



Cassandra Stewart (10th-sociology) patiently waits to secure a number six card at registration.

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How can I possibly study for two midterms on the same day? I'm a transfer student and I still haven't decided what kind of career I want — what can I do? How can I make friends and meet people of the opposite sex? My roommate is kind of bizarre — how can I try to get along with him?

Those are the questions and concerns of many new students at University Park this Winter Term, whether they are freshmen or transfer students.

Although not as extensive as Fall Term's effort, the "Orientation Express" provided programs to help students answer questions and deal with University Park jitters.

However, many of the programs had very few or no participants. For example, three programs offered yesterday, "Socialization Pressures at Penn State," "How to Get Along with Your Roommate," and "Buyer Beware" — a session designed to help town students adjust to living in State College — were not taken advantage of by new students.

Bill Farnsworth, director of new student programs, said 850 students are new to campus this term. Transfer students account for 670 of those students, he said.

Some programs have better attendance in the Spring and Fall terms while other orientation program attendance remains stable throughout the year, Farnsworth said. Study skills and socialization skills workshops, for example, are more popular in the fall and spring.

Farnsworth said some programs may have had low attendance because "we didn't assess needs as well as we should have. What we were offering might not have been of interest to students at this time and place."

Some programs were very popular, however, among them a session on Career Planning for Transfer Students led by Mary Surridge, a counselor with the Career Development and Placement Center, and a discussion on Sex, Toads and Rock 'N' Roll, both with about 30 people in attendance.

The latter program, led by Edward Wickersham, associate professor of zoology, was a frank, informative and often humorous discussion of human sexuality.

Wickersham, who teaches a biology course dealing with the physiology of sexuality, said there is a "conspiracy of secrecy" about sexual information in society.

"We, as a society, are not comfortable talking about sex. We don't help individuals deal with sexual problems."

He said sex education offered in public schools, if it exists at all, is too little, too late.

"Usually the idea in our society is 'the more you know about something the better off you are to deal with problems' — until it comes to sex."

Wickersham said sexual problems, such as having difficulties with boyfriends or girlfriends or worrying about an unwanted pregnancy, contribute to at least as many failed exams and courses as any other factor that disrupts academic life.

Another orientation program, a study skills session

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held in East Halls on Tuesday night, was also sparsely attended, but the two women who did attend said they thought hints offered in the areas of study methods, test taking and academic motivation would be helpful to them during midterms.

Academic advice given in the session included making a schedule which allows for meals, study breaks and recreation as well as classes and studying.

Student counselors from the Student Assistance Center strongly suggested that an hour is about as long as anyone can study before study time efficiency drops off considerably. Switching subjects, taking 5- to 10-minute breaks every hour and giving yourself rewards for achieving study goals is a good way to improve concentration and motivation, said student counselor Hob Lloyd (8th-individual and family studies).

Another important consideration in studying is determining what environment is conducive to studying, the student counselors said. While some students may be able to study while lying on their beds and watching General Hospital, other students might fall asleep or become so absorbed with Luke and Laura that they get nothing accomplished.

Each student must determine what kind of situation is best to study in and when he is the most alert and motivated to tackle the books, Lloyd said.

The two women who attended the study skills workshop also gave their first impressions of the University.

"It seems like there's so much to find," said Marisa Kupiec (1st-liberal arts). "There are a lot of interests. It's big and diverse and you can always find things to do."

Lisa Topel (1st-microbiology) said she was surprised by how personalized the academic advising and orientation programs were.

"I thought with 30,000 kids everything would be processed," she said. "If I can make it here I can make it anywhere. It (the University) is big. You can be independent. It offers more than any other school I considered."

For the students who had prepared orientation sessions for new students, the lack of attendance was somewhat disconcerting.

Ron Vierra (12th-business logistics), a student counselor from the Student Assistance Center who was scheduled to be a leader of the "Socialization Pressures at Penn State" workshop, said he was disappointed that no one came to the program.

"We spend a couple of hours preparing for it (the program), and we get psyched for it. We enjoy doing these programs," Vierra said. "We think there's a big need for them and the people out there who may need them aren't coming in. You wonder if there's some way to improve your PR."

Lloyd said services offered by the student counselors, whose office is located in 135 Boucke, do not end after orientation. Individuals can obtain personal and academic counseling, and groups such as fraternities or sororities, dorm floors or clubs can request programs in study skills and stress management.

