

# Rap group 'Public Enemy' misnamed

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I just had the worst dream. I dreamed former Ku Klux Klan top banana David Duke ran for Governor of Louisiana and actually got 39 percent of the vote. I dreamed George Steinbrenner was about to resume running the Yankees. I dreamed another tuition increase had been approved at this campus. I dreamed Iraq raped Kuwait. I dreamed Saddam Hussein was allowed to continue as the leader of Iraq.

Listen to the racist propaganda freely spewed by the rap group *Public Enemy* and you will understand why the "y" in their name should be changed to an "a."

New Jersey is very close to implementing the most decisive welfare reforms in history. Whether the reforms are for the better is open for debate--and much debate there will be.

Should New Jersey pave the road for other states, this could be a most interesting election year.

Says one scholar--if you are entirely politically correct, you are either overly sensitive or a lemming.

Last fall I decided to take a management course as an elective. Put mildly, when I informed my well spoken, communications major friends, I received

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many looks of bewilderment. "Why," they seemed to collectively inquire, "would you want to take a course where everything is predetermined?"

My fellow future world leaders had determined courses listed under the Business heading were exercises in boredom. "Management courses are prescribed as cures for acute insomniacs" pleaded one malcontent. When I suggested a dip into the world of business would further serve to round out my education, the looks of bewilderment changed to gazes of pity.

"How lost is our brother" some cried as they took up a collection to provide me with an ample supply of Vivarin for my sojourn into the Land of the Big Sleep.

My prognosticators could not have been more incorrect.

Management 310 was anything but an exercise in memorizing predetermined babble for the purpose of intellectual regurgitation upon testing materials.

Instructor Steve Schappe presented theory and encouraged discussion. A lesser teacher may have drudged through the course material with only the end in sight. For the students who brought their appetites, the brain food was there in abundant portions.

I strongly commend Steve "no No-Doz needed" Shappe for his excellent classroom demeanor.

Now, an open letter to the faculty of Penn State Harrisburg:

I am considering a request to the FBI. I would like the agency to look into the relationships between the faculty, the bookstore and the publishers of text required in many Penn State Harrisburg classes. The only sensible explanation is that some shady business is occurring.

Too many times I have spent up to fifty dollars on a required text book that was scarcely referred to in class. Too many

times have I spent large sums of money on required latest editions only to find that inconsequential revisions were all that separated the ninth edition from the tenth.

My date of graduation presents itself in May of this year; therefore, my plea is on behalf of those students who will remain.

The cost of an education continues to spiral beyond the peaks of the Pyrenees Mountains, and the current economic conditions require many students to get by on the bare minimum.

While I am certain that some instructors make an effort to keep the cost of required texts at a minimum, I know firsthand that others give this little thought. To those who qualify as the former go the thanks of every student who Donald Trump does not claim as a dependent. As for those who qualify as the latter, wake up and smell the coffee.

Do not take this as a slam against the entire faculty of this institution. This slam is precisely aimed at those who give little or no consideration to the limited budgets of students.

# Student apathy at PSH is inexcusable

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Yes, The Wolf's Den. Excuse the pun. It was not my first choice as a title.

I have never written an opinion column before, so if this ends up being trash I have an excuse to fall back on. I shouldn't worry though, because my experience at this campus tells me that very few of you will give a damn anyway. Reading this column requires a few things on your part.

First of all, and most obvious, you must be literate. Nowadays that's not always a given on a college campus. Second, you have to actually pick up the paper and open it. And third, you have to be interested in something besides the pizza coupons when you pick it up.

What's my point? It is simply that this campus could dry up and blow away and many students wouldn't notice. Apathy ranks second only to drinking beer at the Sunburst on the list of popular extra-curricular activities at Penn State Harrisburg.

What makes me say that? Wake up. As a student who does try to get involved I see a lot of those who don't. When I was a senator in SGA I was part of an organization whose main concern is non-academic activities for students. It was only too clear that the money spent on such activities was wasted on many occasions. That isn't the fault of SGA. They work very hard.

Still, as I walk down the hall, the loudest non-academic complaint I hear usually has something to do with there being "nothing to do on campus." That's just pure bull. If it doesn't involve drinking beer or getting naked, many

students couldn't care less.

I had the honor of serving as chairman of the SGA Election Screening Committee last semester. As part of my

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duty, I helped to count the votes at the end of the election. Approximately 110 people out of about 3400 voted. *You don't give a damn.*

Hundreds of dollars were spent on a disc jockey for AutumnFest last fall, as well as free pizza and ice cream. Ten people showed up. Most of them were members of SGA. What the hell, I had a good time. *You don't give a damn.*

The 25th Anniversary Celebration was, in my humble opinion, a tremendous flop. I've been told that about 18,000 invitations were sent to alumni, approximately 200 showed up for the event. As I sat in Vartan Plaza that Saturday, I noticed that there weren't many students there. The ones that were there, for the most part, were associated with one of the clubs that were trying to earn money that day. That wasn't the fault of the committee that planned the celebration. *You don't give a damn.*

Before any of you go reaching for your poison pens to tell me that this is a university and that we are here primarily for an education, you can save your paper. I don't need letters like that to insult my intelligence, that's what my friends are for. If you are here for "just an education" that's fine. But don't go around bitching that there's nothing to do. That's your fault.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Reader responds to diversity issue

Editor:

I would like to address the comments made by Professor Michael Barton on the subject of diversity. I feel that it is attitudes such as these that is causing the American Education System as well as American Business to fail in the international market place. In the world economy which we live it is of the up most importance that we maintain and understand a world view. In my dealings as a business person as well as my personal friendships with those not native to America does our inadequacies as world citizens become known. The curriculum of foreign schools or universities teach multiple foreign languages, cultures and political systems. This diversity which they learn has helped countries like Japan, Korea and others understand and compete successfully in foreign markets. If there is any question as to their success just look at our trade deficit.

If Professor Barton's wishes were implemented and students did not have the opportunity to learn diversity we would be

going backward in our educational system not forward. We can no longer isolate ourselves and believe that because we are Americans we have privileges or advantages over any other people.

By teaching and discussing diversity will not "force" or "legitimize crackpot theorists" as Professor Barton puts it. Students will have the opportunity to agree or disagree with the views discussed in order to widen their perspective and realize that there are opposing views. The "choice" Professor Barton speaks of is not a choice in realizing that there are opposing views but choice in believing and incorporating them.

Malcolm Forbes once said "Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one." Diversity is one way to ensure an open mind not a closed one.

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*Editor's Note: This letter appears in its unedited form as it was received by the Capital Times.*

The Student Government Association will hold an Open Forum for the entire student body on Jan. 28, from 12:30 to 2 p.m., location to be announced. All students are welcome to attend and discuss any problems or concerns they may have. For more information contact SGA in Rm. 212 of the Olmsted Building.