

# Opinion

## Letter to the editors:

### A welcome, and a challenge, from SGA

Dear Penn Stater:

I take great pride in welcoming you to Penn State as your Student Government President for the 2004-2005 academic year. You are about to embark on one of the greatest journeys of your life: college.

It seems like yesterday, I began my college career at Penn State. At this moment, students all over the country are being advised on how to go about their college careers: how to pick the right classes, become involved, graduate without being in debt, how to fit in, etc ...

Get involved. You can see the difference in your grades. Join an organization; join a club, we have over 30 clubs here on campus. There is a club for every interest you can think of; and if not, it is simple to start one. I can help.

I urge you to take the challenge to overcome temptations. Do not allow yourself to be overwhelmed. Take everything one at a time. You will succeed. We are here for an extraordinary reason: to learn. I wish you the best of luck in all of your future endeavors here, there, and everywhere. If you'll remember the lessons taught by Dr. Suess, you'll remember there is no limit to the places you will go.

Kevin Krauss  
SGA President

## Letter from the editors:

### Infusion of new energy has left us feeling giddy

The first couple of weeks of school have absolutely flown by. Already, most of us have had our first exams skipped a few classes (naughty, naughty), and pigged out at Java Joe's. After being here for the start of a school year for a few years, we're excited. Why? Because of you. Yes, you. You, at the open mic who broke the stool. You who participated in the SGA Tug of War. Even all of you who ate the free hot dogs. Why do all of you get us excited? Simply because of your involvement on campus. It's been awesome.

During Common Hour, there are students in the apple orchard playing Ultimate Frisbee, hacky-sacking and whatever other games come to mind. There are students relaxing in the gazebo. There is laughter. There is fun. There are good times in the sun.

But there are still so many activities to look forward to during the common hour, after the common hour, and even before it. We hope to see all your friendly faces everywhere we go. Maybe even help us review some of the school events. We're always looking for fresh new writers to add flavor to the paper. You know, spice it up a bit.

## Sarah and Jennifer

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We are the newspaper of the Penn State Delaware County campus, serving the students, administration, faculty and staff of, and visitors to, our campus. We vow to entertain and inform all of our audiences, and we will strive to make each edition better, so that we remain a vital part of the Penn State Delco experience. We also strive to be professional, and to follow the highest standards of good journalism.



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## People Poll

Staff writer Katie News asked:  
What do you do between classes?



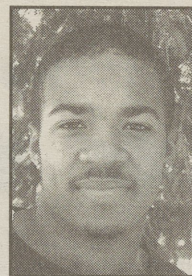
I go home; I have a lot of time between classes.

Nella Saoyen  
Senior



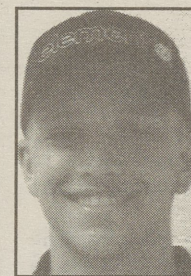
I don't have a break between classes.

Jamielle Johnson  
Sophomore



I go to the library and get my homework done.

Rich Hawkins  
Freshman



Common hour I go to work and steal food.

Andy Fernandez  
Sophomore



I do my homework; during common hour I talk and eat lunch with friends.

Erin MacQueen  
Freshman



I go to the gym.

Liz Segal  
Sophomore

# Aggressive drivers can drive you right to breaking point

There are so many drivers driving carelessly these days. Just maneuvering down Route 1 has become a dangerous task. Drivers are rushing, honking at people to get out of their way, tailgating, and flicking off people that are driving too slow.

Now I know that it's hard to follow someone who is driving like a turtle, but have a little respect. Give him the benefit of the doubt. Maybe he's lost, and we all know what it feels like to be lost. And so what if they're old. Would you want someone to disrespect your parents or grandparents while they were driving?

People are so quick to judge, immediately mumbling under their breath that the person in front of them should have their license revoked, when in fact you're the one with the problem.

If you're rushing because you're late, maybe you should try leaving earlier, so your rude erratic driving doesn't become a tragedy, all because you were rushing.

Everywhere you look people are juggling a phone in one hand, a drink in the other, and sometimes you even see that same person with multiple CDs hanging out of their mouth in an attempt to change the music. I don't know about you but that makes me feel unsafe.

The other day when I was driving down Route 1, a four-lane highway I might add, a woman was tailgating a car in the left lane. She started blaring her horn, sticking up her middle finger, and to top it off she was talking on her cell phone. Oh, and there was a young child in the backseat.

Now let's just say that tailgated car braked a little. Route 1 is dangerous, especially that area where those five teenagers were killed a few years ago. And if that poor driver who couldn't switch lanes because traffic was so heavy braked even for a second they would have been rear ended.

Eventually that woman did get around her by swerving in the right lane, almost colliding with me,

before maneuvering her automobile back to the left lane behind some other innocent driver.

I actually wished there was a cop sitting on top of the hill with his lights flashing to take away her license.

Driving is a privilege that many people are taking for granted these days. And I hate to admit it, but I don't think people will slow down until something tragic happens. It seems like everyone these days needs an eye awakening experience to open their eyes. Sometimes it happens to late.

How would you feel if you were the reason someone else was killed because you chose to drive extremely fast? If you even survived the accident, I bet you would be counting your blessings. But what about that poor family who lost a loved one because of your speeding?

People need to stop and think while they're driving because innocent lives are being threatened everyday by drivers. You may not care now, but you will when someone close to you dies in an automobile or someone you know caused a terrible accident.

It used to be that drivers needed to avoid young teenagers, mainly boys, who were driving. Because statistics said that they were the worst drivers. Now everyone is on that list. It doesn't matter if you're 45 or 25, everyone is rushing and taking what they have for granted.

So instead of rushing, try for once to be the responsible driver, who is cautious of his/her surroundings. Leave earlier if you know that you will be stuck in traffic, or might be late for school, work, or even a meeting. I'm sure your boss would be happier to see your face alive than dead.

I'm going to make a conscious effort to slow down and am challenging all readers to do the same.

But most of all remember, it only takes one time to make a mistake that could cost lives.



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