

DROP-OUT?

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at least some part of our early life, if we are going to make it, ie. Live. Not in style, not without dirt under the fingernails, not without doubting whether life is worth all this. Oh sure, some get the job and the car and the redhead. I'm happy for them (although I always liked blondes). But the vast majority of graduates, you and me and the guy passing the pipe, are all sinking in the same boat.

So, learn to swim. That means put more importance into learning about people and the asylum we call a world, than whether you get an A or B in Journalism 213. Business English 117 is fine although it doesn't mean much if you can't pay the rent.

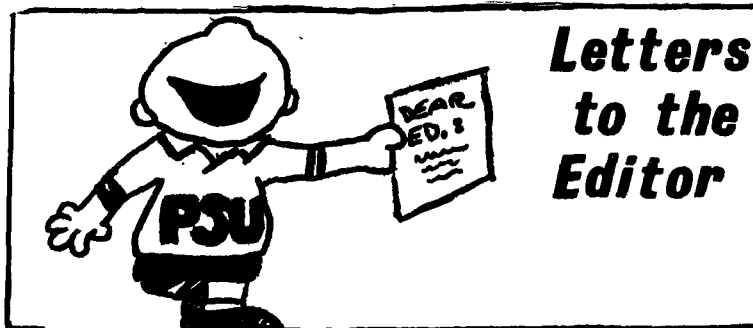
Does that mean one should drop out? Well, I think it might. The world, your universe, will not change overnight. This country has hit the end of the growth cycle, that is obvious.

What is also alarmingly evident is that higher education has not kept pace with the social climate. Now dig, Speech 200 is a "required course" if you plan to finish your college career at Penn State. Why? Why isn't "Filling out an Income Tax Form" made into some kind of five-week course that is mandatory? How about basic car repair? Who doesn't pay income tax or drive a car at least once in their life?

Most college courses, right now at Penn State, will not help you to cope with the outside world. It doesn't matter what administrators and professors and trustees tell you. The intellectual-based courses are unrealistic for students who will be thrown out on a swelled, teeming, heartless job market.

I do not want to leave Oz. I don't think you do either. You or I would be fools to want to leave. The parties, the friends, the good times are tough to walk away from. So are your parents with their unyielding anxieties about dropping out. To drop out a few terms, prepare some sort of fi-

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Thank you, PSU

It is my hope you will consider publishing this letter. Its purpose is to publicly express my sincere appreciation to the Hazleton Penn State family for its efforts toward the organization and success of the March of Dimes Hazleton Walk-a-Thon.

The relationship between the Northeast Pennsylvania Chapter and Penn State Hazleton has been a rewarding one for both since 1973. This relationship has continued and has augmented itself in the planning and execution of the 1976 "Bicentennial Walk." Before the glitter grows too bright, I'd like to add the relationship has not been without its problems; however, these have been resolved in a mature and rational manner.

A true debt of gratitude must be extended to your Student Government and Ev Binns. Having accepted the Walk as a

project, the committee had little idea as to what they had committed themselves. Coordinator Steve Touzell and Committee heads soon became much the wiser for the experience.

The March of Dimes and I personally have been quite demanding upon your time, your talents, your sense of duty and community spirit. Please forgive my overbearing nature. Not once in my frequent visits to your campus was I met with discourtesy or without a smile.

In closing: thank you Penn State; thank you Steve Touzell, Rose Ann Davidick, Steve Daderko and all who had a piece of the action. You never lost your perspective, and you did a superb job under difficult conditions.

Very truly yours,
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