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supplemental tutoring and assigned a learning specialist/counselor to assist them in navigating through sometimes murky waters of higher education.

Higher education research posits several theories that influence student completion rates. Some theories have focused on individual student attributes such as student values, beliefs, behavior, or family background. Other views concentrate on the nature of the institution itself including the structure and practices of the institution. A third, integrationist theory, holds that retention is

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and 8.9% smoked a cigar in 2004, while in 1999 14.2% smoked a cigar.

Of the students who smoked on a regular basis 76.5% stated they were "very likely" to quit smoking, and another 17.6% said they were "somewhat likely." However, 40.5% of the students who smoked had not tried to quit within that year, while 34.5% had tried to quit one to three times, 13.8% tried to quit four to ten times, and 11.2% had tried to quit more than 10 times. Although there has been a decline in smoking among Penn State students there are those who are being affected by those who currently smoke.

Mont Alto sophomore Kittley Kriza states that her bedroom is in the first floor by the porch where "many smokers go to have their nicotine crave." Kriza states "the smoke comes through my window even if it's closed and I really do not like it." Mont Alto freshman Gwynne Turner states "I have asthma and I smoke. I think it's crazy that smokers have to go outside when it's freezing."

influenced by the nature and degree of interaction between students and university faculty and staff. Using this theoretical construct, Start Smart endeavors to develop a student and learning centered curriculum. Start Smart aids in the transition from high school to college through a variety of strategies: improving study skills and habits, creating awareness of institutional resources, enhancing college level reading and writing, and fostering relationships between students and Mont Alto faculty and staff.

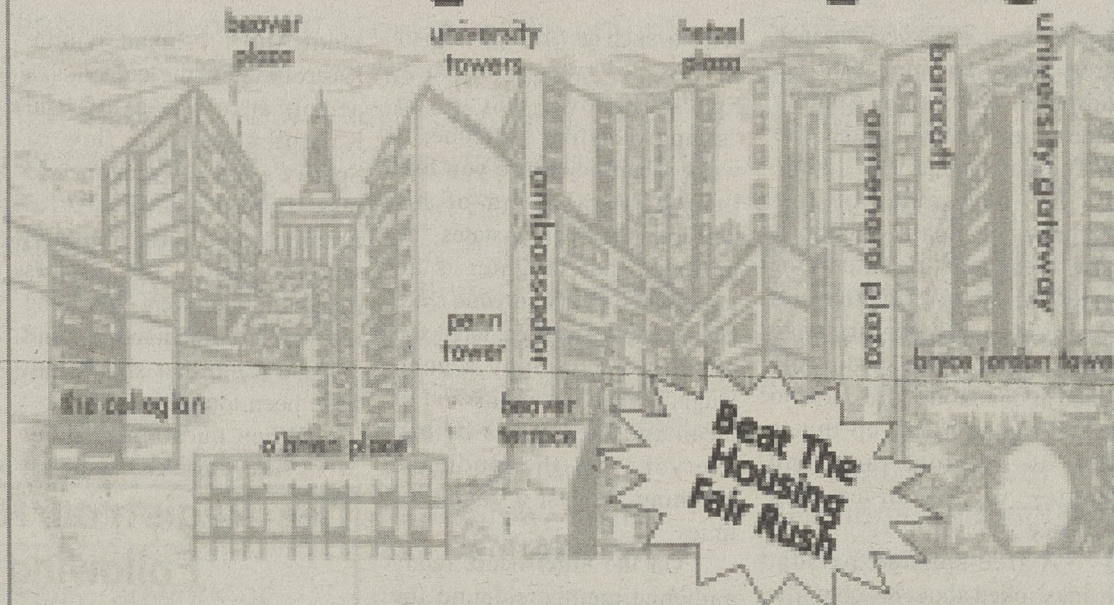
The National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers, one of the largest organizations of teachers, discuss everyday problems in schools and companies. They state that "there is no legal right to a smoking room" and "a school or college may, if the employer allows, designate a smoking room for staff or student as long as the arrangement does not impinge upon the rights of non-smokers to a smoke-free environment."

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potential growth of this campus laid out in the ten-year master plan. For example, administrators are still working to establish a Bachelor of Arts degree program in Liberal Art and continue to consider any other feasible improvements on the students' experience.

Also still under consideration is the proposed tuition freeze. If approved, enrollment is expected to go up.

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According to reports from the admissions office, as of January 23, Penn State applications are up by 17%. If, however, enrollment does not increase across the university, the budget problem will persist.

Gnage notes that factors contributing to the decreased enrollment include fewer high

school graduates and price competition with other universities. Penn State has the highest tuition rate of any Big Ten state university.

There are areas that cannot be cut because they are not within the campus' operating budget, including the student activity fee and computer fee

budgets. These are paid separately by the students.

Gnage invites all students to make suggestions regarding potential future budget cuts: as a student of this campus, what could you do without? Email suggestions and any questions to Dr. Gnage, dcg12@psu.edu.