

I do not agree with a word you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it. —Voltaire

Cash Scarce for Int'l Students

By **NEETU SEHGAL**
Assistant News Editor

A lack of available financial aid is making it hard to study at Allegheny, say some international students.

Abenaa Ampratwum, better known as "Safaaa," was a 20-year-old Allegheny freshman from Ghana who was forced to transfer last year. Due to the recent tuition increase and the depreciation of her native currency, Ampratwum transferred to a college that provided her with more financial support.

"Back home, the education system is not bad at all. However, the lecturers go on strike quite often for long periods of time and that decreases the quality of education," said Ampratwum. "Plus there we do not have the benefits of things such as bookstores and computer labs. You have to search for your textbooks on your own and buy your own computer."

Ghana's currency equivalent to the United States dollar was approximately 4,000 cedi for every one American dollar in April 2000, while in August of 1999, the currency exchange was 2,000 cedi per one American dollar. The currency has depreciated 100% and is continuing

to do so. "In my country, the currency depreciates, but incomes never rise. The average income is the U.S. equivalent of \$5,000 per year."

As a result, Ampratwum's parents, even with holding jobs paying well over the average salary, were unable to keep up with the increased costs of an Allegheny education.

Despite the tuition hike, financial packages of international students were not increased, according to Director of Financial Aid Robin Szitas. Allegheny College offers only merit-based scholarships to international students like Ampratwum, while U.S. citizens attending the college are eligible to apply for need-based awards as well.

The merit-based scholarships are awarded on the same criteria (academic records, extra-curricular activities, and test scores) for international and national students and "do not fluctuate with increased tuition, decreased income, or any other factor" said Szitas.

Letters sent out to international applicants indicate that these scholarships are solely merit-based and that the College does not reevaluate for increased need. Thus, the amount of aid an international stu-

dent receives in their freshman year is the same amount they will receive for each academic year at Allegheny.

The maximum merit-based scholarship a student can receive is a \$10,000 International Student grant. Along with the scholarship, the College offers international students a \$1,500 work-study award and a commercial loan for a maximum amount of \$10,000, if an American co-signer can be found. Many international students who do not have relatives or friends in the United States, however, find it hard to secure a co-signer.

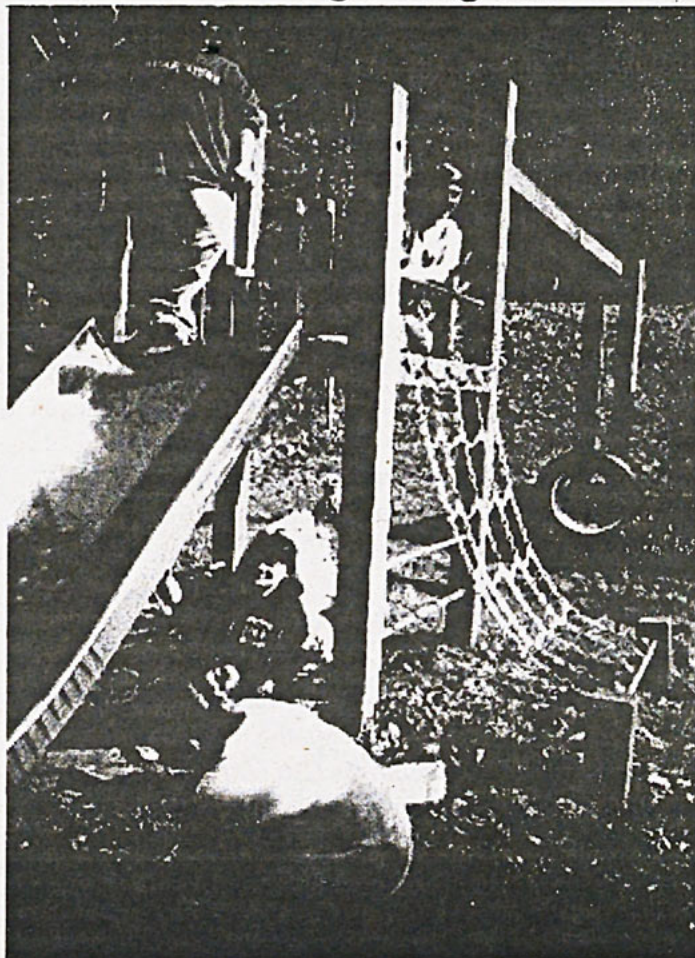
According to Szitas the average financial aid package awarded to an Allegheny student was \$17,415 in 1998-1999. On average, international students were awarded \$10,500 that same year.

"Truthfully, it's a budget control. The decision to not increase the aid amount for international students is a direction that Allegheny chose a long time ago," said Szitas. "We give no false impressions. If an applicant can't afford to come to Allegheny even with the package we offer, we give no false hope."

Ampratwum said, "Many Ameri-

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M.A.D.D. Painting Going On



MAKING A DIFFERENCE—Brothers from Alpha Phi Omega fraternity paint playground equipment for the Meadville Housing Authority at Elm Street last Saturday for Make A Difference Day.

—photo by Abby Milligan, Weekend Editor

DCED Examines Grad Exodus

By **DANE FOSTER**
Managing Editor

Why do students leave Pennsylvania after graduating from college or a university? With technology increasing exponentially and the technical industry in great demand for a skilled work force, legislators are asking themselves what they are doing wrong. In an effort to shore up Pennsylvania's educated work force retention, members of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) spent a portion of the afternoon October 12 speaking with Allegheny students.

With national and global companies such as Unisys, SAP America, Lucent Technologies and Lockheed Martin among Pennsylvania's high profile employers, and a growing number of technical and science graduates, the number of graduates leaving for other opportunities is a paradox. In an effort to retain these graduates, the DCED launched a statewide initiative, starting with Allegheny, entitled the "Brain gain" project. Brain gain is an attempt to bridge the gap between college students and Pennsylvania's technical industry's need

for a technologically skilled work force. Members listened as Allegheny students described why they might be tempted to leave Pennsylvania for jobs in other states and what might entice them to remain in state.

"One of Pennsylvania's most important assets is educated people," explained DCED Secretary Sam McCullough. "We're just not keeping enough of these people." In recent years, legislators have noticed a trend in Pennsylvania educated graduates leaving the state for lucrative job opportunities in Maryland, New York and Ohio. "Too many of the people we are educating in Pennsylvania are going someplace else," he added. "We are spending a lot of money to educate people, and then we lose them."

