

Opinion

An editorial

Hacking is a big worry

To the list of bomb threats and stolen property, you can add computer hacking, the latest mishap on campus. Someone has hacked into the schools computer system changing all the grades in all classes to A's. This may also be the cause of some students' Penn State email accounts automatically sending bogus email to other students.

For those of you cheering about the A's and who couldn't care about rampant email, think of the downside to all of this. If this person is able to hack into computers to change grades and into your email account to send emails, then how safe are you really?

Important personal information is at risk of being obtained, including social security numbers, addresses and phone numbers, and other records and documents. Don't forget those credit card numbers; being maxed out is no fun.

Also, what if the hacker(s) doesn't like you and decides to give you an F? Or wants to trash your reputation? Even steal your identity?

How can this be stopped? This person is difficult to track. The IP address and account used could be stolen or someone else's, or even no longer exist.

Which leads to the question, is the hacker the same person who called in the bomb threats last year? If so, did he or she make the bomb threats only to get out of an exam, or did he or she realize the new entrance project would get jumpstarted?

Or, is the hacker the same person who stole the Penn State rugs? Did he or she steal the rugs to be a nuisance or because they liked them so much they could use them at their own house? Perhaps there is one "mastermind" behind all of these events.

All of these speculations could suggest that the person could have the best interest of the student body in mind, not just themselves. But are criminals — and make no mistake, this person's actions are criminal—really unselfish?

Hopefully, he or she realizes that they are not doing anyone a favor. It means greater insecurities and problems for, not just the students, but the entire Penn State community. The computer services department now has to fix the problem, when they could be doing something else, like upgrading computers or making sure everything is running properly.

Teachers and professors now have to go back over everyone's grades and see who has what, now that their original work was just deleted. As you can see, the hacker helped no one, not even him or herself, and left no one untouched.

It's up to those concerned for themselves or each other to leave no stone unturned, and work with security to help catch this criminal.

To the person who is the cause of all this consternation: you really are not doing anyone a favor by changing the grades, and your childish pranks must come to an end. You are in college now, and now is the time to start acting like it.

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People Poll

Staff writer Pam Przybylski asked:

How has the lack of on campus housing affected you?



"I have to travel two hours to get to school."

Diana Soukhaponh
Freshman DUS



"Well, since I have to drive 30 to 40 minutes to school every day, it costs a lot of money for gas."

Joanna Cosans
Sophomore Graphic Arts



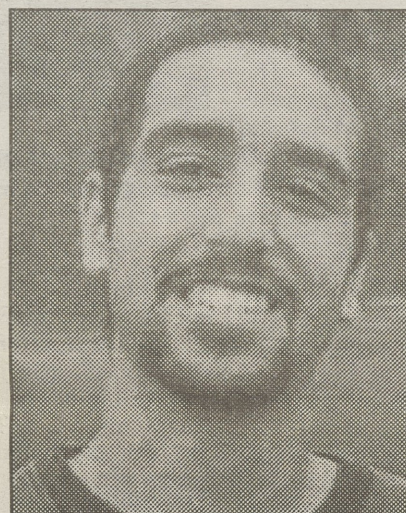
"It hasn't really, because my grandparents live close and I just live with them."

Joe Habich
Freshman IST



"There is a lack of student involvement simply because we commute."

Jamila Bishop
Sophomore Business



"You don't get to see people as much. They just come to school and go right home, there's less bonding between students."

Hisham Rahmi
Sophomore DUS



"I live 20 minutes away and my car leaks a lot of gas; it's like a quarter of a tank to get here."

Bill Barnett
Freshman Criminal Justice

Here at Delco, are we Penn State?

I'm proud to be a part of the Penn State family. Unfortunately, I feel like the long lost bastard daughter of someone's uncle's brother's niece in the scheme of things. I don't feel like a "Penn Stater."

I acknowledge now that I am not a Penn Stater; I am a Delco-er.

You know how Penn State's catch phrase is "WE ARE PENN STATE?" Well, I for one don't feel like it. Penn State pride is in short supply here on PSU Delco's campus, and I blame that shortcoming on one thing: No dorms.

I know that there are mitigating circumstances as to why there are no dorms on this campus—one being that the township won't zone us as a residential campus—but students are losing an integral part of the college experience by choosing to commute.

Friendships are harder to build on commuter campuses. I live an hour away from school and all the friends that I have made live an hour in the other direction. Because of distances between us, we hardly ever get to hang out together outside of school.

With residential campuses, you are forced to hang out with the people, living 24/7 with them right down the hall at easy access.

After one year spent at a residential campus in the "boonies" I made friendships that will last forever. Here I still feel like I'm just getting to know the people.

This campus also doesn't support our sports teams—not that I go all that much either. I did attend a basketball game last year, and there were more spectators in the visit-

ing team's bleachers than ours. Why don't we go watch our teams like Univeristy Park (UP) watches the football games?

I don't know if I missed something, but last I checked, we are all students and these are supposed to be the "greatest years of our lives." Sadly, most of the students here are more wrapped up in working rather than connecting with the school.

Maybe we have the better plan here, by skipping all the drinking that a lot of students at UP do, and instead focusing on the class work, but I miss it (the fun, not the drinking). I regret not staying at my resident campus with the friends I made, and going out on the weekends.

Here I'm working three days a week, going to school the other two, and on the weekend just trying to catch up on my sleep. Yet I'm more tired here than I was at my other school, where I stayed out until 3 a.m. when I had a 7:30 a.m. class.

It's obvious that the campus recognizes a spirit deficit, so they try to boost morale by having events like "Community Day" and campus picnics. Unfortunately most students, admittedly, only go to these functions for the free food.

I wish that this campus had the spirit that UP or Altoona does. I chose to finish out my degree here at Delco because the classes are smaller and the teachers are great, but I miss the fun. So I guess whenever I need a "school spirit fix" I'll just haul myself up to UP. But I hope one day soon we will all realize that WE (too) ARE PENN STATE.

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