your Internet based résumé builder and job search solution - PSH Job Search and Resume Service (CCN)! College Central Network, Inc. (CCN) is one of the most comprehensive on-line jobs posting and recruitment services on the Internet, providing a direct connection to full-time, part-time, internship, cooperative education, seasonal, and volunteer opportunities. These opportunities are presented to you in several ways, such as job postings, résumé referrals, links to employers' recruitment sites,

and job fairs.

Register now and view the career opportunities posted with the Penn State Harrisburg Career Services Office -- www.collegecentral.com/psu-harrisburg.

An important component of the office is our educational mission. The Career Services office has moved from an office that was more "placement" focused to one that is more developmental and educational in nature. Assisting individuals in connecting with employment opportunities is a part of our mission, but we also place an emphasis on teaching our students self-empowerment, career development, career planning, and job search skills. The emphasis is to provide them with the tools and resources, and for them to assume responsibility for their career plan.

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10. You're not sure if your calling is to be an elephant trainer or a mechanical engineer.
9. Your resume was last updated in 1985. (We can help!)
8. Our office is chock-full of useful information, friendly people, and there is no cover charge.
7. You think "networking" means turning on the television.
6. Career guidance is not fattening.
5. Those lovely student loan payments will be due soon.
4. You want to be a success in firm for your next high school reunion.
3. You always give the wrong answers to "what are your weaknesses?"
2. You're tired of seeing people cry when they read your resume.
1. OUR SERVICES EXIST FOR YOU!!!

Ethnomethodology, it makes sense

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Ethnomethodology is a sociological discipline that focuses on the way people make sense of the world and display their understandings of it. Founded by Harold Garfinkel in 1967, ethnomethodology is mainly associated with microsociology.

Upon researching ethnomethodology, one will quickly come upon the term's background assumptions. This term is defined as the ideas a person has about the way life is and the way things ought to work. Upon considering these terms and their meanings, it is quite natural to come to the conclusion that the ideas they represent unconsciously govern many of our interactions on a daily basis.

For example: I wake up in the morning. I hop in the shower. I go to a convenience store to grab some coffee or water. I expect the cashier to be polite, respectful, and offer service in an expedient manner. This is an assumption I have acquired based upon the traditional understanding of the purpose of the convenience store and its clerk as well as my past experience.

What if I enter the convenience store one morning to get some coffee and the gentleman behind the counter was conducting personal business on the

telephone while doing lines of cocaine on the cash register?

What if, after pouring my coffee, I found myself needing help locating the cough drops and ask the gentleman where I might find them. Instead of directing me to the cough drops in a timely and polite manner, the gentleman curses me for interrupting his phone call and informs me that he will attend to me upon finishing his phone call and cocaine?

So, let's say I just look for the cough drops myself and come, with all of my purchases, to the cash register. What if instead of ringing up my items, taking my money, and sending me on my way, the coked-up and angry clerk pulls a gun out on me, marches me to the ATM machine, where I am forced to withdrawal the entire balance of my checking account for his disposal, and then am tied up to a chair in the back room where I stay until my desperate cries for help are heard by an unsuspecting customer just entering the store?

I believe this would constitute a violation of my background assumptions on how an experience at a convenience store and the behavior of the clerk inside should be conducted.

This vivid example of ethnomethodology will certainly help you retain your newly acquired knowledge and serve as a great ice-breaker at parties.

Balance is key to college success

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Between a full course load of classes, juggling a full-time or part-time job, being a member of any clubs or organizations, one might ask when do you find time for yourself? Good question!

A social life during college is almost nonexistent to a person who looks forward to graduating and getting their life started in a career they have studied four grueling years for. It may be hard to have a social life, but on the other hand, to many it is a necessity.

Going out to bars or clubs is the fun part of college life. This is how you meet people outside of a classroom. This gives a person the chance to sit back and relax, and gives them the chance to not have to worry about what exam is coming up or when they are going to find time to finish that 20 page paper. There are ways a person can manage everything in their lives and still have time to sit back and relax to have a drink, or

soda for those under 21.

One way is make sure you are caught up on all your work. Getting your work done is a key to success in anyone's college career. Maintaining a good grade point average is something that is not only needed to graduate but is also needed to get a good job after graduation. The best bet is to have a set schedule. Managing time is important in anyone's day. With good time management a person can get their work done and still have time to go out.

Another good tip is to not be too extravagant when you do go out with friends. No one likes not being able to function the following day. If a person does get the time to go out, make sure you are safe and do not go overboard. It's always important to have fun, but on the other hand not too much fun.

A part-time or full-time job can always be a burden on a person who is also taking a full course load of classes. Once again, always make sure that your schoolwork comes first. You are only in college for a

certain amount of time and you are working toward your degree that will get you a job when you do graduate. Do not really worry about working now, because you have the rest of your life to worry about a job.

