

Editor's Comments

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As we approach mid-terms and everyone is crazy with studying and stressing out, I want to remind you all to take a deep breath and have at least a little fun in the coming weeks because in two months it will all be over and we can take a break. For many of you, classes will start up again in January, but I'll be hitting the streets begging for a job. Any takers? I don't know about the rest of you, but I would much rather drag this out and hang around for a few more semesters.

I am a professional student and I take my job very seriously. I urge you all to really enjoy your college career because at some point it will come to an end and you'll wish you had a little more time in college life, safe from the real world.

There is just something about spending four years (or in my case four and a half) having no money, oversleeping through your morning class, sleeping on floors in a friend's dorm room and eating every meal off of a tray that holds a special place in my heart. Yeah, all that stuff sucks, but the friends I've made and the amount of knowledge I have gained was all worth it.

While I really love this campus, there are a few things that can be improved here and there.

As my new special project, I propose card swipe entry for after hours access to Olmsted on the center doors. Yes, of course there is a story here, but I'll give you the short version. I'm working late on the newspaper and I head out for a smoke at 12:30 p.m. only to get locked out of the building with no shoes on my feet. Thank goodness we have janitors that don't think it's weird that some random girl is banging on windows at that hour without shoes. So let me just say "Thank You" to the janitors who so graciously let me in the building the other night.

So you can see my dilemma and I am sure many of you could use a quiet place to study late at night, do club work, or just have access to the buildings resources. A card swipe access would allow only PSH students

to enter the building and with all the rooms locked up nothing would really get stolen and as a bonus I won't get locked out in my socks again.

Are we all still sporting the flip-flops? I will be wearing these things for a few more weeks and I expect you to do the same. I know its getting pretty freakin' cold out there, but I am hoping to go without shoes until graduation on Dec. 17. It's doable.

I've digressed as I most often do. New topic: back to your janitors who clean your floors and empty your trash. They work from 11 p.m. at night to 7 a.m., music blaring throughout Olmsted, making our campus a clean, debris free environment. So if you are here late at night, be good to the janitors, make less of a mess, clean up after yourselves and don't bang on the windows and scare the crap out of them.

That's all I have for now. I hope you all are enjoying your semester and having a good bit of fun doing it.

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SGA update

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The first few weeks of the semester on any campus are always somewhat hectic with students scrambling to revise their schedules and scraping the bottoms of their piggy-banks to buy books, so it is understandable how the first few SGA meetings of the year got off to a somewhat confusing and dramatic start.

The fifth meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. It seemed as though it was off to another tense start when the meeting was open to public comments. The Finance Club treasurer, Rob Johnson, took the floor and demanded an explanation as to why the club's recent proposal for the funding of a trip to the Chicago Stock Exchange was denied. SGA President Michael Edwards did not have an answer, but it was decided the SGA would investigate the rejection of the proposal.

After club funding was discussed,

Edwards proceeded quickly through the usual reports. When it was SGA advisor, Nichole Duffy's turn to give the advisor's report, she informed the students of exciting upcoming events around campus. One of these events was on Tuesday, October 18, when the SGA welcomed the fall season by serving festive foods to other students during Fall Fest. There was enough food to serve 200 students.

The meeting then turned back to business when, once reassured that idle connections will not slow down other modems on campus, the senate voted in favor of shutting down 48 of the campus' dial up modems. The proposal stated that shutting down these modems would save money for the campus, which could then be applied to other areas in the IT department, such as student assistance.

Edwards announced that all the positions of SGA should soon be filled as 30 students, from a list that was submitted to the SGA, begin the routine screening

process.

He then communicated concern over the apparent general lack of interest the campus took in raising money for areas affected by Hurricane Katrina. He expressed aggravation that the students of our campus were only able to raise a measly \$451. He explained his idea to organize a poker tournament in which monetary donations will be collected, and half of those donations will go to Katrina Aid while half will go to a charity of the Senate's choice.

After discussing such a serious topic, the SGA nonetheless adjourned their meeting on a sweet note when the Senate was reminded that the children of Stepping Stones, the childcare services provided on campus, will be coming around to the various offices around campus in their Halloween costumes to collect trick-or-treat candy.

After a rather disorganized start, the SGA seems to be back on track and more than prepared to take on the remainder of the school year.

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classes and I never miss class to work." However, he does admit sometimes he takes on too much responsibility. "Sometimes I'm extremely exhausted," O'Holla said.

While O'holla is probably just getting to sleep after a long night of studying, Lyndsey D'Ambrosia, 20, IST major, is on her way to the PSH Capital Union building. D'Ambrosia has two part time jobs, is enrolled with sixteen credits, and still has time for hobbies. She works at the aquatic center as a lifeguard and also works in the Swatara building as a tour guide for four hours a week.

"I work the 6 a.m. shift at the pool." She said there's one good thing about working at the

morning shift. "There's nobody in the pool so I can use that time to study, I picked the 6 a.m. shift just for that reason," she said. D'Ambrosia is paying for her own education and doesn't seem to think that either one of her jobs threatens her education. "Generally, I think anybody who works on campus, except for the foodservice workers, has it easy."

Sherell Holmes, 22, senior Business Management major, is unfortunately one of those unlucky foodservice workers D'Ambrosia was referring to. Holmes who is employed by Stacks Market at PSH said, "I don't have to work, I just do to pay any little monthly expenses I might have." Holmes works to pay her monthly cell phone bill and storage bill. She said, "It's tough because I have 18 credits, but not that tough."

Holmes works in the morning, has classes in the afternoon, and studies at night. "My job has never threatened my education. It's easier when you work on campus. I think they understand that education is the first priority," she said.

Jasmine Cunningham, 24, senior Communication major, uses the traditional "to do" list to schedule events, study, and list class times and anything else you can imagine. She said, "Its old but it works for me." Cunningham works in the Community Center at PSH as a residence assistant and works 12 hours per week. "I don't have to work but I don't like depending on my parents for everything" she said. Cunningham is a community assistant and said she has learned how to manage time over the years, and that's exactly what she does.



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Steve O'Holla works as a front-end manager for Giant in Middletown when he is not at school or participating in one of the many organizations he belongs to on campus.

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