Safety of pedestrians important

Runners are vulnerable to accidents, University police official says

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First period ends at 9:15 a.m. and hundreds of students fill the sidewalks and streets at the center of campus. Runners, bicyclists, rollerskaters and skateboarders compete with pedestrians for the same space, and automobiles add to the confusion at the crosswalks.

Accidents do happen. Pedestrian safety, especially the safety of runners, is a major concern of the Traffic Safety Subcommittee of the University Safety Council, said Thomas R. Harmon, manager of University Police Services.

"It is a problem in this community," Harmon said. "Pedestrians, bicycles and vehicles (are) in conflict for the same roadway and it has resulted in accidents."

Eleven bicycle and pedestrian accidents have occurred in the last year, he said.

"I think the reason we do not have more accidents on campus is that the conflict is so acute and people are so aware of it that motorists drive extremely carefully," Harmon said.

Runners are more vulnerable and present more problems than conventional pedestrians, Harmon said. "I think the problem of pedestrian accidents is a very serious one here," he said. "It is one where joggers are much more likely to be the victims than the rest of us are."

However, Harmon said he was not aware of any instance of a runner being struck on campus by an automobile. Some runners have been struck in the surrounding area in the last few years, he said.

Bruce A. Younkin, foreman of University Bus Operations, said Campus Loop drivers have noticed an increase in recent years in the amount of running on the roadways, especially in rural areas near campus. Running on the road increases the chances of being struck by an automobile since drivers are not always on the watch for pedestrians, Younkin said.

"We get a substantial number of complaints from the public about joggers on the roadway," Harmon said. "They want us to take some kind of strong action to get joggers off the roadway."

Runners have been harassed and seemingly chased by motorists on occasion, he said.

Some runners do not obey pedestrian laws or common sense when they run, Harmon said. Although most people learn the rules of pedestrianism when they are in elementary school, the rules are rarely followed.

"We try to make them aware of their own responsibilities," he said. "Even with college students, I think you have to remind people of this kind of thing and emphasize to them the importance of what most of them already know."

Younkin said students often cross streets without making sure no vehicles are coming.

"We have had people walk into the sides of (Campus

Loop) buses," he said. "They walk off the curb and walk right into the side."

"Sometimes, they swear a few words, but most of the time they look very embarrassed and just walk off."

Sally Bingham (9th-health, physical education and recreation), who runs on campus, said many runners may cross the street in front of cars because they do not like to break stride. This and confusion of rights-of-way make close calls common.

"I know I've come close," she said. "Runners think they have the right of way, even though they do, supposedly. A lot of times they run out, and the cars think they (they have the right of way), so a lot of problems happen that way."

However, Harmon said runners do not have the right of way.

"Most runners feel cars always have to yield to them," Harmon said. "Vehicles usually have the right-of-way."

Deedee Bronson (12th-social welfare), a runner, said, "I see a lot of people taking chances they really shouldn't."

"People driving through here don't usually stop. Well they stop for stop signs, but usually they are in a hurry to go where they are going, and the runners go right across in front," she said. "I see a lot of close calls."

Harmon said runners are pedestrians under the law and "the law is fairly explicit as far as pedestrians are concerned."

According to the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code, vehicles must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians at crosswalks that have no traffic signals; however, vehicles have the right-of-way in most other instances.

Pedestrians should always use sidewalks where possible, according to the code. If there is no sidewalk or shoulder, the code directs that pedestrians must walk as close to the edge of the road as possible.

Harmon said police services does not usually take any action against pedestrians beyond warning them. Pedestrian violations are summary offenses with a \$5 fine.

"I would rather address this problem educationally by making people aware of the dangers and what the law is rather than through forceful action," he said. "The law is a last resort."

On campus, police services officers will direct runners onto the sidewalks, if one is near, Harmon said. However, if there is no other adequate running space in the area, the officers try to be reasonable about the situation and let them continue if no hazard exists.

Younkin said late fall and early winter can present seasonal hazards to runners.

The recent time change can be dangerous to runners because drivers are used to coming home from work in the light and are not used to driving in the darkness yet.

In the winter, runners often run on the road to avoid snowbanks, Younkin said. Hazards increase because

when runners move out into the road further, it is harder for cars to pass them.

Night is also a dangerous time for running, said David L. Colton of the Nittany Valley Track Club.

"Unless a student is very busy, there are better times he could run," Colton said.

When running in the dark, it is best to wear light clothing and some form of fluorescent vest, or markings to improve visibility, he said.