Junior Heather Tardio attended the meeting and realizes that there is a discernable problem in marketing jobs to potential college graduates. "I think the problem is that the opportunities in Pennsylvania aren't as easy to find," she said. She also explained that while other states actively recruit and contact students on campuses about job opportunities, Pennsylvania job offerings aren't marketed as well or at all.

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EDITORIAL

Money Matters

The average international student's financial aid package is considerably lower than that of a student residing in the United States. Currently, the aid package an international student is offered initially at Allegheny is guaranteed for four years. However, their financial status and need is not re-evaluated each year, as it is done for students who are U.S. citizens.

Many students—especially those coming from countries less economically-stable than the United States—are affected by factors such as sudden major currency devaluation, which makes paying tuition owed difficult. Comparable colleges to Allegheny, such as Denison University and Franklin & Marshall College allow students to appeal for more aid in cases where their financial situation has changed.

If Allegheny wishes to retain a flat rate of aid for international students throughout the four years, perhaps a larger initial package should be offered. At least three of Allegheny's comparison schools' average financial aid package for all students are slightly lower than those offered to international students. At Allegheny, the average aid amount offered to international students is \$10,500 a year in merit scholarships and campus employment, with the tuition set at \$21,570.

At Gettysburg College, the average international package is \$22,000 (tuition is \$24,875), and at Denison, the average is \$18,233 (tuition is \$22,210). At Franklin and Marshall College, the average financial aid package offered to international students is \$22,902 (tuition is \$24,866). Clearly, Allegheny lags behind comparison schools in providing financial aid to international students.

One suggestion would be for the college to establish an emergency fund—much like the ones these schools have to provide additional aid to international students who have drastic unexpected financial losses.

All students should be given the same rights and privileges. Aid eligibility for all students should be reconsidered yearly. If an international student demonstrates a significant and verifiable change in financial status, the college should make an effort to assist them as they do for other students.

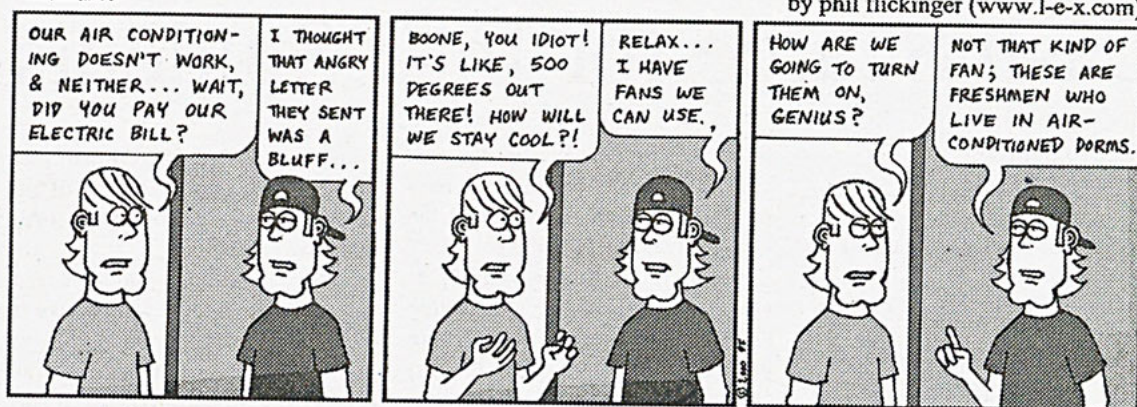
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LEX



by phil flickinger (www.l-e-x.com)

Rest Areas—Where Should You Stop?

I feel like I have to introduce myself. Hi, my name is John Lee; I've been challenged to submit a column to the paper, so here we go. You may ask why you would even bother reading this, but I assure you that I'm fresh, new, original, and maybe even funny.

John Lee

I decided to write about my trip home over fall break. You may be asking yourself, everyone has been down 79 to go home, but I'm one of those few people that don't live in Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Erie, or any other surrounding town in between. I'm actually from a college town called Ann Arbor, MI, and this article is about my trip across the Ohio Turnpike back to the Wolverine State and the rest stops along the way.

It all started shortly into the afternoon, when I embarked on my trip back home. The sun was out, the sky was partly cloudy, and I knew that it would be a great trip. This was definitely a great day for driving. On these sunny days, nothing is better than listening to your sunny day driving tapes, wind blowing through your hair, singing along, and passing cars on the left and the right.

About 146 km (kilometers, because my car is from Canada, hence metric units) into my trip I arrived at my first rest stop on the Ohio turnpike. Actually I passed by a rest stop under construction. Thank God, I only had a large gas station latte and Nalgene's worth of water—its not like I had to go to the bathroom anyhow.

I did notice, from the rest stop under construction to the next one, some interesting things: 1. Bumper sticker that read, "Coffee is God." 2.

A golf course under construction.

Now there's nothing wrong if one believes "Coffee is God," God does reveal itself in mysterious ways, right? The weird thing was the Golf course. Who would want to golf next to the turnpike? When I think of golf courses, I think of nice greenery, trees, nature, the occasional gator in the water hazards, and cars—in the parking lot. Now I'm not a golfer, but the last thing I would want when I was golfing would be hearing or seeing cars zoom by. The second to the last thing I would want to think about when I was golfing is shanking my \$13 ball into the dashboard of a SUV.

The interval for rest stops is spaced out about, every 35-56 miles. So around 40 miles later, I came across the new age of rest stops. Ooewww doggie! This one was beautiful. It had a Pizza Hut, Wendys, Coffee Beanery, self flushing urinals, spacious lobby space, fax/printer/internet stations, and a plethora of vending machines and arcades. The most eye appealing thing was that they had better bread and bagels than in all of Crawford County. You may be saying, "John Lee, no they didn't," and I'll tell you, "Oh yes they did!" They had a Panera Bread at the rest stop. So, all in all this rest stop gets 4 pumpkins out of 5.

Now comes the next rest stop, which was by far one of the worst rest stops that I had ever seen. The outside was scary enough for me to keep on driving through the rest stop. The rest stop had the likes of a Burger King, Bob's Big Boys, and a TCBY. Bob's Big Boys—'nuff said. This rest stop definitely gets a half of a pumpkin out of 5.

After driving around and hurting for sleep I found myself stopping at the very next rest stop. This rest stop was structurally the same

as the really cool one, except it had better eateries. This rest stop may just be the "uber" rest stop, the finest in rest stop dining. Yes, I said dining.

Not only are there a really nice gift shops, for post cards, Cleveland Indians paraphernalia, magazines, and crystal figurines, but there is also, a Cinnabon. This can easily be your starter for a fine dining experience. After a sweet appetizer at Cinnabon, you can walk a short distance to a Max and Ermas—and this is no take out window. They have their own dining area with tables and nice waitresses waiting to meet your dining needs.

