

# Editorial Opinion



## Drop out?

by Brian Miller

For all those lost souls out there in your late adolescence, trying to decide what to do with the best years of your life, here's a suggestion--get an education.

But, you say, "I'm already in a school of higher education getting a higher education than I got back in high school."

No my friend and brother and sister, you may be in a school of higher education but unless you are enrolled in "Hustle 100" or "Survival in the City 212," you are not getting an education, high or otherwise.

What is "Hustle 100?" Well, it COULD be a course in learning to Make It. Not to make it in a \$10,000, fancy car and good pot with fine booze sense, but making it in a three-meals-a-day, roof-over-the-head sense.

And if you are of the lower class, and most of us schmucks going to a state-supported Pennsylvania school are, the "Hustle 100" would be your most profitable course, far more important than your most needed course in your major.

A journalism degree will not get you a job. A mathematics degree will not lead to the cozy apartment with the house trained English sheepdog. Kissing the interviewers ass and winking at secretaries and patting the right people's backs and general hustling will.

You say you have a journalism degree and you want a job because you work hard and you are a nice guy. Well, can you make a gin slurpee while pouring a Schlitz in an over-crowded overheated bar? Can you grill cheesesteaks all night after pumping gas all day? Can you say "What can I do fur ya, pardner" 300 times while wearing a cowboy hat?

Because that is what 75 percent of us are going to do, for  
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## A final word

Traditionally, the last Collegian editorial of the year serves as a column of thanks and praise to all the people who helped with the paper during the course of the year. Well, I'm going to try something a little different this year. Appreciation is fine, and I am grateful to all those people who helped the Collegian in one way or another this year. But I've got something more important than a list of names to talk about (and besides, its more fun being unpredictable - keeps 'em guessing).

This year the Collegian has published editorials dealing with different problems on campus. I had hoped that two things would happen as a result of these editorials: that students would become aware, and that they would get involved. What actually happened was this: except for a few instances, students became aware of the problems presented in the editorial, and then dismissed the issue.

The attitude of the student body on this campus is amazing (it must be in the water). Students here see only what

they want to see and tolerate injustices that should not be passively accepted as they are. Often I've heard complaints made about profs or administrators on this campus - in the halls, the Commons, or the bathroom. But few times have I heard these complaints at a Student Government meeting or before an organization or person that could take action and bring about some changes.

Students do have power (after all, a lot of people would be out of work if it was wasn't for us), but this power is lost in the disunity of the student body.

So take off your blinders and look around. If you don't like what you see, don't just sit there - do something about it. Though it may sound cliché, Highacres is what you make it.

I guess I've gotten in my last word. It's time to move on to bigger and better problems at that big U. Park in the sky.

-Jayne Banta