

# Perspectives

## Higher Tuition

Congratulations! As a student at Penn State you have the honor of paying the highest tuition of any state university in the nation.

Why are you paying more? Let's look at some statistics.

Over the past two years the Pennsylvania Legislature has failed to keep up with inflation. With inflation taken into account, Pennsylvania's state funds for higher education have decreased by 7 percent. This figure ranks 50th in the country. That's dead last!

This is an important fact to remember in the upcoming election. Find out how the candidates in your district feel about this problem and then get out and vote. The last thing this university needs is a fiasco like the one last year.

After the election, when your new representatives are in office, don't forget to write them, or call them to let them know how you feel about rising tuition. We don't need it and we don't want it. Our funds are barely enough now to maintain our present quality, and at a young school like Capitol the emphasis should be on improvement.



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### Letters To



### The Editor

The C.C. READER welcomes comments on editorials, news articles and on or off-campus affairs.

Letters must contain the name, term, and major of the writer. Names will be withheld upon request. The editorial staff reserves the right to edit letters and to reject any deemed unsuitable for publication.

### Where Are We Headed?

By Craig Hocker

What is our next step? Are we even facing in the right direction? How are we going to get started so that everyone knows and understands the motives

Are we to be the villains? Are we to be the scapegoats? Are we to be snickered at for lack of support? Why isn't there support? What are your justifications for your actions?

Do you know what it is that you want? Are you just reaching out for anything tangible? Is there a purpose for your actions? Do you have a reliable, valid plan of action?

Why must we ask so many questions? Why aren't there enough answers? Who has the solutions? Are there any solutions? What would be the best solution? Is a reasonable solution possible?

Of course there is a reasonable solution possible! One would not know that there is, because it is buried beneath all the questions that must be answered first. People don't have the patience to answer all the questions necessary to arrive at a reasonable solution. Worse yet, they don't ask all of the questions that are guarding the solution from improper usage. Don't be afraid to ask questions. They are tantamount to reasonable solutions. They are also convenient for avoiding unnecessary and costly mistakes



## SGA News

The fifth meeting of SGA was held Tuesday evening. Income for the past week was \$88 in parking fines and \$330 in Vendorville.

Ron Melchiorre, Director of Continuing Education, took time to come and explain to the SGA Continuing Education's position on their use of the Student Center. Any more questions on this affair should be directed to Ron.

Scott Summers reported on

clubs' falling attendance at the Presidents Council meetings. Budgets will be frozen for clubs missing two consecutive meetings.

Elections have been postponed until Monday, October 30.

There were no actions taken by the SGA.

Sandy Mancuso  
SGA Secretary

## CAPB

### Responsibilities

The Senate charges the Activities Planning Board with the responsibility for a continuing social program on campus. It is to be clear that their budget is to be spent on events that benefit the student body as a whole. This includes all students, part-time and graduate. The social committee should also realize we are not an island here and they shall support events involving the community.

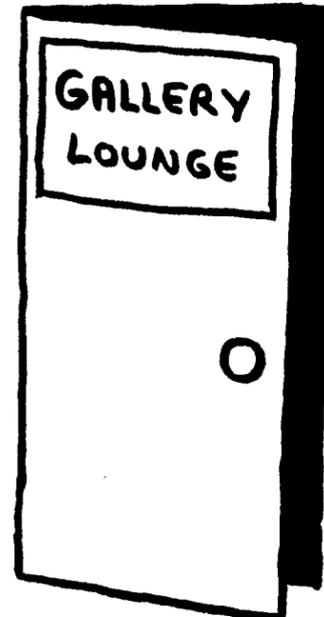
The Planning Board was designed to solve the following problems: (1) The deficit spending of clubs and organizations. (2) The steady diet of poorly managed keggers. (3) Lack of a form and launch base for new social events. (4) The duplication of club activities. (5) Lack of coordination and cooperation between clubs and the social committee.

It is the duty of the General Committee and the Board to keep these problems in mind and work toward their solution.

It is strongly suggested that a member of the General Committee and the Board attend the President's Council so as to understand the social desires and trends of the clubs. It is also suggested that the vice-president submit a minutes of the council meeting to the Board every week.

The General Committee and the Board must realize the leadership conference is an essential part of our administrative pipeline. It is here that active involved students become aware of current problems and the opportunities provided by our administration. They form the leadership group that the Board will have to deal with. The General Committee and the Board should use the ideas generated by this group in their initial social schedule.

The Board being the recipient of all this input is charged with the responsibility of maintaining an open mind and a spirit of compromise.



FIRST HE SAID "TRICK OR TREAT" AND THEN HE GAVE US AN EXAM THAT SCARED THE HELL OUT OF US!