After a nice salad with house dressing, you're ready for your large scrumptious pasta dish. Once you finish your meal, don't get your dessert and espresso at Max and Ermas because just a hop skip and jump away is a fully corporate coffee serving giant, called Starbucks. Not only has Starbucks taken over your supermarket shelves, but it has invaded your travel plans. This Starbucks had everything from your flavorful biscotties, all types of caffeine needs, and the yummy sweets to go along with it.

Some people may be on the run when they are stopping at rest stops so there's the one place that makes it "your way, right away" where you

can order a hamburger with lettuce, tomato, cheese, one pickle, mustard, ketchup, bbq sauce, and no meat to go. If you're wanting something more Italian-American, then there's your Sbarros pizza, not to be mistaken with the so called Sbarros that can be found at McKinley's. And if you're really in a hurry, I guess there's always the fun vending machines.

John Lee is a member of the class of '01.

The Glory and the Spackle: Joys of Off-Campus Life

When I moved off-campus last fall, into a cozy little apartment on Park Avenue, I envisioned my life-to-be as a nice, comfy existence with lots of pizza-and-movies nights with friends. I figured I would get to play hostess, throw a few really good parties every semester, and enjoy feeling like a real grownup instead of a dorm rat.

Turns out there was a lot I never considered.

Jennifer Midgley

Last week, for example, my To-Do List looked something like this: draft a chapter of my comp, write a couple of midterms, work on a photography project, accomplish various feats of journalistic prowess, and then the usual classes-and-work routine.

Fortunately for me, I've become a very good planner during my time living off-campus. You have to be, unless you want to walk up to campus ten times a day to do stuff you forgot to deal with earlier. So, I wrote out my little weekly schedule and battled my way through the craziness.

Unbeknownst to me, while I was thusly occupied, my upstairs neighbors' kitten was thinking that it might be kind of funny if he got stuck in my ceiling. And Saturday night, while I was working on my comp like a good girl (not quite indulging in the wild-party existence I had imagined for myself), there he was, meowing forlornly from above.

My roommate called me out of my room, pointing up at the ceiling. "Jenn, I think there's a cat up there," she said. I got a little bit worried about her for a minute or two, but then he appeared, walking across our ceiling light (which, fortunately, was off).

At this point I should probably mention that last year, in this very same apartment, I was the unwitting hostess of a little gray bird who took up residence behind the paneling in my closet. Once back there, the little bird flapped and squawked like a demon and had me terrified that there was a bald eagle in there. Maybe it has something to do with echoes behind paneling or something, but believe me, it was terrifying.

I feel lucky that I don't have rats or mice or huge mutant ants (although I have seen a few of those, but no full-scale invasion thus far), but sometimes I really wonder why these things always seem to happen to me.

After my roommate climbed up on a kitchen chair and rescued the cat (the poor girl was also forced to help me pull that bird out of my closet last year—what a friend), we got him back to his rightful owners and I took a few more minutes out of comp-writing to think about what a long, strange trip it's been since I moved off campus.

I think I'll always be glad that I did decide to move in on Park Ave. I love every spackle-covered

inch of that place, and I've had a wonderful time making it into my little home-away-from-home.

Just remember, if you decide to forge a path through the off-campus wilderness to establish a homestead, that there's a lot more involved than just space for parties.

And if you find any rare and exotic wildlife, give me a call; I'd love to hear about it.

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A Day In MY Student Life

By Matt Meehan, *The Campus*' humor columnist

9:30 AM: Awake to the sound of my roommate's alarm. We both roll over in our respective beds and go back to sleep. Most days, he gets up and prepares for class while I sleep another hour or so. As he walks about the room, the floorboards creak, interrupting my efforts to resume that dream where I win the Super Bowl. Some day, I think, one of us is going to crash through the rickety floor and into the bedroom below. With no offense intended to anyone else in the house, I hope it's him and not me.

Simpsons break. All housemates report to the living room immediately. Just sit down, shut up, and bond, already.

12:15 PM: Return from class. My six other housemates are in the living room, taking part in our time-honored housemate ritual, the noon showing of "Blind Date" on TV. Gathered around the television eating lunch, we seem like one big happy family. Just like at home, there's a hefty pile of magazines on the coffee table, except here, nobody is reading them. We used a couple copies of *Entertainment Weekly* to clean up a spill the other night, and now they're all stuck to the table. We like to make sure that there's a steady supply of snack food within reach of the couch, so we have a candy dish, just like the one Mom bought when I was twelve. You should see us plow through a five-pound bag of Tootsie Rolls. It really is absurd.

3:30 PM: Finished with classes for the day, it's time to sit down with the checkbook and pay some bills. No, wait a minute. First we need to call Mom and Dad and ask for more money. But to call long distance, we need a long-distance calling card. And to get one of those, we need money. So we pile in the car and head for the bank, and Country Fair, and well, since we're out already, why not Wal-Mart? On the way home we discuss creative ways of fitting what we just bought into the refrigerator.

What did happen to that mouse? I haven't seen it in a while, have you? Maybe it got tired of all the second-hand smoke, or of eating the same kind of crumbs, day after day.

6:00 PM: Dinnertime! A phrase synonymous with Rice-A-Roni. They may call it the San Francisco Treat, but since Meadville isn't quite Frisco, then it logically follows that there's nothing special about eating the same thing every night. We hurry to gobble down what we've prepared for ourselves, because it will give us more time to smoke a cigarette, digest our food, and think up excuses why someone else should wash the dishes tonight. Domestic bliss at its finest.

7:00 PM: Simpsons break. All housemates report to the living room immediately. No midterm exam, communication arts project, or complicated surgical procedure will get you out of this one. Just sit down, shut up, and bond, already.

8:30 PM: It's dark outside, so it must be really dark in the basement. We have yet to spend more than a few minutes down there without getting freaked out, so we're going to give it one more shot. There's really a lot of cool stuff down there, though it would be cooler still if it were clean. After about five minutes, some clown decides that it would be funny to turn the lights out on us. It isn't.

9:15 PM: What did happen to that mouse? I haven't seen it in a while, have you? We set traps a while ago, using cheese instead of peanut butter. I don't care what the package says, I've seen enough cartoons to know that cheese is the official way to go on this issue. Of course the little bugger got away with the bait, and even left a damp little surprise on the trap. But we haven't seen it since. Maybe it got tired of all the second-hand smoke, or of eating the same kind of crumbs, day after day. I know that if I were small enough to live in someone's ventilation, I'd probably move around a lot more than I do now.

