

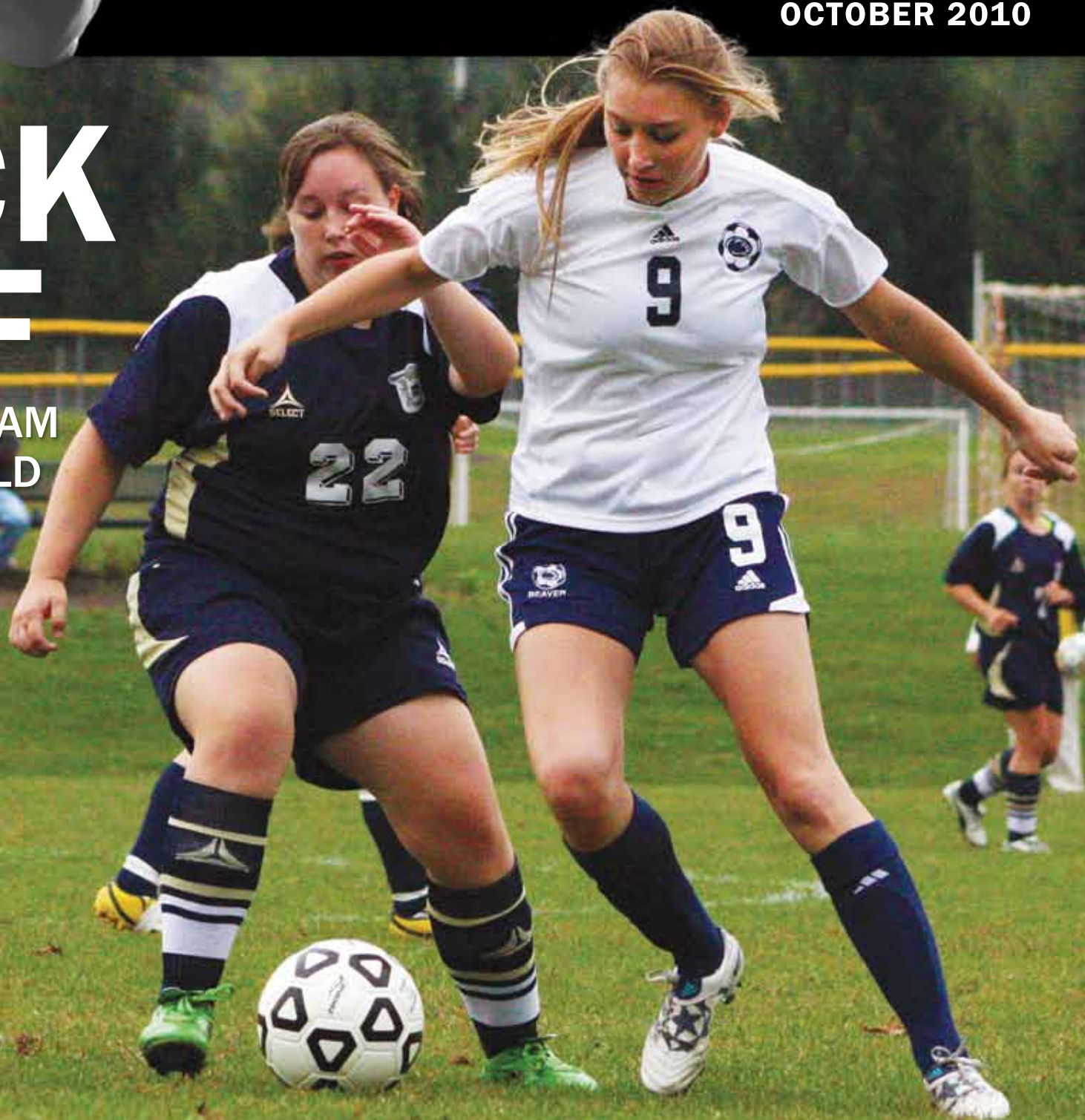


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MESSED UP

Harmony Hall residents complain about mess in bathrooms

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Some Harmony Hall residents are fed up with the deplorable conditions of the community bathrooms, and they're blaming the mess on their fellow residents.

"It's surprising to me how gross girls can be," sophomore Michelle Beckman said.

Freshman Nicole Bing agreed. "You live here, clean up after yourselves.

We're not all paying this much money to live with a disgusting bathroom."

One of the most egregious offenses involves students not properly disposing of their feminine hygiene products.

"I don't know how this happens, but a girl must not have realized she started her period," said freshman Nicole Bing, referring to a mess of blood and feminine hygiene products she recently found on the ground of the first-floor women's bathroom.

"I personally feel sorry for Janice (Anderson, the janitorial worker) because she has to deal with your mess," Bing said.

"We're in college now, not preschool."

Freshman Grace Baez offered advice to other women who live in Harmony Hall.

"Females, pick up after yourself because no one is trying to see your (menstrual) blood, hair in the shower (and) toothpaste all over the sinks. And there should be no food going down the sink."

The men's bathrooms aren't immune from this problem, either.

"People don't know how to flush the toilet, clean out the sink and they throw toilet paper (on the ground)," freshman Brandon Wilcox said.

Freshman Darius Donelson complained that the sinks in the men's bathrooms are littered with



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toothpaste.

Sophomore Steven Dusicko blamed residents, not the employees who clean and maintain the building. "John (Ward, a maintenance worker) and Janice do an excellent job. The responsibility should fall on the student."

Resident Coordinator Judson Sammons agreed.

"A lot of the time, the bathroom is a reflection of who's on the floor."

"Beyond general household cleaning, I would say the responsibility lies on (the students)," Sammons said.

"There's ways to make it more 'homey' and aesthetically pleasing, but it will remain a community bathroom."

Director of Housing and Food

Services Jeremy Lindner said that students should treat the bathrooms as if they were at home.

"Every bathroom gets cleaned every day," Lindner said.

"If students were to do everything they did at home (like) flush a toilet."

Lindner noted that returning residents seem to take better care of the bathrooms than first-year students.

Freshman Reina Chedid said one of the problems is that the women's bathrooms don't provide enough space for women's health and beauty products.

"They don't have enough room for our stuff," freshman Reina Chedid said.

"Instead of using shelves, we have to set things on the floor."

Lindner admitted the bathrooms don't offer the most modern amenities.

"It was a building built in '62. Therefore in 1962, they didn't use the quantity of products that are used today."

Lindner said there has been discussion about possibly upgrading the countertops, electrical tune-up and new tiling on the ceilings.

His five-year plan is a "complete renovation of the bathroom."

Bing said waiting five years is too long.

"We are already in need of a new facility.

It's old and not very clean to begin with. There's no need to make it any worse than it needs to be."

POLICE BEAT

Student charged for selling drugs

Campus police charged junior Samuel Press Aug. 24 with selling marijuana.

Police conducted a controlled drug buy last semester using a confidential informer and electronic surveillance. Police charged Press with delivering a controlled substance.

UNDERAGE DRINKING

A student was found intoxicated in Harmony Hall on Sept. 18 at 2:30 a.m. Campus police released the student to a friend after his parent was notified.

MORE UNDERAGE DRINKING

A resident assistant reported a visitor in Harmony Hall had been drinking.

Alex Reynolds of Ambridge was found to be in possession of alcohol and admitted to consuming it.

Campus police charged him with underage drinking.

Reynolds is not a Penn State student.

STUDENT HARASSED

A resident assistant reported that a resident student struck another in Harmony Hall on Aug. 24 at 2:20 a.m.

Campus Police charged sophomore Taejsa McBride of Pittsburgh with harassment.

