Is it Really Worth the Hassle?
A Resident's Perspective on the Nittany Commons

By Editor in Chief: Christine Tenny

When a student enters college, the first thing they dream about is the independence from their parents through living in an apartment. In the case of Penn State Wilkes-Barre, the off-campus housing of The Nittany Commons is the main opportunity of college independence. But, many residents this year are asking themselves whether this year's new management helps ease their new independence and their experience away from home.

As of last month, The Nittany Commons has become incorporated with The Apartment Store, an apartment management business that provides housing options for undergraduates, graduate students, and professional individuals in the Penn State community. The incorporation of The Nittany Commons seems to be a fantastic idea to many individuals that know about the business change, but now, residents must live to higher expectations from The Nittany Commons management.

One huge higher expectation is the multiple rules and regulations that residents must follow in order to receive their security deposit. On Thursday, April 24th, The Nittany Commons management sent an email to all the residents with rules for move-out during the weekend after finals week. The number one requirement for move-out is residents need to clean their apartments properly, which is a reasonable request. Except, this request gets outrageous when the management explains their expectation of a clean apartment.

The management's expectation of a clean apartment is: floors must be scrubbed and waxed (unless no wax or ceramic tile), blinds must be taken down and washed with soap and water and dried then rehung with soap streaks gone, and vents may be located in the wall or ceilings in the kitchen or baths, which should be taken down and cleaned thoroughly. There were many other time-consuming cleaning rule requirements mentioned in this email.

Any resident reading this email can automatically tell these cleaning rules were not written specifically for our off-campus housing. Some of the hints were requirements for cleaning hardwood floors, ceramic tiles, balconies, and porches. All of these house...

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Fun Activities in NEPA

By Managing Editor Michael Harding

For all of you out of state and out of area students or faculty, this area may seem boring for the most part. But in the summer, I believe this is one of the most beautiful and heavily recreational areas in the country. I am not the only one who does. It is a fact that past American icons, such as President Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt and the "Sultan of Swat" George Herman "Babe" Ruth, once often patronized the area for many recreational activities. Both men were avid outdoorsmen in their heyday. It's a matter of fact, that Babe Ruth hit his longest run in a baseball field, which would now be near Kirby Park. The home run was rumored to have traveled over 625 feet.

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Theater in the Area

By Staff Writer: Alyssa Horvath

Many people associate theater with going to a Broadway musical in New York City. However, there are many opportunities to see a show right in our area! NEPA has a very rich artistic culture and it really shows through the theater community. If you need some plans on a weekend night, or maybe want a dinner AND a show; that's no problem! There are many theaters scattered all over our area.

The best part is that no matter what time of year it is- there's always a show in progress! For those of you who are interested in being involved with a theatrical production, there's an option for you! All local theaters always need a fresh new face for the lead role or even a hand backstage. The fact is that there are so many places to visit and enjoy the arts!

If you are ever around Scranton, make sure to stop by the Music Box Dinner Playhouse. This non-profit community theater will surely give you a great experience. It is the perfect example of what a dinner and a show should be. For just under $20, you...
Dear Readers,

As time passes, each second of our lives resembles a page in our personal book called ‘Life’. Each one of us has their own definition of a meaningful life and what each one must do to reach that meaning. Some people like to use logic to solve various issues and others like to use their conversational skills to influence changes in our society. With that said, we all have a specific dream and purpose in our lives. But, some of us choose to live by others’ rules or expectations of what we should be. Based on my experience with these confused souls, faking who you should be can weigh very heavily on their hearts and their minds. When you pretend to be someone you’re not, it’s really hard to know who you are and what makes you different from everyone else.

My words of wisdom for any individual in a similar confused state is: dreams can be accomplished with determination and no matter what negative event occurs in your life, it is a strength, not a weakness. While conflicts may occur in your life or something unexpected will change your plans, you must learn to adapt to these changes as well as maintain the goals to achieve your dreams.

Goals are simple reminders of accomplishments meant to keep one’s mind on track. As along as you achieve these goals within an appropriate time frame, your life expectations and visualizations will come true.

