

A Note From The Editor



Looking Back

Well, gang, hi-yo! Another year is about to bite the dust. But this time, it's taking this guy's college career with it. Yes, friends, it's Graduation Time. A time for joy, maybe; a time for tears? Never!

When I leave the ivy-less walls of Capitol Campus, I will keep my head straight and my eyes fixed in front. I will be safe and secure in the real world and the unemployment line thanks to the education I received here at Capitol Campus.

Because I disdained several lucrative post-community college job offers in pursuit of my education, I now face a depression where there wasn't one two years ago. All that keeps ringing in my ears are those words of encouragement I got from the placement office. Paraphrased, it was, don't worry, after you get your degree from here, you'll make twice what you could with that associate degree.

In the two years I've spent here, I have learned not only that one person can't fight the system, but that even thousands can't dent it. Here at Capitol, administrators are quite adept at passing the buck to the Park, while at the Park, the administrators are quite deaf to any voices outside Happy Valley.

My education here has embraced the precepts of injustice to all, no matter what race, color, or creed. Everyone (students) parking on campus still has to pay that \$7.50. And though a few hardy souls have taken on themselves to start the Wharton Avenue rebellion, I leave this word of warning: sooner or later, the University will annex Wharton, or else the township will install parking meters. Either way, you'll lose.

My education has benefited from some of the most unfit teachers ever to plague an institution of higher learning. And although they are generally recognized as *being inept (by the students, at least), they are still here*, waiting to pounce on the next generation of transfers. They exist as living, shining examples of the exalted Peter Principle.

My education has been subject to the atmosphere of paranoia, distrust, and resentment which shrouds this place like a fog. I have learned from the downfall of others that it does no good to try to right the multiple wrongs. I have seen many talented students throw up their hands in disgust. I have seen that apathy is the one True Way.

Thank you, Capitol Campus, for the invaluable educational experience you have been, the utter failure towards your ideals you are, and the real benefit to me you could have been and might still be. If the institution could only be as worthy as its students, there is still a chance. But knowing this place, you'd have a better chance of freezing in hell.

P.S. - Stay tuned for the good news.

- J.S.B.



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During winter term approximately 1100 full-time parking stickers were issued. This alone yields a \$8,250.00 per term. This money is then deposited into the Capitol Funds account for distribution throughout the University. At \$300.00 per space (according to Mr. Dressler) this yields at least 81 spaces per three terms. Where are these mysterious spaces? Obviously not at Capitol.

In the interview Mr. Dressler outlined the ticketing procedure. First the ticket is submitted to Mr. Paul, who determines if the auto belongs to a student or visitor (This in itself seems rather difficult if the vehicle is registered in the name of the student's parents.) If it is a student's auto, a hold is placed on his/her grades, if it is a visitor's, then within 10 to 15 days the ticket is submitted to a magistrate. Note that this increases the "offense" to the same level as such crimes as speeding and reckless driving (at least cost wise).

Further more, Mr. Dressler emphasized that if a student feels that he is wrongly accused, he may appeal to student court. (Last term, 9 of the 20 appealed citations were dismissed). However, if the violation is turned over to a magistrate this is impossible. Finally, Mr. Dressler stated that "the Administration is not out to harass the students."

We then interviewed Chief of Security Paul for the exact ticket details. Winter term, 779 tickets were issued of which 726 were parking related (459 - no sticker). From this, \$862.25 was collected and turned over to SGA. Moreover, it was learned that Security averages approximately 350 man hours per week (at a minimum of \$2.00 per hour, roughly \$700.00 plus per term) many of which are spent ticketing.

As seems rather obvious, we the students are again getting screwed - this time financially. We are not only required to pay a parking fee for which we see no benefits, but we must also pay the salaries of those who ticket us. We are not implying that we should eliminate the security force, for they fulfill many necessary functions. Nor should we eliminate the associated student jobs (perhaps we might find more productive ones). Nor are we in any way implying that either Mr. Dressler or Mr. Paul are in any way to blame. This seems to be another perfect example of the way a satellite campus suffers for the benefit of the main campus. With an impending tuition hike can we be expected to continue to pay these additional costs?

