

## In the money

HARRISBURG--Fifty-three million dollars in federal student aid money came into Pennsylvania this year, and most of it was 'captured' for the state's student grant population because of a special requirement mandated by the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA).

PHEAA, beginning in June of 1975, had required that students applying for state funds under the Higher Education Grant Program also file a Basic Educational Opportunity Grant (BEOG) application. BEOG is a new federal student aid program.

PHEAA administers the state's student aid program, and had made the BEOG application mandatory to ease the pressure on state funds in the grant program. Last year state residents received \$7 million in BEOG funds, but filing for BEOG was not mandatory then and the number of eligible students and the size of grants were not significant. Since it became a requirement it has netted \$46 million more to Pennsylvania students enrolled in colleges, trade, business and nursing schools throughout the country.

## The last laugh

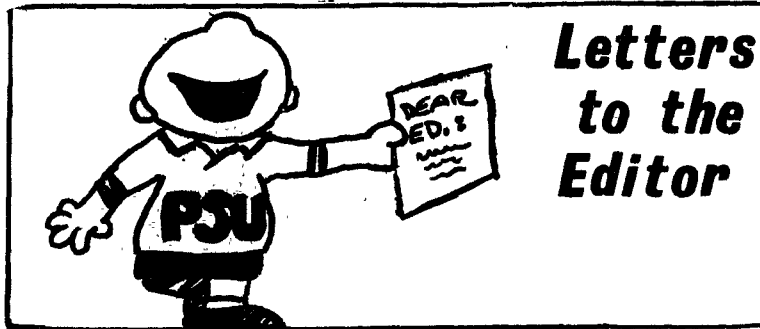
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Comeriety 1976 was presented the evening of Jan. 30 by the students, faculty and staff of Highacres after three weeks of planning and rehearsals.

What proved to be a long but sometimes enjoyable night began with the traditional welcome song by the Comeriety Chorus. MC for the show was Laugh Leader Susan Dahlin, who filled the blank spots between skits rather nicely.

The first and one of the finest skits to take the stage was the oldest living couple to have graduated from Penn State, Homer and Ada Jones, played by Carl Frankel and Ron Sandrock respectively. The costuming and make-up was quite good, much beyond what one has come to expect in a show of this nature.

A recurring group of performers was the Lavish Lobotomy Traveling Troupe which continued on page 5



We would like to bring to the attention of this campus that the stairs located between the Sophomore parking lot leading up to the Faculty parking lot (on Little Agony) pose a threat to students.

These steps are very slippery not only during Winter term after it has snowed or ice has formed but also will be during Spring term when it rains. These stairs, being made of metal, become very slippery when wet and it is very easy for someone to fall and possibly break bones or can otherwise cause even worse injuries. Also, because there is no back to the steps it is very easy if someone were to fall, for a leg or arm to slip through, get caught and break. We know of three cases already where individuals have fallen because of the slippery steps and have fortunately only come through with a few bruises.

Another problem that faces us is the broken railing. If someone finds himself falling, this railing does not inhibit their fall. This railing is flat on the surface and when

ice forms there is not enough friction to slow or stop hands from sliding.

An ideal solution for this problem of the stairs would be to rebuild the stairway using concrete which could be salted very easily during winter. If this is not possible, at least rubber matting should be placed on the metal steps to help cut down casualties during the winter and rainy months.

On the matter of the railing, it should be replaced with one which is round in circumference, where ice could not form as easily and the grasp would be much easier than the square flat surface. If the railing cannot be replaced, it at least should be fixed so it is not wobbly and one can at least grab on to it to break a fall.

We strongly urge for the replacement or repairment of these steps and railing so no more accidents will happen in the future.

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