

FEATURES

PSU Ranks High On List Of America's Best Colleges

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Penn State ranked 40 out of 50 on the list of "Best National Universities" in the exclusive U.S. News & World Report year 2000 annual guide to America's Best Colleges. According to the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, there are 228 national universities in the United States, 147 of them public and 81 private. What classifies Penn State and other colleges as a "national university" is the availability of a full range of undergraduate majors, along with master's and doctoral degrees offered by a particular school. Many national universities also strongly emphasize research.

In the category of the Top 50 Public National Universities, Penn State is ranked at 10, and under the "Business Programs," Penn State hit number 16, reaching an academic reputation score of 3.8 out of a possible 5.0.

The last section Penn State appeared in was "Engineering Programs at schools whose highest degree is a Ph.D." The University ranked number 14 out of 85 colleges and universities, and

accumulated an academic reputation score of 4.0 out of a possible 5.0.

U.S. News and World Report claims to take great pains to insure accuracy and precision when ranking these colleges; they use three crucial steps to rank a college or university.

First, schools are grouped together in one of 10 categories based on the Carnegie classifications. Second, information and data on up to 16 indicators of academic quality are gathered from each school and tabulated. Finally, according to U.S. News, colleges are ranked and listed in their category but their total weighted score.

Dr. Tomezsko, campus executive officer, commented on the rankings.

"The big advantage of Penn State is that the reputation is measured by the success of our graduates. We have such a good array of graduates in the professional and social world and we are very proud of that. These [rankings] are a reflection of our work."

Penn State will continue to score high on these annual rankings, according to Tomezsko, because the University works hard to ensure each student an excellent education that stands out in the work world.

Getting The Job You Want

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The Career Development Center (CDC) is focusing on networking and job preparation at upcoming student events. The fall calendar includes a "How to Find Your Dream Job" seminar on October 18, Interview Workshops and practices on October 14 and 21, and the premier event, a Networking Luncheon for juniors and seniors on November 11. "We have so much going on," said Carol Minski of the CDC. "Now it's time to get out and start talking about and promoting it."

Since 70-80% of jobs are found through networking, "the opportunity is now to make the connections," said Minski. Besides a keynote speaker and an opportunity to mingle, two alumni representing each career category will be present to interact with students. "This will be an opportunity to talk informally over lunch about employment opportunities and learn how to network in order to locate job opportunities," said Minski. Space is limited to about 25 attendees, so students should register early at the CDC. The luncheon will be located in the large conference room, second floor Commons building, from noon to 1:30pm, and is sure to become an annual event. Cost is \$5.00.

For upper-division students, Minski's goals for fall are resume and

interview preparation, while spring focuses on recruitment and actual job placement. "Next semester everything is in full swing for mock interviews," said Minski. She's embarrassed, she said, when employers call saying a Penn State Delco student interviewed with them and made a lot of mistakes. If students come to the Career Center first, many of these errors can be eliminated.

Since companies frequently call Minski with opportunities for employment, she hopes to have all seniors register with her and put their resumes on file so she can work towards job placement. Those students who take advantage of the CDC's opportunities will reap the benefits.

Besides ongoing career counseling and the usual workshops, the CDC has instituted many new programs including videotaped mock interviews, networking luncheons, and on-campus recruitment which provides an opportunity for students to interview with prospective employers.

Although the career center has a computerized career search program and job descriptions, Minski hopes to create a comprehensive job database giving students easy access to employment opportunities. Minski also plans to offer a one credit business and communications class for seniors next semester which will focus on career exploration and preparation.



The well-used Student Lounge in the Classroom Building is ready for refurbishing based on students' suggestions.
Photo by Alyce Wolff

Calling All Decorators!

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How about putting an espresso machine over there, several area rugs there and there. No, no, how about a juice machine there, an area rug in that corner, photographs over there, or how about a sofa in that corner, and that corner, and possibly a grand piano over there.

How do you want to decorate your own lounge? According to Constance Kirker Assistant professor of Integrated Arts, "We need your input!" Students are needed to help re-decorate or to finish decorating the Classroom Building lounge. The beautiful sky-lit room can be transformed into a cozy and comfortable room.

Anyone's ideas are welcomed. But they must be inexpensive and fun. Here are some ideas that Kirker and her students came up with: Turn the tables

that are already in the lounge into a personal collage. Each student would help by placing either a photograph or comic of their choice on one of the tables and then the tables would be topped off with a piece of glass. Another idea is to buy plants and have students adopt one to take care of it. Another idea would be to find someone to donate a grand piano or other items. And another idea would be to find several students to purchase a leather hide-a-bed-sofa that they can take home at the end of the year.

This is students' chance to get involved and leave their mark at Delco. Kirker said, "By decorating the lounge students can make it feel like they belong there." Students with ideas can contact Dr. Kirker(610-8902 1468), Dr. Tomezsko (610-892-1231), or SGA officers (610-892-1240 or 610-892-1715).

A Club For Upper Classmen

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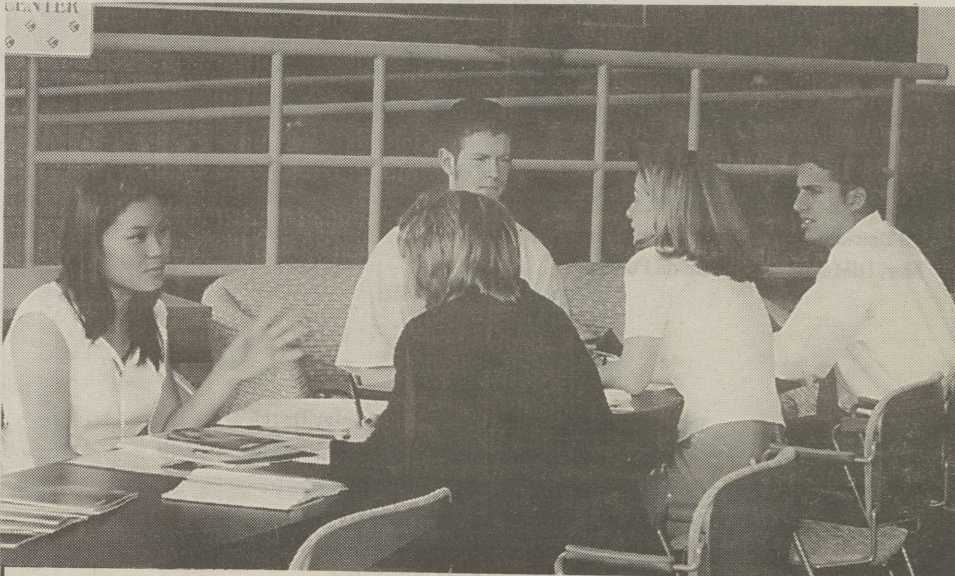
The Keystone Society, directed by Karl Grieb, Coordinator of Alumni and Public Relations, is looking for juniors and seniors to join.

The purpose of the Keystone society is to accommodate the social, academic, and career planning needs of upper class students and to prepare them for their upcoming alumni status by holding networking events, speaker events, career planning events, social events, career planning events, social events, and building relationships with alumni.

Currently, there are no clubs on campus that specifically address the needs of upper division students. Doreen Hettich, Director of Student Life, wants to establish such a club.

"My goal for this club is to assist the campus in making this transition from 2 year to 4 year programs," says Hettich, "as well as to help the upper division students to continue to feel a part of the campus."

Those interested should contact Karl Grieb, room 111 F Main, phone extension 256, krg6(2i).psu.edu or Doreen Hettich.



Delco students learn about a variety of jobs from area professionals at the recent Career Expo on campus.



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