

March of Dimes walk ready for Sunday start

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With finals looming and warmer weather approaching, students looking for a study break this weekend can "join in the walk that saves babies."

The March of Dimes State College Chapter is sponsoring WalkAmerica 2000 beginning at noon Sunday.

The walk, which has raised more than \$1 billion since its inception in 1970, will begin and end at the Intramural Building, said Tommi Minielli, community director for the Keystone region.

"We are expecting about 400 walkers and have a goal of raising \$42,000," she said.

Walkers can sign up for the five-mile walk until noon Sunday, and there is no minimum donation.

March of Dimes is an organization that works to reduce birth defects and infant mortalities by raising money for research in related areas, Minielli said.

Money from the donations stays in the area, funding several community and research programs, she added.

Penn State associate professor of biology and neurobiology Eva S. Anton is one of the recipients of the March of Dimes fund-raising efforts. Anton has received a two-year \$100,000 grant from the organization to study fetal brain development.

Anton said his research is of interest to the March of Dimes because if anything should go wrong in the early stages of

development, the nervous system could sustain significant damage.

"They (March of Dimes) are an excellent source of funding for people who study any aspects of fetal development," Anton said.

Though the March of Dimes donates at a national level as well, the organization is always pleased when it can fund local research, Minielli said.

"Dr. Anton is a very good local tie," she said.

The Penn State Circle K and the Student Health Advisory Board are two campus organizations involved in the walk, Minielli said. Leigh Hamilton, vice president of Circle K, said the club is usually involved every year and this year they will have not only walkers involved, but also people helping with the walk's setup.

Local businesses involved include The Bon-Ton, 2957 E. College Ave., and Best Event Rental, 140 N. Atherton St.

Best Event is donating a canopy as well as some games for children and will be building the balloon columns for the race, said Anita Tibbens, assistant manager of the company.

"We do this off and on for the March of Dimes because we really like to spread ourselves out between all the charities in the community," Tibbens said.

The Bon-Ton is in its third year of involvement with WalkAmerica, and this year has employees both walking and obtaining contributions from people, a store employee said.

Students swap books for cash

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After three years of Italian, biology and chemistry classes, Kat Basile's bookshelf is brimming with textbooks. But she doesn't seem to mind.

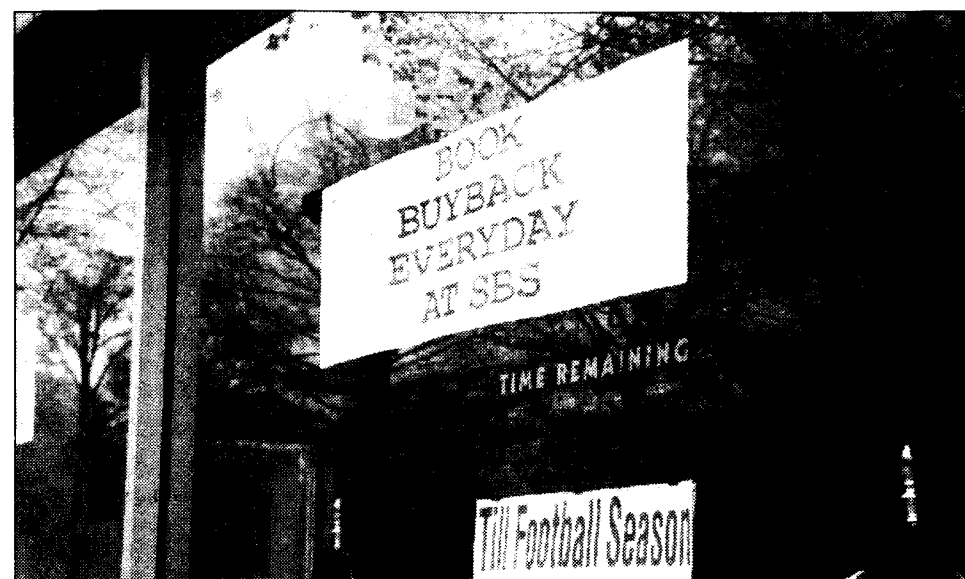
Unlike many students, Basile (junior-biochemistry) is resisting the temptation this week to convert her well-worn textbooks into money for a late-night pizza or a pitcher at the bar. Instead, she keeps her books and refers back to them in later classes. She even hopes she'll use them after graduation. "They're good reference books," Basile said. "When you get so little back, there is not really a point to sell back the one you will use later."

