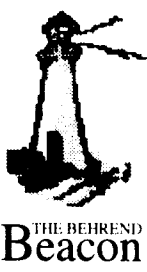


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## Liberalism equals treason

By Jason Della Sala  
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Some students sit in class and criticize others for being involved in politics, when the truth is that politics affects your everyday life. The ignorance of those that are apathetic to politics shows their disrespect of those that died to give us the right to vote. Being apathetic to politics shows that our forefathers that died in the American Revolution died in vain. Unfortunately, those are the same students that continue to whine and moan about Bush winning another term. Hopefully, they will wake up from their sleep of ignorance and become more belligerent.

President Bush was elected president of the United States in 2000 by a narrow margin, with much skepticism from the liberal population of the nation, claiming he stole the election by losing the popular vote. Not only do they not support our president, but do not respect the constitution, which states the president is chosen by number of electoral votes. That same population had no argument when he won the 2004 election, with both the popular and electoral vote. I guess their argument died along with their political party. Luckily for the values of our nation, Conservatives control all three branches of the government.

In order to win both popular and electoral votes, Bush must have made some connection with the American people, because more people voted for him this election than the last. Throughout the 2004 campaign process, Bush was constantly ridiculed for his slurred words and poor vocabulary. When Bush won the 2004 election, the joke was on those whom ridiculed him. For being stupid, he did something ingenious to beat Democratic Senator John Kerry, the candidate noted for changing stances on almost every major issue.

Today, liberals accuse Bush of being a mass murderer. In reality, a mass murderer is a tyrant, such as Saddam Hussein, Osama bin Laden and Kim Jong Il. Bush has made it clear that he is doing everything in the power of the United States to eliminate the world of murdering tyrants (ex: Iraq War). The fact is that those who do not support the war in Iraq are those that are afraid to face their conscience. I do not find it

admirable when a leader uses biological weapons on his own people, such as Saddam Hussein.

Those that do not support the war must show some subvention for those that carry out those heinous acts. They claim that the United States did not use all peaceful methods available, again showing their ignorance. Iraq refused to follow 16 UN resolutions, through a period of over two decades. I suppose the liberal population wanted to go 17, 18, 19 and so on, until Saddam Hussein decided it was time to follow international law.

I love how liberals claim to have a bleeding heart, when in fact, their heart is hard as stone. Not supporting the war is supporting the continuous defiant acts of Saddam Hussein and the support of this killing of millions of innocent people. These same people claim that Bush went to war for Iraq's oil, but obviously they have not yet mastered the skills of mathematics. If the United States went to war for oil, our gas prices would not be \$2.10 at the pump. Again, their stupidity reigns supreme.

Another moronic opinion of liberals is that Bush is for the rich only. They are sadly mistaken, statistics proving them wrong yet again. The northeastern states, which are noted to have the highest household incomes, voted for Kerry in the 2004 election. Maybe if the left side of the population quits making up their own statistics and actually went by the statistics the rest of the world follows, they would not look so confused trying to attack people with morals and values, those of which they lack of their own.

Not only is Bush taking progressive steps internationally, but he is also taking domestic steps forward. Bush has pushed for the faith-based prison program, which entitles prisons to teach Christianity, a religion of peace, to prisoners. Again, liberals claim this program to be unconstitutional, violating separation of church and state. Again, let me renovate their lack of knowledge. Prisoners have the option to partake in the program. The meaning of 'option,' according to Oxford, is the freedom and power to choose. If liberals want to question that, the dictionary is sitting on the reference shelf of the Lilley Library.

## Lazy students, lacking government?

Several weeks ago the Beacon's Question of the Week asked a random sampling of students whether or not they thought SGA officers should receive a tuition break. Most of the students questioned were unaware that any financial leniency was being granted and the majority of the responses were negative.

This question of the week generated some of the most feedback in letters to the editor than any other article or item printed in the Beacon this year. Of course, both the responders were members of SGA so their bias in the matter is obvious.

It wasn't the intention of the Beacon or its editors to point fingers or label any members of SGA as lazy or undeserving of any compensation for their time. In fact, Beacon editors also receive stipends, not to the tune of half our tuition, but payment none the less.

The Beacon couldn't have known how students would respond to such a question but the responses raise an interesting point. Your average student has no clue about the workings of the SGA. I'd be willing to bet that at least



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 news editor

half of the student body has no clue who the president of the Student Government Association is.

Does this mean that the president doesn't deserve a tuition break? It could mean two things.

Members of the SGA aren't doing a good enough job to actively make their presence known to students.

Students are too lazy and apathetic to care.

Being a lazy student myself, I'm apt to lean towards number two as the reason most students know nothing about SGA. I can appreciate a laissez-faire approach to governing. But based on the QOTW responses, maybe that doesn't work for everyone.

Of course, all big changes are easier said than done. And it's possible that the students who didn't want tuition breaks for SGA officers were simply envious they hadn't known and would have run for president themselves. Or maybe the students were upset because they couldn't name a single thing SGA had ever done for them.