12:00 AM: Midnight. Commonly referred to as the witching hour. But don't say that too much around my housemates, since we're convinced that our abode is haunted. It's no more absurd a notion than when we were six and believed in closet monsters and zombies, but since our parents aren't here to tell us otherwise, we believe it wholeheartedly. The best we can do is turn on our nightlights and start doing all the schoolwork that we should have done earlier in the day, when we were doing all the things that our parents warned us about. All the typical behaviors that college students engage in when there's nobody there to keep us in line. All the debauchery that they got to be a part of when they were our age, and that we wouldn't miss out on for the world. And the best part is, tomorrow is another day.

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Raccoons in the Floor, and Other Facts of Off-Campus Life

Choosing where you want to live in college is an important decision. Everyone needs a place to come home to at the end of a busy day, a comfortable place where they can go into their own room, shut the door, and relax. While some students achieve this by venturing off-campus, others prefer living in a residence hall.

Abby Collier

You'll run into obstacles no matter where you end up; the trick is to figure out which situation suits you best. Only after living off-campus can you realize the benefits of living in a residence hall, but only then can you see why you chose to live off-campus.

Most students experience living on-campus during their first year at Allegheny. Although each residence hall has its own ups and downs, they all share some general similarities.

Communal living is the foundation of every residence hall. The success of this arrangement depends upon the compatibility you have with your roommate(s), as well as your hall mates. Unless you request a single room, you will end up living with at least one other person. And because residence halls combine different lifestyles, resident advisors (RAs) must restrict certain behavior to uphold common courtesy.

You also have to share a bathroom—sinks, toilets, and showers—with other members of your floor. Even though you have no obligation to associate with your neighbors, you still have to share some personal space. Plus, because most residence halls fail to supply a full-blown kitchen, you're stuck with a meal plan and find yourself at the mercy of unpredictable dining hall cuisine.

Living in a residence hall requires a toleration of circumstances that are usually out of your control, as well as a will to compromise and make individual sacrifices for the benefit of the group. If this hinders your existence in any way, off-campus living may provide a suitable alternative.

Living in a house or an apartment complex off-campus offers certain freedom that residence life lacks. You don't have to adhere to quiet hours or the rules enforced by your RA. Essentially, you run the show. You have your own kitchen, bathroom, and in some cases, even your own bedroom and living room (all of which you have to clean yourself, however). You have the opportunity to buy your own food and eat whenever you want, without having to keep dining hall hours on your agenda.

Along with the freedom off-campus life offers, however, comes an exposure to the responsibility of the real world. In most cases you sign and, therefore, bind yourself to a lease agreement for at least one

year; if one of your roommates decides not to come back to Allegheny after signing the lease, you either have to find someone else, pay for their end of the bargain, or submit to the legal action of your landlord.

Furthermore, you have to pay for your expenses up front each month, which include not only rent, but also utilities, such as gas, electricity, water, trash, and phone and internet service (cable television, unfortunately, costs extra).

Also, if you live in an older house, you may have to share it with rodents, either in the floors, the walls, the ceilings, or outside. After living off-campus for about three months now, I consider myself lucky to have had only one confrontation with a mouse, and it was relatively painless (peanut

butter works best). The other day I heard someone tell how a pregnant mouse burrowed in her dirty laundry and gave birth, and just the other night a skunk sprayed its sweet juices right outside my window. It's hard to bury your nose in a pillow and sleep at the same time. Presently, raccoons are scratching their way through my bedroom floor.

Choosing where you want to live ultimately depends upon what you can tolerate, what's most important to you, and what you're willing to give up for the bigger picture. In residence halls, everything is set up for you and you're not hassled by monthly bills.

You can simply plug in your t.v. and have instant access to cable, and you can surf the internet and talk on the phone at the same time

without paying an arm and a leg; it's easy to take these things for granted until you have the responsibility for them. On the other hand, living off-campus can adapt to an individual lifestyle by offering more privacy and convenience.

I could say that living in a house or an apartment complex is the only way to achieve true independence, but after my experience that doesn't sit right with me. Independence doesn't necessarily depend on where you live, but how you live. You shouldn't allow the stigma of residence life to keep you from meeting your own needs. In the end, it's up to you.

Abby Collier is Assistant Perspectives Editor for *The Campus*.

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where in the house. This ground wire could have been responsible for the problems with the electrical system of the house. Swick said that the house was completely rewired last summer.

"We called our landlord a couple of days before the fire department came and told him that our electricity wasn't working correctly. There was an outlet that didn't work, a couple of lights weren't working, and a switch that was supposed to turn on a specific light fixture actually turned on a completely different light than the one it was

supposed to," said a resident.

"When I received the call from the tenants I told them to go to the breaker box in the basement and check the breakers. I never got a call back from any of them after the initial call. A landlord has to handle complaints from his tenants on a basis of urgency," said Swick.

"As of right now, the house at 317 Prospect St. is completely up to the BOCA code. There is nothing in that house that can be found that does not comply with those codes," said Swick.

"That house is over 120 years

old. It has been rented as a college dwelling for the last 40 years. That house is not going to be as perfect as the homes that the college students lived in prior to coming to college," Swick continued.

"Many students are used to coming from homes that are maintained on a six-figure salary. They come to school in Meadville and expect the same type of housing. They simply are not going to get the same qualities out of a \$35,000 house as they are out of a \$100,000 home."

OPTIONS

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special interest house.

The language houses present another option to students. Language houses are not part of the room draw; department heads in the language department determine who the residents of these houses will be.

Once placed in a special interest house or college owned house, students receive the same level of safety and security as do students living in residence halls, according to Tchume.

The two housing coordinators, Hornyak and Beth Miller, "have been trained to deal with issues and

can always help. Students can also always call me," said Tchume.

While the housing coordinators and Tchume are ready and willing to answer any questions or concerns, inhabitants of any college owned house are advised to call security.

Off-Campus Rent and Utility Rates

(unscientific sample of about 25 students, compiled by Becca Scibek)

Average monthly rent = \$172

Range: \$120 - 300

Average monthly utilities = \$50 (higher in winter)

Range: \$15-80

Rent	Utilities
140	\$40-50
170	\$70
180	incl.
145	\$35-50
170	\$35-50
172	\$62 (x5)
150	\$50-80
300	\$15
250	incl.
155	\$35 (x5)
160	\$25-40 (x2)
165	incl.
225	50 (x2)

College Owned Houses' Location and Occupancy

373 Sherman (5)	308 West Prospect (6)
373 1/2 Sherman (3)	327 West Prospect (6)
377 Sherman (4)	379 Prospect (5)
382 East College (4)	309 Loomis (6)
327 West College (6)	377 John (5)
570 Park (7)	375 Norman (4)
575 Park (7)	103 Veil (5)

*Also the College is in the process of adding one more house, location yet to be determined

HOUSING AND CAMPUS LIFE

Code Violations Found in Off-Campus Housing

By JOHN PAUL MARCANTONIO
Assistant News Editor

Finding safe, affordable housing is often a problem for college students hoping to move out of residence halls. Several Allegheny students living off-campus have recently experienced problems with their housing and with communication with their landlords.