GPS STOLEN

A resident student reported that his GPS was stolen from his car in Parking Lot A on Sept. 19 at 6:30 p.m. Campus police said the student left his car doors unlocked.

Students given a helping hand

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Freshman Kaela Martin may fail her calculus class even though she's talked to the professor and asked for help.

Luckily for her, there may still be hope.

The first-year seminar class that all freshmen used to take has been replaced with a half-semester "student success" course for students who are doing poorly in two or more courses, with the goal of helping them make it through their semester.

"It will give me a better idea how to build my skills," Martin said about the class. She also hopes the class will help her find a better way to learn her calculus problems compared to how they're taught in class.

Traditionally at Penn State Beaver, first-year students were required to enroll in a first-year seminar class designed to help them learn about different study skills and to encourage them to attend guest speakers and events on campus.

"A high school student (transforming) to a college student isn't a magical thing," Chris Rizzo, director of student affairs, said. "When you're a senior in high school, there's not something that all of the sudden says 'OK, now you're a college student.' There's a lot of dynamics that go into the change



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Joe Martin speaks to students about motivation and how to achieve your goals even when others do not believe you can. Martin was the youngest professor ever in Florida state history and regularly visits colleges across the country to inspire students.

between what's expected of you academically (and) personally."

Another key part of the first-year seminar is to promote retention of current students and to encourage them to stick with college.

"What we're finding is our retention rates are not as good as they should be, so the way we've modeled the course in the past doesn't seem to be ... working the way it should," Donna Kuga, director of academic affairs, said.

"So rather than continuing to do something that is not working, we made a change in the model."

The campus' focus on retention even brought acclaimed speaker Joe Martin to Beaver to motivate freshmen.

Martin urged students to work hard to overcome obstacles, and urged faculty and staff to reach out to students who may be struggling in their classes.

Part of that outreach includes

offering help to students who are failing, such as the newly planned student success course.

Prior to the beginning of this semester, a team of administrators including Rizzo, Associate Director of Student Affairs Amy Gartley, Student Personal and Career Counselor Larissa Ciuca and Advising Program Coordinator Gretchen Samchuck gathered to decide on how to change the class so that it would benefit students more.

What they decided on was a 7 1/2-week course that would begin in the middle of the fall semester and target freshmen who were failing two or more classes.

Freshmen were asked to sign a form agreeing to be automatically enrolled in the course during First-Year Testing, Counseling and Advising Program if they met the criteria for the course.

"The class is meant not to guarantee that if they're failing these courses that all of the sudden they're going to be getting As and Bs," Samchuck said.

The class will focus on teaching students about time management and motivation while also looking at why they decided to come to college and if they are enrolled for the right reasons.

Samchuck also said that the class would be catered to each student enrolled in the program and not be taught by professors, but instead by professional staff members including her, Rizzo, Gartley and Ciuca.

"It's giving (students) tools and resources for them to figure out what's going on and do they really want to be here?" Samchuck said. "And if they do want to be in college, then why are they not doing as well as they should be?"

For freshmen not automatically enrolled in the class but still concerned about how they're doing in their classes, Kuga encourages them to make an appointment with her to discuss ways to improve.



Amanda Twigg

Freshman killed in car crash

A Penn State Beaver freshman died last week as the result of a car accident.

Amanda Twigg, 18, of White Township was killed around 9:20 p.m. Sept. 30 on Interstate 376 near Chippewa Township.

According to the Beaver County Times, state police said Twigg's car crossed the median and struck an

oncoming vehicle whose driver was flown to UPMC Presbyterian in Pittsburgh.

Twigg was a 2010 Freedom Area High School graduate whose major was undecided at Penn State. She was an employee of the Center Township McDonald's in the Wal-Mart Plaza near campus.

"On behalf of the campus, we

extend our deepest sympathy to Amanda's family and friends," Chris Rizzo, director of student affairs, said in an email to students. "There's no question that news like this can affect many members of a campus community as small as ours."

Rizzo said that counseling and support services are available by

contacting Personal and Career Counselor Larissa Ciuca or the Office of Student Affairs.

A funeral service was planned for Oct. 5.

"It saddens us so deeply when something like this happens," said Amy Krebs, director of campus and community relations. "Our hearts go out to her friends and family."

"IF IT WASN'T FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS, I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO AFFORD BOOKS AND MAYBE GO TO COLLEGE AT ALL. IT'S A GREAT HELP TO MY EDUCATION. IT'S LIKE ONE LESS THING TO WORRY ABOUT. ... KNOWING THAT SOMEONE IS HELPING ME, WELL, IT PUTS ME AT EASE."

Campaign halfway to \$3 million goal

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As college students continue to accept the burden of college loans, Penn State Beaver is offering a helping hand.

The campus has reached the halfway mark on a fundraising campaign called "For the Future: The Campaign for Penn State Students."

The campaign is for all Penn State campuses with a total goal of raising \$2 billion by 2014, most of which is helping students afford their education.

The campus goal is to raise \$3 million, primarily for scholarships but also for the construction of a new wellness center.

Director of Development Diana Patterson is running the campaign.

"My job includes, but is not limited to, finding previous alumni and connecting them with the campus and letting them see how it has improved over the years," Patterson said. Recently, Patterson ran a golf outing which raised more than \$20,000.

Junior Valerie Cycholl has received campus scholarships since coming to Penn State Beaver, and she knows how valuable a fundraising campaign like For the Future can be to students.

"I have to pay for college on my own. My parents aren't able to help," Cycholl said.

Chancellor Gary Keefer plays an important role in raising funds.

"My job is to connect local businesses and alumni with Diana and allow them to see the impact they can make on students' lives," he said.

The fundraising is done in a variety of ways, but a common form is an endowment, in which a donor pledges to give at least \$50,000. The principal is invested forever,



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Jasmine Green speaks with campus visitors in May at the public launch of For the Future: The Campaign for Penn State Students.



Frank Batchelor, member emeritus of the Penn State Beaver Advisory Board, attends the May campaign kickoff.

I wouldn't be able to afford books and maybe go to college at all. It's a great help to my education," she said.

"It's like one less thing to worry about. With all the stress that school causes, knowing that someone is helping me, well, it puts me at ease," Cycholl said.

Cycholl said she didn't even have to apply for the scholarship.

"It's really cool. I just got a letter in the mail saying I was accepted and all I had to send was a thank you letter and the scholarship showed on eLion," Cycholl said.

The impact the scholarships have on students is what inspires people to continue to give.

"Every year, we have a day where the students get to meet the donors. This allows the donors to see the effect it has on the students, and it allows the students to meet the people who are helping them achieve their dreams," Keefer said.

The campaign is broken into two parts. It starts with the quiet phase, during which Penn State starts reaching out to donors and collects donations without a lot of fanfare. The public phase usually occurs about half-way through the seven-year campaign, when about half of the goal has already been reached.

Penn State Beaver kicked off the public phase in May with a reception for donors and alumni. During the event, the campus announced that it has raised nearly \$1.6 million. As the campaign continues, more students will receive scholarships.

"And after this is all over, well, we just start again. We never stop fundraising to help students afford college," Patterson said.

Cycholl is grateful.

"You don't have to do it all on your own. There are people who care and can help," Cycholl said.

and it pays out scholarships of about 4 percent every year.

Penn State Beavers students received about \$72,000 in endowed scholarships this year.

"The scholarships are for any Penn State student who is need of financial help who is academically doing well," Keefer said.

