

## Working Students

By Corey Gesford

There are over a hundred students holding work-study or wage positions here at Penn State Hazleton. Many more are working jobs off-campus as well. Why? Because generally parents can not afford to send their children to school without their child working part-time while a student.

Some students work for their spending money, books, maybe to buy those little extras, but more and more students are working to just pay for their tuition and room-and-board.

Generally, most students would prefer not to work if the same resources were available. Many feel that, although they learn to manage time better, it would be nice to have those few hours to maybe study, use the library, experience some of the other things college life has to offer.

But, is it fair? Is it fair to ask students to go to school and work. Many will argue that it does not matter because the students would not use their time for anything more constructive. But why should it matter how they are using their time if many of those who do not work do not use their time any better either. Maybe if there were not so many students working, more of them would be involved in more clubs and activities. But then again, maybe there would just be more students passed out on a couch watching TV.

## A Non-Working Student

By: Jessica Balliet

As a full-time student, I know how difficult it is to have a part-time job. In many cases students do not feel like working for four or five hours after being in classes for five and six. Unfortunately, there are many students who need jobs to help pay for their education. Luckily, I have parents who pay for everything: tuition, rent, car payments, food, and any extras I want. I will admit, it is difficult to live on a small allowance every week, but I do not have the time for a job with my schedule.

Being an engineering student means hours of homework and studying. Instead of working at a fast food restaurant, my parents feel I should be involved in school activities. I am currently a cheerleader. This activity along with classes and homework leave me with an hour or two to myself to regain my sanity.

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## Students Who Think Activities are Harder than Work

Some students are lucky because their parents pay for everything; however, as far as I know most students do not have such generous parents. A majority of the students on this campus work one if not two jobs just to get by. Some students receive help from the government, student loans and scholarships to pay for the raising tuition each semester. Other students receive a small amount of help from their parents, possibly having each party paying one-third of the tuition each semester.

A student who wants to get ahead may take 15-18 credits a semester. The student who chooses to take this many credits may do so to shorten the amount of years he or she is in school, after all each year is more money. Other students however many only take the required 12 credits so they can spend time doing other things.

Of course you always have the people who think they are special, the goodie-goodies, because mommy and daddy give them anything they want. These are the type of people who make me sick to my stomach. A fair amount of students work their tails off to make enough money to put themselves through school, while carrying a full load of class. These goodie-goodies think that being in a few activities with an average class load is hard. Well I have something to tell them, classes and work are much harder than classes and a few activities. If you want to know what stress is try working in the summer instead of laying out in the sun all day. Who knows you might learn something.

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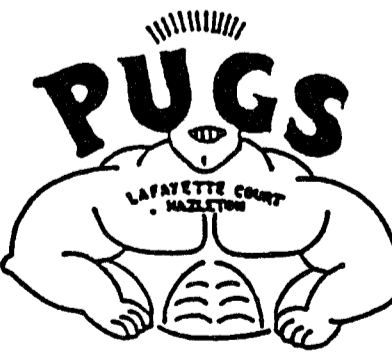
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