

Work in Commons enjoyable for Ginny Mulreaney

By Jerry Trently

The atmosphere of the campus and rapport with students have kept Ginny Mulreaney an active part of campus. Now in her sixth year of employment with the Food and Housing Department of the University, she feels that the students are a very important part of her life. "I try to treat students as I treat my own children," says Mulreaney. "When they come to me and ask me to make them something, I try to prepare the food as I would want my own children to have it. That's just the way I am."

She feels also that students have changed over the last few years. "I've only been here six years," she says, "yet I have noticed changes in the type of students that come here. When I first started, the students were not as self-conscious. They were dressed sloppier and just didn't seem to care. Today's students care about their appearance. They dress nicer, wear their hair shorter, are better groomed, and are just friendlier than students of the past."

Prior to her marriage, Mulreaney worked as a Bell Telephone operator. "When I got married," she said, "my husband told me not to work anymore because he was

making enough money to support us. He was making \$3,000 a year then, but that was 36 years ago, and at that time it was enough money for the two of us. Our wedding day was interesting too, because we were married on a Friday," she chuckles, "Friday, December 13!"

She has four children, three daughters and a son, and three grandchildren. Her son attended Penn State. "I started work on the first day of my son's school," she says, "that was in September of 1976."

Changes made in the renovation of the Commons have made her job more pleasant. "This is so much nicer," she says, "before it used to



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be so hot back there, and so much more crowded. Now we have more room to move around, and the cafeteria is also easier to clean."

The new layout of the cafeteria has also improved her ability to come in contact with the students. She explains that "the way the cafeteria is now, I can see all the students during lunch time, and talk to them easier. Before the only time we could see them from back here was when they came up to that small window where the food was serv-

ed from. And everything was so crowded too."

Since the Commons' renovation, the small window for food service has been removed, making way for the cafeteria counter now in use. "The improvements have also given business a boost," tells Mulreaney, "we never used to have this many students in here during the lunch time. At least not students that bought their lunch."

She also works with some of the students on campus who are employed by the Food and Housing Department. "They're the greatest," she says, "just fantastic. That's probably one of the reasons I like it here so much. I could never work for McDonald's or Burger King, the whole thing there is too rushed. I like to be busy, but not rushed."

Ginny Mulreaney looks forward to her future. "I'll be happy as long as I'm working in the Commons, and talking with the students."

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