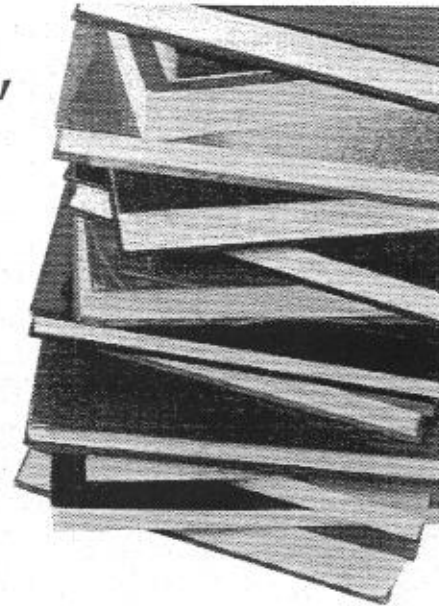
However, some of the scholarships are only meant for a certain type of student, which is the case for Cycholl, who is an information sciences and technology major. The donor of the endowment can choose certain criteria recipients must meet, such as IST majors who have at least a 3.0 grade-point average.

The scholarship has greatly helped Cycholl.

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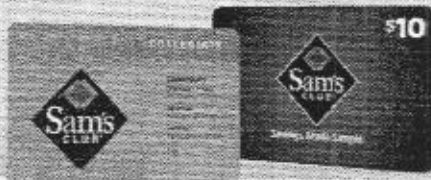


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Diversity and enrollment increasing

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If classes are a little more full, or the Brodhead Bistro is a little more packed or the parking lots have a few less open spaces, the reason may be that Penn State Beaver's enrollment is up this fall.

According to Director of Enrollment Dan Pinchot, more than 900 students are enrolled this fall, compared to last fall's 855.

This is the first time in more than a decade that campus enrollment has surpassed 900, Pinchot said, and represents the fifth consecutive year that enrollments have increased. "This is a considerable improvement over last fall's enrollment," said Pinchot, who pointed out that enrollment is up in nearly every category – freshmen, transfers and dual enrollment.

The increased number of students this year is partly due to the increase in the number of traditional-aged freshman who have applied and been accepted. The number of transfer students and adult learners is also up.

"I didn't really know about the increase in enrollment," said sophomore Matt Renshaw. "I mean, there are still plenty of parking spaces, and I guess it's good for the income of the campus. But in all honesty, I didn't know."

But freshman Cody Harris saw a different side of the increased



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Students gather in the Bistro at lunchtime. Campus enrollment is up more than 45 people this fall.

enrollment. He said that while the income for the campus is a good thing, the number of students and their credentials are not.

"This just shows that Penn State will take anyone they are willing to get their hands on," Harris said. "I mean, as long as they're making money, who

cares how smart they are? The more students applying, the more money they're making, right?" But according to Pinchot, admissions standards have remained steady.

"We are proud to have shown an increase in all areas, especially without lowering our standards,"

Pinchot said.

Penn State Beaver uses the same admissions standards as it has in years past. Applicants who do not meet the minimum scholastic requirements are not offered admission. "I feel that the higher enrollment is good for this campus,"

freshman Jeremy McCarty said. "It shows that, in order to survive, people have to start going to college, and that whoever makes it in deserves to be there." Another defining point for enrollment is an increase in the diversity of the student body.

"Last year, we had good diversity," Pinchot said, noting that about 20 percent of the new students for fall 2009 were minority students.

"This year, over 24 percent of new students that are enrolled are students of color," he said.

Pinchot hopes that by boosting diversity, it will add cultural dimensions to the campus as well as expose students to a range of ethnicities that local students may not have experienced previously.

While Pinchot views the higher enrollment as good news for the freshman class, the boost in diversity has been good news for the entire campus, providing students with exposure to a melting pot they had not previously experienced before college.

"We are hoping that we can add to this diversity by reaching out to other areas," Pinchot said, explaining that the campus this year is aggressively recruiting out-of-state and international students.

Targeted areas include Chicago, northern New Jersey, southern California as well as Puerto Rico, Jamaica and Trinidad in the Caribbean.

Interested in helping plan campus events?

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Campus hires two new faculty

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A new semester usually brings changes to the Beaver campus, and this one was no exception.

Mary Pierce, assistant professor of administration of justice, and Katherine Firestine, instructor in psychology, joined Beaver campus this summer.

Pierce grew up in Oregon and attended Whitman College as an undergraduate where she majored in sociology. She received her master's degree in criminal justice at New Mexico State University and attended Indiana University of Pennsylvania for her Ph.D. in criminology.

"The reason I chose the justice department is mainly because my father is a retired criminal justice professor. I wanted to follow in his footsteps," said Pierce. "The



Mary
Pierce



Katherine
Firestine

students here are eager to learn. The students all seem to get along well since they have their major of interest in common."

Firestine grew up in Lebanon, Pa. She attended the University of Pittsburgh as an undergraduate and earned her master's and Ph.D. in psychology. She then attended Duquesne University for law school.

"I chose psychology because people are interesting. I like to understand people and what

their minds are about. Everyone is unique to learn about," said Firestine.

Firestine also teaches at Penn State New Kensington and Penn State Greater Allegheny and is in charge of the psychology internship program at Beaver.

"The Beaver Campus is definitely more interesting and open. It's more relaxed than the other campuses I teach at," said Firestine.

Director of Academic Affairs Donna Kuga said Pierce and Firestine both had qualifications and skills that made them stand out.

"What I liked about Mary Pierce was her value. She showed importance and enjoyment in teaching, and I like that Katherine Firestine is very familiar with the Penn State University system."

Option added to bookstore

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With the rising costs of education, Penn State Beaver's bookstore has found a way to ease the financial pain.

Starting in the 2010 fall semester, students have the option of renting their text books at low prices.

"With all the competitors we have now, Barnes and Noble asked, 'How can we stay in the game?'" said Bookstore Manager Patricia Bobbie.

She said that while this concept is new to the Beaver, Barnes and Noble, the main supplier of text books for Penn State's bookstores, marketed the idea to larger Penn State campuses.

While students can rent many text books, some still aren't

available for rental.

"We can rent out titles that aren't prone to change semester to semester, those that are in high demand, and we can even rent out used titles," said Bobbie.

Bobbie also stated that students can write and highlight in the books as long as they don't tear out pages or damage the book in any way.

"Students can save over 50 percent on the book's original price on average when they rent," said Bookstore Sales Associate Kelly Spence.

Students seem to think that the book rentals are a good concept as well.

"I'm happy with how much I have saved," said sophomore Tara Scialabba.

Junior Sean Dickey also thinks renting books is less taxing on the wallet.



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Are you ready to be ugly?

Recently, motivational speaker Joe Martin spoke to a nearly packed auditorium at Penn State Beaver and encouraged students to be ugly.

No, it has nothing to do with looks. It's all about attitude.

To Martin, being ugly is a good thing. Ugly people have nothing to lose, Martin said, so they move forward without worrying about what other people think. Cute people, he said, are more concerned about appearances than substance, and they definitely care what other people think of them.

Martin grew up in a ghetto in Miami and worked hard to earn his education when others didn't have faith in him.

When Martin left for college, the subject of ugly came up when his mother gave him advice. "Don't fight an ugly kid," she said. Instead, she told him to be ugly.

Martin explained that ugly people are willing to throw themselves into their education and not be distracted by less important things such as rela-

tionship dramas and outside stressors.

Martin's advice is unique. He told students to find a buddy to help keep each other ugly. Basically, he was encouraging students to help each other stay focused either through encouragement or through helping them avoid unnecessary stress.

This is something that everyone should be able to do. Every student should have at least one person they can turn to for advice, for a person to vent to, for a study partner, for help.

As Penn State Beaver's administrators are focusing on student success and offering mid-semester study skills classes to students who are failing, perhaps the solution is for more students to look in the mirror.

