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Changes have already begun to the Vairo parking lot. (photo by Justin Park)

Parking Lot Repairs: Friend or Foe?

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Penn State Brandywine is pleased to announce that the Vairo Library parking lot will be replaced. The renovations will include replacing asphalt, conduit, damaged curbing, inlets, light poles, storm drains, and walkways.

Ideally, a project of this multitude would be completed in the summer; however, this very expensive (almost 450 thousand dollar) project is being funded by an outside source and it is critical to take advantage of the opportunity while it is being offered.

Renovations were scheduled to begin between September 20 and September 27, 2010, and plan to take approximately three months to complete. During this time, the Vairo parking lot will be completely closed. Construction is currently underway to prepare for the temporary student parking lot, which will be available on the abandoned tennis and volley ball courts located behind the Commons building. Ideally, there will be roughly 94 spaces available.

In addition to student parking behind Commons, faculty and staff will have temporary parking located directly behind the Vairo Library (in front of the new maintenance building).

Most students, faculty, and staff can agree that the renovations are long overdue, especially with the effects of last winter's harsh weather. With the various pot holes and loose gravel, the funding came at a very opportune time. Naturally, the controversial timing is leaving students with mixed emotions.

Alex Leiser, a 20 year old Business Major, said, "I think the parking lot was starting to get worn down. So yeah, they eventually would have had to re-pave it but it could have waited for a year or so."

Other students are more concerned about finding parking during this time.

Justin Le Pore, a 21 year old Corporate Communications major said, "It's going to be inconvenient with that whole parking lot out of commission thing. I guess we'll see how the old tennis courts work as the temporary lot. I have a feeling it's going to be hard to find a spot!"

With the completion of the Vairo parking lot, the temporary parking lot (old volley ball and tennis courts) will be demolished and replaced with a grass field that can be used for various and activities.

The bittersweet situation will help to make a smoother, safer parking environment for everyone here at Penn State Brandywine for now and years to come.



Beaver Stadium is a sea of white during Penn State University's Annual All U Day. Students, faculty and staff from all 19 Penn State Campuses travel to University Park every year to represent their campus and show their Penn State Pride. (photo courtesy of Ronika Money)

We Are... Penn State!

Brandywine students, faculty and staff head to University Park to rally on the Nittany Lions in always well-attended annual event.

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Last Saturday September 25, 2010 All Penn State Campuses gathered up at State College, Penn State Main Campus to show the schools unity and school spirit from all the campuses across the state of Pennsylvania. Each campus from the Pennsylvania State University gathered to be recognized and honored, each holding a banner for their specific campus. The showing of these banners was held during half time of the Penn State vs. Temple game that afternoon. From my perspective, being a student from a satellite campus being at that game and having our campus recognized, was a great feeling of acceptance and unity. The stadium was full of school spirit and excitement and allowed the fans of our football team realize that we have campuses all over and we all have the amount of school spirit that they have there, in State College.

The Council of Commonwealth Student Governments (CCSG) decided to run All U Day a little different this year. In past years, All U Day used to just recognize the Commonwealth Campuses whereas this year they decided to recognize and unite all the campuses who are involved in the student life of Penn State Main Campus. The CCSG brainstormed also during their meeting to plan All U Day that they would use this event to help decipher how well homecoming and THON will be in the future.

There was a great turn out to the game and every campus had about 25 people per campus join us at the game. Penn State Campuses gathered at their schools that Saturday and took a bus to University Park.

Penn State Brandywine's tickets for All U Day sold out in about 2 days from Ronika Money receiving the tickets. So if this event sounds enjoyable to you and something you would be interested in for future years, look into getting a ticket. Student Jenn Knowlton says that, "I enjoyed tailgating and thought it was a great way to bring everyone together. And says to everyone for future years to get out there and get a ticket to All U Day in order to experience a level of school spirit we don't get to see on an everyday basis at a satellite campus."



Penn State Brandywine students gather to rally and cheer on their Nittany Lions at All U Day at University Park. (photo courtesy Joel Koshy)

PLCP Awards Brandywine \$15,000 Grant

Monies will go toward expanding counseling and health services to respond to underage drinking.

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College is known to be one of the greatest experiences in life. Everyone anticipates it and mostly everyone wishes it never ended. You get to be around a more sophisticated crowd, obtain more responsibilities, study what you want to accomplish, and it's a massive self growth experience.

But aside from all those positive traits you gain from college, what about social life and entertainment? Penn State University was voted the number one party school in the U.S. in the 2008 Princeton Review, and although the statistics change annually, it still remains in the top three today.

A college that lives up to a label such as that is never a positive and can destroy the image of a school. This issue doesn't only focus on the University Park but also concerns the Brandywine campus.

That's where Director of Student Affairs Matthew Shupp comes in. Shupp applied for a grant recently, and Brandywine recently learned that our campus will receive \$15,000 to help decrease underage and high-risk alcohol consumption. According to Shupp, the majority of the funds will be used to increase the counseling services available to students on campus.

"I certainly hope we see a decrease in the amount of alcohol consumed by our students, says Shupp, who believes that this grant is just one way to start to tackle this tough issue.

"Through our increased counseling services, students can gain the skill sets to identify behaviors that may have a negative impact on their lives and learn ways to change these behaviors. It's extremely difficult to be awarded grants. That's why we're so grateful to be considered" he added.

Thanks to the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB), we will hopefully see drastic changes for the students facing excessive alcohol consumption issues.

Since 1999, the PLCB has awarded more than \$4.5 million in grants to 246 organizations to fund prevention programs focused on underage alcohol consumption, as well as initiatives supporting underage drinking law-enforcement investigations.

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