

# News From University Park

# EDITORIAL

## Need A Ride?

By: Debe Cameron and Karen Gilligan

Transportation is a problem we are all aware of here at Delco. As if the obstacle course in the disguise of highway improvements weren't enough, we students arrive on campus only to be faced with overcrowded parking facilities. Parking is a major deterrent which is pervading our school. Although it is absolutely essential that we maintain a parking sticker on our car, it is not guaranteed that we will find a place to deposit our vehicle. Some mornings, if you are lucky and happen to beat the crowd, you just might be able to find a suitable parking space. But, if you are one of the unfortunate persons who tend to coast in a few minutes late....well, what can we say? During the past few weeks, we have heard numerous complaints concerning this dilemma. There is, however, a solution to every problem.

Due to the excessive amount of motor vehicles being driven to and from school, two solutions to this crisis have been brought into perspective. NUMERO UNO, cleverly hidden on the second floor is a computer listing upon which are printed the names, phone numbers, and schedules of those willing to "double up." Run down the list of names, choose a compatible driver, and give him (or her) a buzz.

For those of you who still are not successful in finding a car pool and must resort to public transportation, please support the campus Mini-Bus. Due to lack of interest the campus Mini-Bus, which was initiated last spring, has been discontinued. It provided a FREE pick-up service between Media, Granite Run Mall and the campus. Given enough student support, the Mini-Bus could roll again! Hopping the train, or trolley is much easier (and cheaper) than the daily drudgery of driving.

## Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

For a widely accredited university like Penn State, I'm a bit surprised by some of the facilities they are lacking. After paying about \$350 in tuition costs you would think you would get the privilege of a pencil sharpener or a typewriter! I know we are "adults" now and responsible for ourselves but just because we are in "College" now does not necessarily mean you take out all the simple appliances of a high school.

Has anyone noticed that there is no public address system?? Problems with communication are a big drawback at Penn State, from what I hear. No wonder. I admit that a public address system would not be able to reach everyone but I feel that both teachers and students would benefit from this type of facility. For example, announcements of important club meetings, changes in a class schedule, or just basic news on requirements that need to be in, would help to spread the information throughout the university. Not only that, but when the system is not being used for announcements, music could be piped into the lounge, cafeteria, and secretarial offices.

Laura Keryluk

Dear Editor,

I would like to know why there is a shortage on certain books in the bookstore. When I went in to buy my French books, I was surprised to see an empty shelf above the label of French II. My inquiry of this led to the answer of "they'll be in later

Elaine Barberes

Dear Editor,

It's that time of year when college football fans flock to the stands to see their teams compete. All students living on or near University Park Campus can easily find ways of getting to home games, but as a branch campus, being quite a distance from Main Campus, our students are not able to see these games.

Isn't there something that can be done to help get students to these games? A bus either sponsored by the school or paid for by the students could be the answer. The more students interested; the lower the cost. The bus would have to leave on the same day as the game so any students wishing to stay the weekend would have to pay for the transportation to and from the game and find their own way back home. This idea may have some flaws, but I'm sure if other students would like to see at least one home game, they would agree that something should be done.

Cheryl Shishack

# Main Campus Offers Diverse Lifestyles

By: Tom Lucas  
Collegian Staff Writer

University Park - Diversity seems to be the rule rather than the exception here at Penn State, and this is certainly the case in student lifestyles, each with its advantages and disadvantages.

Something most Penn State students have in common is having lived in some type of dorm, either here at University Park or at a Commonwealth Campus.

Among the advantages of dorm living mentioned most often are the good atmosphere for socializing, the feeling of involvement on campus, the nearness to classes, and having the freedom from cooking and maintaining an apartment.

The thing that most impressed Ruth Hodges (1st-arts & architecture) was how easily she could meet people. Vickie Remek (9th-health & physical education) and Sandy Corbin (8th-Division of Undergraduates Studies) agreed that social life is one of the best things about the dorms, saying it's very easy to meet people.

Another plus for the dorms is being on campus. "I know what's going on, because I'm always on Campus," Remek said, "I don't think I would know as much if I lived off campus."

Rich Jenkins (10th-electrical engineering) enjoys living in Hamilton because he "walks across the street to his classes."

One drawback to an apartment, according to Remek, would be having to cook and keep the place clean. "I'm too lazy to do all that," she said.

### Problems With Dorm Living

As might be expected, students have many gripes about living in the dorms. Examples are lousy food, a noise level sometimes just below a low roar, poor bathroom facilities, and a lack of privacy at times.

Dorm food seems to be a common complaint. "It seems like the milk's always hot and meat always cold," said Nancy Rhinehimer (4th-Division of Undergraduate Studies).

But Jenkins disagreed. "The longer I've lived in the dorm, the more I've come to like the food," he said. Jenkins has spent his whole college career in the dorms.

Noise also can be a problem. Rhinehimer said she has to leave her room to study, saying it's the only way she can get things done.

Shelley Zuckerman (1st-business administration) remarked, "The showers are so small I can't even shave my legs." Several others expressed similar comments.

