

## Moving downtown can lead to difficulties

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Numerous trips with boxes in crowded elevators, days without telephone service and long lines at the realtor's office might seem like a hassle, but many students find that all these parts of the moving-in process come with the off-campus territory.

Mike Neuman (senior-secondary education) and Pete Leonowitz (senior-broadcast cable) spent Monday afternoon moving into their first apartment in Beaver Terrace Apartments, 456 E. Beaver Ave. They chose apartment living because dorm rooms are too small, but both agreed the dorms make moving in easier.

"(The dorms) have good elevators and those nice carts... we hate the elevators here — they're slow and they don't smell very good," said Leonowitz.

Neuman said although he was satisfied with the condition of the apartment when they arrived, he still has his worries.

"I was pleasantly surprised — I was expecting to beat the rats with a stick," he said.

A dented balcony door, however, was cause for worry, he added. "I'm afraid the realtor is going to be real slow in fixing it and that we'll get charged," he said.

Such worries are common among students who are renting off campus, said Lynette Mason, president of the Organi-

zation for Town Independent Students. OTIS helps students with town-related issues and recommends that renters take a few protective measures.

"The first thing they should have is a copy of the lease. Another thing is they should go in with a move-in check sheet and note anything questionable for when they move out... Anytime there are damages or something not clean in your apartment, when you move out it gets taken out of your security deposit," she said.

Jason Yost (senior-exercise and sport science) took advantage of his Beaver Hill apartment move-in check sheet. Yost said he was tediously checking everything from stove burners to the fire extinguisher to

avoid being blamed for the damages.

"One of our kitchen chairs has a slice in it, so I'm making sure to write that down so (the realtors) don't charge us for it," he said.

But Yost said the advantages of an apartment outweigh his complaints.

"You're on your own, you can eat whenever you want, make whatever you want, and you don't need an escort to walk you around," he said.

Tom Gershey's mother made the transition into his apartment a little easier. Gershey (senior-architectural engineering) didn't have to buy much for his first apartment because his mother gave him kitchen and cleaning items.

But Ginger Jenkin (junior-hotel, restaurant and institutional management) and Lori McGraw (junior-speech pathology) said they had to buy some costly items.

"We had to buy an entertainment center because we didn't get one of those, an answering machine and a sweeper," said Jenkin.

Jenkin added their moving in was hindered Monday by maintenance men fixing things in their kitchen and bathroom. "Everything is all over — I love putting stuff away and we just have to wait," she said.

But McGraw said she doesn't mind. She said she is enjoying being away from her parents.



Bernie Stelma (junior-business) reaches for some bags to carry into his new apartment on South Pugh Street. Stelma, a transfer student from the Wilkes-Barre Campus, moved into his apartment earlier this week.

## Campus return not too chaotic

By COREY GESFORD  
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The return of students to the University for Fall Semester is often symbolized by congested roads and rising tensions as students and parents quickly attempt to haul clothes, crates and computers from crammed cars to dorms.

But with additional help from the University, craziness wasn't always the case.

One parent said moving in was "10 times better" this fall than last. Ed Jones, who moved his daughter Kara in Sunday, said University Police Services Student Auxiliary members were very helpful.

"They let us park in some restricted and temporary areas this year," Jones said. "They took some of our questions, or angry comments, in consideration."

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made no major changes this year, but added that the Eisenhower Parking Garage was a big contributor to relieving traffic congestion.

"That added 600 to 700 parking spaces near the center of campus," Smith said, adding that during the weekend the parking area was not restricted to parents.

Jones added that the University could help parents more by providing names and numbers of people to contact ahead of time.

"I know we get lots of information beforehand," he said.

## Moving-in madness proves hectic for resident assistants

By COREY GESFORD  
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Amid the sea of chaos surrounding student arrival for the Fall Semester, resident assistants are buoys for students trying to stay afloat.

But at the same time, student arrival can be hectic for RAs. Alyssa Schultz (senior-anthropology), an RA in Hoyt Hall, was just getting some of her possessions out of storage Monday night — a week after her arrival.

Schultz, a first-year RA, said much of her preparation for the students was spent making name tags and bulletin boards, as well as

attending training meetings.

Joe Puzycki, associate director for the Office of Residence Life, said RAs train extensively to learn how to handle different situations, such as students adjusting from being away from home for the first time. He added that RAs also discuss University policies on issues such as alcohol abuse and escorts on the floor.

"The RAs reach out to the students and provide educational programs for them," Puzycki said.

Samantha Sperry (senior-human development and family studies), an RA in Cooper Hall, said she held a special meeting for her freshmen residents to explain Univer-

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sity policies and to tell them how to find different University services and buildings.

Sperry said her group seemed rare because of its interest to go out and get involved.

"One of the first questions they asked was where the men were," Sperry said.

She added she took some stu-

dents to orientation activities and held dinners in the dining hall for her floor's residents.

Although the bulletin boards and name tags are simple things, Ben Branch, an RA in Shunk Hall, said these things give students a feeling that they are welcome.

Branch (junior-architectural engineering) said he relates to the

new students' feelings because this is his first semester at University Park. He added that he participated in many tours and tried to acquaint himself with the different services on campus.

