

# Editorial Opinion



## False alarm?

Are there fire hazards on this campus, or aren't there?

When a committee of students presented their report on campus fire hazards to campus Fire Marshall Richard Wrubey, Wrubey gave the impression that he would act to correct any hazards immediately. Weeks went by and little was corrected, so the committee went to the administration and SGA to see if anything could be done.

It's a shame that the committee had to go that far before they got any response. Although some of the items in their report were hazardous, many were not. Much trouble could have been spared had Fire Marshall Wrubey told the committee that their report had some discrepancies.

At present, the Classroom Building and the Library do not have fire plans. Fire drills in these buildings have not been conducted on a regular basis. As fire marshall, Wrubey should see that these and existing hazards are taken care of immediately.

Fire safety is usually a boring issue - until someone gets hurt.

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### ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

It was bound to happen sooner or later: everyone who wants a bicycle has one and the bike boom is over. According to industry figures, sales are off nearly 50% as the adult segment of the market nears the saturation point.



"Shaving cream... Lewd, indecent or obscene."

## Charge it

"Disorderly conduct or lewd, indecent or obscene conduct on University-owned or controlled property or at University-sponsored or supervised activities. i.e., specific charge - Disorderly Conduct."

As is the case with other charges, the words from this charge can be found in Penn State's Code of Conduct. This particular charge was used to describe the conduct of those dorm students who participated in a shaving cream fight (can you think of anything more obscene than shaving cream?). Hallway conditions became slippery after the battle, hazardous enough for those involved to be charged. Yet from the wording of the charge one would be led to believe that a much more serious offense had been committed.

Charges go on record with the university and the violator's parents are notified. It is important, then, that these charges are exact. The current system, which involves finding a category for a violation, is too general. Important details of the violation should be stated so that there are no misunderstandings.

Filing violations in categories that are anything but self-explanatory is less difficult than writing up a charge sheet in detail. However, if the individuality of the case is lost in the final draft, short cuts as such should not be taken.

### ROTC down

ROTC enrollment has dropped from a peak of 275,000 in 1964 to about 60,000 today.