

News

MAC Card Theft

by Laura A. Weaver
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Someone used a stolen MAC card to make two \$200 withdrawals from the MAC machine in the Reed Building. The card was stolen from a student on April 5.

Several incidents of phone harassment have been reported to Police and Safety officials during the first week in April. On April 3 a student reported eight weeks of harassing phone calls. The student indicated that an ex-girlfriend could be to blame. Another student complained of receiving annoying calls with "weird" noises on April 5.

No one was injured in a minor

accident in the Nick parking lot on April 4. The accident occurred when a driver backed into another car. Also on April 4, several antennas of cars in the F lot were bent into triangles.

A student attempted to steal a pizza delivery bag from a Domino's delivery person on April 9. The driver noticed the bag was missing when he returned to his car. The driver then noticed a student carrying the bag. The student, apparently spotting the driver, threw down the bag and ran into an apartment. The driver will consult with his manager as to whether or not charges will be filed.

PSU Tuition Hike

The presidents of Temple and Penn State universities have announced they want to raise tuitions close to \$200 in the 1989-90 school year without losing a state grant designed to keep education costs in check.

Gov. Robert P. Casey last month proposed rewarding public universities with a \$100 grant per full-time Pennsylvania student if they kept their tuition increases under than \$100.

"We want to keep tuition down, but we have to fund our academic needs," Temple President Peter J. Liacouras said.

Liacouras and Penn State President Bryce Jordan went before the House Appropriations Committee separately to advocate allowing universities to raise

tuitions 6 percent to 7 percent and still receive the governor's "challenge grant."

In his budget address last month, Casey said tuition increases at the state's public universities have been unacceptable, averaging 13 percent in each of the past 10 years.

But Jordan said he thought the governor would be willing to negotiate the conditions of the grant.

Temple and Penn State have proposed budgets with 5 percent tuition increases. With this increase, tuition for undergraduates from Pennsylvania would rise \$195 to \$4,089 at Temple and \$180 to \$3,790 at Penn State.

Legal Expert Talks About 'Beer Generation'

by Jennifer Rose
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Arthur R. Shuman, co-author of the new Pennsylvania underage drinking law, topped off Wellness Awareness Week with his speech entitled "Underage Drinking - The New Law: What are Your Rights?"

Shuman is the Philadelphia Deputy District Attorney and an Assistant Professor of Law at LaSalle University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Calling today's generation of young adults the "beer generation," Shuman said they have been raised on "Mom, apple pie, and beer. Kids today are programmed drinking machines. Kids are taught from day one that to be cool is to drink," he said.

"While there has been negative campaigning against drugs and cigarettes, little has been done to combat alcohol, though it has caused just as many deaths," Shuman said, noting that cigarette consumption in schools has dropped to 11 percent while drinking has increased to 72 percent.

Statistically, young adults begin to drink at an average age of 11.6 years - typically in the sixth grade. Sixty-five percent of beer consumed is by underage drinkers, according to Schuman.

Last year, Pennsylvania initiated a crackdown on underage drinkers. Currently 92 percent of all college students are regular drinkers. According to Schuman, there's going to be an increase in drunk drivers on the road and the new stricter laws are going to try to reduce these numbers.

The new laws state that if you are caught purchasing, possessing, consuming or transporting alcoholic beverages, the first fine is a minimum of \$300. The third offense brings a suspension of driving privileges. Persons caught driving with a license that has been revoked due to an alcohol offense, will receive a \$1000 fine and 90 days in jail.

Schuman also discussed fake identification and third party drivers. Individuals convicted of possessing a fake I.D. can receive up to three years and three months in jail. A person convicted of furnishing alcohol to minors must pay a fine of \$1000 on the first offense and \$4500 for each offense after that. "Person" can be defined as bartenders, parents, sororities and fraternities, as well as anyone also 21 years of age and over.

Drunk driving is classified as being at, in or near a car with keys in your hand with a blood alcohol level of .10 percent or higher. There are various penalties for this offense, the minimum being three to six years in a state prison for involuntary manslaughter.



Arthur Schuman was a highlighted speaker during Behrend's annual Wellness Awareness Week. Schuman, who has been a driving force behind tougher drunk driving laws, claims Pennsylvania has the toughest laws in America.

(photo by Tracy Cross)

Food Interest Group



The Food Interest Group, part of a speech communications class assigned to make a positive change, includes (from left to right) Steve Campbell, Jay Skrypzak, Al Volgen and Phil Giewont of Food and Housing, Terry Wright and Don Spear. Sue Edmonds is also part of the group. The group has been working to improve Dobbins Hall by conducting interviews with staff and students and circulating questionnaires. (photo by Marybeth Zawistoski)

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