The responses also raise these questions: Are SGA positions superficial figureheads that are created to give students the illusion of control, offices provided to satisfy those students who feel the need to yield some scepter of power? Or does SGA handle Penn State administrative decisions so that the average apathetic student doesn't have to?

Something to keep in mind as the new president and vice-president enter their appointed positions.

## 'Sex on the beach' leads to more

By Kristen Comstock  
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Everyone walks into the bar "in heat" and ready to mate like rabbits. It can be seen in their eyes. The guys are glancing down at our shirts, which strategically emphasize our boobs, thinking, "I hope I can get a piece of that." The girls are glancing down at our popping-out breasts thinking, "Is that my competition for tonight?"

As the music starts rolling and the drinks start flowing, we can smell the hormones fill the air (or maybe that is the smoke, spilled beer, dripping sweat and saliva from the already drunk couples making out on the dance floor). It is time to find ourselves some horny "rabbits" who are willing to buy us some drinks.

Which brings up the question: Do guys who purchase women a "Sex on the Beach" expect sex in the bar bathroom?

A Harvard psychologist said, "[Sex] is increasingly disconnected...sex just isn't a big deal." Hook-ups are many college students' expectations when they go out.

One survey found that 70 percent of students reported having hooked up, often with a stranger. The average number of hookups they participated in was 10. Half of those surveyed said they started the evening planning to hook up, but not with any particular person in mind.

So this means, half the people actually mean it when they lean over to you and say, "You should remember my name, because you'll be screaming it later!"

Many of these hookups are not regrettable and are sometimes even preferred over relationships. According to a psychologist from the College of New Jersey, the cultural mes-

sage is "Good sex is sex that isn't emotional."

Monday morning anyone can hear the comment, "I was so wasted, you won't believe what happened!" Part of college is having that story to tell the next day. Without the story, the hookup would be meaningless. Without our guy and girl friends to brag to, the random lay would be worthless.

Many think a one-nighter is worthless even without the friends to (excuse the completely inappropriate use of this phrase) *blow your own horn* to.

A survey given on March 15 to college students reported that 45 percent of men and 60 percent of women say people should be in love if they have sex.

That same survey found 51 percent of men and 42 percent of women have had one-night stands. So contrary to what the chicks' bar outfits convey, women apparently are still more conservative when it comes to screwing than men.

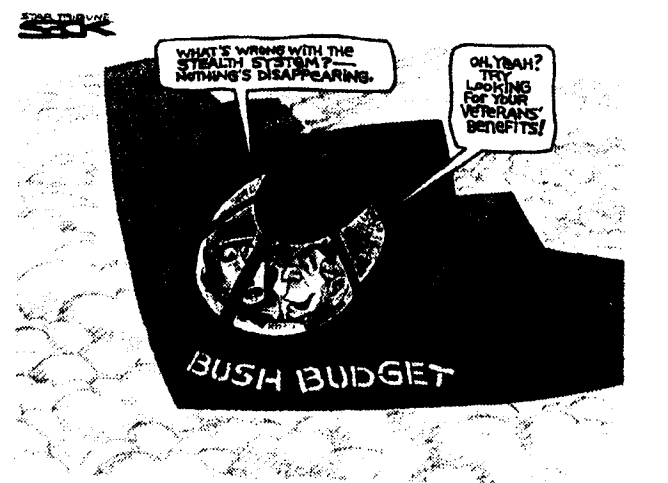
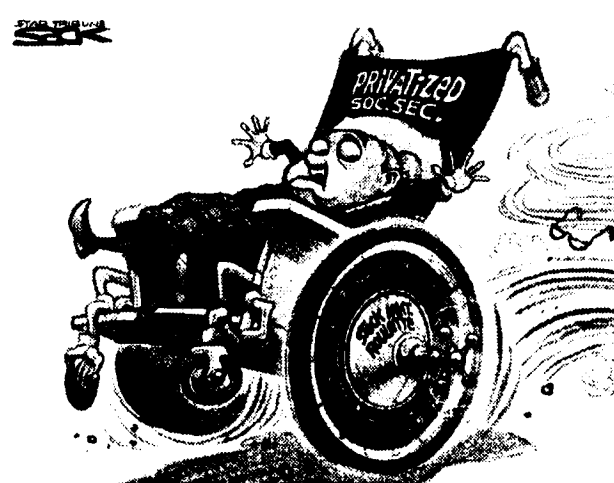
But the burning question is still unanswered (and no I'm not referring to any STDs). Men may not expect sex when buying a girl a drink, but they appreciate anything that is given. Men always want a little *bang for their buck*, if you get the implication.

Luckily for the boys, girls are now keeping sex score too. Many a time, one can hear a girl scheming, "See that boy in the blue shirt? I'm going to do him tonight."

For now, all a guy can do is hope he wore the right color shirt that night and he gets mistaken for "that boy" after a few purchased "Sex on the Beach" drinks.

All a girl can do is keep wearing that outfit her dad would not approve of and that underwear her mom refused to buy.

Both genders should wish for the best when they venture out and hope they can live up to the goals they have set for themselves, whatever those may entail.



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