

## New library is victimized by bureaucracy

Our hopes for a new library building are being held hostage among the legislative battles at the State Capitol.

This is because HB 2937, a capital budget bill which contains the approval to raise funds for the new library building at Penn State Harrisburg, has been lying fallow in the Committee on Appropriations since Sept. 21.

Presently, sources inside the legislature say the bill will die at the end of this legislative session midnight Nov. 30.

If the legislative leadership had the opportunity, they could amend the library building request into a bill that is ready for a vote, or pass a special funding appropriation.

But with important issues such as children's health care insurance and the worker's compensation system, no one is sure what will happen in these last days of the lame duck session.

Nonetheless, our chances for the approval in this year's legislative session look slim. This means the process must start over again in January when the new legislature convenes.

It also means our building plans are further postponed.

Yes, eventually we will build a library, but with each year that passes, the costs increase. By the time the building is erected, the planners may have to decide to cut space or spend more money.

It looks quite ominous. And unless we rattle the cages of the legislative leaders, we could see our needs overlooked again.

This year's senior class is tossing around ideas for the class gift. So far, the ideas suggested include donating funds for more landscaping on campus.

Well, look around. Just what we need--more flowers and another bush.

Perhaps the senior class could distinguish themselves by donating a legacy to Penn State Harrisburg that will truly benefit future classes.

Our proposal to the senior class is to organize a student action committee that will sponsor a write-in campaign and a visit to the state legislators who can influence passage of a capital budget bill.

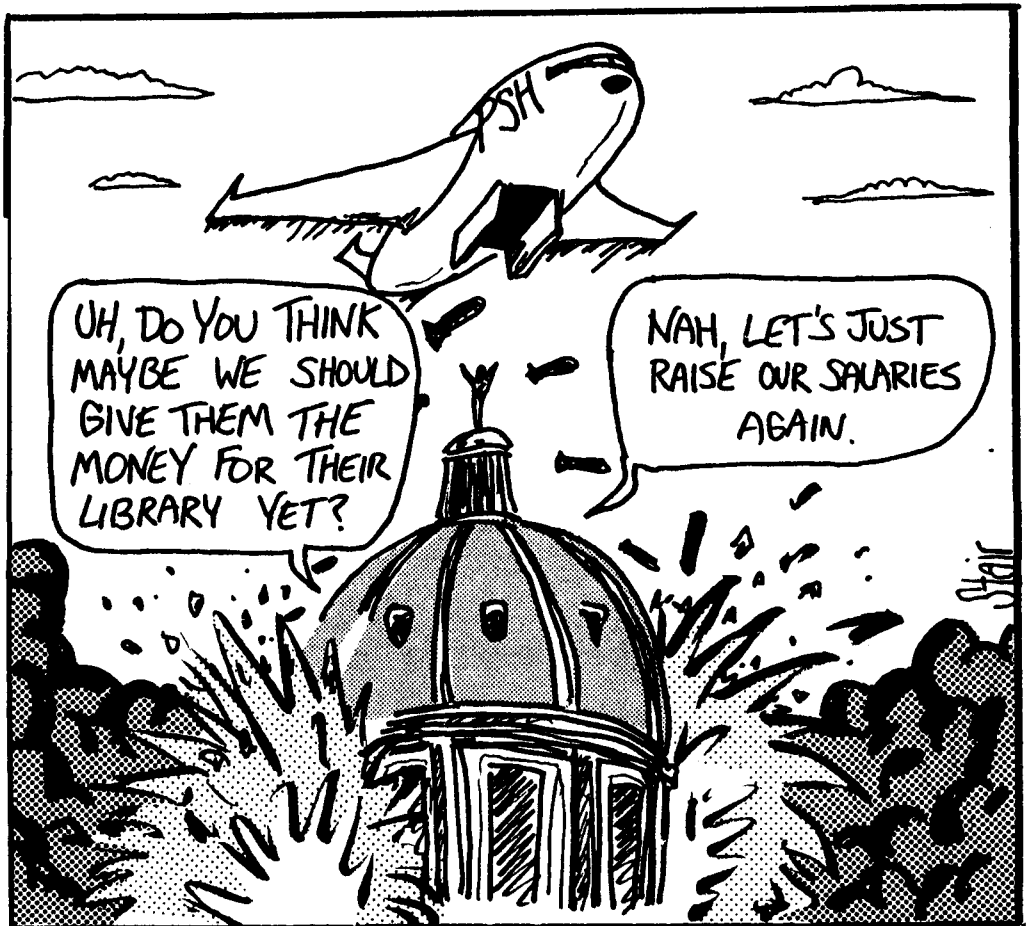
William Faulhaber, adjunct professor of humanities, works in the legislature and has offered his help. So has Rick Delgiorno, president of SGA.

So how about it, seniors? How do you want to be remembered--with bushes and buds--or books and a building?

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Editor-in-Chief

If you are interested in writing a letter in support of the capital budget bill, send your letters to the following legislators:

Rep. Dwight Evans, Chairperson of the Committee on Appropriations  
Rep. Frank Tulli, 106th Legislative District  
Representative William DeWeese, Majority Leader  
Main Capitol, House of Representatives  
Harrisburg, PA 17120



## Kern loss is greater than we know

Dear Editor:

With great interest, I have closely watched the recent articles concerning events of non-tenured track professionals in your campus' School of Business.

In particular, I have noticed the fate of Charles Kern, who has served our university and local accounting professional community with distinction for over 12 years. As a practicing CPA, Mr. Kern is forced to give up his teaching position due to the university's enforcement of a four-class teaching requirement. Education has been a large part of Mr. Kern's life since serving as a graduate assistant at University Park. While his employees are glad Mr. Kern will have more time for practice issues, we also sense the void in his life that his exit from teaching will bring.

Let me first state that this letter is written by a former student, intern,

employee and current CPA practice partner of Mr. Kern. As a PSH student in the mid-'80s, I witnessed first hand the lack of concern for quality classroom instruction at your campus.

With respect to all university faculty, a Ph.D. degree does not equate to good classroom instruction nor capability. Academia must wake up, much like our nation as a whole. The advancement of research issues is irrelevant if the students do not grasp the basics. Your current tenured accounting faculty has very little real world experience nor command of the basics.

As a matter of record, when I was a new graduate, I sat for the CPA exam and was surprised to find one of my accounting instructors also sitting for the exam. I passed--the instructor did not. The reason I passed is directly attributable to the real

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