Branch said one of the funnier aspects of arrival day is when students realize the barrier between RAs and other students.

"Parents look at us (RAs) differently, as a source of information," Branch said. "Students are like, 'Don't talk to that guy.'"

Branch was an RA at the Mont Alto Campus and said orientation activities are much different at University Park.

"Branch campuses are not as

hyped up, there's not 3,000 students involved," he said.

One aspect of the RAs' preparation for student arrival that Branch would like to see done differently is to have more time dedicated to organizing student arrival. He added that too much of a new RA's orientation is dedicated to things covered in class.

"I would like to see us have more time to spend with the Orientation Leaders," Branch said.

He said if the RAs and the orientation staff were able to know one another better, it would enhance communication and enable them to help the students moving in.

## Prisoner goes on furlough, never returns

By REBECCA LOGAN  
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Allan Moorefield, a prisoner serving a sentence for third-degree murder, burglary, theft and criminal conspiracy, was permitted to leave prison 10 times and always returned without incident — until early August.

Trooper William F. Madden of the Rockview state police said Moorefield left the State Correctional Institution at Rockview Aug. 6 to visit his mother's home in Pittsburgh and never returned. Madden said Moorefield is probably still in the Pittsburgh area.

Sam Mazzotta, corrections superintendent's assistant at Rockview, said all prisoners are eligible to take a furlough after serving half of their minimum sentence. The furlough program is intended to acquaint prisoners with their family and community and allow them to look for jobs, Mazzotta said.

In order to qualify, prisoners must meet several requirements that are evaluated by prison staff as well as administrators, he said.

"Evidently (Moorefield) made enough of an impression that people trusted him," Mazzotta said. Mazzotta said he could not guess why Moorefield did not return because he was reasonably close to completing his minimum sentence of 8 1/2 years. "We don't know how these people actually think," he said.

Mazzotta said prison administrators have had few problems with prisoners not returning in the past and said he does not expect any change in policy.

"Because of one incident, you can't ditch the whole program," Mazzotta said.

## Local briefs

### Students to face another tuition increase

For the 26th consecutive year, students will be paying more to attend the University.

The University Board of Trustees raised tuition 4.5 percent for in-state students while increasing tuition 5.5 percent for out-of-state students. Gov. Robert P. Casey's Tuition Challenge Grant raised roughly \$9.9 million to minimize tuition increases, which were originally estimated at 8 percent.

Overall, the University's budget grew 3.9 percent to \$1.5 billion, roughly matching the national rate of inflation.

### State College ranking downgraded to 208

According to Money magazine, Happy Valley isn't as happy as it used to be.

In its listing of the 300 best places to live in the country, the magazine downgraded State College from 171st place to 208th based on nine categories: weather, crime, arts, economy, education, health, housing, leisure and transportation.

But "Happy Valleyers" should not worry because Ira Hellman, a spokesman for Money, said the reason for the drop was the addition of 31 locations, including some small communities with booming economies.

State College Borough Assistant Manager Ronald Davis confidently said, "If State College is in the top 300, we're doing pretty good."

### Water main break causes Pattee flood

A water main break on Curtin Road closed Pattee in late June as water poured in through a broken window on the second level of the stacks.

The water main, which broke in the early morning June 25, released more than 890,000 gallons of water, which damaged thousands of books.

The break was due to the age of the old cast-iron water main, which was estimated to be 60 years old.

### Kegs now banned at football games

Out with the old and in with the new.

As Penn State ventures into its first Big Ten football season, Penn State tailgaters will enter a new era as well — keg-free tailgating. University officials have decided to ban kegs from tailgating parties to lower alcohol consumption.

The University distributed leaflets last year alerting partiers to the changes, which, if not obeyed, will carry a minimum \$300 fine.

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## Former Centre County Prison guard disputes dismissal for verbal abuse

By JASON WILLIAMS  
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A Centre County Prison guard of seven years was fired after allegations of verbal abuse, but the decision is being challenged.

Lt. Michael Williams, who received outstanding praise in past performance evaluations, was dismissed following accusations of verbal mistreatment from a prisoner.

Williams has filed a grievance procedure, which by law entitles him to a hearing before the Centre County Board of Commissioners, said Oliver Goodman, commissioners personnel director.

If an employee is not satisfied with the result of an employer's decision, he can institute this procedure, Goodman said.

Williams is contesting the decision, said his attorney, R. Bruce Manchester.

A closed hearing will be held at 3 p.m. tomorrow in Bellefonte, he said.

Inmate Mark Turner complained he was verbally abused by Williams on Aug. 12. Williams was suspended without pay and his position was later terminated after a meeting between Prison Warden Gerald Wilson and the commissioners.

The decision was made solely on the basis of Williams' confrontation with Turner and not on any prior occurrences, Wilson said.

"This incident pretty much stands alone," he said. Manchester said the incident occurred after an unknown trustee inmate — an inmate with special privileges — told Williams that Turner had threatened to kill him and his family, Manchester said, adding the incident was misreported by the other guards.

"(Williams) has been a valued and tenured employee, and we have documentation to prove it," Manchester said.



## Keeping in step

Blue Band hopefuls try to make the cut. Practice and tryouts started Saturday with final cuts being today. The band has only two weeks of practice for the first football game.

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