

Student sees pop machines as a rip-off on campus

Is it difficult for you to juggle books and a walkman, and still find a nickle in your pocket (for a can of pop) without spilling change on the floor? I sometimes have the same difficulty. But two years ago we never would have had to bother with nickles. Pop (or soda) cost \$.50 a can.

I found over the summer that I could save substantial amount of money by buying pop off campus.

If items are purchased one at a time in a grocery store, the price is greater per unit than if many are bought en masse.

I bought one can of Mountain Dew for \$.39 at Giant Eagle. Buying six-packs cuts the unit-price

down to \$.37 or \$.36, depending on the brand.

If I drink enough pop over the semester to equal a can a day, the seven cans a week, for 17 weeks (orientation and finals) would be \$65.45 out of the machines. If I bought 20 six-packs from the store over a semester, the price would be \$45, and I would have saved \$20 on one essential college item.

There are about 400 cans of pop in any one machine on the campus, when full. There are at least seven machines on campus.

There is a \$.16 discrepancy in the price of pop on campus and at Giant Eagle.

If the Pepsi-Cola Truck fills all the machines when it makes a trip to campus, does that trip up the hill cost \$448 more than a trip to Giant Eagle?

Giant Eagle can sell groceries at almost wholesale prices because of the large volume it moves out each day. But I imagine the sales of pop out of the machines on campus compares with sales in the store. Are we paying \$.16 a can simply for the convenience of having pop for sale on campus?

Please join me in sending a note to Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company, chastising them for outrageous prices. Send complaints to:

Public Relations
Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company
5701 Perry Highway
Erie, PA 16509

If 1,000 customers are heard from, changes could be made. Be a real student activist. Get involved!

Thirstily,
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APARTHEID: What are your views?

Have you ever stopped to think of what the word Apartheid means? According to Webster's II New Riverside Dictionary it is an official policy of racial segregation in The Republic of South Africa. But does the reader know how this disorder all began?

About forty or more years ago whites began to move in to South Africa. At first the Africans didn't think much of this until their new neighbors began to gain power and push them in the back.

The South Africans were given the worst while their new arrivals took the best. The South Africans began to take action for what was theirs. They didn't want the whites out but only wanted equal rights and homes just like the whites. Soon the whites began to retaliate by using guns and telling the blacks to stop making trouble. The reader may ask himself, if the blacks are the majority why not run their new arrivals out of their land? The answer is rather simple; the whites possess ammunition while the blacks have none.

In order to bring you the reader up-to-date let us examine what's happening now. An article written in the New York Times (eq) stated that buses are segregated in most South African cities. Beaches at

such resorts as Durban have notices saying which race may lie on them or swim in their waters. Rest rooms are segregated, and liquor outlets often have separate entrances for whites. It has also been reported as a fact that at birth, South Africans are required by law to be classified by racial group, and that classification determines where you may live, which schools may be attended and, in the mining industry, which jobs they may perform.

Blacks, who comprise almost three-quarters of the population, have no voting rights. Under a new Constitution instituted last year, Indians and people of mixed race have separate houses in a three-chamber Parliament, but their role in the white-dominated Cabinet is minimal.

As the previous facts show, there is a problem and something has to be done. I'm open for all arguments and debates. Before I close I have a few questions to ask you the reader; should the blacks sit back and hope for the best or should they stand up and fight for their land, honor, and dignity?

Send your views and letters to T. Goines in care of the Collegian.

Several speakers probe divestment issue at University Park

Divestiture in South Africa spurs controversy at Penn State.

Rev. Howard Hans, a minister from South Africa spoke at University Park and stated how blacks are treated in South Africa. He told students that blacks make one-sixth of what whites make. Their jobs are hundreds of miles away from their family and they are allowed to visit them three weeks out of a year. Hans believes if America divests in South African stocks such as Coca-Cola and General Motors, South Africa will begin to come together. Hans believes that the divestment is the right thing to do in South Africa.

Many people and students stand up and shout that they are for divestment if that will solve the horrible problems in South Africa. But before you cast your vote, did you think of the U.S.S.R. government supplying South Africa with weapons and the power of Apartheid growing worse?

Senator William Proxmire also spoke at University Park this summer and said investing in South Africa is like investing in the Titanic. It would be very foolish to try to ignore what's going in Africa when America buys many products for them and they buy much from America. Should the United States withdraw all their sources from South Africa or continue making speeches and hoping for the best?

The University's investments in South Africa are expected to grow as the University begins the Capitol Campus multi-million dollar fund raising drive. Earlier in the year President Reagan spoke of vetoing a bill dealing with South Africa, but in the future the President may change his mind to avoid a veto override.

Also Hans refuted claims by some American politicians stating that blacks oppose Apartheid, many blacks abolish Apartheid. Before he closed his speech at the University Park Campus, Hans said these words, "People have asked me to stay, I would be doing an injustice to myself and that community by staying. Definitely my life is in jeopardy."

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