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Just Enough News for Now

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Academic Integrity: What does it really mean? By Maureen McMahon, OJA Graduate Assistant

As we creep dangerously close to the end of the semester, let's stop for a moment and think about academic decisions that you will be making. Penn State takes violations of academic integrity very seriously, and therefore so should you. To make sure we're all on the same page, here are some examples that may not appear at first glance to be violations of University policy, but in fact – are.

You realize that the topic for the final paper in one of your classes is very similar to a paper that you wrote in high school. With not a lot of time left, you decide to simply hand that paper in after making a few minor changes. VIOLATION: You've just plagiarized yourself. You can't turn in work that has been previously submitted for another class without first talking to that professor.

Your roommate took the class that you are currently taking in a previous semester. She still has all her old tests from that class and offers them to you to help you study, saying she's heard the professor uses the same tests every semester. You take them, thinking what a great help that is. VIOLATION: Possessing exam materials is against the code of conduct.

And many more... Just think carefully about what you do in these last few weeks. A mistake now could cost you all you've worked so hard this semester to achieve.


Until next time... For the Glory – Know the Code!



**Table Talk
at Pollock**

We'd like to hear your thoughts and ideas on the upcoming **POLLOCK RENOVATION.**

- Monday, November 30, 11-2 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 1, 4:30-7:30 p.m.



Now is a good time to check the balance on your On Campus Meal plan. If you have an excess of dining dollars, we suggest you go online and change your meal plan to a lower level. In addition, you may want to change your meal level for spring semester to a lower level. This will prevent an abundance of leftover dining dollars at the end of Spring semester, which would be forfeited. Meal levels can be adjusted up to until 14 days before the last day of finals. Website to change your meal levels is: www.idcard.psu.edu

Are you an undergraduate student who has demonstrated superior academic success as well as service to the residence halls?

Apply for the Fotis Scholarship!

The scholarship is sponsored by ARHS & NRHH.

Applications are due no later than midnight on

Friday, November 20! To apply, go to www.sa.psu.edu/rl/fotis.



Thanksgiving Closing Reminder

Residence Halls will close at noon on Saturday, 11/21 for the Thanksgiving Break. They will reopen at 10 AM on 11/29.



Bike Theft Prevention 101

Penn State has seen an increase in the number of bicycle thefts from campus. Here are some things you can do to protect your bike.

Buy a U-lock. They are harder to cut through.

Put your lock through your back wheel and the frame. Because most bikes have quick release wheels, locking just a wheel is not very secure because somebody could just take the wheel off and walk away with the rest of your bike. Locking the wheel AND the frame makes it harder to do this.

Lock your bike to something secure. You don't want something that is movable or breakable. Be sure no one can just lift your bike, lock and all, over whatever you've locked it to. You want to put your lock THROUGH something, not just around it.

photos of your bike and the serial number written down somewhere. If your bike is stolen, this information can help you get your bike back. You can find your bike's serial number on the bottom bracket, which is the part where the axle for the pedals goes through.

Register your bicycle. Penn State has an on-line bicycle registration where you can register your bicycle for 2 years, free of charge. www.transporation.psu.edu

There are some other things to think about. You can use a chain lock in addition to your U-lock. Having two different kinds of locks makes it harder to steal, because it takes longer to cut both of them. Be aware

Thinking of living in Eastview Terrace or Nittany Apartments Next Year?

Now is the time to request an Eastview Terrace or Nittany Apartment contract for Fall 2010. The request period will continue until noon on December 3. Contracts will be offered on December 3 and December 7. To learn more about these areas, visit <http://www.hfs.psu.edu/housing/undergraduates/contracts.shtml> and click the Eastview Terrace and Nittany Apartment links.

Don't miss the opportunity!

Rock Ethics Institute Stand Up Award 2010 Call for Nominations

The Penn State Rock Ethics Institute has inaugurated the **Stand Up Award** to honor Penn State students who have the courage and fortitude to take an ethical stand for a person, a cause, or belief, and thereby demonstrate ethical leadership through personal example.

Nominees must be enrolled as a full-time baccalaureate student at any Penn State campus during at least one semester of the 2009/10 academic year; must have demonstrated ethical leadership either at Penn State or in the community; should have fostered the ethical development of peers through example. Any faculty, staff, student, or community member may nominate a student. If you are a Penn State student, you may nominate yourself as well. To submit a nomination, <http://rockethics.psu.edu/leadership/standup/nomination.doc> (If you are unable to download the form, please call us at 814-863-0314 to request a hard copy.) Successful nominees will be honored at a ceremony in April 2010 during which they will be presented with a \$1000 award. Deadline for Receipt of Nominations: January 25, 2010