If you see a cute, good-looking student staring back at you, Joe Martin says you're probably focused too much on the things that don't matter.

Instead, follow Martin's advice and get a little ugly. Quit partying and start studying. Remember, ugly people have nothing to lose.

Good news for Penn State Graduates

Many students associate success in college with the grade-point average they may earn, the classes they may take or the degree bestowed upon them.

But in the end, the only true measure of success may very well be the job you get after graduation.

That's why a new Wall Street Journal survey of corporate recruiters brings such good news to Penn State University students.

The Wall Street Journal surveyed top corporate recruiters whose companies hired 43,000 new graduates, and Penn State came out No. 1 on a list of 100 colleges, besting even Ivy League schools like Harvard and Yale.

In the No. 2 spot was Texas A&M University followed by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Purdue University and Arizona State University.

Sure, a degree from an elite private school might be great. But this is more proof that a Penn State degree really spells success, according to the Wall Street Journal reporter released in September.

What does this mean to Penn Staters? Once you

graduate, you are more likely to be recruited for a job versus other graduates.

According to the article in the Wall Street Journal, the reason why companies hire Penn State grads instead of other graduates is because "top public universities are often among the most prepared and well-rounded academically."

Do you ever complain about taking classes that seem like a waste of time? In reality, those classes may be making you more marketable to employers.

Employers also like schools where they are able to form partnerships, The Wall Street Journal said. But that only explains part of an employer's attraction to Penn State. Obviously, Penn State graduates perform well once they're hired; otherwise, the recruiters wouldn't keep coming back.

So the next time you think about what the future holds for you, take some solace in being part of the Penn State network. According to the Wall Street Journal, good career prospects lie ahead for Penn State graduates.

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MY PERSPECTIVE

Test driving the real world

Senior Matt Jones learns the value of experience while reporting for the New Castle News

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It might seem peculiar for someone to spend months looking for a job that doesn't pay, provides no benefits and takes up a massive amount of time.

Yet in spite of those oddities, that's precisely what I spent most of my summer doing.

My professors and advisers told me this strange job was called an internship. But in my mind, it was the last hurdle standing in my way of graduating and getting my journalism degree.

After hunting the entire summer, I finally found an internship at The New Castle News. When I went for my interview with Editor Tim Kolodziej, my mindset was changed in an instant. On top of being full of friendly and accommodating people, the newsroom was well-organized and even relaxed.

My view of interning had begun to change. Instead of looking at this as my final act to prove I was worthy of a degree from Penn State, I began to look at interning



Months of internship searching pay off as Matt Jones' story makes the front page of the New Castle News Sept. 24.

as something worthwhile, maybe even enjoyable.

Tim informed me that my first week would be a sort of transition. Liza, the summer intern, was leav-

ing and I would be taking over her duties.

Tim's goal was to ease me into the position, nice and slow. This is when I learned a very valuable

lesson about the proverbial "real world." Nothing is nice, and nothing is slow.

I had five story assignments my first week. With Liza there to answer my questions and lend a helping hand, I started into my work.

The second day on the job, I got my first byline, a short story I wrote with help from Liza.

But Liza wasn't the only one helping me. In fact, the entire newsroom was incredibly patient and understanding. One of the other editors, Mitch, even came up to me and said not to worry about making a mistake. He said there wasn't a mistake I could make that couldn't be fixed. That was when I realized a second lesson about interning. Contrary to popular belief, interns are not despised and shunned like a plague-ridden rat.

As my internship has continued, I've become more and more comfortable with my surroundings. Part of the reason I'm more comfortable is because working at The News has taught me to trust in the skills I've learned in the classroom. But a large part also comes from

the way staffers at the paper have treated me. They haven't forced me to conform to a generic mold; they've given me the freedom to develop my writing and reporting skills in my own way, guiding me when I need a little help.

I no longer feel like an out-of-place college student in the newsroom. I feel like I'm a part of The New Castle News. Thus far, I've had roughly 15 stories published, with most running on the front page.

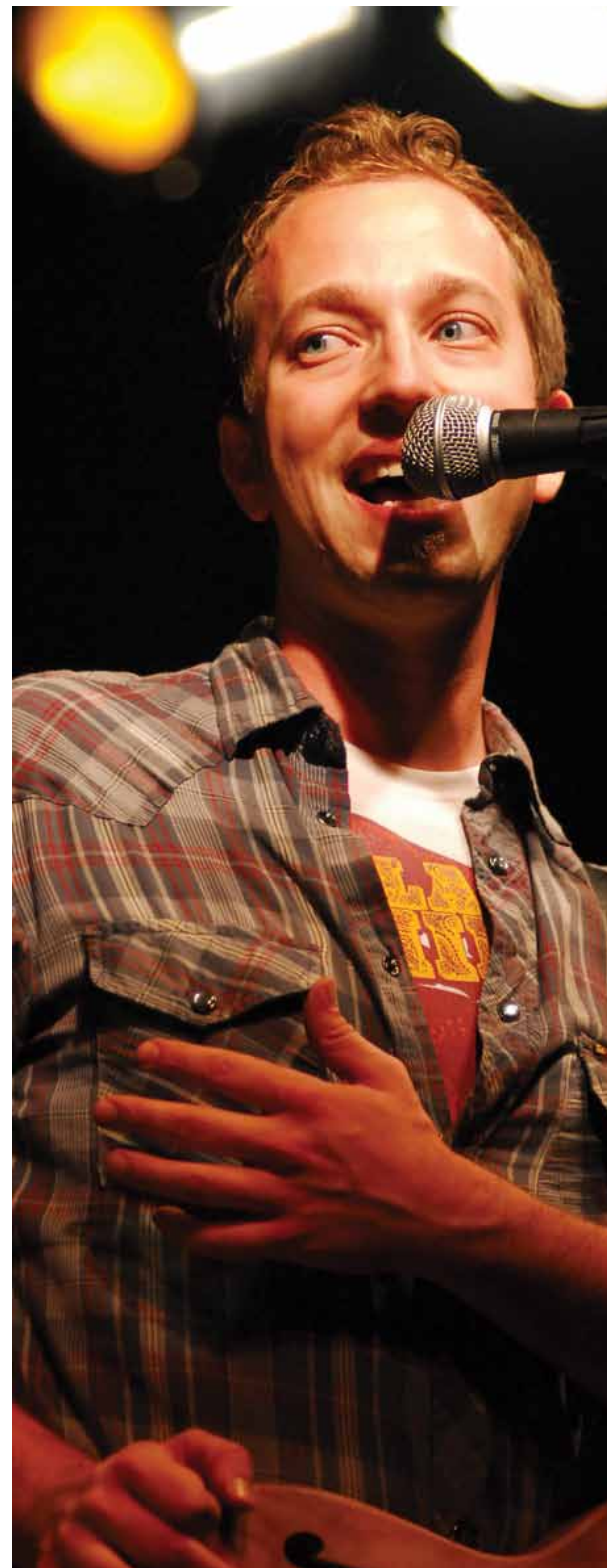
And that has made me recognize a third truth about interning: it's all about confidence. Seeing my name and work on the front page of a newspaper has somehow made my college experience feel legitimized. It's like the final stage. I'm no longer in the classroom; I'm doing this in the fabled "real world."

Somewhere along the way, that cumbersome, frustrating task of interning became an enjoyable, worthwhile adventure. And it's made me realize that an internship isn't the end of my college career. It's the beginning of the rest of my life.

