

Editorial

No Other Choice?

In the past few weeks, the possibility of having a mandatory student activities fee has been a dominant issue. We thought it appropriate to present our stand on the issue and to bring the matter up to date.

Recently, Provost Robert E. McDermott announced that he decided to cut-off all funding to the SGA for next year. He said he did so in the light of a financial crisis which faces the university and other institutions of higher education as Gov. Shapp proposed no budget increases over this year. In order to meet costs, university President John Oswald ordered all "units" of the Penn State system to work on a budget for 1973-74 at 94% of this year's level, which meant McDermott had to find \$250,000 and toss it back up to the Park.

One of the first budgets the Provost investigated was that of SGA. While deciding to end all funding, he came up with a proposal to independently fund SGA. He said that if the students came up with a mandatory activities fee to fund all campus clubs, he would give SGA the monies from the parking sticker fee.

SGA members came up with a proposal which on paper looked like something McDermott would reject but he surprised this writer and said he would take it to Oswald. SGA "recommended" that the parking fee be set at two dollars and the mandatory activities at five dollars, payable by every full-time undergraduate on a per term basis. In addition, and this was the "monkey wrench" to the deal, SGA "recommended" the university give SGA \$5 per student per term and the administration could use the parking monies anyway it desired.

McDermott was relatively pleased with the SGA proposal, explaining that the stipulation "recommending" he be allowed to use the parking fee monies to pay into that abominable fund at main campus gave him an "out" with which to fight for the mandatory activities fee.

The SGA passed that proposal last week by a 13-3 vote. On Monday night, SGA President Mike Dini, upon

McDermott's advice tried to get the SGA senate to put the matter before the student body as a referendum in today's elections. The SGA turned down his request, believing that the student body would in all probability reject a mandatory activities fee, no matter what the circumstances, especially when tuition will be increased by \$15 a term.

Realistically, McDermott may just be beating his gums when he tries to get \$5 a term from Oswald. But the Provost has pulled the ropes up at main campus before and had been successful. Nevertheless, this writer predicts that the "university" will not give McDermott that magic five dollars to supplement the activities fee. What will probably happen is that SGA will get the \$5 activities fee and will receive the \$2 parking fee.

In the final analysis, this writer believes the mandatory activities fee to be a good idea in principle. Certainly, it stinks when there is such a fee when tuition is increased, but all facets of the issue must be considered. When one realizes that up until this term, \$7.50 a term was wasted for unnecessary parking lot construction, it looks far better to pay \$7 a term in combined parking/activities fee and put the money to good use for student social life.

There is really no other choice. Yet, if we do indeed get the fee, which must be approved by the university board of trustees, there should be some guidelines. Firstly, there should be no admission charged for social events. Secondly, the fee should be waived for students who attend during the summer. Thirdly, SGA should have complete control over funding priorities. Fourthly, SGA should continue to receive monies from the pinball machines.

If anyone is against the activities fee, now is the time to take action. The choice has been made by the SGA, "the students voice." The question remains; are we here to go to dances or to receive quality education? The answer is obvious.

Robert W. Bonaker

Letters to the Editor

Thanks to Dr. McAree

Editor,

DTK would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. McAree for speaking at our banquet, April 10, 1973.

Our thanks to Dr. McAree goes far deeper than just for speaking at our banquet. Anyone who has had the

pleasure of hearing him speak will attest to his being an inspiration to one and all. Everyone who comes into contact with Dr. McAree will agree that he is indeed more than a professor. He is a friend to the students and should serve as an example to all faculty.

Dr. McAree we thank you for everything, sincerely.

Brent Lawson DTK President

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ON X-RATED MOVIES

by Bob Rosen

Looking through the theatre pages of the newspaper, any newspaper, never ceases to amaze me. Concerning ourselves with the policy of giving movies a "G", "M", "R", "X" (and sometimes a very gimmicky "XX" or "XXX") rating makes me sick.

How can anyone rate a movie "X" and prohibit under 18's to view it? "Material not suited for adolescents" is most often used as an excuse for such idiocy. "No redeeming social values" is yet another excuse used quite often. One of the most beautiful and humanly natural acts known to mankind is condemned, while murder, rape, arson, beatings, mutilations, often depicted in vivid detail, a 'la Peckenpaugh, et. al., in living technicolor on the "Silver Screen" is not. If not almost condoning these actions, it seems to be glorifying them, idols created, mimicking accomplished, etc.

Are we trying to "protect our children from the insidious pervisitousness perpetrated by...?" "A rotten Commie, pinko, plot"?

Face it, 18 year olds have been dying in South East Asia, have been coming home permanently crippled or not even being found to be sent home at all. Even if they do manage to make it home in one piece physically (not to mention mentally) they find out that they cannot see a certain movie with nudity or vulgar language. Murder and war they can see. Is someone who has been in Viet Nam and has seen his buddies torn to shreds by a mortar shell too immature to view an "X" rated movie?

Granted all 18 year olds haven't been to Viet Nam nor are they any longer 18 when and if they do return from the "war zone", but in my estimation the immaturity rests in the minds of the group of people who rate movies, not most of the movie going public themselves.

The height of idiocy of this type of rating system occurred a number of years ago when the actress (whose name escape me at the moment, and rightly so for the movie's esthetic value was somewhat challenged) who starred in the movie "Candy" was turned away from her own opening night because she wasn't 18 years old, she was "under age".