Keep in mind, the difference between a successful person and an ordinary person is the strength of their heart. Heart is a defining characteristic in everyone, but only a certain few have utilized it for its helpfulness in tough situations. Heart is the reason we push ourselves in hopeless situations or why we keep moving after a difficult event. We all need to use our heart to pursue our dreams and maintain our focus on the right path.

Soon, you will see that life is full of failures and disappointments, but don’t let those occurrences define your life. Failure and rejection is an essential part of life. If you haven’t experienced failure, then get ready to experience it. I am not trying to scare you, but prepare you for the reality of dreams. Each goal of a dream will successfully occur within a certain time and rejections may hinder these goals from occurring. As long as you continue to pursue your dreams, you are not a failure.

Success is something that constantly needs to be pursued throughout one’s life. Stagnation is the enemy of innovation and creativity, which is the very foundation or basis of success. One’s mind must always be on the move, especially in the area of how you can improve something.

Sadly, success comes at a heavy price. Some people are willing to sacrifice their lives to success, but dedication to dreams must be balanced with one’s personal life. Basically, I am saying that focus is a great trait to have, but it shouldn’t affect your personal relationships. A great support system of friends is just as essential as a strong sense of perseverance. Your friends and family love you for who you are and they want to follow you through your journey. Don’t neglect them!

Similar to you, I am still dreaming of my future and what I want to do. All the advice that I have closed are tips I have learned as a college student and an involved member of the Penn State community. Accepting certain events in my life or moving when I want to dwell on thoughts, have affected me just like you. It is hard to keep moving when everything falls down, but if you don’t get back up, then nothing will change. That life lesson is something that will never change.

I am going to continue my journey to University Park in this coming fall, which means I will no longer technically be a Wilkes-Barre student (but always will be in heart). This campus has opened my mind to great advice, professionally and personally, because all the people here have a genuine interest in who I am. I can never forget all the people I have met here or the generosity they have shown me. Along with my family, these individuals have a special place in my heart.

Some of us may be graduating, transitioning to a new campus, or transitioning to a new phase of life after the next two weeks. Just don’t forget all the connections you have made over this past year or past couple of months because these experiences have influenced your character in some way whether you notice it or not.

Life is about the memories and the relationships you build, so go out into life and start to fill your life with joy. Smile whenever you can and laugh at the smallest things. Hold your loved ones close to your heart and don’t forget them.

Thank you for reading, Christine Tenny
Editor-in-Chief of
The Revolt

The Revolt is saying Farwell To:

Christine Tenny
Benjamin Picariello
Sonja Rossi

Honorable Mention:
Staff Writer J.J.
We’re Movin On UP: Some Advice to Transferring Students

As this academic year comes to a close, I find myself talking to many people on campus that are transferring down to University Park for the upcoming fall semester. I found that some of the best advice I got while I was transitioning to the college experience was from members of the faculty here on campus.

With that in mind, I felt that they again could also give some excellent “words of wisdom” to those students leaving for University Park in the fall.

Dr. Steven Putzel
Stay with us at PSU WB, but if you insist on going down to the Center County Campus:
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3. Never party Sunday-Wednesday. Thursday-Saturday is another story.

Janis Winter
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Dr. Dudley Snyder

Be careful to stay focused on school work. There are many distractions at U-Park. Don’t get distracted.

Fun Activities
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Here is a list of recreational activities to try in the summer around here:
1. Golfing: Many local courses are reasonably priced and have very nice courses.
2. Fishing: Local lakes, rivers, and trout streams are considered some of the best in the country.
4. Swimming: Many people have pools and the local streams are great swimming holes.
5. Softball: Legitimately cannot drive a mile in NEPA without seeing at least two softball fields.
6. Cooking out: Basically a religion around these parts.
7. Hiking: The Appalachian Mountains and nature hikes provide awesome hiking trails.
8. Amusement parks: Knoebel’s, Camel Beach Water Park, Dorney Park, and Hershey, just a short drive away.

These are just some of the fun things to do around here and you will find more if you travel more in this area.

