

Editor's Comments



expensive cars, wear designer clothes, and live a life of luxury influenced by pop-culture music and fashion. They live the life of the rich and can afford to do so: after all they still live at home.

Does anyone else see a problem with this? While researching the topic I found some disturbing information. This obsessed desire with material pleasures is obscene. In 2004, luxury sales in the United States rose to \$525 billion a year. By the year 2010, Americans are expected to spend \$1 trillion on luxury goods according to Michael Silverstein, an expert in consumer insight for the Boston Consulting Group and co-author of "Trading Up: Why Consumers Want New Luxury Goods."

Something else I found disturbing is according to the US Census Bureau, in 2003, there were about 20 million young people who could be categorized as working-class. That accounts for more than half of the 18-25 population. Research of this group shows that more than a third are what they have dubbed "gold-collar." So, a third of this age group is completely content with

Whatever happened to growing up? You know, looking forward to gaining the freedom of moving out of your parents house, actually earning some responsibility for yourself and liking the challenge, and realizing it's finally that time you've yearned for most of your teenage life to say "I'm an adult." A growing trend among today's young adults seems to be that they don't want to grow up, which has earned today's generation yet a new label, "The Gold-collar generation." Who are they? They are 18-25, have working-class jobs, drive

working a going-nowhere service job with no aspirations of going to college or having a real career.

Ok, it's not everyone, but a third?! What happened to this portion of people? Where did they get the idea that owning \$300 Gucci sunglasses and drinking \$8 martinis every weekend *when you live at home* is cool?

I say to these people, put down the TV remote and go get your own life. It seems that most of these people are trying to emulate the celebrity life they see on television, but guess what? You're not a celebrity and consuming everything you can just to show off to your friends doesn't make you cool when you still live at home. And if you're friends think you're cool because of your "bling" it's because they have the same shallow views as you.

For anyone who agrees with this, do yourself a favor and pick up the book "Culture Jam" by Kalle Lasn. You'll gain a better perspective of what is truly wrong with the consumption generation.

Regards,

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SGA UPDATE

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March 16

- Preparations for SGA elections are underway. The campaign dates are March 27 to April 2. The election will be held April 3 to 5, and any lab, classroom with computers will be an official polling place. If you are interested in running for a position its encouraged to advertise, although all advertising must be taken down by April 7. The election code has been amended.
- SGA allocated \$150 from the restricted account for the CCSG banquet held on April 1. The Jordan award has been approved to be put on the SGA election ballot.
- \$134.98 has been reallocated from SADD restricted funds to be put towards the "A Rose by Any Other Name" under the condition that if SADD

would become an active club again the money would be reimbursed. "A Rose by Any Other Name" is a live multi media performance about rape that will be held on April 13.

March 23

- Kathleen Winters resigned from her position as Associate Justice for the reason of pursuing her Doctorial degree. Congratulations Kathleen!
- "Thank you to everybody who helped out with the SGA election table," said Jeremy Kiehl.
- SGA encourages students to participate in a food drive for the Middletown Food Bank. If you wish to donate nonperishable items drop them off at Student Activities Office, E-131 Olmsted or the Behavioral Sciences Office, W-157 Olmsted. Food will be collected until April 25.
- There was a debate involving Resolution 2 of 2006

during the meeting. The resolution involves clubs and organizations using undesignated Penn State property for advertising that damages the image of Penn State Harrisburg property. "SGA will enforce rules about using undesignated property." There were many opinions involving this matter. Matthew Mahoney didn't agree that, "putting advertising in undesignated places damages the image of Penn State Harrisburg." Mike Edwards said, "we should stand by our rules and if needed we change them." Drew Selliti said, "I have trust in our student body to do the right thing."

- Resolution 3 of 2006 was amended and passed that the 2006-2007 President's term in office will reside until April 13.
- SIE/Management club was reallocated \$156, ASME was reallocated \$350.

SGA IMPEACHMENT BOARD PRESS RELEASE

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As many of you are aware, a Student Government Association (SGA) Impeachment Board was convened in early December to closely examine the validity of the charges of impeachment submitted against SGA President Michael Edwards. There were many issues for the Board to consider before reaching a decision, and for this reason, the Board has only recently achieved its purpose of determining whether or not President Edwards should be impeached and referred to the Senate for a removal hearing.