One such situation involved two female Allegheny juniors three weeks ago. Katy Trostle and Jen Hoehnen were living on the third floor of a house at 304 Loomis Street when they became suspicious of their in-wall-heating device.

"It was just hanging out of the wall with a big gap all around it. I thought that it might fall out of the wall, and I knew that it shouldn't be that way," said Trostle.

Within the next couple days Trostle's mother came to visit her daughter in her apartment.

Concerned by the heater, Trostle's mother called Meadville City Health and Codes Enforcement Officer Tom Youngblood and told him of the problem while Katy was at class.

Youngblood found two major BOCA code (Building Officials and Code Administrators) violations: the third floor fire escape was in the wrong location and upon entering the apartment, one bedroom had to be walked through to gain entry to the second bedroom. Youngblood told the girls that their apartment was "unfit for human occupancy" and that they had ten days to find a new place to live.

"We were told this news on a Monday and we stayed in a hotel that night. We found a new place to live that next day, but had to stay with friends the rest of the week because the new place wasn't ready at that point," said Hoehnen.

"Tom Youngblood told me that I

had ten days to correct the previously mentioned problems with my rental property. I applied for and received a time extension. Even though there is no one living in the third floor apartment at this time, the problems will be rectified as of this week," said property owner Bernard Neibauer.

Trostle and Hoehnen are now in the process of trying to get back their security deposit along with additional compensation. "Our rent jumped from \$130 to \$225 a month because of the move. We also had to pay several utility connection fees when we came to the new place. We just feel that it wasn't our fault that we had to move and we shouldn't have to pay for it," said Hoehnen.

The second incident occurred at 317 Prospect a couple of days after the Loomis Street affair. One of the residents was woken at 3 am by an odor that was initially thought to be

natural gas. Alarmed, the resident woke up the others in the house and told them of the problem.

"I didn't smell any gas when I woke up but rather the smell of something burning. I couldn't tell exactly what it was, but it was definitely a burning smell," said another of the residents.

Concerned, the tenants called 911 and the Meadville City Fire Department arrived minutes later. They escorted the residents out of the house and performed a basic inspection of the house. The preliminary inspection yielded no problems, but the gas and electricity were shut off for precautionary reasons.

"The firemen said that we wouldn't be allowed to reenter until the Meadville City Building Inspector came and performed a formal inspection on the house. We had to stay with friends that evening," said a resident.

Youngblood came the next day for the inspection and he found a problem with the wiring of the house. He told the residents that they would not be able to reenter the house until the problem was fixed.

"I came to the house the night that the fire department was called to make sure that everything was alright. I questioned the residents as to why they called the fire department because that particular night was the first night cold enough for the furnace to be turned on," said property owner John Swick.

"The furnace in that house is only six years old. As is the case with any furnace, when it is fired up for the first time after being inactive all summer, there is a certain smell that arises. I believe that the furnace caused that burning smell," added Swick.

The results of the electrical inspection said that there was an improperly run ground wire some-

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College-Owned Houses Provide Additional Options

By SHANNON HARBAUGH
Assistant News Editor

For students ready to move out of the residence halls, living in a college owned house is an option. In addition to College Court, the college purchases local houses surrounding the campus in which students can live.

These college owned houses are subdivided into a couple of categories: special interest houses, language houses, the Allegheny Black Community (ABC) house, and general college owned houses. The special interest houses contain a group of students with a common interest who can also provide service, for instance organizing programs and sponsoring activities, to the campus.

Students living in these houses are subject to more responsibility. According to Trish Tchume, area coordinator of the Brooks/Walker complex, College Court, and college owned houses the college owned houses offer more freedom in the way of cooking, cleaning, more responsibility, more privacy, and more space. Along with these, other options include being able to decorate your home and have

friends over. While "not necessarily having parties," said Tchume, "it provides a good group atmosphere." Tchume also noted that the majority of these houses provided off street parking.

House coordinator Austin Hornyak, senior, pointed out that students get the opportunity "to live in a real house with a bathroom and take out their own garbage. It is a completely different setting than that in a residence hall."

While this increase in responsibility brings many positive aspects, there are also disadvantages. "Responsibility may mean more teamwork," said Tchume, "this includes duties like choosing who does what around the house like taking care of your own dishes, and buying things like shower curtains."

Tchume continued by pointing out that housekeeping does not take care of the college owned houses just as they do in the residence halls. "Students also now have a yard to take care of and possibly shovel snow during the winter months," said Tchume.

Hornyak said that another factor that students may want to consider before deciding to live in a college owned house is the extra cost.

Living in a college owned house is an extra \$150 per semester.

Another aspect that may be considered positive and negative are the house locations. They are just far enough off campus to be close and be private but this also means that they are not at the heart of the campus and the students may need to take it upon themselves to stay included in on campus happenings.

The college owned houses go to students with the highest numbers. "Interested students come to the drawing," said Tchume, "and should know what houses are available, which is posted in advance." Tchume's important piece of advice is, "students must have a contingency plan if they do not get their first choice. Students need a plan b, c and d. The person with the highest number then brings in the other housemates."

Tchume also advises students interested in a college owned house to be prepared with a plan if they do not receive a house at all. For this reason, the drawing for college owned houses is prior to the procedure for placing any student in a residence hall.

When thinking about living situations, Tchume feels that students

must be realistic and "be honest with yourself about what you can and cannot live with and what you are willing to do (i.e. "plan c" must be feasible as well as plan a)."

The special interest houses are handled differently than college owned houses because they are not included in the house drawing. These houses are chosen first to accommodate for students with a special interest. For example, Tchume explained that the Meditation House needs to have a large living room for activities. "While this process may disappoint some, this way makes sense." To

become part of a special interest house, students must apply and submit a proposal.

Tchume said, "students may have the misconception that special interest houses are merely for those who have a common interest. These students must also prove they offer something to campus." For example, Tchume continued, the writing house offers writing seminars, film nights, and other various activities.