A popular hiking trail in the NEPA area - picture courtesy of “traveltips.usatoday.com”

On the Cover:

Godzilla: J.D. Dansey, Tarigaryen, David Letteman, Carter, Michael Phelps, Emilia Clarke, Miura
From left: Stephen Colbert, Miguel Cabrera, Michael Phelps, Emilia Clarke (as Daenerys Targaryen), David Letterman, Godzilla; D
S**t That Tim Says...
Welcome to the second installment of S**T That Tim Says. Now if you are leaving this campus next semester, I feel bad for you because you’ll be away from his comedy.

His best work comes as I mentioned before, at the billiards table. If you never ventured around that way, well then it’s your loss.

Here are some other quotes from Mr. Chimock himself:
“Real Americans cheat on their taxes”
“I wonder what soft-ish rock, rap, classical, jazz and country would sound like.”

In a thick Italian woman accent: “Jimmy, you’re gonna disappoint your six grandmothers if you don’t get in there and stir the sauce.” Again, picture it being said in a thick Italian accent.

By Staff Writer: John Kashmer

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are able to eat a full buf-fet-style dinner and view a show. The Music Box in- cludes main stage and chil-dren’s musicals throughout the year, as well as musical reviews.

The Little Theater of Wilkes-Barre is another great place to satisfy your taste for the stage. The Lit-tle Theater has been around since 1923 and is in their 91st season. Their most re-cent upcoming show, start-ing next month, is “Kiss me Kate” with nearly 20 cast members and a full tech crew. The rich history of this theater will almost transport you back to a sim-pler time when shows were just as popular as movies today! You can also be sure that you’ve given a pro-fessional experience with its actors and production qual-ity.

Another local the-a ter that has been in the news lately is KISS Theater. KISS Theater, located in the Wyoming Valley Mall, is a way to give kids a chance to shine on the stage. The differ-ence between this theater and the other two men- tioned above is that every-one who signs up is able to be a part of the show. This is a great way to introduce kids to the “theater life” and everything that happens be-hind the scenes. KISS has tackled many challenging situations of kids for performances such as “Sweeney Todd” and “Les Miserable.” Even though they are facing lo-ca-tion issues for the next season, they are planning ahead and determined to keep KISS in full swing.

Now, if you aren’t a fan of auditioning or would rather have a show-stopping act, then check out the shows at the E.M. Kirby Center (Wilkes-Barre) or the Scranton Cultural Center. The Cultural Center has a wide variety of shows that may appeal to you. As quoted by Stephen Sondheim, “Theater is something that is kept alive. That’s what makes theater live. ‘That’s why it persists.”}

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The Nittany Commons needs to stop invest-ing their time into creating ridiculous rules for cleaning the residents’ apartments at moving-out and they need to start investing their time into providing quality ser-vices to the next batch of res-idents for this coming fall. Before this article ends, the Nittany Commons website states their mot-to is, “Comfort is coming home.” Is living in a poorly maintained property called “Home”? Should residents be financially penalized for lacking to reach the multi-ple cleaning rules provided by the new management? Is living in The Nittany Commons a valuable investment or a waste of time? You decide.

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The most annoying aspect of these cleaning rules is current residents moved into partially-cleaned apart-ments at the beginning of the fall semester. The defi-nition of partially-cleaned apartment is an apartment that has stains inside the oven and hair balls all over the furniture, but the carpets are vacuumed with the counters cleaned. The apartments seemed half-cleaned and had almost no outside cleaning invest-ments from the manage-ment.

With this in mind, the residents are upset at the fact that previous resi-dents didn’t reach the high cleaning standards as the currently proposed ones, but these previous residents were able to easily receive their security deposits.

It is understandable that the new management wants to impose new stan-dards for the off-campus housing, but it should be a gradual process, not such a dictatorial approach. The management needs to un-derstand that college stu-dents are the most fi-nancially constrained population in our so-

of the current Resident As-sistants are students of the Wilkes-Barre campus and they all are similar in age to a majority of the residents. Amanda Ayer is a recent graduate of Shippensburg University and she is com-parably older than most of the residents. Residents should feel more comfort-able voicing their opinions to an older adult than to young adults similar in age to them.

