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allow the use of it's (PSU's) symbols," she said.

Hoffman emphasized that her opinions had nothing to do with the choice of candidates.

"Even if it were a different candidate, I would object," she said.

Public outcry against the university's implied endorsement of Bush's candidacy has prompted officials at PSU to begin working on a policy regarding visits by political candidates to the campus.

"The University Senate Officers have decided that we will be working with the University Senate Committee to establish a firm policy on visits by political candidates," said Jacob DeRooy, associate

professor of economics and secretary of the university faculty senate.

"We are planning to contact other universities with respect to entertaining political candidates," he said.

DeRooy said that university officials did not sanction the rally.

"Bush was invited by PSU's Student Republican Organization. It was a student activity," he said.

DeRooy also added, "President Joab Thomas did not appear with Bush on the same platform."

Then there is the issue of free speech. "It's very important that everyone have academic and political freedom," said

Michael Young, assistant professor of politics and public affairs.

"The university has not always been open to open speech," he said.

Cathy Himes, a graduate student in mechanical engineering, said, "I thought if Paterno wanted to endorse Bush, he had every right to. It was like Bush going to a home team. I think everybody over-reacted."

Some of the concerns go beyond damaged public image.

"I am less concerned with the impact on the public, than about the impact upon the university," Hoffman said.

"The endorsement means something to me because we are the university. That logo shouldn't have been used in a partisan

way, even if it were a different candidate," she said.

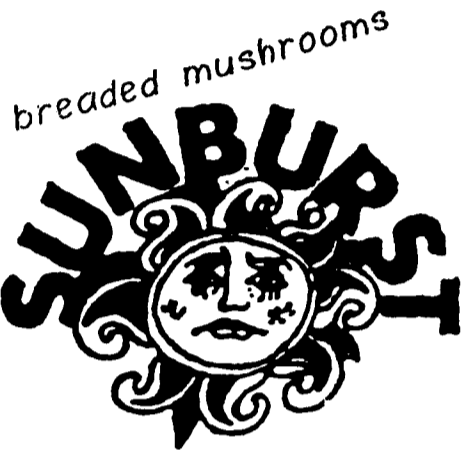
Young said, "Paterno is an institution at PSU, and as such, he represents more than himself. He has to decide where his personal and public personae end."

The remaining questions is, was it worth all the hype?

According to Young, not really. "I don't think Paterno's endorsement will get Bush a single vote. It just doesn't translate (into votes)," Young said.

"For presidential races, endorsements don't mean very much," he said.

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