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Rock N' Roar Music Fest; w



The Roar / Justin Vorbach

From left, Anthony Rankin, Adam Craig of the Adam Craig Band and Steve Soboslai, lead singer of Punchline, perform at the Rock N' Roar Music Fest Sept. 23 at the Brodhead Cultural Center. The high-energy performances represented three diverse genres of music, from country to pop-punk. Though the crowd of roughly 200 consisted mostly of students in event staff shirts, band members said they didn't care whether they play for a large crowd or a small crowd.

Was it really a rockin' party?

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Penn State Beaver's fall concert Sept. 23 brought out three different styles of music, opening with the Anthony Rankin Band and the Adam Craig Band and ending with the Pennsylvania natives Punchline.

The Anthony Rankin Band sounded like a mix of pop coupled with a little soul while the Adam Craig Band came straight from Nashville, Tenn., mixing classic rock with country.

Then came the final act, Punchline. These pop-punk boys added a little bit of spice to the act, singing songs from their new album "Delightfully Pleased," such as "21 Forever" and "Whatever I want, Whenever I Want."

Each band was on the stage for about an hour, doing what they love. Each band agreed that music is their lives.

The concert was open to the public, but the crowd consisted mainly of Penn State Beaver students. Most of the students who came to the concert were working it, evidenced by the purple "event staff" T-shirts most wore.

Associate Director of Student Affairs Amy Gartley said she thought more people would've shown up, but she wasn't expecting the same large crowd that came out for last year's concert with The Clarks.

"We only had eight high school students show up this year. If you look at the crowd, you see mainly

the purple event staff shirts," Gartley said.

Gartley was pleased that the students working stuck around until the end of the concert.

"I think part of the reason why they came out at all for the concert was because they got the free event staff shirts," Gartley said.

Even though attendance was less than anticipated, the students who went to the concert seemed to have a good time.

"I really liked the bands that played. My favorite band was the Adam Craig Band," junior Pat Vaughan said. "They were lively and entertaining. They interacted with the crowd a lot," he added.

Sophomore Ryan Hudacsek agreed that his favorite band that played was the Adam Craig Band.

"I liked them the most because they played songs that I know," Hudacsek said.

Some students, like sophomore Coale Henderson said that they had other things to do that night.

"I had so much homework to do that night, so I couldn't go to the concert," Henderson said.

Sophomore Samantha Milliken said that she didn't go because she was scheduled to work.

"I work up at the gym, and I was scheduled to work at 6, so I would've missed it anyway," Milliken said.

Regardless of the attendance, the bands all said that they don't care whether they play for a large or small crowd.

As long as they're playing, that's all that matters.

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Amy Gartley, Student Affairs



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Students worked hard during the Rock N' Roar Music Fest, selling glow sticks to raise money for Big Brothers Big Sisters, directing traffic, providing security and handing out T-shirts. The Nittany Lion made an appearance and rocked with the bands on stage.

'Everybody's going to have a good time'

Local attractions offer Penn State Beaver students exciting extracurricular activities, shopping and fun

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When it comes to Penn State Beaver students having fun, Pittsburgh's the place to be.

Don't sell the local area short, though. According to some Penn State Beaver students, there's fun stuff to do locally.

Pittsburgh has a lot to offer as a city. Whether you are a shopper, clubber, tourist or a local, there is fun everywhere you look. "Everybody's going to have a good time," freshman Kevin McKee of New Brighton said.

The professional shopper would enjoy the Strip District, sophomore Angelina Ochoa-Villagomez of Chicago said. The neighborhood features small shops and unusual restaurants, such as The Spaghetti Warehouse, which has a trolley in the middle of the building.

The relaxed shopper, who generally loves the mall, might be more interested in Mellon Square in the heart of downtown Pittsburgh. Freshman Amanda Deitch of Ohio said Mellon Square has everyday stores and ones that you just get to go to once in a while, like Burlington Coat Factory and Barnes and Noble.

Looking for the big party? Clubbers will enjoy places like Club

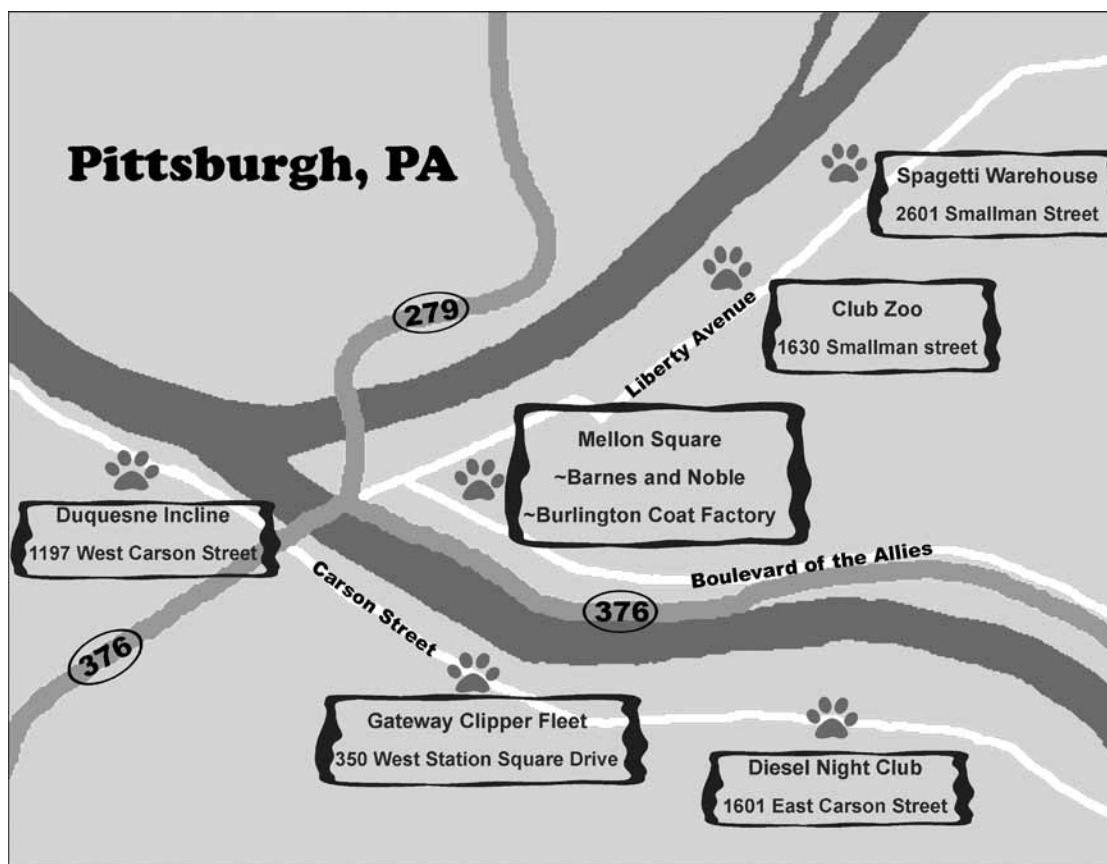


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Zoo on Smallman Street in the Strip District and Diesel nightclub on East Carson Street on the South Side. Club Zoo is more attractive to students age 18 to 21. Diesel is

for everyone age 21 and older. You can have fun dancing, socializing and just hanging out.

A more subdued party can be found on one of the Gateway Clip-

per Fleet's party boats, docked outside of Station Square.

The Gateway Clipper is a main attraction for tourists, especially as a way to get familiar with the

city and its rivers. "Throughout the three-hour boat ride, the captain tells you about the city, the things you see and the history," Deitch said.

The Duquesne Incline is another big tourist attraction. It takes you up the side of Mount Washington, high enough to see the entire city. "It's definitely memorable," Ochoa-Villagomez said.

