

The Hardcore Line

By: *Connie Cardillo*

Well, here we are, back from that long break with a brand new semester ahead of us. Just think, hundreds of dollars on new books, those of which you will probably never read. Those thick, thousand page paper weights make nice decorations, I'm told. So what if they are expensive ... as long as you look intelligent!

Everyone is always whining and complaining about the hills on this campus, but did you ever stop and think about what these hills really are? They are entertainment for one thing. Have you ever been a few feet behind someone when their leg gave way, or witnessed someone slipping and sliding down the hill because of a sheet

of ice? Personally, I think it is rude to laugh, but usually you can't contain yourself. If you are not impressed, then think about how good it makes you look when you glare down at that person who feels total embarrassment.

Another issue that seems to be pretty hot on campus is prank phone calls. It takes a very mature person to get pleasure out of annoying other people by calling them and hanging up. There are plenty of other ways which are much more rewarding, not to mention fun.

After living on campus for a semester, I have been fortunate enough to learn about the different types of people that are among the many students here at Penn State. The first type of person is just plain oblivious to and clueless about most issues. So, for these people, there will be a course offered in the Spring semester called "Common Sense 101". Take it.

There are thirteen weeks left in the semester; get used to Dining Hall food, and get a season pass to see the nurse.

What The Butler Saw

By: *Gina Hammond*

In early January students auditioned for the play entitled *What The Butler Saw*, by Joe Orton. Six people of these students are now in the cast. The characters and actors are as follows: Dr. Prentice will be played by Todd Ritter. Stacey Love will play Mrs. Prentice. Dr. Rance's actor will be Jason Harriss Vickinski. Darleene Sweet will play Geraldine Barclay. Nicholas Beckett, portrayed by Michael Brewster, and Sgt. Match, portrayed by Keith W. Fernsler, also play key roles.

The setting of this play is a private psychiatric clinic. Dr. Prentice is interviewing Geraldine Barclay for more than just a secretarial position. However, his attempted seduction of the innocent young girl is interrupted by his wife, a young blackmailing bell boy, an insane government inspector of asylums, and a police sergeant searching for the missing parts of a statue of Winston Churchill. Clothing flies around the stage as the guilty disguise their identities in this British farce.

This production is being presented by the Society of the Arts and the students in Theatre 297. The play will be performed from Thursday April 1 through Saturday April 3 at 8:00PM in the lower commons. Tickets can be purchased at the door. The price is four dollars for non-students and two dollars for students.

Semi-Formal

By: *Erin Ann Keane*

On December fourth, the Winter Semi-Formal was held at Genetti's Best Western. Despite the snow outside that threatened to hinder festivities, the night was a great success. The highlight of the evening was the crowning of the Prince and Princess. Eric Bush and Amy Nickelson earned the honors and danced with crowns adorning their heads as guests snapped photos. Erin Bauersachs, head coordinator of the evening, was pleased with the progression of the dance and hopes that the upcoming Spring Semi-Formal will be as much of a success as the winter formal.

The date for the Spring Semi-Formal has been set for April twenty-third. The Spring Semi-Formal also doubles as an awards banquet for clubs and is also the sight of the induction ceremony for the new S.G.A. officers. Rob Venema will be chairing and coordinating the Spring Semi-Formal. Anyone interested in presenting awards at the banquet should contact him no later than February fifteenth at 450-3271. Keep watching for more information on where the Semi will be held as well as price of tickets.

**Any members
of Penn State
University staff
and/or any
off-campus
students who
would be
interested in
starting a
permanent creative writing
club for the Hazleton area,
please contact
Chris Batcha at
929-2515.
Ideas for organization will
be welcomed. Help to
unlock the area's creative
potential.**

Calling U-Park

By: *Erin Ann Keane*

"Progress" has once again reached Hazleton. It comes to us in the form of call-in class schedules; a new, time saving way to attain courses. Upon using the system, I found it to be very efficient and user friendly.

Many of you may remember coming to Hazleton as freshmen and being told that Hazleton possesses all the qualities of University Park in a smaller setting. That statement would lead me to believe that residents of University Park have to make a toll call to the phone-in system to create a class schedule. After all, Hazleton students have to and since we are all alleged to be equal in the eyes of Penn State University that must mean that U-Park students pay for their phone call. Wrong. Better luck next time.

I think that the phone-in system is a great addition to helping students schedule classes. It is fast, easy, and time saving. It also costs money which is the aspect that infuriates many students. Let me put this into perspective for you. Not only do many of us pay for tuition, room and

board, book expenses, and living expenses, but we are now expected to pay for a phone call to register for classes here at Hazleton. Does any of this make sense? To schedule classes the traditional way costs nothing. Well, maybe nothing is stretching the truth. It costs time and energy that could be spent on more important things.

The new system magically involves University Park and requires a toll call. Oh, I see, I call U-Park to schedule classes at a campus two hours away from State College.

I respect the University for taking the initiative by creating a simpler way of scheduling classes. However, I detest the fact that I have to pay for a long distance phone call while students at U-Park call toll-free.

It would be so much more logical to call a computer at Hazleton considering this is the campus we attend. Perhaps "progress" comes in waves and we have yet to see our breaker.

