reader opinion

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 byought 20 six-packs from the store over a semester, the price would be \$45, and I would have saved \$20 on one essential college

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 real student activist. Get involved!

Thirstily, George Michael Cochranton Fifth Semester, Arts and **Humanistic Studies**

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What are your views? Have you ever stopped to think such resorts as Durban have

APARTHEID:

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 took the best. The South Africans whites out but only wanted equal rights and homes just like the 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 has to be done. I'm open for all 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

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 worst while their new arrivals three-quarters of the population, have no voting rights. Under a began to take action for what was new Constitution instituted last theirs. They didn't want the year, Indians and people of mixed race have separate houses in a three-chamber Parliament, but whites. Soon the whites began to their role in the white-dominated Cabinet is minimal.

As the previous facts show, there is a problem and something 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 South African citys. Beaches at T. Goines in care of the Collegian.

Several speakers probe divestment issue at University Park

Divestiture in South Africa Titanic. It would be very foolish

Their jobs are hundreds of miles for the best? away from their family and they in South Africa.

the horrible problems in South blacks abolish Apartheid. Africa. But before you cast your Before he closed his speech at worse?

spoke at University Park this summer and said investing in South

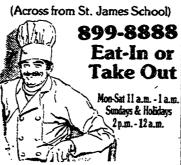
spurs controversy at Penn State. to try to ignore what's going in Rev. Howard Hans, a minister Africa when America buys many from South Africa spoke at products for them and they buy University Park and stated how much from America. Should the blacks are treated in South Africa. United States withdraw all their He told students that blacks make sources from South Africa or conone-sixth of what whites make. tinue making speeches and hoping

The University's investments in are allowed to visit them three South Africa are expected to grow weeks out of a year. Hans believes as the University begins the if America divests in South Capitol Campus multi-million African stocks such as Coca-Cola dollar fund raising drive. Earlier and General Motors, South in the year President Reagan Africa will begin to come spoke of vetoing a bill dealing together. Hans believes that with South Africa, but in the divestment is the right thing to do future the President may change his mind to avoid a veto override. Many people and students Also Hans refuted claims by some stand up and shout that they are American politicians stating that for divestment if that will solve blacks oppose Apartheid, many

vote, did you think of the the University Park Campus, U.S.S.R. government supplying Hans said these words, "People South Africa with weapons and have asked me to stay, I would be the power of Apartheid growing doing an injustice to myself and that community by staying. Senator William Proxmire also Definitely my life is in jeopardy.

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