

THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY
THE CAPITOL CAMPUS
MIDDLETOWN, PENNSYLVANIA 17057

Student Government Association

October 18, 1979

Dr. Theodore Gross, Provost
The Pennsylvania State University
Capitol Campus
Middletown, Penna. 17057

Dear Dr. Gross:

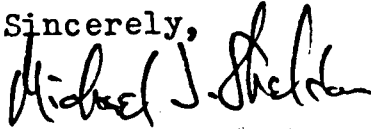
I am writing on behalf of the Student Government Association and the student body as to the reason(s) for your decision to deny Ms. Jane Fonda and Mr. Tom Hayden access to the students of Capitol Campus.

The student body is presently under the impression that Capitol Campus, as an educational medium, favors the exchange of ideas and information. However, as demonstrated via the Fonda/Hayden denial, it seems that this may not be the case. In effect, Capitol Campus procedure seems to be speaking out in favor of informational censorship, and in this instance, nuclear power.

As students of this institution, we feel that we have a right to know the "pros" as well as the "cons" of socially pertinent issues. In our eyes, nuclear power and its effects upon our health (keeping in mind our close proximity to T.M.I.) is a pertinent issue. Only outrage can be the result of a continued censorship practice and in an institution of this size, outrage is not needed.

I welcome your reply Dr. Gross, and look forward to it with the utmost anticipation.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Sheldon, Pres.
Student Government

THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY
INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Date: October 23, 1979
From: Theodore L. Gross *TLG*
To: Mr. Michael Sheldon, President, Student Government

Dear Michael,

Thank you for your letter of October 18, 1979 requesting the reasoning for the "decision to deny Miss Jane Fonda and Mr. Tom Hayden access to the students of Capitol Campus."

As I mentioned at the meeting of the Provost Advisory Committee, the Capitol Campus has welcomed a whole range of perceptions and opinions bearing upon nuclear energy. On the one hand, we have had Dr. Gofman, who expressed an anti-nuclear position; on the other hand, we have had members of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, who have a stake in the future of nuclear energy. We would hope to welcome any speaker, expressing any point of view, at the Capitol Campus. But it has become apparent to us that it is impossible to accommodate large groups on the campus. We attempted to do this by inviting the President's Commission on Three Mile Island Accident to hold its hearing at the campus. It did so, as you know, and many of our staff, faculty and administration were diverted for the better part of two weeks from their normal activities. We do not have sufficient resources to accommodate the kind of large gathering that would have and that did result from Jane Fonda's presence in the Harrisburg area. Our decision had absolutely nothing to do with the position pro or con concerning nuclear energy. It had to do with our feeling that we cannot handle large public events on the campus.

TLG/ksk

What do YOU think?

On the upper left hand corner of this page is a copy of the letter Mike Sheldon, president of SGA, questions Dr. Gross on the denial of Jane Fonda and Tom Hayden to speak at Capitol Campus.

In the lower left hand corner of this page is a copy of Gross's reply, in which he states his reason for denying Fonda and Hayden.

The SGA and the C.C. Reader would like to encourage students to respond to the two letters. Drop off a letter, stop in or call the SGA, office W-110, or the C.C. Reader, office W-129 (944-9470).

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tinuing education program," said that some of the "students" attending have had over 30 years' experience with arson investigation. He speculated that "they've got enough interest in the problem to listen" to new ideas.

Kornblum referred to the field of arson litigation as "a fascinating area." He said the course at Capitol was doing a "tremendous job" in educating people interested in arson investigation, and he predicted that "In ten years this will be the biggest short-term program in the country."

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