

Eye On Campus

Delco Community Update

Learn About Degree Audits

If you don't know what a degree audit is, why it is important or how to receive one attend the meeting on Wednesday, March 22 in the Main 214 during 12:30 p.m.-1:20 p.m.

Domestic Violence: How to Recognize It

A speaker, from Media, PA, hosts a lecture Thursday March 23 between 11:30a.m.-12:45 p.m., in Main 101 to discuss signs and solutions to domestic violence. Everybody is welcome. Pizza and refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the HDFS club.

Get "Wicked" With Nittany Readers

On April 5, 2006 the Book Club will have a discussion on the acclaimed book "Wicked", which is about animals on the strive of equality and the child

hood of a certain evil witch who resides in the land of Oz. You can pick up your copy of "Wicked" by Gregory Maguire in the campus bookstore. Contact ReneLutzat Rll147@psu.edu or Dale Spring at Dgs13@psu.edu or ext. 270 for more information.

Classes Cancelled March 24th

Friday March 24th classes will be canceled 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. due to a PECO electricity shut down to transfer power to new utility poles placed alongside Route 352.

Intramural Soccer Winners Announced

Critter Wrigley, Matt Jones, Del Hazeley, Foday Soyay, Nick Oktay, Ahmad Sayid, and Mohammed Ibrahim won the championship in overtime. Soyay had the winning goal.

Free College Money Available: Nobody's Taking It

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Although tuition costs are rising, some students are not applying for financial aid. According to a recent report by the American Council on Education (ACE), it is estimated that 1.5 million students who could have been awarded the Pell Grant didn't even apply for it. Why is this?

Admissions assistant Anna Pipino says that a big problem is procrastination. Those students who put things off are hurting their chances of getting financial aid.

"Deadlines are critical features," said Pipino.

There is apparently also some confusion over the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form.

Recently, volunteers in 25 states set up stations in schools, libraries, and other buildings to help students and their families with forms as part of a program called "College Goal Sunday."

When students and parents are working together to fill out the FAFSA form, there may be circumstances where they need to wait for income tax forms to come in. Since filling out the FAFSA seems to be so complicated, it often turns students off.

What students need to know is that they can't just fill out the FAFSA and be done. They have to follow up and wait for notification and confirmation," Pipino said.

The Southeastern Association of Colleges and Employers study, released in February, found the percentage of undergraduates completing FAFSA actually rose from 50 to 59 percent over the four-year period it studied, and the total number of appli-



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cations increased by nearly 3 million, to 11.1 million.

However, the number of low-income students who did not file rose from 1.7 million to 1.8 million or about 28 percent of low income students.

It is important for students to realize that applying for student aid is a process, but in the end, it can be well worth the patience, counselors stress. Aside from just applying for financial aid through FAFSA, students can also apply for campus-based scholarships.

"Students who have a 3.0 or higher at the end of the fall semester can apply for campus based scholarships that will be in effect the following fall," said Pipino.

But the problem of procrastination still exists. Another problem with students is that they don't believe that they have any chance of winning a scholarship award, so they don't bother to apply at all.

Pipino says, "When applying for web-based scholarships, students have to be proactive."

University Park Extravaganzas

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Although most of you have probably been up to Main Campus, maybe even studied there already, there are some things about University Park that need attention. For students transferring up to the Main Campus next semester, here is some advice:

Go to the Creamery, but not too often

Hike Nittany Mountain. It's a nice walk, and a great view of State College.

Take a picture with the Lion Shrine. Send it to your parents, they'll be proud.

Buy football tickets, and go to the games. If you haven't been to one yet, you're missing out.

Visit Ye Olde College Diner and get the World Famous Grilled Stickies. It's the only place on College Avenue that is open 24 hours!

Find a secret computer lab. There are a ton of them and the main ones (in Willard Building and the Library) are always packed. Don't wait in line for a computer when there are available ones in more quiet places.

Get in a debate with the Willard Preacher. He's there everyday talking about all different issues. I've heard everything from, religion, abortion, drinking, sex, protestors, girls' outfits, etc. Usually, he is having a heated discussion with someone who thinks differently than he does. It's all innocent, but very interesting to watch.

Go to Canyon Pizza any time of the night. They're open until 'late' which means about 5 a.m. Slices are only \$1 all the time, but for some reason, the pizza doesn't taste as good during the day as it does in the middle of the night. I wonder why.

Most importantly, be safe and be smart. State College is known for being a drinking town with a football problem, but that's not all Penn State is about. Have fun and take advantage of all the great things Penn State has to offer and enjoy being away from home!

Attend a library information session. Yes, it sounds boring and it will be, BUT, you will absolutely use the information and you won't panic when you have to research for your papers. Also, learn how to tackle the stacks and the scary elevators that are intertwined in them.

Take advantage of the learning centers. You will get a better grade.

Go to LateNight Penn State. Sounds cheesy, and of course, you could be doing something better, but it's actually fun. There are free movies every weekend, in a real theater. They're good movies too. Sometimes there will be big events, like speakers, singers or comedians. Go every once and a while, it's fun.



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