

R.A. CRAZE

"So, You Want To Be An R.A., Huh?"- This advertisement caught my eye last Fall semester. Being a freshmen and looking at my R.A. as one of much guidance and knowledge of the Hazelton Campus, I felt, why not try out for a Resident Assistant position.

Initially, during the first few days of this semester, I found my new position as an R.A. quite overwhelming. Meeting the new students on my floor and their parents during orientation was very fun and exciting. This gave me a chance to meet new people and help them become oriented to the residence halls and the campus community. Many other aspects of my job seem to take precedence over many activities that I used to do as a freshmen.

Being a Resident Assistant really demands a lot of my time. There are staff meetings to attend, duty nights, programs to implement, a lot of paperwork, and the needs of my floor to be aware of. These needs of the resident students are my primary responsibility.

Many situations occur during a typical day, such as lock-outs, fire drills, work orders, incident reports, and discipline. Discipline is the part of my job that I don't like to do, but a requirement of my position. Many other situations obviously transpire during the day and evening, such as, listening to a student with a conflict, establishing and maintaining a relationship with each student, thus, a working relationship can occur, and my ongoing effort to build and maintain a "community" among the residents of my floor.

Community development is the theme this year for the office of Residence Hall Programs at Penn State. Building a community on my floor is both challenging and rewarding. It is interesting to see the residents of my floor interacting and becoming a team member.

My position as a Resident Assistant is full of learning experiences! Being a student leader and being able to help others has led to many new friendships both within my staff and within the campus community. My position is quite time consuming. I have my academics to maintain, my personal responsibilities, my extra-curricular activities, and my R.A. position to concentrate on each day. I never realized how much time time being an R.A. was involved with until I became one this semester.

There are many aspects of my position that one must consider besides the time commitment. This position is a little stressful at times because one can't predict when a situation will occur. Even though my R.A. position may be a little time consuming and stressful, it

Yes, that advertisement caught my eye last Fall semester, and I am glad I applied for a Resident Assistant position. To apply for a R.A. position, one must meet the requirements. These requirements include being a full-time Penn State student, having at least 2.5 g.p.a., carrying no more than eighteen credits, having a satisfactory conduct record, being willing to abide and enforce the University regulations, have good interpersonal skills, successfully complete Counselor Education 302 course, and have a commitment to serve as an R.A. for at least two semesters. Towards the middle of the semester, the office of Residence Hall Programs will be advertising for next year's R.A.'s. Just look for the advertisement or ask an R.A.

is well worth the experience. It is an experience that I would not give up for the world!! The students, faculty, and staff that I have met due to my position have greatly increased my interpersonal skill, and my awareness of the needs of the student body.

The R.A. position is both challenging and very rewarded. Helping other students with any type of situation makes me feel good inside knowing that I was able to assist them. My days are filled with responsibility, and there is never a dull moment! No matter what time of the day it is, I can always find a student to chat with and learn something new about them.

There is remuneration for the R.A. position, that is, having a single room in the residence halls, getting free room and board and \$200.00 off tuition costs. Yes, this remuneration is attractive for the R.A. position, however, the experience that one gains being a student leader, campus representative, and student helper is all worth it!!



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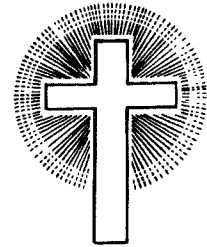
Multi-Cultural Club Says,

The Minority Student Union Board has now changed it's name to The Multi-Cultural Club. Our meetings are held every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the North Hall Conference Room. Anyone who is interested in joining is welcomed.

The club had it's first cultural program last Thursday September 14 and it turned out very well. It was titled "The Survival Of Diverse Students at the Penn State Hazleton Campus." It consisted of a panel discussion in which the panel members were Vernon Harper, Linell Reaves, Eddie Quintana, Sung Kang and Lourdes' Lima. All panel members did an excellent job and I congratulate them all.

The first week of October the MCC will be sponsoring "Movie Week" and will be showing films during this week. The charge will be \$1.00. The club is also having their first dance on October 26th at the Commons. We will be starting off Alcohol Awareness Week with a film called "Chalk Talk" as well as working together with Bacchus on the events for Alcohol Awareness Week.

I would like to welcome all the members of MCC and let's make this year an enjoyable one.



CSF SAYS,

Christian Student Fellowship (CSF) invites students who are interested in learning about the Bible and sharing their love for Christ. Sessions are led by campus minister Jeff Jackson, who encourages students to choose topics and books of the Bible for discussion.

Unlike Sunday School and Church, Christian Student Fellowship is a casual group. In addition to Bible studies, CSF is a time for prayer, singing hymns and socializing with others.

Already in planning is a retreat in the area as well as one at University Park. Also, trips to Christian concerts such as Amy Grant will be arranged.

CSF meets every Monday at 8:30 p.m. in the Conference Room, which is located in the Lower Level of the Commons. For additional information please contact Karen at 450-3310 or Lucy or Jen at 455-8689.

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