

New Credit Requirements On Students

by Christopher Conti
Staff Writer

Students who are receiving federal aid under the Title 4 programs must now meet certain credit levels in continue receiving grants.

Students in the Title 4 programs (which include Pell Grants, National Direct Student loan, Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants, College Work Study, and Guaranteed Student loans.) Now, in addition to their existing scholarship requirements, must stay within the minimum limits of the "Satisfactory Academic Progress Standard." According to Dr. John Brugel, Director of Student Aid, "The new stan-

dard has been approved by the Presidents Administrative Policy Council and places Penn State in full compliance with federal student aid regulations." Dr. Brugel goes on to explain that "the Standard establishes minimum levels of achievement and lengths of study for Associate, Baccalaureate, and Graduate degree students."

For full-time Undergraduates, the cumulative minimum credit levels allowed for continuing eligibility are: first year 24 credits; second year 52 credits; third year 84. (Undergraduates must also meet standards for satisfactory scholarships as set forth in "Academic Policies and Pro-

cedures for Undergraduate Students.)

For full-time graduate students, the cumulative minimum credit levels are: first year 24 credits; second year 48, third year 72, fourth year 96, and fifth year thesis work. (Graduate students also must meet the established standards of scholarship as stated in "The Pennsylvania State University Bulletin/Graduate degree programs".)

More detail and contingencies are covered in the "Satisfactory Academic Progress Standard," which will be included in the new edition of the "Penn State Student Handbook.

CAREERS

A continuing series of career news and information by Career Development and Placement Center (CDPC) Counselor Stephen M. Sciscione.

The process of choosing or deciding on a college major can be a frustrating time of indecision and stress. The starting point for making this type of decision is an examination of yourself.

The first Career Station in the CDPC is designed to help facilitate this search by focusing on personal interests, values, and abilities. The self-assessment is accomplished through reflection on past experiences (for example: What are your accomplishments? Skills? Interests?). The use of references and programmed in-

struction booklets that are self-administered and self-evaluated, as well as an occupational view deck, can help in the search.

Self exploration is thought of as the first vital step in Career/Life planning and consists of such elements as short term goal setting, determining what you value are, lifestyle choice, and techniques for effective decision making.

Five-week career exploration workshops will be offered in the CDPC during Winter Term. If you are interested in a self-exploration as part of your career decision-making, contact CDPC Counselor Stephen M. Sciscione. The Career Development and Placement Center is located in the Student Affairs Modular Building.

Operation Santa Claus

by Patricia Matkowski
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As the holiday season rolls around once again, many community groups will be sponsoring various projects. One such group, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Department of Youth Activities, will soon be holding its 16th annual "Operation Santa Claus."

Operation Santa Claus is a massive gift-giving program for children in the Philadelphia area who otherwise might not have any Christmas at all. Thousands of gifts are collected each year by students, churches, and various youth groups in support of this successful project.

Some 79 churches and social-serving agencies offer names of families to be considered, then on Christmas Eve, teenagers

dressed as Santa and his helpers deliver the gifts along a pre-arranged route to the homes of these children. In addition to the children served on Christmas Eve, Operation Santa Claus provides toys for the Hispanic community for their January 6 observance of the Feast of the Three Kings.

This year the Department of Youth Activities is hoping to distribute 20,000 toys to 10,000 children. If you would like to donate a toy, it can be dropped off at 841 Chestnut Street (basement level).

For more information about other toy drop off points or to answer any of your questions, please contact the Department of Youth Activities—Operation Santa Claus—by calling 567-4284.

Thanks To All Who Gave!

During the Fall Term the Bloodmobile came to the Delaware County Campus. The total for that visit was 141 pints. The next Bloodmobile will visit on April 6, 1983 during the Spring Term. Again to all those listed below, Thanks.

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One Person's Opinion

by Denise Weaver

The three words, All University Day will probably conjure up a profusion of bad memories in the minds of many Delaware County students. Memories of a soccer game held in freezing cold temperatures, at which the majority of Delco students were forced to attend; and memories also of a long wait and walk for rooms in the early hours of the morning.

All-U-Day entailed the weekend of November 6, from Friday afternoon to Sunday night. The entire trip cost \$30; \$24 for the bus ride up and back, and \$6 for the football game ticket of Penn State v. North Carolina State.

Those students who did not attend All-U-Day heard endless complaints when everyone returned. Some of those complaints were very true, but others were exaggerated to great lengths.

The weekend started off fine. The soccer players were at University Park by 4:30, and we arrived by 8:00. Bill Jarrell who helped to arrange All-U-Day for Delco had made room arrangements. As it turned out though, Delco was scheduled to play in the soccer tournament against Ogontz at 9:00. As a

result we had to wait until the game ended at 12:15 to get our rooms.