According to Tchume, the college is willing to give space and possibly even funding to students who met the standards to organize a

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ABOUT THIS ISSUE

This special pull-out issue of *The Campus* is devoted to student life at Allegheny and in Meadville, to give students a sense of their living options and of facts about moving off-campus, as the process of signing leases begins. We hope it will help students to make informed decisions about their living arrangements and to raise awareness of different options. Whether you plan to live on-campus or off next year, we think you will find this issue of interest.

—The Campus Editorial Board

Time for Dinner: Quick, Easy Cooking Tips

By **ABBY MILLIGAN**
Weekend Editor

Choosing the right housing for you is a very important and thought-worthy decision. After living in dorms my first and sophomore years, I decided that on-campus was no longer the ideal place for me. Now that I live in an off-campus house, I have to say there are things I miss about living on campus, and, believe it or not, campus food is one of them.

Okay, so you think living off campus will be great because it means no more McKinley's or Brooks at least twice a day. But consider this: taking time out of your either freakishly hectic or totally laid back day to actually cook. I can't easily count the number of TV dinners I've eaten since the semester began, and my desire to have something that tastes remotely home-cooked is ubiquitous at each meal. I have learned that having an actual kitchen in an actual house does not translate into good, home cooked food. Thus, I have compiled here some tasty recipes for you off-campus students who suffer from the same cooking problems.

These recipes are quick, easy, and good, so try them out.

CHOCOLATE PEANUT BUTTER SQUARES

1/3 box graham crackers, crushed
1/2 c. sugar
1/2 c. peanut butter
1 stick butter, melted
1 medium bag chocolate chips, melted

Crush graham cracker crumbs in a plastic bag. Pour into a bowl and add rest of ingredients. Press into bottom of a greased pan. Spread melted chocolate on top and refrigerate. Cut into squares when chocolate has hardened.

RIGATONI WITH RICOTTA

1 pound rigatoni
15 oz. Ricotta cheese
2 tbsp. Olive oil
1/2 c. basil leaves
3 tbsp. Hot pasta water

While pasta is cooking, pour all ingredients into a bowl and mix. Drain pasta and spoon ricotta mixture over individual servings. Salt and pepper to serve.

CHICKEN TERIYAKI STIR-FRY

8-12 oz. Skinless, boneless chicken (about 4 pieces), sliced
1/2 c. sweet teriyaki sauce
1 large onion, chopped
16+ oz. Vegetable mixture
1 tsp. Sesame oil
1 tsp. Hot chili oil

In a mixing bowl, marinate the chicken strips in the teriyaki sauce for about 2 hours, if possible. In a large skillet, add the sesame and hot chili oils and spread the oil in the pan. Heat the pan to a medium-high heat. Add the chicken and the marinade to the skillet. Heat until the meat is cooked. Add vegetables and cook over medium heat until the vegetables are tender. Add more water, soy sauce, desired seasoning to taste.

Serve over steamed rice.

GARDEN RATATOUILLE

1 tbsp. Olive oil
2 1/2 c. eggplant, cut into 1/2 inch cubes
1 large onion, chopped into 1/2 inch cubes
2 large sweet peppers, chopped
2 c. quartered tomatoes
3 cups sliced summer squash
1 tsp. Oregano leaves
1/2 tsp. Garlic powder

Saute onions in olive oil. Add green peppers, tomatoes and squash; saute until heated. Add eggplant, oregano, garlic and spices. Cook very slowly in a covered dish about 15 minutes longer. Salt and pepper to taste.

RICE DISH

1 lb. Ground beef
1 c. brown or white rice
1 tsp. Salt
1/2 tsp. Pepper
2 c. tomato juice
1 1/2 c. boiling water

Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees. Brown the beef and rice. Mix browned beef, rice, salt, pepper, tomato juice, and boiling water in a casserole dish and cook approximately 45 minutes-1 hour.

GOOD OLD PARTY MIX

6 tbsp. Butter
1 tsp. Season salt
2 1/2 tsp. Soy sauce
1/4 tsp. Onion powder
2 c. corn chex
2 c. rice chex
2 c. pretzel sticks
1 c. salted nuts, any kind

Melt butter and add soy sauce. Mix all chex in cake pan with pretzels and nuts. Bake at 300 degrees mixing every 15 minutes. Sprinkle with season salt and onion salt when done. Bake for 1 hour. Cool and serve.

Recipes from this article were compiled from the following websites:
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Should I Stay Or Should I Go?

A Senior's Advice on How to Decide Where to Live

By **JOSH MISNER**
Weekend Reporter

College is where students are supposed to learn to make wise decisions. After trudging through the good and bad times of underclassman life, students are presented with the possibility of moving off-campus.

When deciding whether this is a beneficial undertaking, students must weigh what they believe are the advantages and disadvantages of on and off-campus life. Students often listen to the advice of those upperclassmen who have experienced both the joys and frustrations of living both off and on-campus.

Going home to an off-campus house may feel like an escape from on-campus life.

As a senior who has lived both on and off-campus, I feel I can provide some suggestions to those who will make this decision in the future. Most students living off-campus pay rent. Consequently, these new residents must learn to interact socially with their landlord, most likely a total stranger. This new experience requires patience, tolerance and confidence.

Instead of simply complying to well-defined, familiar rules set by the college, students living off-campus are expected to adhere to the rules and guidelines established by the landlord in the housing contract. Furthermore, it is essential that students make sure they do not fall prey to a dishonest, rude landlord.

Because the rules of the contract may seem strange and different from the rules of the college and some landlords may attempt to take advantage of students, students must adjust to their new surroundings. Students should be aware that this adjustment may be burdensome. However, most likely it should not be too difficult. In fact, adjusting may be a refreshing experience, characterized by a newfound feeling of freedom and responsibility. Additionally, learning how to cooperate with a landlord provides beneficial knowledge for

students who will graduate and will need to rent a house or apartment close to the area where they will work.

Although the size of Allegheny's campus is small and off-campus houses are not very far away from the campus, living off-campus gives the student a unique feeling. Students who live off-campus tend to feel a certain connection with the other students who live in their area. Going home to an off-campus house may feel like an escape from on-campus life, this escape being perhaps symbolized by the phone number which is different than the familiar 332 variety on campus. This escape is beneficial for students who feel happy when away from the hustle and bustle of the on-campus environment.

However, other students may prefer to live on-campus because they enjoy associating mainly with large groups of students who live only a close distance away from them. Also, students who are satisfied with the rules the college sets forth for living on-campus will feel infinitely more comfortable living in an on-campus residence.

