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**Numbers don't reflect benefits**

In the first year of the Interfraternity Council's (IFC) institution of a dry recruitment policy, the number of students registered fell, but the bid acceptance rate rose from 62 to 78 percent. Though the overall number of students rushing fraternities fell, with the rise in acceptance rate, it seems that the dry rush policy made it so

that only those who are serious about becoming a part of greek life came out for recruitment. This policy could have weeded out the students who were rushing for reasons that only involved alcohol and parties. And instead, new members may now be those who chose to rush a fraternity for the reasons of tradition, camaraderie and

philanthropy. The new policy also encouraged fraternities to sponsor events such as cookouts and concerts to attract new members, rather than activities like parties involving alcohol. We commend the IFC for instituting such policies and hope they continue to garner success in recruitment through such positive methods.



**Ranking solidifies PSU potential**

By Jack Rayman

PENN State has earned an international reputation for providing undergraduates with high quality educational experiences. Through general education, comprehensive major courses of study and rich campus life experiences, Penn State graduates are educated to be lifelong learners and to be successful in pursuing their career interests. I believe this is why a recent Wall Street Journal survey of corporate employers ranked Penn State as the top university for producing graduates who they hope to recruit. For Penn State students and their parents, this ranking may be far more important than almost any other ranking. It underscores the fact that most students and their parents regard higher education as preparation for a career, and what better place to prepare for your career than at the university that is ranked number one by employers. Clearly, it is the case that rankings of this sort are subjective. We don't dispute that, but if someone is going to rank us, we'd rather be ranked number one than number 347! Are we really number one, and if so, why? All of the institutions included



MY OPINION

in the Wall Street Journal's listing of the top 25 recruiting universities could make a claim for being a top recruiting university. Here is our claim. First, we have high-quality students in every discipline, as well as very good and very large colleges of engineering and business administration. These are the high-demand academic fields that develop the core competencies in our students and are most highly sought by employers locally, nationally and internationally. Second, we have a talented and dedicated faculty. A university is only as good as its faculty, and not just the faculty in the professional schools of business and engineering. Every Penn State student's value to employers and to the greater society is enhanced by the solid foundation they receive in their general education courses as well as in their major field, and that solid foundation has its basis in the liberal arts and sciences. Third, many employers have reduced the number of universities at which they recruit, and they prefer to go to those institutions where they can find students within the majors they seek in the numbers they require. This so-called "focus" school approach favors large state universities like Penn State, many of which have large colleges of engineering, business, science, information services and technology, agricultural science, and communications and education.

We are on nearly every major corporation's short list. Fourth, many of our academic colleges, and quite a number of our individual academic departments, have well developed co-op and internship programs. Many employers now recruit full-time employees almost exclusively from the ranks of these programs. The quality and comprehensiveness of Penn State's co-op and internship programs is attractive to employers. Fifth, we have well-rounded students with a strong work ethic who do not have the entitlement mentality that exists at some of the more elite private universities. Employers like students with a strong academic background who have been involved in a broad range of out-of-class experiences as well. Most employers also have a strong preference for students who actually like work! Finally, we have one of the premier career centers in the world — The Bank of America Career Services Center. Because we offer comprehensive centralized career services, we are in a position to serve students from all 11 of our colleges, plus we provide employees with the convenience of "one stop shopping." Yes, we are the number one recruiting university and our faculty, staff, students and administration can be Penn State proud of it. Jack Rayman is the senior director of Career Services at Penn State and the Collegian's Friday guest columnist. His e-mail is jpr1@psu.edu.

**Blame misplaced on Dado**

In response to Thursday's letter to the editor "Anniversary overly publicized," I think it was not only rude but unnecessary for Mr. Downs to take the time to write his letter to the editor in regards to the publicity of the anniversary of Joe Dado's death. He contradicted his opening statements of respect when he blamed this tragic accident on Dado. I never knew Dado, but I know that this was not one person's fault. Downs' disrespect is a shame. There is no need to publicize one's opinion on such a touchy subject when the opinion is harsh towards all parties.

Maddy Pryor  
sophomore-public relations

**Hike in fine shows only greed**

In response to a Sept. 14 article "Leaders discuss possible hike in fine" about a possible increase in the fine for underage drinking from \$300 to \$1,000 only verifies what I thought I knew about the powers that be. From my view, State Sen. Jake Corman, R-Centre, is simply trying to make money for his county off of the students here at Penn State. First of all, the \$300 fine isn't the only thing that an "offender" has to pay for. The mandatory \$200 BASICS program fee, as well as hospital fees, turns that \$300 fine into a \$1000 nightmare. Secondly, does this guy really think that students will be deterred by a fine? Considering that Penn State is one of the most expensive public schools in the nation, most students will simply dump the bill on their parents and continue to drink without thinking twice. This is why Corman doesn't fool me, his talk of deterrence isn't coming from the heart, it's from his wallet. We shouldn't be fooled by this self-interested politician and should fight to keep the fine where it is.

Alex Kaplan  
freshman-division of undergraduate studies

**Temple rivalry is insignificant**

Really, Tim Curley? Really? You chose to renew a powder puff rivalry with Temple, a team with which we won 90 percent of the games. That's really not a rivalry, if you ask me. Are you really that absentminded that you forgot that there is another Football Bowl Subdivision school in the state, the Pittsburgh Panthers, with whom we have had a rivalry since 1893? Or would you really like to forget that 0-12 drubbing we had at Heinz Field in 2000? Really, c'mon! Roll up your pant legs and fight for victory again. Speaking of which: Really Joe Paterno? Really? Is it that big a deal if we can only host the Panthers every other year, instead of two out of three years like you demand? Really? It's a rivalry. Show some respect. Really! My father graduated from Penn State in '81 and talks highly of the former rivalry between the two schools. Penn State, really do us all a favor and get this rivalry rekindled. Or I will have to tell my children about how the pollsters punished us every year for scheduling the MAC and FCS schools. Really!

Doug Dooling  
sophomore-international politics

**PSU responsible for notice**

In response to Thursday's article "PSU backs credit claims," this is a very important piece of information and should be followed up by e-mail blasting every parent and student. If 67 percent of eligible households are not applying for this benefit considering current economic conditions then it is obvious they don't know about it. The university has an obligation to make everyone who is eligible aware of this benefit.

George Wintner  
Class of 1970

**blog lines**

**SNAP, CRACKLE, POP Gimme more Glee**

This three month hiatus between seasons was, to say the least, brutal. What was I supposed to do in my free time? Listen to non-theatrical, non-Glee music on YouTube? I'd rather not. Musically, I'm really excited for this season. Mr. Schuester proposes more songs that more people will like. The New Directions proved it by singing Jay-Z's "Empire State of Mind," which was so good. I looked a bit forward on Wikipedia (it's up to you whether you trust them), and it said that there will be a Britney Spears episode, but also a "Rocky Horror Picture Show" episode. Both sound equally awesome...

Lindsay Cryer  
Music reporter

**Dialogue on 'Diaries'**

Sara Canning plays Jenna Sommers on "The Vampire Diaries."

Q: How do you think this show has progressed your career or take you to new places?

A: For me, booking "The Vampire Diaries" was the biggest opportunity. I'm Canadian, and was working steadily in Vancouver. Great Canadian actors work all the time and fly under the radar. I am most grateful to be a regular on a series and hopefully this show will open up other doors for me...

Karl Yuel  
TV reporter

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