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EDITORIAL

Lend A Hand

This editorial is not for the students. This week, the rest of the paper is for the students, but not the editorial. The editorial is aimed directly at the faculty. It's kind of an open letter.

I'd like to ask you a favor. I'd like to ask your help. Students across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are, at this moment, coordinating the demonstration to be held at the Capitol Building on November 15th. All of us who are involved in this action have put a lot of time and sleepless nights into it. What we're trying to gain is something that will be good for our school, whether it be Temple, Pittsburgh, or Capitol Campus. Not only for our own good, but for the good of that nebulous body often referred to as the "campus community."

What we need now is your help. We can do a lot, but, alone, we just can't do everything. You're the prestigious ones here; you're the respected ones. You've earned the degrees, you've written the books. In the eyes of society, you come across completely differently than we do. We're students; we're young; we're reckless; we're wierd. we need you.

But this is only part of it. Let's be practical for a minute. When it comes right down to it - and we all know this - the budget situation as it stands today threatens your jobs - each and every one of you. Look at Temple. How many of you have a friend or two who teaches there? What will he or she be doing in a couple of weeks if Temple closes down? What will you do when things get that bad here? And they can get that bad. They're well on their way.

The demonstration is the 15th. Come out in the open. You can be our secret weapon, the key to solving this whole problem, not to mention saving your own jobs. March with us on the 15th. Sign one of our petitions. Make a few phone calls for us. Lend your prestige to make our effort and we can do anything. A state senator won't listen to me. I'm just a crazy college newspaper editor out to raise hell. That same senator, though, will listen to you. You're in a completely different class, a class even he has to respect. You can make the difference between our success and our failure.

Take the day off on the 15th. Better yet, hold your class on the steps of the Capitol. Let it be a lesson to your students in the art of cooperation.

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Money Crisis At Peak

By Dave Nikoloff
SGA Senator

Last week a small group of people gathered together to find some way to show their concern about the crisis which our University faces. Since then that small group has grown. Plans have been made for a demonstration of our concern about the budget, state grants, scholarships, and state support for higher education.

Those of us at Capitol Campus are not alone in this effort. University Park, the University of Pittsburgh, Temple, the University of Pennsylvania, other branch campuses, and Drexel have indicated they will actively support student protest at the state capitol. In fact, a meeting of student leaders in this effort will be sponsored on this campus this weekend. At that meeting, an agenda for the demonstration at the state capitol on November 15 will be completed. It should be clear by now that students at this and other universities are going to take action. Now is the time for you to make a commitment.

SIGN A PETITION

By Linda [Rhodes] Weaver

You've probably noticed a furor of activity at the round table, by the main entrance. Yes, people are actually excited and doing something. What we (me, you, and many other) are excited about is the decision on the part of many students to do something about the state's not providing funds for our university. We realize we're getting our education only because of loans. Loans to keep the university in operation cost money - lots of money. And every dollar spent on interest is a dollar not spent on our needs.

So we've decided to act, and to act now. Petitions demanding immediate appropriations for the state supported colleges and universities are being circulated on campus. You can sign your John/Jane Henry at the round table, or with one of the many petition carriers. You'll know them by the badge they're wearing.

The petition reads:
"In as much as state budget allocations for state supported

Our effort needs help to complete the great deal of preparation that has to be done. Phone calls, letters, petitions, and students willing to march on the capitol are needed. The magnitude and success of this action will be determined by the active support that you, the student body, gives to this demonstration.

We are making plans to have several thousand students turn out for a program of speakers and events in the capitol city on Nov. 15th. The other schools have said that they can bring students, and now it is up to us to carry our own weight. You can contact student organizers and offer your help in the SGA Office in W-110. If you can march with us at the capitol, sign up on the lists at the round table and in the SGA office. We have plans to provide bus and automobile transportation and we need to estimate just how many people plan to attend. Hurry and sign up quickly. We can't afford to wait around and then arrange a last minute effort.

If you want more informa-

schools have not kept pace with inflation."

"Noting that our university and other universities are each paying thousands of dollars in interest daily to remain in operation."

"And further noting that state education grants have not increased substantially."

"We urge our state legislators to retain the Senatorial Scholarship program."

"And DEMAND IMMEDIATE appropriations for the state supported colleges and universities."

Do you want to finish your education here? Does it matter that the university you list on your resume is still in existence five or ten years down the road when you're trying to get that better-paying, more prestigious position? If it does matter, than flag down a badge-wearing, petition-carrying, concerned student, and sign your name, too. We can show our legislators what a large voting block we represent.

tion, just walk into the SGA office at your convenience and ask questions. Remember to read the next issue of the C.C. Reader and listen to WNDR for further announcements. Also, signs will be posted at various locations around the campus alerting you to events, dates, and information about the protest program.

On Monday, Nov. 7th, we will be holding our own campus rally at 12:00 in VENDORVILLE. Drop by and find out what is going to happen and how you can help. Students and faculty are welcome, since the prob-

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Let's Go Gang!

By Peggy Hartzell
Staff Writer

OK-By now each and every one of you should have been lambasted by the profusity of articles concerning the Penn State Budget crisis. So what are ya' going to do? Where do we go from here?

1. Sign the petition at the round table demanding the State Legislators to pass our budget.

2. Write your local senator and representative urging them to support and vote in favor of the Penn State Budget as it now stands. Give them to a petition carrier, or drop them off in the S.G.A. office.

3. Inform your parents of our budget crisis and ask them to write their local representative in Harrisburg. (What parent wants a tuition increase? Not mine!!!)

4. Lastly, and most importantly, participate in the state-wide demonstration to be held Tuesday, November 15th at the Capitol in Harrisburg students from Temple University, University of Pittsburgh and Penn State Branch Campuses (18 total PSU branches) will be there. A rally Car-pool will be organized. (Transportation hassels will not be legit excuses.)

Hey kids, you're needed. We the student body, need each other. In a small or big way, show your concern. Squelch apathy! To quote a famous orator, W.C.Fields, "be brave my little buckeroos."

Lets get out to the Capitol, Tuesday November 15th and help "PASS THE BUCK!"

All-U-Day

Any student who is interested in transportation to All-U-Day should contact Joe Mahar in the SGA Office (W-110) or sign their name on the list at the Round Table.

We plan to rent a bus that will leave the Campus at 8:00 A.M. Cost per student will be \$4.00 for the round trip. The bus will leave State College after 11:00 P.M.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

In response to last weeks editorial "The People vs....", I want to let you know that I support your stand on the tuition issue. It is time for the students and staff of The Pennsylvania State University to band together and let the politicians know how we feel about the quality of education here in Pennsylvania. A massive letter-writing cam-

paign is my suggestion for putting pressure on the state legislators. This is one time when the students of Penn State should be heard before it is too late.

Robert C. Forester

(Editor's note: Thanks for the support. We also think the letter writing idea is a good one. See Dave Nikoloff's column for more details).