

OPINION and REVIEW

EDITORIAL

Beware of Financial Aid Hassles

by Jennifer Darr

When I first heard of financial aid for college, I thought to myself, "Wow, these nice people will lend me just enough money to pay for tuition. I'll go to school, get a great job, pay my loans off, and live a happy life!" However, I was quite wrong.

I've only been in school a short while, and due to financial aid I've been given an enormous number of problems. My question is: Why can't organizations such as PELL and PHEAA just lend me the money for tuition hassle-free? Why must they constantly hound me with random verification pulls and contradicting letters?

Last semester, I was pulled for verification regarding my state grant form. I had to supply to PHEAA copies of my tax returns from years past and also copies of my mother's tax returns from years past. All in all, it took a few months to get that mess straightened out, during which time I worried endlessly about getting enough money to pay for the semester that was nearly ending.

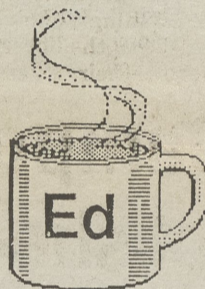
Contradicting letters concerning financial aid are a regular item in my mailbox. I received a letter in June telling me that I was ineligible for a loan. A few weeks later, I received a promissory note. A promissory note is the form that a student signs which tells the lender to disburse the loan to the school. I was thoroughly confused.

The only sanity I have found during my Financial Aid War is with Sylvia Schaefer, Assistant to the Director of Student Programs and Services/Financial Aid and Veterans' Affairs (in other words, "the financial aid lady"). Whatever problem I am faced with, I bring it to her, and she says to me, "Don't worry, Jennifer, we'll handle it." And she tries her hardest to do whatever she can to straighten things out. But, when I call PELL, PHEAA, or University Park for assistance, I get treated like a number. I can understand that they have quite a few students calling to straighten out problems, but sometimes they can get so mean and that just makes things worse.

I'm sure that I am not the only financial aid recipient that has been put through this mess, and I'm sure I won't be the last. The point I am trying to make is that every student who expects to receive financial aid should be prepared for a bumpy ride because there are no easy alternatives to financial aid. Speaking from experience, the only advice I have to offer is to try to keep a clear head, don't let yourself get too stressed out, and make sure you fill out all your forms correctly!

THE FRONT DESK

by Ed Tomezsko
Campus Executive Officer



Welcome to Penn State to some and welcome back to others. As noted in this column before, life in a university is a series of beginnings and endings. My personal favorites are beginnings.

Over the past several weeks, I have seen faculty and students returning to campus to begin the new year.

In the grand scheme of things, this reassures me that the cycle goes on. Faculty and students are like old friends — nice to be around. The interaction of faculty and students is what makes Penn State great and an exciting place to be.

Today, May 1991 seems a long time away. Trust me, May 1991 will be soon behind you and you will be surprised at how fast it happens. But a lot will happen between now and then.

Here's the point. Fortunately or unfortunately — you can choose the correct word — what happens will be because of you. You have the talent because Penn State chose you, and you are here because you chose (sorry, Temple) Penn State. Between the two of us and the other two thousand Penn Staters at Delaware County we're going to have a good year!

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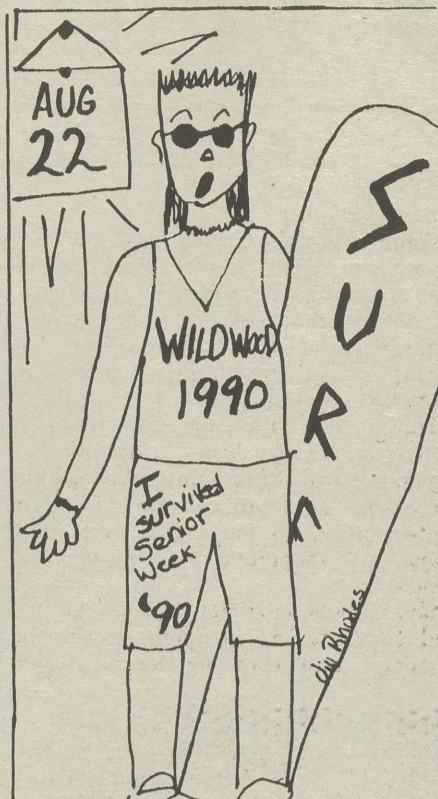
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Recycling Comes To PSU Delco

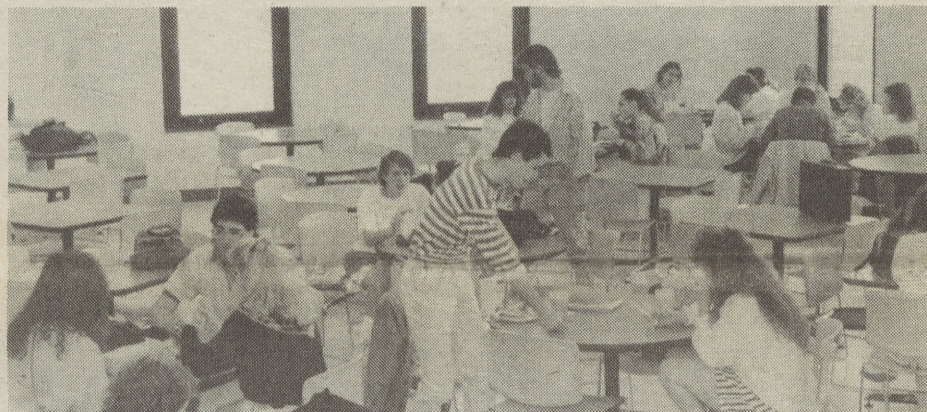
Thanks to Student Recycling Coordinator Kathy Haggerty, along with Business Director Diane Jankowski and Head Custodian Lew Fisher, RECYCLING is coming to Penn State Delco!

Now that recycling has become a priority for well-educated and caring inhabitants of the planet earth, it will become a fact of life here and at other PSU campuses. Main campus has had an ever-expanding program in place for the past year.

First to be recycled on our campus will be "white" paper, corrugated cardboard, and aluminum cans.

Look for special containers attached to the sides of trash receptacles in classrooms, offices, and lounges which will be for white office/school paper. Corrugated cardboard can be placed in xerox boxes near trash receptacles for special handling by the custodians. Larger recycling containers will be located on each floor of all buildings near the regular large trash receptacles for the disposal of aluminum cans.

All other trash should continue to be put into the regular receptacles.



Will these students remember to recycle their soda cans? Remember, the campus needs YOUR help to make recycling work.

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