The charges of impeachment against President Edwards indicated that he had damaged "the image of the SGA". The SGA Constitution

states that "[a]ny member who damages the image of or infringes upon the Constitution of the SGA, University Policy, or the bylaws shall be subjected to impeachment". This Board defined damaging the image of the Student Government Constitution as an action which caused the loss of value or the impairment of usefulness to the tangible or visible representation of the SGA Constitution. Therefore, a clear separation had to be drawn between mere public perception of a body and the impairment of that body's governing document. For this reason, there needed to be some semblance of a concrete link between the Student Government Constitution, its bylaws, or University Policy and the charges of impeachment in order to bring forth a substantive reason

for impeachment.

It was the board's final decision that the charges against President Edwards were not valid, and they will not be referred to the Senate for a removal hearing. The individuals submitting the charges of impeachment against President Edwards failed to adequately identify a single infringement of a constitutionally mandated presidential duty or illustrate any damage to the image of the document in a way that impaired or compromised its usefulness. This decision was reached unanimously on February 7, 2006, with one member voting in absentia. For individuals interested in learning more, please feel free to pick up a copy of Board's decision from the SGA Office in Olmsted 136 or the Student Activities Office in Olmsted 131.

Chalk it up to Politics



According to the handbook, **Policies and Rules for Student Organizations**, "Sidewalk chalk is not permitted on University property. Any organization/individual who writes on walks, buildings, or any University structures will be charged for the removal of the chalk." Really? Okay, so how much does it cost for Mother Nature to produce rain? Or, for the people who put it there to bring out a bucket of water and splash it away? Besides, this particular event was publicized many ways - through posters, ticket sales and sidewalk chalk. But, with the abundance of posters, perhaps the sidewalk chalk had something to do with the turnout at the event. Just a thought.

The Rites of Spring return

A week long celebration of campus events

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Seen those strange looking posters around campus? Wondered what in the world the Student Government Association is up to now? The Rites of Spring event is officially back on campus!

Last seen in the spring of 1999, this event is making a comeback in a big way. In the late 60s the Rites of Spring was an annual event on the Harrisburg campus during which events such as free keggers and road rallies were held.

While the events for this year's Rites of Spring have been geared for today's students, the spirit of the celebration remains the same.

The Student Government Association has been working hard to fill the week of April 17 through April 21 with a variety of events sure to catch the attention of just about everyone.

After months of preparation

and planning, the event is finally off the ground and getting ready to be held.

Confirmed events include a live concert, a club carnival, free food and drinks, prizes, and various other campus events.

The Student Government Association is keeping a few other events under wraps until all plans

are confirmed. Overall, it promises to be an excellent time for all.

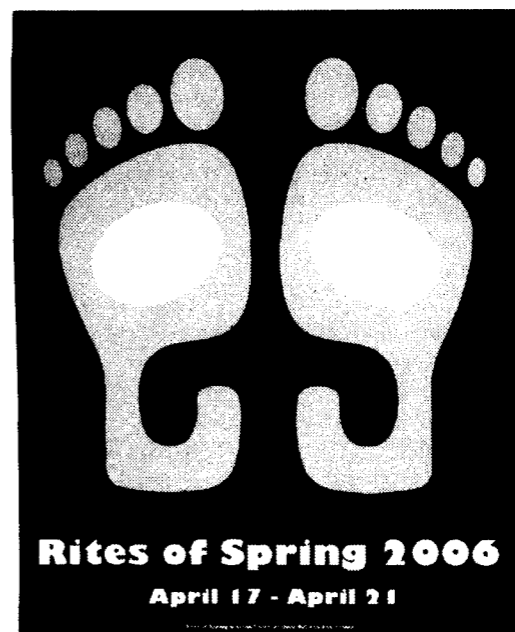
These events are set to occur throughout the week, both during the day and night, depending on the event. Times have been coordinated to allow as many people to attend as possible.

The Rites of Spring committee is hoping to attract attendees not only from the undergraduate population but from the graduate students as well.

A list of confirmed planned events can be found on the SGA website. This list will be continually updated as the confirmations come in for more events, so be sure to check it regularly!

So, if you are hoping to wind down and have some fun before finals season hits in full force, look forward to this event. It promises to provide some very serious entertainment for everyone.

For more information visit: www.hbg.psu.edu/clubs/sga/ros.htm.



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CORRECTIONS:

Corrections listed first appeared in the Feb. 27 issue.

In the article "Together we'll Prevail", Ariel O'Malley's first name was misspelled. Correct spelling above.

In the article "Ease your mind with the ancient art of Yoga", Diane Kenney was listed as a junior. She is actually a senior.

In the article "Together we'll Prevail", Paul Posluszny was listed as an offensive linebacker. He is a linebacker.

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