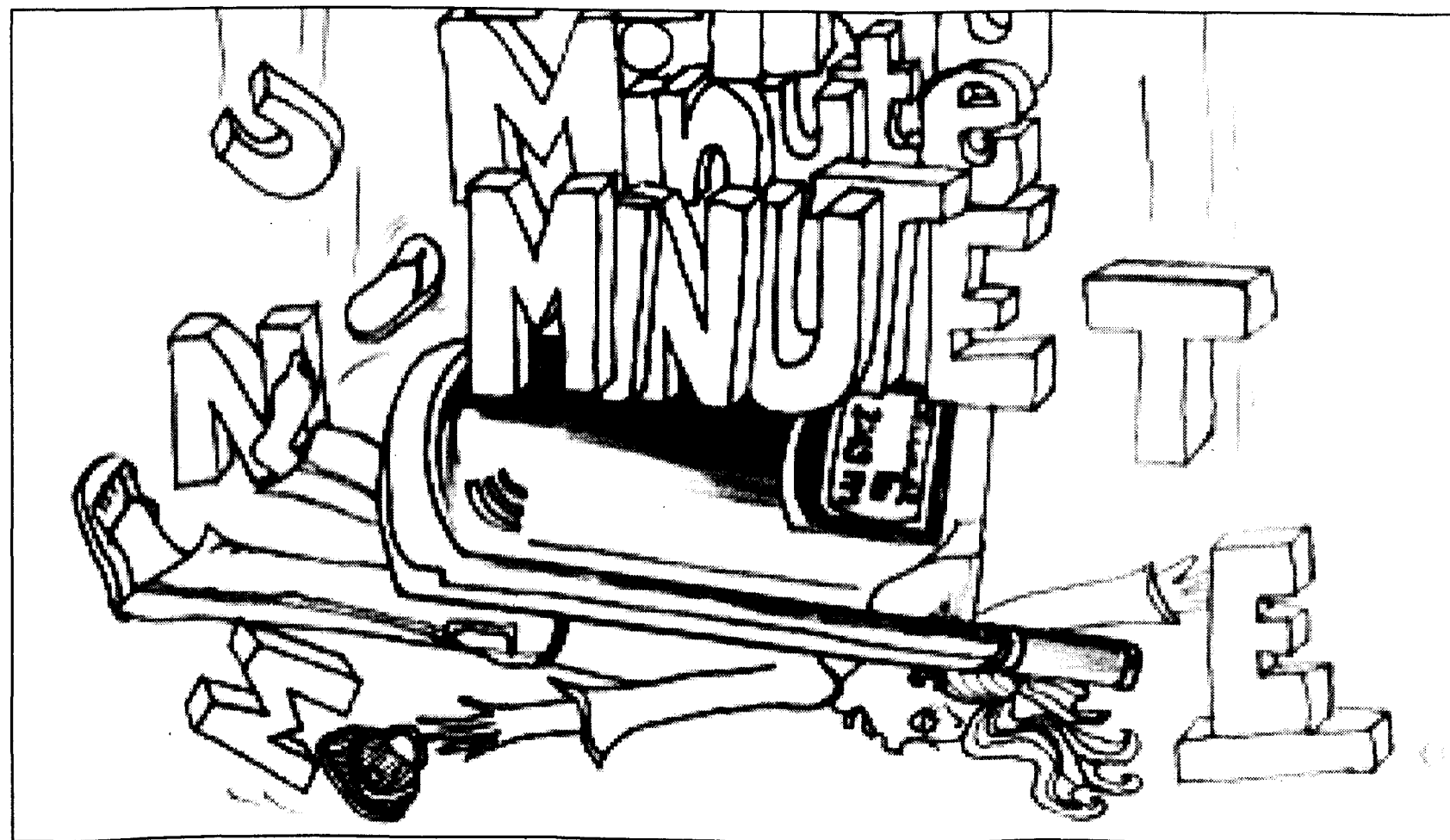
Clubs and organizations are always fun to be a part of. This gives you a chance to not only meet people, but also to bond with people who share in your interests. These are friends who you can count on. You can count on them to be there to help you in your times of need. They will help you with the burden of classes and work and offer encouragement to get you through your days. These people can help you with your schoolwork and help you maintain that high grade point average you are striving for.

It's not hard to hold onto a social life during college. You just have to make sure you are focused on the long run. You are attending college to get a degree, which in turn will get you the job you want. Do not let your social life come first, and always make sure you keep your priorities in line!



Photo by Harry Hitz/Capital Times

Students Kelly Nagurny (left) and Kellye Way (right) take a break from school to relax at a local hangout.



"UNSUSPECTING MELANIE'S USUALLY FRIENDLY CELL PHONE TURNED ON HER MONDAY, HER OVERRUN OF MINUTES SQUASHING HER IN A HORRID DEATH..."

WARNING: THIS IS A SHARON FURFARO ORIGINAL CARTOON.

First, a confession: I have broken down and now have a cell phone. For 21 and a half years I managed to stay in the Stone Age, perfectly content to live a life of technologically ignorant bliss. Alas, those days are over.

Now, I constantly worry about how many minutes I've used, whether or not I'm calling during peak hours, yelling at people who text me when they KNOW I'm not on a plan and will end up paying 40 thousand dollars per freaking letter on their freaking text message when they could have just CALLED ME - you know, use their VOICES!

(Sigh.) I truly believe that cell phones are a sign of the Apocalypse. They are the end of us all.

I would continue my rant, but I have to go . . . I have a call.