The Apartments trend-collected due to lack of inter-est, but many in-habitants have something to say about the management of the prop-erty. It is sad that one of the only opportunities for residents to meet their new manager is cancelled with-out another open outlet to voice their opinions.

Whenever a resident has an issue, the resident speaks with one of the five Resident Assistants living in each of the housing build-ings. Residents are more comfortable speaking with their Resident Assistants as compared to the new leasing manager, which says a lot about the residents’ re-lationship to the new man-agement. With that said, all of these little as-spects truly add value to the resi-dents’ eyes because residents pay their own money to have a qual-ity living at this property and they only get mediocre service. Now, this makes the residents question whether their investment in this housing was worth their value.

Overall, these new management changes won’t truly change the current resi-dents’ annoyed attitudes to-wards the off-campus hous-ing. Most residents think the only reason the own-ers have high expectations for residents living at the Nittany Commons is their new incorporation into the Apartment Store. But, why should residents have high expectations from the new management when the management can’t reach the average expectations of the residents.

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rably in many situations in their residents’ eyes. Also, many people need to un-derstand that acting as the peacekeeper constantly is a highly stressful and annoy-ing job for individuals so young in age.

Other little aspects about the apartments annoy many residents, such as the lack of maintenance around the apartment grounds and the slow process for fixing broken items in the apartment. For example, the grass around the apartment buildings was scattered with litter throughout the end of the school year and it took approximately three weeks for maintenance to fix a light bulb. These little as-spects truly add up in the resi-dents’ eyes because residents pay their own money to have a qual-ity living at this property and they only get mediocre service. Now, this makes the residents question whether their investment in this housing was worth their value.

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- Photograph every fun moment.
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Remember summer is a time to relax from college and enjoy your time with friends. Try to live your summer with a bunch of positive moments.

The Most Interesting Woman At Penn State Wilkes-Barre: Christine Tenny’s “Flannel Five”

When in Selfie doubt, many come to “The Tenny” for advice...

No, she doesn’t want to build a snowman... that’s so not cool.

She doesn’t always plan her outfits but when she does, she never actually wears the one she finally settled on.

She always writes for the paper and when she does, the articles are finished 20 minutes before the paper goes to press.

Pro-crast-i-na·tion is actually her first name and Christine is a clever ploy used to throw professors off.

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for cheering on our players and giving them the boost they needed!
“We all change, when you think about it. We’re all different people all through our lives. And that’s okay, that’s good, you’ve got to keep moving, so long as you remember all the people that you used to be. . . ”

-11th Doctor, From Doctor Who

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT:
Isaura Olivares

For anyone who doesn’t know who you are, give a basic introduction or outline of your involvement on the campus.

My name is Isaura Olivares and I will be graduating this May 10th with a Bachelor’s of Science in Administration of Justice. In my time at Penn State Wilkes-Barre, I have been involved in about fifteen different student organizations. I danced for THON 2014 along With Nicole Wiesner. In Addition, I played Volleyball and was Team Captain for the 2013 season.

You are graduating this year and it must be a bit-sweet feeling to leave, but what would you say is your overall experience on the campus?

I absolutely love this campus. My original idea was to transfer from LCCC to this campus and once my credits were “Penn State credits,” transfer to University Park. That plan changed within three weeks of being here. I am not an I.D. number here, I am Isaura Olivares. In addition, this campus offers a lot of opportunities for leadership and networking.

What is your parting advice to our current under-graduates?

Don’t waste time! An as corny as it might sound, take the toughest classes your freshmen and sophomore years! I am not telling you not to party, but to balance yourself between your academics and party time. Also, get involved. There are many clubs that you could join; and if there is an organization you think is missing, create it! You pay too much money as it is, make it worth your while: go on club trips, attend events at the commons, etc…, after all, you are paying for it anyway. Last but not least, don’t wait until you are stressed and overwhelmed to seek help! Help is always available here!
THE ADULT SIDE:
Aim High

By Staff Writer: Mike Harding

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