Overall, the most important factor to consider is whether the move to an off-campus house will make you feel less or more comfortable. If you are pleased by the on-campus atmosphere and the close connection to campus facilities, it is wise to remain on-campus. However, if this intimate attachment is not what you desire, off-campus life will most likely be an enlightening, satisfying and beneficial experience.

Even though my preference is to live on-campus surrounded by numerous students, the time I spent living off-campus was rewarding and fun. Therefore, I can understand why others choose to remain off-campus for the remainder of their stay at Allegheny.

Both living situations have advantages and disadvantages, and much like life, whatever decision you make will not translate into perfection. So do not be under the false impression that either choice will provide excessive jubilation. Just understand your own needs and desires. Then you will more easily answer the question: should I stay on-campus or move off-campus?

Happy Eating!

New ASG Initiative Will Investigate Housing

By ERICA ERWIN
News Editor

Allegheny Student Government (ASG) plans to undertake a complete investigation of all off-campus housing within the coming weeks, in an attempt to make student housing safer.

According to Noelle Pecora, ASG's director of student affairs, the investigation promises to be one of ASG's biggest initiatives of the year. "It's an idea from last year, when we were talking about problems in off-campus housing, like irresponsible landlords and lack of health and safety regulations," she said.

The student affairs committee will begin the investigation in two to three weeks, when they will send a letter explaining the process to all off-campus residents. The commit-

tee will then distribute a survey all off-campus residents regarding housing, landlords, utilities and any problems students are encountering living off campus. After conducting the survey, the committee will go to each off-campus house, take a picture of it, and ask to take pictures of any problems, such as leaky faucets and drafty windows. Finally, students will be able to complete a landlord evaluation, much like the current course evaluations, where they can elaborate on the strengths and weaknesses of their landlord.

Students will have the option to participate in the investigation, said Pecora. "We're not just going to come into your house and start taking pictures," she said. Residents will be asked to sign a permission form allowing the committee members to enter the house and document any problems.

A main goal of the investigation, according to Pecora, is to inform students of their rights as off-campus residents. "Basically, a lot of students are naïve about the whole process [of renting off-campus]," she said.

The committee's findings will be published in a directory of off-campus housing that includes available properties, landlord names, and pictures of the homes. "We were asked

whether ASG could put together a directory, with pictures and write-ups, and we decided we wanted to do a full investigation of all the properties," said Pecora.

Pecora noted that before proceeding with the investigation, members of the student activities committee will have to check the legality of entering the homes, and added that committee members may have to gain the permission of the

landlord, and not just the tenants.

"Eventually, we're going to send the [findings of the investigation] to the Dean of Students and to the Campus Life Committee," Pecora said. "Then, we'll bring the findings to the city council and the health inspector." Pecora added that she believes the investigation will be well-received, as students are largely dissatisfied with off-campus housing.

ASG Limits Napster Access

By SHANNON HARBAUGH
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After debating several possible options, Computing Services and Allegheny Student Government (ASG) have limited on-campus access to Napster.

The limited hours will be implemented on a trial basis for two weeks as Computing Services evaluates the effectiveness of the hours and the effect on the network bandwidth.

The vote to regulate access to the file-sharing site passed, 31 to 4, at Tuesday's ASG meeting. Now, students will only be able to access the site from 1 a.m. to 7 a.m., seven days a week. On the suggestion of a senator, the site will also be totally blocked the week before and the

week of finals.

The decision was reached after Tim Hunter, director of technical and network services, identified Napster as a drain on the college's network capabilities. Hunter expressed his concern and said that he has been receiving pressure from administration to solve the problem of slowed Internet access.

"From the point of view of college resources, a total shutdown would be best, but given the fact that a lot of students use and want Napster, ASG's compromise was reasonable," said Hunter.

Because the site is so popular, Director of Student Activities Ellen Kauffmann said, "the college never wanted to make a decision about Napster without student input."

Hunter says that the change in

access may not alleviate all problems with Internet connections. Senior Rich Doty, who was present at Tuesday's meeting, said, "I think it will free up bandwidth but I don't think it will alleviate the problem."

Hunter answered that charge by saying, "If the access is still not what it should be, I can go to the administration and ask for additional funds." Increased funding could allow the college to purchase equipment to increase the bandwidth, such as an additional T1 line.

ASG Vice-President Kevin Wright said "ASG is very hopeful and the suggestions we made should be a good balance." Wright stressed that the limitation of access was in no way an attempt at any kind of censorship.

High Faculty Turnover Seen

By DANE FOSTER
Managing Editor

Students might have noticed some new faces around campus this year. The faces aren't in the student body, but rather among the faculty, which has experienced an unusual amount of change within the past few years.

Dean of the College Lloyd Michaels explained that faculty turnover rates have been unusually high in the past two years. He was quick to point out, however, that the rate is due to a combination of many factors. "There really is no answer to why," he said. "There are two separate realms; the replacement of faculty on leave or retiring, and junior faculty members who leave because of personal reasons or not having their contract renewed."

Diane D'Amico, the chair of the English department, agrees that the turnover rate has been noticeable in recent years. "There has been an unusual amount of change in the past couple of years," she said.

While tenured professors have the option to stay as faculty as long as they wish, many have left in pursuit of personal goals or other professional opportunities. D'Amico realizes the need for individuals to further their personal education and life goals. In explaining the departure of her colleagues, she said that "You have to look at each case individually and in detail. Some professors chose to advance themselves when they have the opportunity."

Michaels stated that there have been approximately

25 searches for new full-time faculty in each of the last two years. This number, however is not entirely reflective of the number of faculty that have left Allegheny. "Many of the searches," he explained, "were for faculty on leave or for new positions."

In addition, Michaels believes that the College has worked closely with faculty to adapt to the curricular changes. One such example is the change in the first-year seminar program, which, according to Michaels, "requires faculty to provide instruction in writing and speaking skills, areas in which they might not have been specifically trained before coming to Allegheny."

Instead of searching for new professors with discipline-specific educational backgrounds, the college has "established teaching workshops for all FS faculty to help them prepare for teaching the freshman/sophomore curriculum."

However, even with these factors considered, Michaels expressed concern about the high turnover rate. "A certain amount of turnover as a result of retirements or negative tenure is to be expected," he said, but added that, "The rate has been too high during the past three years."

While a certain level of consistency within the faculty is lacking due to the turnover, Michaels believes that the addition of some new professors may be an advantage to the respective departments because "it allows fresh ideas and teaching strategies to be introduced."

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Gas Leak Worries Residents

By SHANNON HARBAUGH
Assistant News Editor

A gas leak was identified when a Walker Hall resident, disturbed upon noticing a strange odor coming from her bathroom, notified her Resident Advisor (R.A.) around midnight on October 13. Alarmed, R.A. Hassana Ibrahim immediately contacted the Office of Security.

