

## Dorm Life

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What is dorm like life? Did I say dorm? I meant residence hall! Here at Penn State Hazleton, our dorm choices are somewhat limited. Students choose between South, North, or West Halls. (Do you wonder if they'll build an East? Then we would never get lost!)

South Hall is most often inhabited by freshmen. It is the most "traditional" college dorm, (bad habits are hard to break!), of the three. Two people share a room, (which is not exactly spacious but may be considered cozy on a good day), and then share a community bathroom with approximately twenty-four other floor residents. Although there are only six sinks, four shower stalls and four bathroom stalls, rarely must a person wait to use any of these facilities. South has one of its claims to fame by being the dorm with the least amount of movable furniture. That's right! The only items you can move are the bed and a desk chair. These beds also have the stunning touch of orange, vinyl, padded bolsters that create somewhat of a couch effect when the bed is pushed beneath them. These also serve as storage space and make for a great conversation

## Commuting

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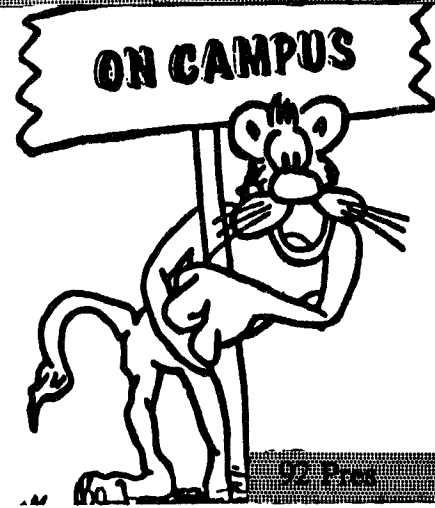
Everyday I wake up a few hours before my classes begin. I eat something for breakfast, I catch the morning talk-shows, and I all the other things most college kids do every morning. Next I hop in my mobile dorm, (Pontiac Hall as my friends call it), and head out for a half hour ride to the University. The enjoyment of my drive most of the time depends on the weather and how late or early I am running that day. During this half hour I usually take time to organize my thoughts and plan out my day's agenda. Commuting to college also has a few disadvantages which includes the fact that I cannot wake up ten minutes before class and jog on over to the appropriate building and the fact that in order to get to class on time I almost always have to be early. Also, I don't have the luxury of forgetting anything in my room, since my room is approximately twenty-five miles away. Therefore I try to avoid leaving anything important in my house. Alternatively, everything that I need every day is hauled along with me in the car. God forbid my putt-moblie is ever stolen because along with it will go: all of my books,

piece when friends visit. South Hall's second claim to fame is the most fire alarm pulls for the year. Okay. So South Hall isn't a castle. It is home to many of us and really is not as bad as everyone makes it out to be.

North is the exact opposite of South concerning luxury. North contains suites with two bedrooms, which each house a set of roommates. Between four people, a bathroom with a shower stall, toilet, and two sinks are shared. Roommates share a walk-in closet in the room and also have a linen closet outside of the bathroom. There is also storage space beneath the sink for bathroom cleaning items that aren't really necessary. Housekeeping visits once a week to clean out the bathrooms. Must be nice. Every piece of furniture in the room is movable and the beds can be turned into bunks without the hassle of building your own. North rooms are carpeted, air-conditioned, and have two doors. This extra door comes in very handy if there is, uh, ... a fire! That's it! That gives the North residents twice as much protection from a fire or other unpleasanties in the hall! This fact, among others, makes North a step above South perhaps in luxury, but certainly

not in style. All of the Halls have a certain endearing quality about them that must be found by their residents. (Although, in some cases, the search is much easier!)

West Halls have the most creature comforts of all the residence halls and even have their own descriptive name of "townhouses". These townhouses consist of five bedrooms with two people sharing a room.. Ten resident share one full bath and one half bath. They also have a kitchen which comes with a refrigerator and microwave. But that's only the beginning! West also have a living/common room furnished with couches, a coffee table, and other lounge furniture. Needless to say, all the rooms, (with the exception of the bathrooms and kitchen area), are carpeted, and all the furniture is movable. On the Hazleton Campus, West Halls are the closest thing to home. This may explain the many problems with the hall at the beginning of the year that go along with home repair. West Hall also has the largest parking lot for the least amount of residents on campus. This creates extra space for a "playground" in front of the hall which is often utilized by residents for various games.



hopefuls. Personally I don't blame them, especially after that debate with Jerry Brown, Paul Tsongas, and Bill Clinton. I don't know how Mr. Tsongas lasted as long as he did in the same room with those two children. It seemed to me the only thing either of them were there for was to harass and belittle the other. This election will be the first presidential election in which I will have the right to voice my opinion. If things keep going as they are now, I do believe that I will look into voting for Mr. Ross Perot, whether or not he is on the ballot. There is always the write in vote if I remember correctly. From what I understand, Mr. Perot has some pretty interesting things to consider.

If any of you feel the way I do about our presidential candidates, then I strongly suggest you go to your respective polls and write in the name of your favorite professor, your mom or dad, yourself (if you are eligible), or anyone you feel is qualified for president; but for tour sake and mine... VOTE, it's not only our right, it's our responsibility.

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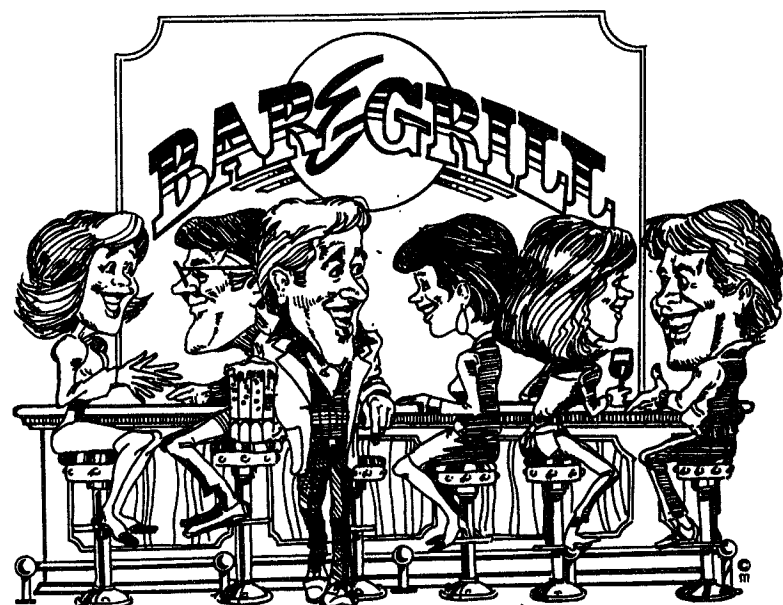
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a few articles of clothing, several tapes, a stray candy wrapper or two and occasionally some forgotten food items in the trunk. One very important aspect to commuting is that when any one of us (off-campus students) becomes bored or fed up with this wonderful place, we simply go home and come back when we feel like or when our next class meets.