When students think of local attractions, Walmart comes to mind. But Beaver County has more to offer.

Steak and Shake is a major place to eat. Many of the students love going there and some, like McKee, even get a little too excited. "Let's go to Steak and Shake! Let's go, seriously," McKee said.

"Steak and Shake is a cheap place, and Penn State students get a discount if you show them your [student] ID," Ochoa-Villagomez said.

The Beaver Valley Mall is another place to go. "(The mall's) good places for meeting people are the typical stores like Macys, JCPenney, Sears and Dick's Sporting Goods. There is also clothing stores like Debs and Boscov's.

"Boscov's has a little bit of everything. Hoodies, jackets and dresses; it's all there," Ochoa-Villagomez said.

POET LAUREAT

Robin Becker,
Penn State's
laureate reads
from her
poetry Sept. 28
in the Student
Union Building.

The Roar/
Cathy Benscoter



OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

Oct. 4: Preparing for the Interview & Career Fair, Part I: Interview Skills, noon to 12:50 p.m., SUB 16.

Oct. 13: Karaoke in the Bistro, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Bistro.

Oct. 14: Reel Thursday: Twilight Eclipse, 9 to 11 p.m., SUB Auditorium.

Oct. 15: Friday Matinee: Twilight Eclipse, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., SUB Auditorium.

Oct. 18: Tai Chi (Relaxation & Stress Man-

agement from Around the World) noon to 1 p.m., Cement Slab.

Oct. 20: Chat with the Chancellor noon to 1 p.m., TBA.

Oct. 20: Natalie Stovall, 9 to 11 p.m., SUB Auditorium.

Oct. 23: Penn State Day, All Day, Various locations.

Oct. 27: E. Benjamin Skinner - Speaker noon to 1 p.m., SUB Auditorium.



THE ROAR/JUSTIN VORBACH

Cello Fury rocked out on Sept. 29 when it performed in the Student Union Building Auditorium. The crowd listened to the three classically trained cellists play original compositions of heavy metal rock music. The group recently toured in Italy and all attended college in the Pittsburgh area. The performance was part of Campus Activities Teams programming for the semester.

CAT keeps campus busy

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Every week, an e-mail is sent about an upcoming activity on or off campus.

Denise Turyan, student affairs staff assistant, generally sends the e-mails, and although she doesn't create the events, she makes sure it's known that the campus provides plenty of things to do for its students.

Robin Schreck, residence life and student activities coordinator, is responsible for creating those events.

She is also the adviser of the Campus Activities Team, or CAT for short, whose goal is to plan the events that go on around campus, such as September's trip to Cedar Point.

"The CAT plans the events and then looks for other clubs to sponsor them," said Schreck. "There are a lot of clubs out there who need to get their names out, so sponsoring the activities helps them."

"I would say that the best ways to get involved on campus would be to read the stall stories in the bathrooms, read the table tents on the Bistro tables, check the (digital sign) boards or check the Penn State Beaver Activities Page on Facebook," said Schreck. "Not everyone gets the chance to go to Cedar Point or experience whitewater rafting, so signing up through Penn State would be a great way to do it!"

Junior Amy Green, president of CAT, said the whitewater rafting trip to Ohio on Oct. 2 was partly sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega.

"It is a great opportunity to learn how to do it, or to just have some fun," she said.

For students who want to stay close to campus but still have a good time, there are also some upcoming events on campus.

Country singer Natalie Stovall will be performing at 9 a.m. Oct. 20 in the Student Union Building Auditorium.

Green said Stovall has opened for artists including Little Big Town, Josh Gracin and Los Lonely Boys.

She was also the first woman to sing "God Bless America" at the White House Correspondents' Dinner.

To find out what is happening during the month of October, see the upcoming events list on page 12.

Welcome Weekend: all about spirit

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Friday, Oct. 22 is the official kickoff date for the 2010 Welcome Weekend.

It's an event intended to spark Penn State spirit in new students and rekindle it in returning ones.

Incoming freshman may question the judgment behind a 'Welcome Weekend' title when, as freshman Nick Bruce put it, "The entire first week of classes is called Welcome Week."

However, the first week of the semester provides an introduction to the campus, the classes and the academic side of the college experience.

Welcome Weekend—called Homecoming last year—instead serves to introduce students to the Penn State spirit that turns students into fanatical alumni.

Freshman Tyler Cox said Welcome Weekend is all about moving "beyond the branch" and experiencing Penn State as a title

and a team.

Welcome Weekend is the zealous brainchild of the student affairs department, with help from the athletic department, Housing and Food Services and outside vendors.

Robin Schreck, student activities and residence life coordinator, is in charge of the event.

Aside from helping inspire school spirit, Schreck said that Welcome Weekend helps bring Penn State Beaver alumni back to campus and welcomes students' families with "a lot of events that appeal to different types of students with families." Activities include inflatables and a kid-friendly movie night on Saturday.

"It's for our students," she continued, "but geared toward their families."

The list of activities planned for the weekend varies, but everything is designed for entertainment.

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movie reviews

Clooney plays smooth action hero

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2.5 out of 4 paws

George Clooney sets the standard for smooth in "The American," with his look, his pepper gray hair, his gun and, of course, his women.

This movie not only brings out the best in Clooney, but also the magnificent beauty of the Italian countryside.

The choice of actors and the location were spot-on for this dramatic thriller.

The camera footage was amazing.

The actual movie, itself, I would recommend for an older, more experienced movie-going audience.

It is a movie worth seeing, but it lacks dialogue and a subplot, and



FOCUS FEATURES/GEORGE CLOONEY

George Clooney plays Jack, an American in Italy who builds guns that will be used in an assassination, and falls in love with a prostitute in "The American".

The scenes between the action are quite lengthy.

It is not the fast, action movie that is expected after watching

the film's first five minutes, which draws you in for the rest of the ride. The ride takes viewers into a small town in Italy where Jack

(Clooney) must build a gun that will be used for an assassination.

Most of his time was spent alone, because he was told by his

employer to keep himself isolated, but he couldn't help exercising his freedom.

Jack meets a beautiful prostitute, Clara, played by Violante Placido, and they become close. And, of course, director Anton Corbijn made the most of Clooney's status as a sex symbol.

Clooney was on camera for most of the film.

By having the camera on him so often, it added to the suspense and paranoia that Jack was going through.

Always having to watch his back, this paranoia plays out in the final scenes.

Overall, the movie gives the audience an anxious feeling, wondering what will happen next.

The only problem viewers may have is fighting off the yawns as they wait for the next bit of action.

This is not one of Clooney's best, but definitely worth seeing.

"The Town" offers action, drama

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3.5 out of 4 paws

Commercials could easily make you believe that "The Town" is solely focused on heartless mobsters that rob banks while, ironically, disguising themselves as nuns. I went into the theater believing I was about to see a generic shootout movie about present day mafia.

However, director Ben Affleck successfully added depth to another simple crime action film to create an enjoyable movie with both action and drama.

Doug MacRay (Affleck) is one of the members of an organized gang in New York City. His longtime friend and gang member James Coughlin (Jeremy Renner) plans a heist with hired hands at a bank in the city. During the robbery they take a bank manager named Claire



WARNER BROS. PICTURES/THE TOWN

Ben Affleck, Jon Hamm, Rebecca Hall, Blake Lively, Jeremy Renner, Pete Postlethwaite, and Chris Cooper star in "The Town".

Keeseey (Rebecca Hall) hostage, but they release her after a short time.

Days later, Claire and Doug meet in a laundromat and begin a conversation. Claire,

unaware of Doug's identity, begins a relationship with him. The complications this leads to for Doug create an intense and suspenseful storyline.