Mr., Mrs., Miss., Ms. - (all or any combination thereof) is this your way of proving to the world that your Christian ethic is good and well thought out? The G, M, R, X, syndrome is only a symbol of your hatred of life itself and your own unfulfilled dreams, unanswered questions and your very own inadequacy.

Do away with these silly movie ratings (don't we have enough restrictions placed upon us already) and maybe after the novelty wears off the movie going public will drive the trash from the screen themselves. Do we have enough intelligence to do this? As an old proven adage goes, "...the quickest way to make someone do something usually is to tell him he can't do it."

One last question, Is the sky any bluer, the grass any greener, does the meadows and forests smell any sweeter to one who has turned 18 years old? How can anyone pinpoint the day, minute or second one turns into an "adult"?



Capitol Calendar of Events

APRIL 26 - At 2 p.m. in the Gallery Lounge, Beta Chi sponsors a guest speaker from the state Bureau of Consumer Protection. During the day, SGA elections for next year's officers and senators will be held in the Gallery Lounge. At 7 p.m. there is women's weight training at the Recreation/Athletics building.

APRIL 27 - XGI kegger at the Middletown American Legion beginning at 9 p.m. Also, tickets for the Spring Dinner Dance will be on sale in Vendorville.

APRIL 28 - The Social Committee presents a film festival of three classic movies beginning at 8 p.m. in the Student Center. The "Rites of Spring" festival, originally scheduled for this date, has been shifted to May 6.

APRIL 29 - "Ride a Bike for the Retarded" at the Middletown highschool in the early afternoon. At the 3:45 p.m. time period there is Mass in the Student Center.

APRIL 30 - At 6:30 p.m., the Residents Student Council meets in the lounge on the third floor of Wisberg Hall. The Student Government Association meets at 6:30 in E-335. The Head Shop stages a meeting, also at 6:30 at the New Birth, 946 A Kirtland Ave., Meade Heights. At 7 p.m., there is martial arts instruction at the Rec/Ath building.

MAY 1 - At 6:30, the Meade Heights Board of Governors meets in the New Birth. The Photo Club meets at 7 p.m. in the darkroom in the Placement Office. At 7 p.m., there is women's weight training and at 8 p.m. training for men at the Rec/Ath building.

MAY 2 - WZAP present the bi-weekly program "Operation Contact" at 6 p.m., 640 in the Dorms and 1520 in the Heights. At 7 p.m. the modern dance class holds a session as does the instructional golf unit at the same location.



Jordan Award winner to be selected

Today, an important facet of the SGA elections is the voting for a professor as winner of the James A. Jordan Memorial Award for excellence in teaching.

This is the second year of the award, which is named for Dr. Jordan who drowned while boating on Lake Ontario in the summer of 1971. Last year's recipient was Ambrose Klain, Assoc. Prof. of Regional Planning.

The following professors have been nominated by the SGA senators:

Donald K. Alexander, Assoc. Prof. of Education. Dr. Robert Bresler, Asst. Prof. of Social Science and Political

Science; Mr. Wesley G. Houser, Assoc. Prof. of Engineering; Dr. James L. Knestrick, Asst. Prof. of Social Science and History; Mr. Paul R. Lorenzi, Asst. Prof. of Humanities and Art; Dr. John D. Markese, Asst. Prof. of Finance; Dr. Floyd E. Moan, Assoc. Prof. of Management; Dr. Winston Richards, Asst. Prof. of Mathematics and Statistics.

Marilyn Levin, Chairman of the Election Committee of the SGA stresses the "excellence in teaching" aspect of the balloting. She adds that for the professors nominated "it is an honor in itself."

The winner will be presented the award at the commencement ceremonies on June 16.

Guest Commentary

AMNESTY, FORGET, NOT FORGIVE

by David Wagenheim

Now that the Vietnam War is supposedly over, we have to face a situation that will no doubt be of great controversy. Tens of thousands of men who have fled the country or who are in hiding want 'o come home. Should they be allowed?

Amnesty means to forget or pass over what is passed, not to forgive. Do we in this time of uniting and forgetting allow these people back into society without any form of punishment?

I would have to say no to this question. To allow these people to return without punishment would be a great disservice to the many men who did not walk out on their country and sacrificed so much. There are many ways in which these people could have served their country without having to be personally involved in any conflict. I feel that if they couldn't make a small sacrifice for their country, then they must forfeit all rights and privileges that the country has to offer.

I do agree that it took courage to resist the war on moral grounds, but how do we separate these people from the cowards?



STUDY ABROAD NEXT YEAR

Capitol Campus, under the direction of Dr. George Wolf, Head of the Division of Humanities, Social Science and Education has proposed a "European Unification" program for the Winter Term 1974.

The study-travel program will be of relevance to all those interested in European relations. The excursion will last from Jan. 3 to Jan. 30, with participants visiting Luxembourg; Bonn, West Germany; Cologne, West Germany; Brussels, Belgium, Burges, Belgium; London and Paris. The cost of the program is about \$836.00 per person with a minimum of 15 paying participants. The cost is reduced to \$703.00 if as many as 30 plan to go.

Participants will be able to tour the areas while attending a few of the following seminars: "The Origins and History of European Integration," "Germany's Way Toward Europe," "The Role of Germany in the ECC and Nato," and "The Cold War- NATO- Watsw Warsaw Pact."

The fee covers all major expenses excluding tips, laundry, a third meal per day and a few other items. A down payment of \$100.00 is due October 15.

For further information contact Dr. Wolf or the Capitolist office.
