

Opinion

An editorial

We're here to have fun ... why not start doing it?

School support is suffering. Have you been to a sporting event lately? When was the last time you attended a club meeting, event, or other activity that Penn State Delco offered? Many of you are probably saying never because your schedule is way too busy for any school event.

That's sad. Our sports teams need as many people as possible to go out there and raise their voices. We need hundreds of people to show the teams how much we appreciate them.

The SGA is at as much fault as the rest of the student body. They should be setting the example by attending all school events without exception. If SGA members aren't there, what makes the other students think the games or events are worth attending?

At the same time, the SGA wants more students to attend all of its events. Last week, the SGA held Fall Week. A week filled with events like Reigning Starz, a Wing Bowl, Multicultural Day, Casino Night and Club Night.

The attendance for many of the events was high. Multicultural Day had the biggest audience, perhaps because teachers asked their students to attend for extra credit, or maybe because it was during common hour. But, most likely, students attended because of the free food. Free food is always a sure way to get people to show up. They may not stick around long enough to hear what the activity is all about, but they're definitely there long enough to grab some grub.

Club Night had the least amount of people during Fall Week. People weren't interested in getting dressed up and dancing the night away in the Classroom lounge. And it was pretty sad that not all the SGA members turned out. You would think that they would at least show up for their own events, and support it. Or, better yet, support the person that planned the event.

Penn State Delco faculty members and students are constantly searching for ways to improve the attendance. Current methods aren't working. And it isn't because the efforts of those involved in the activity aren't working hard enough.

People don't make time in their busy schedules to participate in school stuff. They are forgetting that they are a part of this campus and their attendance is vital. The event planner doesn't want to feel like they wasted their time on planning an activity. And athletes need people to cheer them on.

Maybe the fact that we are a commuting campus puts a dent on campus life. It shouldn't. People are in college to have a great time. Start having one.

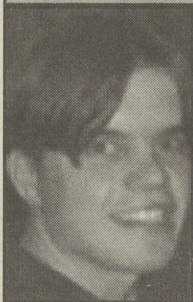
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People Poll

Staff writer Charlotte Barr asked:

How are you going to spend your Thanksgiving?



I am going to eat a lot of good food.

Joe Henderson
Undergrad studies



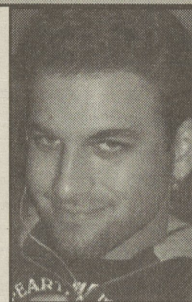
I am having people from all over the world at dinner.

Dr. Myra Goldschmidt
Professor



This year i just plan on staying home.

Ravinder Gurm
Business



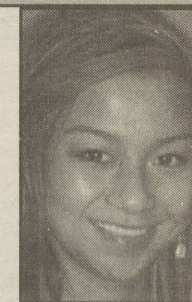
I am going to Washington, D.C., and I plan on watching some football.

Dave Kotch
Liberal arts



I am going to visit my family in Virginia.

Twyla Porter
HDFS



I am going to spend this year with my family.

Linda Nguyen
Asian girl

A polite reminder: Take an extra second to be considerate of people around you

I'm sure most of you have been in a movie theater at one point in time, and have lost concentration because you were sitting two seats too close to a loud mouth. What about the time you were walking out of a building with packages in your hand, and the person before you let the door go, rather than taking a few extra seconds to hold it open?

These are examples of how rude the general public has become. It may be that people are so wrapped up in their cell phone conversations that they forget there are living and breathing humans around them.

Many times I have noticed that the people who aggressively cut others off in traffic are usually the same people who have a cell phone glued to their head. Perhaps courtesy has become as outdated as eight-track players.

In the work force, time and time again I have witnessed the mistreatment of store clerks, servers and bankers. So many customers irrationally lash out on these people for unjust reasons who are trying to serve the public. For example, a person will get into line to make a purchase and perhaps the transaction is going too slowly, that person loses patience and shouts at the cashier. Hello? You're the jerk who doesn't understand the concept of time management.

The rudeness doesn't stop with the general public; it also lingers here at the lovely campus of Penn State Delaware County. There is always that one student who forgets to shut their cell phone off during presentations. And honestly, sticking gum underneath the desks; what are you 10 years old? Do I need to remind you that the crosswalks at school are there to let a student cross a street? This concept often confuses drivers who think that the pedestrians are moving tar-

gets.

My personal favorite, however, is restaurant ignorance. As a server, my top complaint is, do people honestly not know how to tip, or are they just straight-up ignorant? For example, if you can afford to eat a \$60 dinner, then you better make a conscious effort to shell out a tip of 18%, which is only \$11, people. By all means, a \$4 tip on this bill is completely unacceptable. If you cannot afford a tip, you should try somewhere cheaper, like McDonald's. They have a great dollar menu.

Next, when you speak to a server, treat them like humans. And please, take a break from your food while speaking. Spare your server from the disgusting display of half-chewed food that is rolling around in your mouth while you obnoxiously ask for extra dressing or honey wheat (better known as chocolate) bread.

When a hostess seats you at a table, just sit there. I love the people who say, "Can I have a booth?" or "Can we sit at that table near the window?" Are these people serious? First of all, if all customers were allowed to pick their tables, then there would be no need for hosts and hostesses. Secondly, that customer just waited an hour to eat; does it really make that big of a difference if they eat at a table or in a booth? And please stop parking in the handicapped spots. Walk the extra 25 feet. Let the person with one item go before you in line, when you have 20 items. Hold the door open for that person who is walking behind you. Get off your cell phone and acknowledge that life happens beyond your catty chat session.

Maybe if people made a more conscious effort to help someone other than themselves, then maybe this area would seem like a nicer place to live.



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