Overcrowding plagues HUB

Collegian Staff Writer

On a typical day, the HUB is frequented by 25,000 people, including 8,000 that travel through its eateries alone.

But that mass of students, faculty and administrators is causing an overcrowding problem, especially at this time of the year, said John David Grebos, assistant director of the student union. All organizations are busy with memberships, finances and planning, and everyone is studying, he added.

Student organizations' requests for meeting space in the HUB are being denied, and they are being asked to hold meetings elsewhere.

For the past three years, the-Undergraduate Student Government Academic Assembly has met in the HUB, President Emily Bahn said. But when members attempted to reserve a room at the HUB at the beginning of the semester for Monday meetings, the request was Hall Students was asked to hold its denied.

Bahn said the group had to find nent room was found in Willard dent Maggie Kutzler.

lem may be that organizations are requesting meeting space in advance, but are not using it when scheduled, Bahn said.

"Organizations should not reserve any more room than needed, and the HUB should make sure large number of students." Kutzler rooms are available for students." Bahn said. "Space should be used effectively."

But Bahn said the problem may also have been caused by the fact that she did not make reservations early enough.

Reservation requests should be submitted at the earliest possible date - usually about four weeks in advance. Grebos said.

The earlier the planning for the event, the greater the likelihood the requests will be accommodated, he added.

Another student organization said. was also asked to hold meetings elsewhere.

meetings in Osmond Laboratory this semester due to the lack of somewhere to meet until a perma- meeting space, said ARHS Presi-

She said there was some confu- have.'

One of the reasons for the prob- sion over ARHS's standard reservation

> ARHS members expected their reservation to be set as it has been for the past 20 years, but they were

> "The organization represents a said. "It is not only inconvenient for students to attend meetings, but also for us when we need things from the HUB office."

Both Thomas Poole, director of the student union, and Grebos said the demand for space has increased because student groups do not have to pay for meeting space or travel far from their HUB offices. Other factors in the overcrowding may be the insufficient amount of office space and inadequate size of meeting rooms for many student organizations, Poole

"We are in a situation now where we essentially have the same The Association of Residence amount of office space that we started with when the (HUB) was built in the mid 1950s and over 400 student organizations," Poole said. "It does not take many organizations to gobble up the space we



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'Shooting up'

Dustin White (sophomore-film), co-director of The Last Straw, a student short film, shoots James Cipriano (junior-computer science engineering) snorting lines of "cocaine," which is actually snuff. The film, about the daily grinds of a cocaine addict and the dead end of the same habit, was being filmed in an apartment on the 12th floor of Penn Tower, 255 E. Beaver Ave., yesterday morning.

SMART sets goals to recruit

SMART's newly elected president said she wants more underrepresented students as Lion Scouts.

By MICHELE DIGIACINTO Collegian Staff Writer

The newly elected president of the Student Minority Advisory and Recruitment Team wants to continue rejuvenating the organization by strengthening participation.

SMART President Jocelyn Maddox said part of her goal is to recruit more underrepresented students to become Lion Scouts students who visit high schools and answer questions about the Univer-

SMART assists the Office of Minority Admissions and Community Affairs and every aspect related to recruitment of underrepresented minority students to the University and their retention.

Also voted in office during elections last Thursday were Vice President Jayesh Padhya (sophomore-chemistry), Treasurer Sharia Davenport (sophomore-division of undergraduate studies) and Secretary Yu Vonne Hutchinson (freshman-engineering)

Michael Phillips, SMART adviser and assistant director of minority admissions and community affairs. said the organization is in the process of revitalizing the pro-

He added that there was not much participation in the organization last year and the organization focused on recruitment this year.

"The new officers did a good job in assisting in the recruitment, but also in terms of recruiting underrepresented students to Penn State," he said.

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Kato Kaelin: Nicole Simpson predicted murder

By MICHAEL FLEEMAN Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Nicole Brown Simpson once predicted O.J. Simpson would murder her with scissors and get away with it "because he's O.J. Simpson," Brian "Kato" Kaelin said in his deposition testimony.

Kaelin also told lawyers that Nicole Brown Simpson believed her jealous ex-husband was spying on her, videotaping her and tapping her telephone. Questioned for three days earlier this month as part

of the wrongful-death lawsuits brought against Simpson. Kaelin also testified that Simpson was upset when he returned from a dance recital hours before the June 12, 1994, stabbing deaths of Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman. The 717 pages of transcripts, obtained by The Asso-

ciated Press, have Kaelin painting a much bleaker pic- Brown Simpson as saying Simpson would escape murture of Simpson's relationship with his ex-wife than Kaelin gave at Simpson's trial.

Simpson's attorney Robert Baker repeatedly pressed Kaelin on his apparently changing testimony, said.

and at one point contended Kaelin was lying.

Baker also raised the possibility that Kaelin was involved in the murders, asking him whether Kaelin's boots matched the bloody shoeprints at the crime scene. Kaelin said he didn't know but would try to find the boots he was wearing that day.

Simpson, meanwhile, attended his ninth and possibly final day of questioning yesterday. The former football star is being sued by the Goldman and Brown

Kaelin testified that Nicole Brown Simpson often described Simpson as an abusive and jealous man who someday would kill her. "How did she say O.J. would kill her?" plaintiffs'

attorney Daniel Petrocelli asked on Feb. 15. "She said with scissors," Kaelin replied.

The former Simpson houseguest quoted Nicole

"She had said that 'If O.J. would ever kill me, he'll get away with it because he's O.J. Simpson," Kaelin



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