The opening minutes of "The Town" immediately grab the audience with the bank robbery. Later burglaries are also intense as well as being easy to follow.

The catching aspect of the movie, however, is the romance involved in Doug's life. Even though he's a gang member, a different side of Doug is shown in his relationship with Claire. The fact that his life of crime and his life with Claire are intertwined helps avoid the confusion of two storylines.

The audience can almost feel the stress Doug has with keeping his true identity a secret from Claire. The drama from this aspect of the movie coupled with the numerous robbery-style shootouts make "The Town" unique and easy to follow.

"Easy A" earns easy A rating

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4 out of 4 paws

Sick of seeing movies about high school with the same old plots?

So was I. So when the beginning of "Easy A" began with Olive, played by Emma Stone, talking about how she wasn't sure who she was anymore and all the other typical high school girl problems, I was skeptical as to whether or not this movie would pull through.

But I was in for a pleasant surprise. The movie was put together well, tying beginning to end, and full of witty jokes.

The basic plot of the movie is Olive pretends to sleep around with a few people at her school so she becomes well-known.

But her plan backfires.

Things start going wrong and she has to fix everything to make it work out.

It's nothing groundbreaking, but

what makes the movie worth seeing is the humor throughout the entire film.

All the characters had a level of wit about them that no other high school-based movie had come close to. Even Olive's parents, played by Stanley Tucci and Patricia Clarkson, add to a good bit of the wit in the movie.

The plot was predictable, and I found myself wondering not what was going to happen next, but who was going to make what clever comment next.

They weren't always random comments either; quite a few times they were in reference to a comment made earlier in the movie.

This made it much funnier if you were actually paying attention, but it didn't make sense if you weren't.

All in all, if you're interested in plot only, this movie isn't for you. If, however, you can appreciate a movie full of wit and sarcasm, then "Easy A" is for you.

New campus minister gives guidance

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A student recently came to Gary Slifkey for guidance, wanting to be baptized.

Slifkey, Penn State Beaver's new Catholic campus minister, said it started as "a general inquiry of faith," but when he realized how serious the student was, he was dedicated to having him baptized by Easter.

"We're working with a local church," Slifkey said. "It's a long process to join the Catholic faith."

An ideal listener, Slifkey hopes to be able to help the students grow as people. Wishing to "empower [students] to take ownership of their faith," Slifkey said that "...it's important for students to know that the church is present, even at college."

"It's a relief to have someone to talk to because I confide in my



The Roar/Dana Sklack

Campus minister Gary Slifkey leads prayer during See You at the Pole during common hour Sept. 21.

religious beliefs and know that a minister can always be of help," freshman Shane Wilson said.

Freshman Kaela Martin agreed. "It's a good thing to have someone to talk with religiously and have

them understand and be able to help."

Slifkey plans to bring possible weekly gatherings, rosary, shared prayer, programs, retreats, reflections and mission trips to campus.

Slifkey replaces the former Catholic campus minister Rich Sealy, who left for New Zealand with his family in May for a two-year, full-time youth minister job. Sealy left at the end of the spring semester.

Slifkey and his wife, Jill, have two sons, Cyprian, 3, and Benedict, 19 months. Jill, a graduate of Grove City College, is a youth minister, which is how they met. At their reception, they asked their guests to bring socks for the charity Operation Safety Net, and went on their "honey-mission" to Mississippi.

Other places Slifkey has gone to for missions include local trips to Pittsburgh, West Virginia, Florida, Chile, Germany and Uganda.

Slifkey lives in Kennedy Township and attends St. Malachy's Church. He holds a bachelor's degree in business, a master's degree in ministry from Duquesne University and a master's in pro-

fessional leadership from Carlow University.

Technically, Slifkey is not an employee of Penn State, but of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. He also serves as the Catholic campus minister at Robert Morris University.

Slifkey can be found in room 112 of the Student Union Building and welcomes any student to come by and introduce themselves.

He is on the campus in his office, next to the admissions office, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. He even has a blog that can be found on catholicsoncampus.wordpress.com.

Slifkey has no official association with the Campus Crusade for Christ (CRU) but he has spoken with its advisor Michael Hay, associate professor of chemistry, and they plan on having a few group prayers and may work on a project in the future together to "build unity."

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GETTING INVOLVED

It's not too late to get involved in the many clubs and organizations at Penn State Beaver.

Some non-traditional students have already taken advantage of the opportunity to join these clubs and have risen to leadership roles on campus.

The Blue and White Society has two non-traditional students on its executive board, Jason Magnotte, a business major, is the vice president, and Crystal Smith, also a business major, serves as the secretary and treasurer. Blue and White Society is Penn State Beaver's chapter of Penn State's Alumni Association, the largest dues-paying alumni association in the country.

Jody Garza, business major, is the president of the Veterans Club, a club dedicated to increasing awareness, networking, and offering support to veterans and their families.

Jeremiah Gorrell, pre-med, is the president of Alpha Phi Omega Petitioning Group, a co-ed service fraternity that participates in service projects in the area and recently went on a whitewater rafting trip.

To learn more about these clubs and organizations as well as other clubs and organizations on campus please visit: beaver.psu.edu/clubs

Ready for your interview?

Even if graduation is still four years away, it's never too early to start preparing for job interviews.

Preparing for the Interview and Career Fair Part I: Interview Skills

Monday, Oct. 4, noon to 1 p.m., SUB 16

Wanted: Adult student rep

The Adult learner Committee (ALC) is looking for a new adult student learner representative for the Fall of 2010.

If you are interested, please contact Rebecca Mulholland at rmulholland@psu.edu

Skinner to speak about slavery

E. Benjamin Skinner has seen modern-day slavery around the world and will speak about his experiences.

Wednesday, Oct. 27, noon to 1 p.m.
SUB Auditorium

Dan Grant coaches both teams

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When thinking of Penn State Beaver soccer, two things come to mind: an up and coming program and a coach with a really interesting accent.

Dan Grant is the new soccer coach and is the coach with that accent. "You can insult me anyway you want, but don't call me English," Grant said. Grant has big dreams and goals for the future of the soccer team though he is not your typical coach.

"Obviously, I grew up in Britain which means I played soccer all the time. At 15-years old, I was offered a trial for a professional team. I didn't get it," Grant said.

Grant decided to step back from soccer and pursue a new and upcoming sport in Britain: basketball. He ended up becoming a professional basketball player and was a coach for the sport. Grant came to the United States 30 years later where he got involved with soccer yet again.

He played with the New Jersey



The Roar/Bridget McCullough

The new soccer coach, for both the men's and women's teams, Dan Grant, gives the women's team a few encouraging words, before their game against Waynesburg University. Grant has high hopes for both teams this year.

Rangers, which was a "farm team" in the United Soccer League. Grant had opportunities to play against players that he had idolized.

After 15 years had passed, Grant came to Pittsburgh, a place he thought was "soccer wasteland."

He was pleasantly surprised to find soccer was doing quite well here. Grant continued to play and coach soccer. He eventually made his way to Penn State Beaver, where he found a family atmosphere, a pleasant laid-back feeling

and support of all the coaches.

Grant was originally hired to coach the men's team. But during the summer when the women's coach quit before the start of the team's inaugural season, Grant stepped up to coach both teams.

Sophomore TJ Couch likes what he's seen from his coach so far.

"He's been around soccer a long time, so we are learning from one of the best," Couch said.

"Coach Grant has a different perspective of the game than other American coaches, so he has a lot to offer the program and so far has been an excellent coach and has helped our team come a long way," freshman Kristen Sutton said.

