

## From the editor's desk...

As the Capital Times promised, we gave SGA ample space to respond to articles and the editorial in the October 4 issue. And respond they did! What we did not expect, however, was that SGA would use inaccuracies and misrepresentations to prove so-called inaccuracies in the Capital Times. By the way, SGA President Toni Mandronico agreed that SGA's letter contains misrepresentations. To her credit, she tried to get members of the Finance Committee, SGA, or whoever to revise the letter before publishing it. Unfortunately, Toni's words fell on deaf ears. So, instead of letting SGA have its say and putting this matter to rest, we have no choice but to refute some of the items in their letter to the editor: (At this point, you may want to read SGA's letter.

1) SGA claims that only four clubs have questioned allocations. All clubs who have questioned allocations, should question them again because someone isn't counting.

2) SGA's advisor, Janet Widoff, said at an SGA open forum that this year's Finance Committee has chosen to handle allocations differently than last year.

3) If there is no reason to believe that SGA will not receive the same amount of money as last year, as Janet Widoff also said at the open forum, then what's the big deal about not being able to prepare a budget.

4) The Capital Times and other clubs do face an uncertain future because we have no budget with which to plan.

5) Whatever the justification was for not meeting individually with reporters, the fact remains, the Finance committee members refused to meet individually with reporters.

6) Dr. Mahar's quote is not an inaccuracy. He said it. We quoted him. And we stand by the quote as accurate.

7) We would venture to guess that members of the Finance Committee drew up this letter and SGA rubber stamped. Then again, that's only our opinion.

8) This one is the biggest farce to date. And it is just what all the fuss is about. The definition of a budget seems to be eluding our student leaders. Their latest claim seems to be that a stack of financial records amounts to a budget. Would someone in the School of Business please define a budget for these people.

Second behind the budget ballyhoo is SGA's claim that they are responding to the editor's request to place a deadline on first-time budget allocations. Anyone who was at the meeting when this issue came up, if they are honest, will verify that the discussion centered around new clubs only. I did not request such a deadline.

I hope that in the future, if SGA wants to point out inaccuracies, then they confine themselves to inaccuracies.

Nathan Lee Gadsden  
Editor in chief

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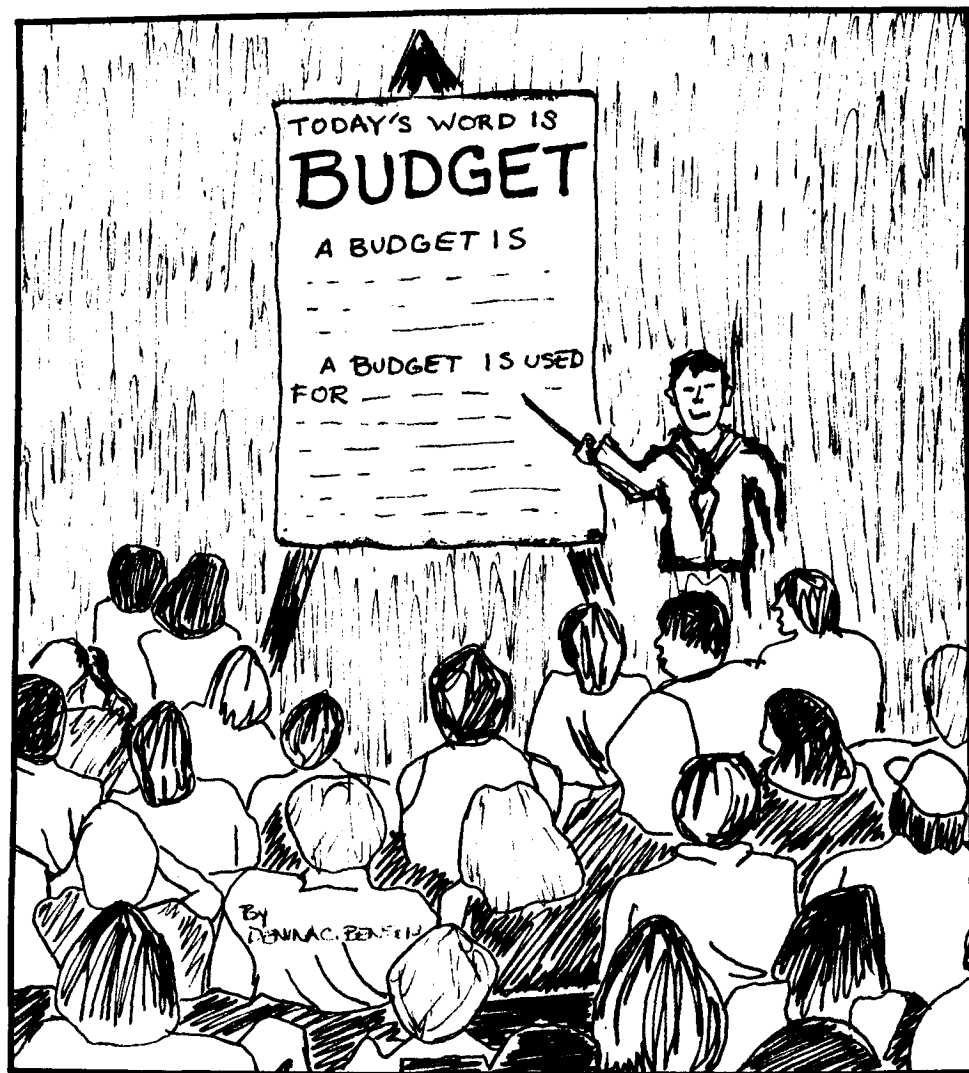
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## Letters to the editor...

### Mad engineer

explanation sounds like a good story to me.

A disgruntled EET senior.

Dear Editor,

There it is again. That disheartening feeling that my Penn State Harrisburg tuition and engineering surcharge dollars are being used as kindling in the Olmsted Building's furnace. It certainly does not seem that monies from the engineering students, which most likely comprise most of Penn State Harrisburg's funding, are being used to better the EET program.

Sure, new state-of-the-art equipment is expensive, but most equipment currently in use here had to have been manufactured near the evolution of solid state circuitry (in layman's terms -- no tubes), and the local Radio Shack or hobby store is much better stocked for parts than the EET equipment room. It's true that equipment updates take time, but where has all the money from past years gone? I ask you, how could a small community college (from which I graduated) that has no surcharge, and tuition nearly one-third that of PSH, have better second hand equipment on reserve than what we have here as our main store? As future engineers, we will be entering a very high-tech world; how prepared can we be if the first time we encounter new technology is our first day at work?

Another concern of mine deals with the equipment differences between the EET and MET laboratories. Both courses of study appear to have nearly the same number of students enrolled, yet the MET computer lab has twice the number of computers as the EET lab. Am I missing something? An

### Nothing to fuss about

Dear Editor,

Anyone taking the time to see "The Last Temptation of Christ," so as to form their own opinion, really has no need of commentary on it. However, since so many people seem to be influenced by other's opinions, I felt I needed to refute some of David Blymire's comments in the last Capital Times about that "great work of Agnostic confusion."

First, I am not sure who was thought to be confused. The author clearly stated in writing, on screen, that the movie was not an accurate representation of the Gospels, but rather an artistic attempt to show what might have happened and what went on in Christ's mind. Blymire says that "As a Humanities student, I'm willing to allow that perhaps the movie can't be taken at face value. . . [as] a historically accurate telling of the gospel story." That's very big of him since it was never intended to be one.

Surely, there could not be confusion on the part of a conservative Christian viewer. Fundamentalists have long known about the infallibility and literal