At the end of each semester, students and bookstore owners share in a symbiotic relationship — stores fill their inventories while students pick up extra cash.

Norm Brown, the manager of Student Book Store, 330 E. College Ave., said his store bought back about 125,000 books last semester.

"Our best source (of used books) is from the kids. But the demand for used books is greater," Brown said. With used books making up about 65 percent of SBS's textbook sales, outside wholesalers give the store one-third of its used books while two-thirds come from student buy-backs.

Although local bookstores buy back books from students all year long, Brown said students can get the most money back after professors have returned book lists for the following semester on April 1 and Oct. 15 of each year. If a book is in demand, SBS, University Book Centre, 206 E. College Ave., and the Penn State Bookstore generally pay stu-



The Student Bookstore, 330 E. College Ave., is offering students the opportunity to sell back their unwanted textbooks.

dents half of the book's original price. But books not on the list will have lower returns.

But for many students who hold on to their books, the question lingers: Will I use them later?

Although Regis Cleary graduated from Penn State in 1969, he has kept many of his college textbooks for reference in his career, but he admits he sold others.

"You have to make decisions about what is going to become dated and obsolete and keep the fundamental texts," said Cleary, a senior mechanical engineer for the Sear-Brown Group in State College. Cleary added that the field of study is also a consideration.

"Some things don't change like math ... but with a subject like anthropology, you would really want to have an updated text," Cleary said.

Jonathan Day, professor of neurobiology, said his students usually keep their books because those he uses are also used in higher level classes and could be used later in medical or graduate school. But he also cautions that in changing and expanding fields such as science, textbooks can be out-of-date by the time students leave college.

Brown said classes that require new editions of textbooks are the main reason used books are not bought back.

Local census workers unsuspecting of occasional negative responses

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The U.S. Census Bureau sent out its workers yesterday to knock on the doors of the 42 million households who did not return the Bureau's forms.

Campus enumerators, however, did not always receive warm welcomes.

Despite complaints some of this year's census questions were too intrusive — particularly on the long form that went to one in six households — some local census workers did not expect the occasional negative responses they received. Campus residents received house calls from enumerators earlier than those in households, said Andrea King, regional media specialist with the Census Bureau. She said on-

campus college housing is included in the group-quarters classification and is enumerated earlier than the rest of the population.

Elise Bartholomew, a census enumerator, just finished going door to door in her dorm collecting census information.

Bartholomew (sophomore-education) said she received mixed responses from the students she had to visit.

"Some people had issues with the census and were upset about me asking," said Bartholomew, adding she was surprised by the negative responses she received.

"I didn't think people would be that bothered by it," she said. "It was kind of scary."

Emily Turay (junior-human development and family studies) said a census worker came to her dorm room asking for her form, which she

said she had already completed but forgot to drop off.

"I had mine ready to go, and I had it waiting because I knew a census worker would come for them," Turay said.

She said, however, that although she knew a census worker would come for her form, she was surprised when an older male knocked on her door in her all-female dorm in which unescorted men are not allowed.

She said the census worker was allowed to walk about the dorm freely, which somewhat alarmed her.

"It was a little iffy," Turay said.

Despite Turay's concern, King said all census workers are required to clearly identify themselves with nametags and introduce themselves as enumerators.

Census 2000 initial response rates

Geographic area	Target rate (percent)	Initial response rate (percent)
Centre County	68	76
Pennsylvania	68	78
National	65	70

Source: U.S. Census Bureau



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