"Get the word out into all the local schools that we're a soccer powerhouse," Grant said.

"If you come here, you're going to get good coaching and good organization. "We're not just soccer players that finish in November then not see each other. We want to be a community that is all year round," Grant said.

The dreams for the program are never put on hold for this new coach, and he plans on staying at Beaver. Grant said he is completely happy here. "We have a lot of fun. Both the people that play and the people that come and watch us really just enjoy it. Come out and watch us," Grant said.

Men's soccer team is stronger than before

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The Penn State Beaver's men's soccer season got off to a rough start, but the team is making a strong comeback.

Going into the team's game against Penn State York Sept. 25, Beaver's record was 4-5 overall and 4-1 in the Penn State University Athletic Conference. The team won the game with a score of 1-0.

Andrew Reda, sophomore, likes the direction the team is heading towards.

"We have the potential to be a good team. This year we're stronger," Reda said.

Even though the team has got-



The Roar/Amy Green

Junior defenseman Matt Doerr crosses the ball into the box, while playing against Geneva College, Monday, Sept. 27.

ten off to a rocky start, Coach Dan Grant believes the players have the

strategies to win. Now they just need the mindset.

"We have a good bunch of lads so I don't have any concerns on that level. The thing is performing as a team. We'll see that this is a team that can win and win well; they just haven't realized that yet," Grant said.

One of the things Grant said that he is focused on is perfecting his new method of formations. Unlike what most of the team is used to, he is using a 4-3-3 formation, where four players are in the back, three are in the middle and three are in the front.

Sophomore Tyler Blake admits the 4-3-3 formation is new to him and his teammates.

"It's a formation that nobody has played before; however, its

coach's style and it's the way we're going to have to play to win, so we're going to do our best," Blake said.

Grant said that once players have the strategy figured out, a whole set of options opens up and they have to adapt.

"It takes some getting used to, so we're still struggling," Grant said.

Although it took a while for them to really get the hang of things, the guys are very optimistic about this season.

"We just want to go out there and show that soccer's just as good as basketball, baseball, softball and everything else out there and show that we're a reckoning force on the field," said junior Patrick Vaughan.

Women's soccer work toward the win

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Beginning the year with no players and little hope of continuing the program, Penn State Beaver's first ever women's soccer team pulled through with an 18-girl team.

Despite not having won a single game throughout the first half of the season, they've continued to improve in strength and numbers since the summer conditioning began.

Team captain sophomore Leah Murphy said, "Our team's best quality is our togetherness, which is somewhat of a rare quality."

Murphy explained the players have various experience levels on the team, from first-year players to players with years of soccer familiarity.

"Our team bonding comes from the bus rides to and from games along with pregame pep talks. These are just some of the techniques we use to improve and get better," Murphy said.

During gameplay, Murphy said



The Roar/Bridget McCullough

Freshman Brittany Hubbard, a winger for Penn State Beaver's newly formed women's soccer team, runs after the ball during the game against Waynesburg University, Wednesday, Sept. 29. The team lost 11-0.

communication is the team's best asset.

"On the field, encouraging words are said to point out good things players do and helpful hints are traded between experienced players to new players so we can

advance," Murphy said.

Junior Kylee Weaver is the goalie for the team, and has experienced playing on a first-year team after doing so on her high school soccer team during her sophomore year at Quigley High School.

"I just like the fact that everyone likes each other," Weaver said. "The team just needs practice and the new players are doing very well on the field."

Coach Dan Grant, who also coaches the men's soccer team, is

encouraged by the women's play during the first month of the season.

"Despite the score lines, we're getting really good and are very close to being a competitive team," Grant said.

Grant was ready to take the challenge of coaching two teams after a last minute bail of the original coach after four weeks of recruiting and scheduling.

It is not uncommon for there to be one head coach for the men's and women's soccer team, and there are some easy ways to work out practices and game schedules with the benefit of a single head coach, Grant said.

One of the obstacles the women have had to work around is scheduling practices and games around the men's schedule. Having scheduled practice times changed and car pooling to and from away games are some of the other obstacles the women have had to overcome to become a collegiate team.

Grant said he's enthusiastic. "(They're) really working as a team."

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Lady Lions ranked No. 3 in PSUAC

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Despite having a losing record, the women's volleyball team still holds a strong 6-2 record where it counts: in the Penn State University Athletic Conference.

Beaver's volleyball team, 7-10 overall, always starts the season by hosting a United States Collegiate Athletic Association pre-season tournament that is stacked with tough teams.

Beaver lost all three games of the tournament to Ohio State University at Marion, Penn College of Technology and Penn State Fayette.

To make matters worse, the team lost seven of its first eight games against Franciscan University, LaRoche College, Chatham University and Carlow University before heading into conference play.

The volleyball team is very young with seven freshman, three sophomores and only one senior. But Coach Dan Smith said what the Lady Lions lack in experience they make up in talent.

"We're getting used to playing as a team. As we go into PSUAC matches, I expect a strong performance," Smith said.

The Lady Lions have lived up to their coach's expectations; they've only lost two conference games as of Sept. 29.

Kellie Karasack, sophomore, is one of three captains on the team. She's in her first year at Penn State Beaver after starting her education at Penn State Altoona.

Karasack admits it's been an adjustment for her and her teammates to get acclimated to playing with each other.

"Being put in a completely new environment with a new coach and new players, it was very difficult to adjust to," Karasack said. "The routines and things that seemed so natural to me before are now not as easy to come by."

The Lady Lions latest victory came against Penn State Dubois on Sept. 25. Beaver won the first set in commanding fashion with a score of 25-12.

During the second set, Beaver was down 15-7, but then rallied to win the match 25-23.

Dubois was able to close out a tight victory in the third with a score of 25-21. The lady lions were able to pull off the match win in the fourth set with a victory of 25-17.

Beaver's Heather Sandusky, senior, had 15 kills and eight digs, and Karasack had 18 assists in the match.

Karasack is confident in her team's abilities going forward this season.

"We have a lot of talent and potential on the team this year, and I can't wait to see where it takes



THE ROAR/ JUSTIN VORBACH

Freshmen Kayla Helble (No. 3) and Nicole Donelson (No. 11) prepare to block their opponent's spike during an early season tournament game.

us. As long as we keep working together as a team and keep our heads in the game, then I believe we can make it as far as we would like," she said.

"Earlier in the season, the teams we played did not see the real Penn State Beaver team," Karasack said.

Athletic Director Andy Kirschner acknowledged that success wasn't going to be easy, but holds high hope.

"There is tough competition, but we have talent," Kirschner said.

"We have a great team with lots of talent and we are growing into

our potential," Smith said.

With eight PSUAC matches left to play, there is a lot of hope, especially with how the team has been playing.

Smith urges all students to come out the games and show support for the Lady Lions.

FIGHTIN' BEAVS UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Wed., Oct. 6, 10:30 p.m., vs. Grove City College (Home)

Wed., Oct. 13, 9:30 p.m., vs. Slippery Rock University-White (Home)

Wed., Oct. 20, 9:30 p.m., at Robert Morris University-Blue (Away)

Wed., Oct. 27, 11:30 p.m., at Duquesne University (Away)

Wed., Nov. 3, 10:30 p.m., at University of Pittsburgh (Away)

Wed., Nov. 17, 9:30 p.m., at Grove City College (Away)

Wed., Dec. 8, 11:30 p.m., vs. Clarion University (Home)

*All games are held at the Robert Morris Island Sports Complex



THE ROAR/ DANA SKLACK

The Fightin' Beavs hockey team held tryouts at the RMU Island Sports Complex Sept. 3. The team is starting its second season as a club sport.



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