

Social security to send seniors to college

With the recent cutbacks by President Ronald Reagan, high school seniors are facing the dilemma of gaining admission to higher education institutions under the Social Security Assistance deadlines. Unless eligible students are enrolled before the May 1, 1982 deadline, they could lose their financial assistance under the federal program.

Pat Zubritsky, financial aid officer at the Hazleton Campus, reported that there are about 60 students under Social Security Assistance who will be attending classes during spring term. In order for the high school students to be admitted they first had to qualify for admission in Penn State or they would not be accepted. Seniors who were accepted

had their SAT scores and a release from their high school classes from the school principal. The students were then evaluated and admitted as provisional students through continuing education. Penn State Hazleton Campus accepted anyone who qualified to enter even if they do not plan on attending Penn State in the fall.

On Wednesday, March 3, the Continuing Education office held a program for the students who would be attending classes during spring term. At the program, students were introduced to the Penn State system and were given presentations on financial aid. Following the presentation, the seniors were then given their class schedules and began classes on March 15th.

Raft relay coming

Teams are now being formed for an event that should prove to be as fun as it is charitable. The outing club is sponsoring a "Raft Relay," to be held in the physical education building pool. The object of the event is for each team to complete as many laps as possible in the allotted time. Each team will have sponsors who will have pledged a certain amount of money per lap completed with all proceeds going to the Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation.

The Deborah Heart and Lung Center, located in Brown Mills, New Jersey is a 155-bed hospital, specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of heart and lung diseases. Although Deborah is a leader in open heart surgery, not one of its patients have ever received a bill for its services.

The tentative date for this event is on April 16. For more information, contact the Outing Club in C-302.

College costs outlined

By Jayne Ann Bugda

As college students, I am sure we are all aware of the many costs involved in paying for our education. There is a tuition fee and books to buy; and, if you choose to live in the residence hall on campus, there is an additional \$679 tacked on to the \$531 tuition fee, plus \$397 for a meal ticket (3 meals a day, 7 days a week, for 10 weeks). Those students who live in off-campus housing can expect to pay anywhere from \$125 to \$200 plus a month for rent in addition to money for living expenses. Even those students who commute each day from home need additional money for gasoline expenses to get back and forth.

Well, that about covers the necessary costs involved in higher education. But, have you ever wondered about the "additional" costs we pay as students in the university? By "additional" costs I am referring to items such as parking stickers and tickets, grade transcripts, drop and add fees, bowling fees, etc. Where does the money students pay for these items go, and who does it benefit? Let's face it, those \$2, \$5, and \$10 paid out every so often can add up to a college student on a budget.

To find out exactly where the money is going, I went to the Campus Administration for the answers.

Probably the most inquired about "additional" cost on our campus is parking stickers and tickets. The \$10 sticker fee is paid at the beginning of each term by students who have cars on campus. Ten percent of the money taken in by parking registration is kept in a local budget for the maintenance and repairs of the parking lots on campus. The other 90 percent is sent out to U-Park.

Now that we have our parking stickers, there is always that chance we will park in the wrong place and be visited by a security officer who will gladly leave us a ticket. Ticket offenses can range anywhere from \$3-\$15 per offense. If the fines are not paid in 48 hours, the fine increases by \$1; if still not paid, a reminder letter is sent out and an additional \$1 is added on. The University has the right to turn the student over to the District Magistrate where the fine can be increased to a minimum of \$15, plus costs. Failure to pay the ticket can result in not being able to register for the next term of classes. The parking fines that are paid are turned over to the Student Government Association, which uses the money for student activities.

How many times have you wanted to add or drop a class only to find that you need to pay \$6 because it is after the 5-day free period. Each time a student pays the fee for the drop/add, the money is sent

to U-Park for the processing charges.

The chances that you may need an official copy of your grade transcripts for a job application or transfer are great. Once the transcripts are requested, the student is required to pay \$2 for his grades. This money is also sent out to U-Park.

Upkeep and maintenance of the bowling alleys is what the bowling fee is used for. In case you are not aware of the bowling fees, the cost is \$3 for half term and \$6 for a full term.

And remember the blue catalogue you received "free" when you registered? Well, keep it intact, because to obtain another copy or updated book — it will cost you \$2.60 — all proceeds used to defray the costs of printing them.

To illustrate the affect of the "additional" costs on a college student, take for example "Joe" who buys a parking sticker for \$10 and parks in a restricted area — a \$5 fine. He then decides to add a full-term bowling class — a \$6 add fee and a \$6 bowling fee. "Joe" needs his official transcript — \$2 more; and he buys a blue book for \$2.60. A total of \$31.60 is spent — that is more than what a person can earn working a minimum wage for an eight-hour shift. This example is quite an exaggeration, but even \$15 a term can make quite a difference to the college student's budget.

Students go to New York

By Steve Zarick

The students of Dr. Price's Arts I section will travel to New York to visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art. On Saturday, April 12 with bus departure from Hazleton at 8:30 AM and from New York at 7 PM.

According to Price, the trip to the museum is used by Arts I students to fulfill a class requirement which has students visit three art or cultural events. Cost for the trip is approximately seven dollars for students and twelve dollars for guests. The balance of the cost is paid by the Pennsylvania State University on a lab fee.


Price said that he feels that the trip to New York is beneficial on two levels. "One level, education, exposes students to what is perhaps the largest collection of art under one roof. In addition, the accompanying assignment, which is to analyze a particular work of art, causes students to become aware of and familiar with a single artwork."


The instructor also pointed out that the trip has second significance, which was "social." He explained, "The trip to New York is the first time several students have been in a big city environ-

ment. It is a good way for students to see other cultures, life-styles and diversity of peoples." Dr. Price also said that although the Metropolitan Museum of Art is located in a fairly safe section of New York, the trip has converted a few tough guys.

We asked Dr. Price if any unusual things happened on previous trips. He said that a bus totally broke down and he wondered where forty people would be sleeping for the night. Dr. Price also told us of how one housewife went to Sam Goody's and bought all of the records that she had heard in Arts I class.

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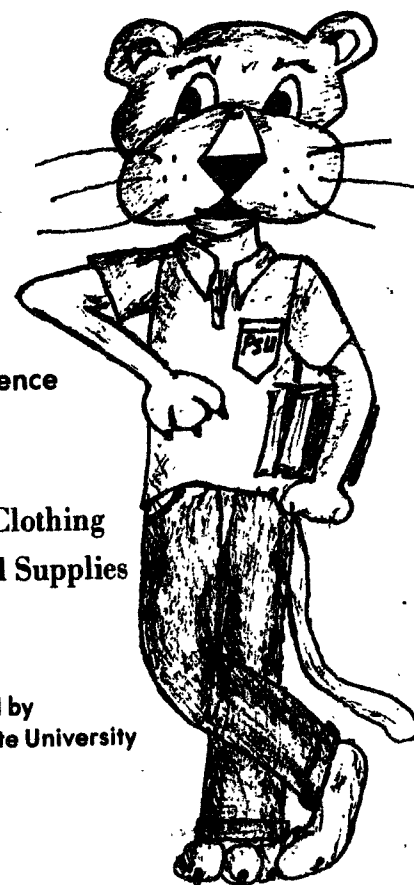
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