Another bothersome feature of the dorms, according to Hughes, is a lack of privacy. "You just have to have privacy at times, and sometimes that's pretty hard to get in the dorms."

According to the Office of Residential Life Programs, about 12,000 people live in the dorms. Room and board charges for a double room total \$463 per term.

Despite the disadvantages, Hughes said she would rather live in a dorm than an apartment "because I'm basically lazy and I hate to clean and cook, and I like to be close to other people."

### Advantages Of Apartment Living

Apartment-dwelling also has its pros and cons. Among the advantages of living in an apartment

are more space, better food, less noise and more freedom than a dorm affords.

Marcia White (7th-rehabilitation education) and Gloria Czuchan (7th-journalism), both liked the idea that their apartment offered their own bathroom, more room to study and more privacy. Four women live in their two-bedroom apartment.

Keith Karako (10th-finance) and Dan Hepner (7th-accounting), who live in separate apartments, enjoy the additional room.

"I like having my own kitchen and cooking my food than eating dorm food," Karako said.

According to Hepner, it is much easier to study in an apartment than in a dorm.

Another big factor that influenced Karako to move off campus was dorm restrictions. "I don't feel I'm tied down as I would be if I were in a dorm," he said. Besides, being able to drink and have parties with much less worry about regulations concerning things like decorations on walls or floors.

Along with increased freedom, town dwellers say they gain a sense of responsibility. "When you have to cook and clean up on your own, it involves much more responsibility and really is an indication of being independent," White said.

## NEW LION FOR THE DEN

By: Terry Denbow

University Park - When Penn State football fans gather early this season to discuss new personnel on the gridiron, the name Andrew K. Bailey probably won't come up.

Yet he is a newcomer with a rough task indeed--following in the footsteps (or paw prints) of a Penn State grid legend.

Andy Bailey, of Hershey, (Chocolate Ave., no less) is the new Nittany Lion mascot at football games, successor to Bob Welsh, once described by a Cotton Bowl official as the best mascot in the entire country.

Welsh was given credit for leading a revival of spirit and enthusiasm at football games with his free-wheeling antics, like invading the West Point Corps of Cadets' cheering section, chasing the Pitt Panther across the field, warming up to referees before games, or imitating rival cheerleaders. His contributions to Penn State and the community were recognized when he was presented the University's first Barash Award for Human Services.

It's a hard act to follow, but Bailey isn't apologizing for not being Bob Welsh.

"It's true, I'm not Bobby," replies the junior biochemistry major whose hobby is interior decorating. "Sure, I realize how great he was, but I know I can do a good job, too. To be honest, I'm glad I'm following him. It's really more of a challenge this way. If I go out there every Saturday and give 100 percent-plus, that's all that really matters."

The quiet and very polite Bailey (he refers to the Penn State coach, even in casual con-

"Everybody should live in an apartment, if for nothing else than the experience. It will be much easier to adjust to living in an apartment," Karako said.

### Disadvantages Of Apartment Living

One of the main disadvantages cited by people living in apartments was the amount of time required to cook, clean and maintain the apartment. Karako estimated that this takes up seven to ten hours a week.

Another disadvantage of apartment living is isolation from other people, although Karako said he doesn't feel this is really a problem. "By the time most people get to an apartment, they usually have established friends," he said.

High rents are a frequent complaint. Rents vary, depending on location, number of bedrooms and furnishings. Hepner, who lives close to campus at Beaver Hill, complains that his rents are too high.

Students who pay lower rents by living farther from campus often face transportation problems. White and Czuchan, who live about a mile from campus at Executive House, say they often rely on friends for rides

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versation, as "Mr. Paterno") promises to perform most of Welsh's antics, in addition to a few new ones of his own.

But there's a problem--Bailey is operating on an injured knee, preventing him for performing some of his innovations.

"I'm getting it back into shape, though," Bailey promises. "I run five or six miles every day, lift weights three times a week, and work out on a trampoline. I also do push-ups every day to practice for the games."

It's Penn State tradition that the Lion performs a push-up for every point on the scoreboard after each Penn State score. Bailey's daily push-up routine prepares him for a high scoring affair. There's another post-scoring tradition that one fan strenuously protests. After doing the push-ups, the mascot is placed on a blanket held by cheerleaders and tossed high into the air, again, a toss for each point.

The protestor? My mom says that really worries her," laughs Bailey. "She says she just can't look.

Bailey doesn't like to complain about his injury, since it was an injury to Welsh that gave Bailey the chance at the job in the first place. Welsh was forced to miss the big pep rally last winter before the football team left for the Cotton Bowl due to an injury suffered at wrestling practice. Not wanting the rally to go on without the Nittany Lion, Welsh asked Bailey, his Beta Theta Pi fraternity brother, to step in for him. Bailey did a good job; later tried out for the permanent post, and was selected to succeed his fraternity brother.

"The only advice Bobby ever gave me was this: 'Have fun, just have fun.'"

NOTE: It has been suggested that the Lion's Eye is not adequately reflecting the students' voice. What is your opinion? In what ways would you have it changed to better

represent the student body? Remember, this is YOUR communications media! We can't voice your opinion without your active cooperation!

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