Suitable fluorescent vests are available at many sporting goods stores, Colton said.

Running should always be done with a partner, especially at night, he said, because running with a partner increases the chances of being noticed by a driver, and hazards can be spotted easier.

Another problem with night running is drivers often go over the speed limit at night, said David C. Rice, a member of the Traffic Safety Subcommittee of the University Safety Council.

The speed limit on campus is 15 miles per hour. During the day, the weight of traffic forces cars to travel at that speed, but at night they often travel faster because of reduced traffic.

Colton said that during the day, runners should stay away from congested areas of campus. If a runner encounters a group of pedestrians, he should cross to the left side of the road.

"You are in the minority so you should get out of their way," he said.

Harmon said the golf course is a good place to run, but it is secluded and presents opportunities for assault. There have been three assaults on female runners in the last year, he said.

However, Larry Dillman (2nd-agriculture), who runs about three times a week on the golf course, said, "I think it is pretty unsafe to run out there for women, because it is so open and there aren't many people running out there."

Also, Younkin said Physical Education 5 jogging classes often cause problems.

Classes usually have 30 to 40 students and they tend to run in groups instead of single file. They often hold up the traffic, but no accidents have resulted from this, he said.

Rice said the Traffic Safety subcommittee has recommended the College of Health, Physical Education and Recreation be informed of the danger presented by jogging classes, so it could orient its instructors on proper running techniques for roadways.

Safety problems also arise from the use of rollerskates and skateboards, Harmon said.

"My own feeling is that if you think that it is a wise thing to do in the first place, to be out on the street with your skateboard or on rollerskates, it is probably pretty hard to convince you with any rational argument that what you are doing is wrong," he said.

Moonshining: Will it increase or not?

By DIANE DUSTON
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The breakup of the federal department that apprehends moonshiners shouldn't create an upsurge in the illegal liquor business, say officials of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

But state enforcers from southern mountain areas where moonshining is a tradition say that if times get hard and revenue agents get scarce, folks are likely to build up their old stills.

Years of enforcement and stiff sentencing, increases in the cost of moonshining supplies and availability of legal liquor in formerly dry areas have hurt the black market booze business, according to the ATF, which is undergoing study on how it should be disbanded as part of a budget-cutting reorganization.

"We don't do much moonshining work anymore," said ATF spokesman James Lynch. The agency's priorities have shifted more toward firearm and explosives control from the 1960s crackdown on moonshining, he said.

ATF spokeswoman Patricia Murphy said moonshining is a diminishing problem and a change in the agency should not cause production of illegal liquor to increase.

Thodore "Doc" King, a 63-year-old retired moonshiner in Mars Hills, N.C., agrees, saying, "There'll not be no more moonshining."

That's not because of ATF, he says, but because people are too lazy to work at home brewing and the practice is no longer profitable.

In five southern states considered by the ATF to be prime producers of illegal liquor — North and South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia and Tennessee — authorities agree that moonshining is not what it used to be. But they aren't so sure it won't experience a revival.

North Carolina Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham said, "If there aren't going to be any more

revenueurs a lot of people will be glad to hear it. In the old days moonshining was a pretty good way to make some money. A lot of people feel it's right honorable to make a run or two."

In the eastern mountain ranges, moonshining is almost as old as the United States. It started with the 1794 Whiskey Rebellion in Pennsylvania, where farmers were enraged over the establishment of an excise tax on whiskey. The Scotch-Irish who settled the mountains from Pennsylvania to Alabama had been making whiskey for as long as anyone could remember.

Since then, moonshining has spread to the flatlands. But the mountains, with their hidden hollows, are still considered prime areas.

Graham said moonshining might not be so profitable now, but the price of corn has dropped to \$1.17 a bushel. Moonshine liquor can be made from corn.

"If it gets any cheaper it may be profitable to turn it into liquid form again," he said.

John Vestra, special agent in charge of the North Carolina and South Carolina branches of the ATF, said, "I would think things very well could be worse a year from now."

Reagan "Doc" King, a 63-year-old retired moonshiner in Mars Hills, N.C., agrees, saying, "There'll not be no more moonshining." That's not because of ATF, he says, but because people are too lazy to work at home brewing and the practice is no longer profitable.

"We're hoping to meet the loss of manpower by redeploying some folks from less critical areas," he said.

Wright said moonshining is on the rise in Virginia. "This invariably happens when the economy slows down. If people with a little bit of moonshining can't get legitimate jobs they resurrent their stills," he said.

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