Most of us were told to go to the IM building, which was about a ten minute walk from Jeffrey Field. When we arrived Bill told us that there were rooms available but at different parts of the Park. So off everyone set, mostly in groups of 8-10 people. Some went East Halls, some to West, but everyone had a long walk. The group I was with was sent to Finely Dining Hall, but when we arrived we were told, "Sorry people, no rooms here!" She did get on the phone and was able to find some rooms for us. Unfortunately we had to walk out of the Park and two miles down a deserted highway at 2:30 a.m. I know many students were worse off than this but this was about the middle between good and bad.

What made Friday night and Saturday morning so terrible for everyone was that it was bitterly cold and everyone was very tired and hungry. We really weren't in the best of moods, and everything seemed to get worse.

Saturday morning there was a tailgate party for Penn State

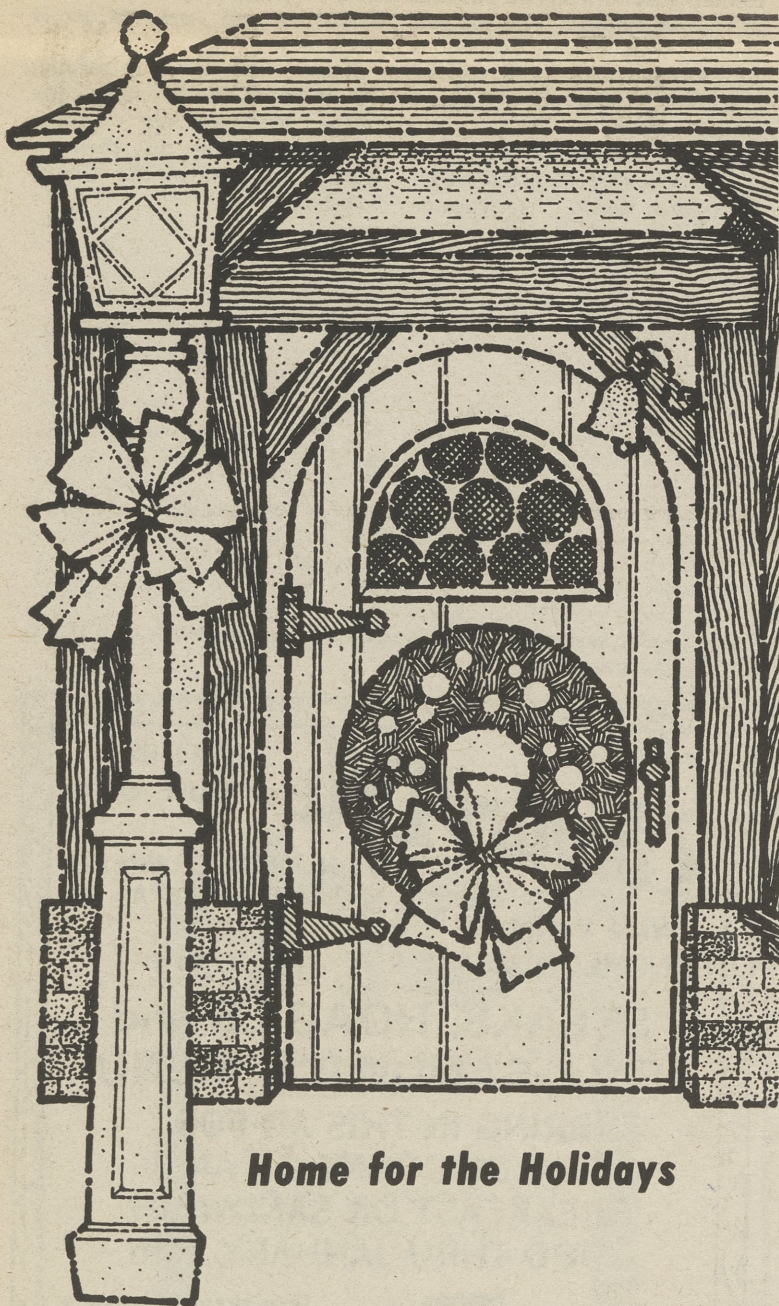
students. I don't know who showed up, I suspect most people from Delco slept through it.

The terrific defeat of North Carolina State by Penn began at 1:00 and ended at around 4:00 with a whopping score of 54-0.

Parties are always better when there is something to celebrate. Certainly on Saturday night there was cause to celebrate, and party we did. Unfortunately though one party ended a little abruptly when a diabetic got very sick.

Sunday was the long awaited day of departure. The buses were to be at Beaver Stadium by 4:00. The buses showed up, and so did some students, but many were waiting down at Jeffrey Field where we were deposited at Friday night. We eventually got it all together and departed around 4:30. We returned to Delco by 8:00 that night.

All-U-Day was an experience to say the least. I'm sure many students could revise this in adding to it and taking from it, but generally that is the way it went. This brief report may not sound all that bad to some people, but I guess you really had to be there.



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