Ibrahim recalled, "one of my residents said she smelled something in the bathroom. I called security and physical plant came over immediately."

Sophomore Katie Leese, who also lives in Walker Hall, remembers the incident. "I didn't smell it but my roommates did. We were nervous about it. We slept with the windows open."

Roger Smith, a member of the college's maintenance crew who works the 11 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. shift, was on duty and investigated the leak.

According to Andrew Naples, assistant director of physical plant, once Smith checked the boiler room and noticed a stronger gasoline odor, he shut down the valves, which supply the boilers, and called the gas company.

"We always notify National Fuel (the company that supplies the gas)," said Kenneth Hanna, director of physical plant. According to Hanna, National Fuel is notified because the leak may possibly be in their supply lines and their responsibility.

A Natural Gas employee arrived shortly and shut off the gas supply to the building until the leaks could be located. It was then determined that the main leak was caused by an old, partially worn at a connection that allowed some gas to escape.

Minor leaks were also found on two valves while checking the entire system. "Our plumbers took care of these problems in the morning and the gas was turned back on," said Naples.

The boilers are checked at least once during each of the two shifts every day, and often more during the heating season. "Gas leaks may pop up at any time," said Hanna. He added that though leaks are difficult to prevent, there has never been a serious gas leak during his 10 years here.

Physical Plant admitted that a gasoline situation is taken with all seriousness and "beginning Monday, we will have someone here (in

the office) until 11 p.m., so there will be coverage from 6:30 a.m. until 11 p.m.," said Hanna. This addition prompted to the trend that most calls are received during the evening hours into the night, due to students coming back to their rooms at these times.

"My concern," said Trish Tchume, area coordinator of Brooks/Walker annex, "was, ideally there are to be no open flames, but someone may have had for example, a lit candle. After talking with Ken (Hanna), I learned that the actual amount of gas in a room is harmless, although there is enough to invoke concern."

In an attempt to allay fears, Tchume said, "This situation was not enough to set off the alarm, which is sensitive."

According to Hanna, a gas leak is "more explosive than anything else but is always controlled." The only side effect of being exposed to gas, Hanna said, would be a headache. He advised that when students smell something unusual they should immediately contact Physical Plant, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. After regular hours students should notify Security directly.

Personals

Good luck at Greek sing every-one...especially all you ADPI's!!

To Alysa: Happy Birthday Mofo!
-from all the Pi's.

To Dane--You have the biggest big toes EVER!

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cans cannot even afford this tuition increase. I think it is unfair. Coming from a developing country where incomes are so low, what are some international students supposed to do? It is only fair to increase aid if the college is going to increase fees."

Rubaiya Amin, a sophomore from Bangladesh, is concerned about future tuition increases because international students are not allowed to work off-campus, due to immigration and naturalization laws.

"I am happy with the current financial aid package I'm receiving," said Amin, "however, since the tuition is increasing I hope that the college helps me find a way to deal with this situation since I cannot earn more money than my work study award."

Martin Goldberg, associate in admissions, believes that Allegheny's inability to provide increased aid to international students is an unfortunate but not uncommon problem.

"Just as everyone wants the brightest and the wealthiest of the national students attending their college, they want the brightest and the wealthiest of the internationals," said Goldberg. "However, we are very cognitive of the fact that some national and international applicants simply cannot afford the costs of an

American education. I'd guess that two-thirds of the international applicants have no idea how much it really costs to go to college in the U.S. They think that their \$1,000 will get them far. It tears me up that we don't have enough funds to provide education to all the capable students who apply here.

There are so many bright and motivated students out there. It's a travesty that they all won't get proper educations because of a lack of financial resources. But that's reality. Allegheny doesn't have the resources because of our financial situation."

Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, Pa., which has approximately 2390 undergraduates, offers up to full tuition, \$24,875 per year, in financial aid to some international students based on need and/or merit.

"When we admit students we look for diversity. We don't want students just from one area of the world. And we do want students from both economically-depressed locations and from affluent ones," said Ronald Shunk, director of financial aid. He added that, unlike Allegheny, Gettysburg does reconsider financial aid packages if documented need is presented.

"If a national student's parent had died, and there was a loss of income

in the family, we would reconfigure the financial aid being given to that student. The same applies for an international student," said Shunk. "If a major wage earner in their household had passed away or couldn't work anymore or if their currency had depreciated significantly, we would look over the aid package again. For anything that could be proven with documents for an international or national student, we would do our best to help them out and keep them at our college."

Both Denison University in Ohio and Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster automatically increase student financial aid packages when tuition increases.

According to Associate Director of Student Aid at F & M Kathy Blaisdell, financial aid packages are reevaluated every year for international and national students alike.

Both colleges also have emergency funds established for international students who suffer from a major loss of finances due to a natural disaster, currency devaluation or other cause.

"We hear appeals each fall and spring. Students must come up with a persuasive argument proving their need for additional aid. But the additional amount is only given for as long as need is demonstrable," Blaisdell said.

Sophomore Claude Ogoe, a student from Ghana, hopes the college will reconsider his financial aid. "I was offered better financial packages from other schools, but I came here because I had read Allegheny had a better science program. Also, I thought that if I did well, then I would be given more aid," he said. "The only way to attract good international students and increase diversity is to increase financial aid for

these students."

According to Szitas, Allegheny has no major changes planned for the international student financial aid policies for the next couple of years.

"We recognize that students do find better financial aid packages out there. Based on our policies, we have no changes planned yet. But it's not a dead issue we will never revisit," she said.

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While Allegheny and other schools offer services for submitting resumes and for searching for jobs, students, employers and legislators have expressed the need for a proactive recruiting effort to advertise and recruit on college campuses.

In response to student feedback from the meeting, McCullough also cited DCED the need to market social opportunities to a younger work force. For example, he noted that professional sports teams, outdoor recreation activities and an active nightlife appeal to the younger generation. He explained that cities that could offer such leisure had an advantage in recruiting and retaining a younger work force.

Tardio agreed with the need for an active social scene to complement the traditional work routine. "There isn't enough night life to be had in Pennsylvania," she said, "and since graduates are really a younger population, things like that are important to us."

McCullough spent time with Allegheny students discussing their perceptions of job opportunities in Pennsylvania and explained how evolving technology is in turn changing Pennsylvania. He said that he hopes that the program will be successful in developing a strategy to deal with the problem of retention and to create an enticing environment for graduates. "We want to see what kind of strategy we can create with this brain gain program," he said. "We want to continue to build a base of these communities."