

Talking about a revolution

Students, it is about time you realize just whose campus this is. This campus does not belong to you. In fact, it may never have been yours.

The university has its way with you every semester and you sit there, drawing a blank stare as they rape your wallet, molest your mind, and most importantly, never ask your permission. Academic rape at its finest.

Do you not care that next semester, you will be taken advantage of once again. You will be forced to pay a parking fee - or the politically correct term, "Fee Based Vehicle Registration Program?"

Are you not bothered that every semester more and more students flock to this institution yet classes remain crammed as sections decrease.

And the latest rape committed by administration - the scheduling fee. Students will now have to purchase thin PSH schedule books, at 90 cents, that list the classes that you're already paying more than \$2,274 a semester to take. University Park's thickly-bound 128-page schedule book costs just 50 cents.

Students should be asking "How are these decisions made?" "Who decides to raise tuition and force me to pay to park my car at a commuter campus?" "Just whose campus is this?"

Wake up PSH. Get off your dusty behinds and protest.

We challenge and encourage you as angry students, to rise up and take back your campus. Refuse to pay the parking fee.

This campus is quickly becoming a business, with administration and investor interests first - students last.

Let Provost Lenthal know what you think about the decisions that were made on your behalf without your consent. Let her know that your wallet is not as fat as the University thinks it is, that you cannot afford to spend money on such trivial things as a scheduling book, or a parking fee and, that you *do* care.

Gather outside Provost Leventhal's office and demand answers. Make her listen to your concerns. Fight against the very apathy that feeds the fire of Provost Leventhal and her colleagues.

If college campuses are no longer a place that allows free speech and encourages change, the very grounds that our country was founded on risks falling to the way-side.



PSH: unstoppable flood of fees

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Ever hear of the unethical medical practice of "unbundling" of costs? Me neither, until about a year ago. That's when a medical bill I received was broken down, unbundled, into hundreds of pieces instead of being billed as a single procedure.

It's kind of like buying a car piece by piece and is how the medical community gets 30% more money from insurance companies and, ultimately, from you and me. This practice costs us about \$70 billion a year.

Angry? Me too. Now, suppose I told you that our college education is being "unbundled" in a similar fashion.

Don't believe me? Take a good look at this spring's tuition bill when it comes. Not only will it contain your tuition itself, but a host of other fees like a computer fee, binding fee, residential life fee, late registration fee, a surcharge, a student parking fee and possibly twenty odd others. And if those wonderful folks at U. Park have their way with us again, a new student activities fee.

The student activities fee is proposed to reinstate some of those things the school lost when the administration faced

budget restraints and had to cut what they didn't think was necessary.

You know...COLLEGE LIFE. The

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funding that helped post graduates look back on PSH as a place where they became who they are, not just a brand X college to get a piece of paper so they could make more money in the working world (sound familiar?).

I can hear that head honcho at U. Park say, "just relax, this won't hurt a bit. It'll just be added to your semester bill and be absorbed into the rest of your tuition bill, becoming a problem answered by your financial aid." The assistant head honcho then chimes, "it's the way every college does business."

Won't hurt? No, not now. We'll check back with you six months after graduation when Mr. PHEEA starts sending you those nice letters of responsibility to PAY UP NOW!

It may be the way all colleges do business, but that doesn't make it any more ethical.

Every time there is a new fee, I can't help but wonder what happens to the \$4,548.00 in tuition per student the

university gets each year (over \$300 million total tuition). We will probably never know. PSU's financial records are sealed tighter than the rest of the JFK assassination files.

Truth be known, I don't care how much our professors are making, most of them are probably underpaid for the job they do. You probably feel that way too, yet it seems that the PSU administration feels that revealing professors' salaries would wreak such havoc that the budget must remain closed. They either think that, or that we're much too simple to understand such a complicated budget.

When I get a condensed medical bill, I have the right to review a detailed listing of services rendered. Why should my semester bill be any different?

Did I ever tell you about the time the OB/GYN doctor tried to charge me for a circumcision on my newborn baby girl?

So pay your computer fee - although most have their own computers, pay your parking fee - sure Doc, it's a parking fee, pay your binding, your surcharge, your diploma mailing fee, etc....

What choice do you have?

None.

Let's lay here and wait for the next fee to come looking for blood. Maybe it will go away if we're real quiet.

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READER REACTION

Mindless mutilation mortifies prof

Dear Editor,

The mindless mutilation of Oliver LaGrone's sculpture, newly placed at the center-rear entrance to the Olmsted building, has left me in a state of shock.

A polygon was ripped from the hand of the male figure who held it as a symbol of the incompleteness of unity among humankind. At the dedication of the artwork a couple of weeks ago, the sculptor, now aged and in need of a cane as he stood to give his short but eloquent speech, spoke of the circle as the perfect symbol of oneness.

He said he found it necessary to withhold the circle and to use in its place the polygon, because human beings had not yet achieved the harmony the circle requires.

How ironic that those who senselessly destroyed his sculpture are now themselves a symbol of those whose malicious thoughts prevent the oneness that Oliver held up as the ultimate goal to which human beings should aspire.

Oliver, whom I believe by now must be in his 80s lives in Detroit, but for

many years was a distinguished resident of Harrisburg. He is an African-American whose life and accomplishments stand as a high example of the hope for healing among races and peoples.

Oliver was and is a great moral leader, an eloquent spokesman for harmony and love. His presence is magnetic. With his deep bass voice and

warm smile, he could, and did, move his audiences to tears.

With the wanton destruction of his sculpture, he now has another reason to cry.

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Where's Dr. Leventhal?

Dear Editor,

Upon rushing to meet the Capital Times deadline, I am left with a burning question. Reference upon reference has been made recently to our Provost Dr. Ruth Leventhal. Feeling like a child glued to a Where's Waldo book, I am left wondering, "who is Dr. Leventhal?"

I am not alone in my question. I have been hard pressed to find any student who can actually tell me who or what she is. Obviously we could

refer to her job description to find our her responsibilities. My concern, as well as others', however, deals with her invisibility.

With all of the negative publicity coming her way these days, instead of laying low and ignoring the voices of students and faculty, I feel she owes it to all of us to emerge from hiding and justify herself as Provost of PSH.

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