Clearly the system as it now stands is a detriment to both students and visitors. Should a visitor to our campus be required to spend his time in notifying the security office, if he has really done no wrong? Should we as students be vamped of our much needed funds? This situation must obviously be rectified - could you afford \$45.00?

Editorial

Student Leaders Back Down on Oswald Ouster

In its May 14th issue The Daily Collegian, the student newspaper for University Park, reported thirty-two student leaders had signed a letter calling for University President John W. Oswald's resignation.

According to The Collegian story, the letter was generated after four student leaders discussed the Penn State budget and Oswald's presentation before the legislative appropriations committees with several legislators and members of Governor Shapp's executive staff.

Two days later The Collegian reported the student leaders had "slightly modified their request." They are now asking for an administration change in attitude with resignation as an "ultimate resort."

The seriousness of this action precludes any reference to these politically naive student leaders who now have, pardon the cliched paraphrase, thirty-two pairs of feet in their collective mouth.

The request for Oswald's resignation was, in the Reader's opinion, an act of irresponsibility on the part of thirty-two supposedly responsible student leaders.

The decision to make the call for resignation a private letter to the thirty-three board members and Shapp adds a secretive touch to this irresponsibility.

Oswald had a right to a copy of such a letter, and the entire student body of Penn State has a right to know its full content.

In the words of student leader Doug Ford, as reported in The Collegian, the reason for the secrecy of the letter's content was because it was "a private letter to each individual board member, signed with the idea that it would not be released."

We wonder how many of these so-called student leaders would have signed such a public document.

So much for the principles of thirty-two student leaders at University Park.

This editorial was written independently from the following letter which appeared in the May 16th issue of The Collegian.

Since it is addressed to the entire Penn State student body, we are reprinting it here for Capitol students.

TO THE EDITOR: I don't normally give any credence to wild and irresponsible charges made by small and self-appointed minority groups attacking responsible public officials. However, I feel obligated to respond to statements I have heard through the news media in which a small group of students at Penn State have demanded the resignation of Pennsylvania State University President John W. Oswald. These charges are so far off base that I must make my comments known to the entire student body.

Permit me to state that I believe, and I am certain that the overwhelming number of my colleagues in the State Legislature concur, that President Oswald has done an outstanding job at Penn State and has earned the respect of the legislature and higher education officials throughout the state. His strong leadership in assisting with the State Master Plan for Higher Education in the Commonwealth is readily recognized, documented and totally appreciated by elected and appointed state officials. Additionally, Dr. Oswald is well known for his strong advocacy of low tuition rates in the Commonwealth university system.

Reference is made by the students that a negative feeling exists on the part of certain legislators and state officials toward Dr. Oswald and Penn State. May I remind the readers that legislative questioning at a university budget hearing does not constitute an adversary position on the part of the legislator toward Penn State. This is a vital questioning process that is followed in the General Assembly for all institutions and agencies seeking financial support. This legislature's feeling for Dr. Oswald and Penn State is apparent in the increases that have been made in the University's budget over the past five years. Of all the state-related institutions, Penn State receives the strongest support for their appropriations from the Pennsylvania Legislature. A look at the voting record on appropriation bills should suffice.

I believe I speak for the vast majority of my legislative colleagues that President Oswald has done an outstanding job for Penn State and the Commonwealth. I wish him continued success and I advise him to ignore irresponsible charges.

Benjamin H. Wilson
State representative

Changes Made

Graduate students are now eligible to vote in SGA elections, according to Scott Deardorff, SGA President. At a recent, aborted meeting of the President's Council, Deardorff also revealed that Spring term SGA elections will be held

later in the term next year. The Council meeting, called for Wednesday, May 21 in Middle Earth, was cancelled when only four organizations sent representatives. It was the last President's Council meeting of 1974-75.