

Features

Students or Sardines?

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The room is hot, with everyone's clothes pasted to his/her body like wet blankets. It's almost silent except for the shifting of feet and bodies. Above the whole room rises the stench of sweat and feelings of despair. Ringing out among the people is a single voice going almost unheard by those unfortunate enough to be in the rear. And time goes on.

Sounds like a prison camp? Well, it is actually any Speech Com., Bi Sci, or Econ class you decide to visit. The reason for these problems and more is simple: overpopulation. To even the most uncaring individual it is obvious that something has changed since last semester. Was there a baby boom over the semester break? Are all the new students planted there by the State Police to sniff out all our latest activities? It couldn't be that the registrar's office just enrolled too many people, could it?

It is easy to poke fun at this situation but it does cause some serious problems. As everyone on campus has most likely noticed, getting the nicely organized schedule you put together is no easy task. The computer takes this very neat roster and returns it to you with missing classes and changed times. To correct these "mistakes" one has to wait in the infamous Add/Drop line. That line rivals in length a line to get tickets to Bruce Springsteen or to buy designer jeans in Moscow.

The answer is simple. It is too late to do anything about it this semester, so cast this off as the error in trial and error. But in the spring, let's try to look at our enrollment figures a little more closely. Otherwise we'll need a side campus for Penn State Delco.

Hilt proves to be a winner



Andy Hilt

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Soft spoken and sincere describes Penn State, Delaware County Campus Student Government President, Andy Hilt. He has proven to be a true asset to Delco and also within his community. Aside from his regular school day, Hilt maintains a job during the winter months, and in the summer works as a life guard. When asked if he has ever saved anyone's life, Hilt shrugged modestly in acknowledgment, adding "That was just part of the job."

"Just part of the job" to Hilt comes closer to "above and beyond the call of duty" to most of the rest of us.

As a political science major, Hilt has already shown interest in serving in some form of political office. To many of us, that would seem like just an unattainable dream, but Hilt's dream is rapidly turning into a

reality. Unlike many sophomores, Hilt does have his foot in the door. He has recently been elected as the Treasurer of the Springfield Democratic Committee.

Hilt has always been involved in student as well as community activities. When he isn't attending meetings locally, regionally or at the University Park campus, he can be found in the SLAM center dedicating office hours from 11:30-12:30 on weekdays. He is at present involved with the restoration and conversion of the Student Affairs building. He would like to convert the building into a place where any student can go for club meetings or other student activities. He also envisions the old cafeteria as a place where students can go to watch movies or just relax.

As for Hilt's future, it looks very bright and promising. Next year he plans to major in public affairs either at Penn State's University Park campus or Capital campus. After he finishes his education in 1991, Hilt hopes to work with a presidential candidate and eventually work in the government, particularly in the congressional field.

Muddy Rivers

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The new Commons building cost Penn State millions of dollars. The only problem with the spending of said dollars is that none of them were dedicated to the construction of a path connecting this building with our Main building. Any casual observer can see that there is something wrong when students are seen walking across our "precious" grass. This can be dealt with during the bright sunny days of spring when the only real drawback is the killing of the grass, but try this during an even slightly damp autumn day.

Imagine this:

You're a dedicated student with your mind on the class that just ended in the main building. Feeling a little hungry, a nice healthy lunch at the school cafeteria sounds good. But you don't really feel like walking all the way around the already existing paths, so you decide to walk across the grass as you have seen so many others do. It starts out pretty well. Jumping over the first large mud slick, the next few steps feel fairly dry. All seems fine until the halfway point is reached; it's then that the muddy river is met. Now going back is out of the question; after all you've come this far. By now your brand new Reeboks (Nike, Lotto, Penny Loafers, etc.), are coated with a thin layer of mud. Run, yes that's the idea. Wrong! As you pick up speed you notice a slight slipping at your foot. You've just left your right shoe three steps back.

My point is this: With all of the funds spent, wouldn't a path seem logical?

Hollis Wins National Internship

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students were selected by a board of academic and professional leaders.

"My initial feeling was that of disbelief. I'm very excited that I was chosen," stated Hollis. Hollis, who presently serves as the President of the Black Student League, Delaware County Campus, has managed to maintain a high G.P.A. while working as a full-time collector at Barclay's Bank. Hollis holds not only the title of BSL President, but also that of Treasurer of the Keystone Society, an academic honor society and service organization. She has received a number of honors and awards for her academic achievement including the National Collegiate Minority Leadership Award. She does not plan to stop there, however. Hollis is currently studying to one day become a corporate lawyer. With her participation in The Minority Leaders

Fellowship Program, Hollis is well on her way to success.

The program has two main components - one theoretical and one experimental. The theoretical component is composed of a one week academic seminar and a series of nine weekly mini-seminars which will concentrate on leadership theory and the history and culture of minorities in America. Fellows are assigned to work with professionals in their desired fields in a nine week internship program.

This program will help its Fellows prepare to assume future roles as leaders in their communities. Students in the program are sponsored by educational institutions, agencies, corporations, and foundations. The program is scheduled to begin June 2, 1989 and end August 12th.



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This is how some students face their future.

Campus Qualms

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Whenever you have a commuter campus, you have to expect a certain number of problems. The *Lion's Eye* took time out to find out what the problems were that most bothered students. Many opinions were expressed, but a few problems remained consistent with most of the students.

The "Big Bang," as described by many students, is the double ditch that they encounter when driving and making that second turn onto campus. It's the sound of your front end alignment being thrown off by the missing piece of road. Where did the road go? Did our friendly security guard take it to slow down all you speeding motorists? Or is it an experiment by the Behavioral Science Department to see how we react? Whatever the reason, something should be done to repair it.

"Attention all students. Fly swatters and rubber gloves will be available at the entrance to the two student lounges." This sounds funny, but it cannot be too far away if the conditions don't change. Flies will not be a problem until warmer weather has set in, but the trash is definitely a problem. In order to find a seat one must push aside at least one soda can and gingerly remove a discarded Krimpet wrapper. The campus does employ individuals to clean these areas, but even if we posted a 24-hour guard, we wouldn't stop it completely. The only solution: clean-up after yourself.

Some say that silence is golden. If that's true, then the Penn State Delco library is made of lead. Maybe some people don't have to study, but the majority of us do. Or maybe it's that the people talking are supposed to be studying, but aren't. I hope that's the case, because maybe they will fail out and let the true students get some work done. Even with the librarians shouting with all their hearts, the constant buzz of conversation never seems to die down. To coin a phrase, "Let's try to keep it down to a dull roar, guys."

All in all, most students seem very happy with the overall condition of the campus. With a little cooperation we can control what small problems we do have.