

EDITORIAL OPINIONS

Taxes or Else

"No money for universities!" "Cutbacks will result in reduction of services!" These and other outcries come from our elected Pennsylvania officials when confronted with inquiries concerning the Pennsylvania budget situation. Do they want to layoff thousands of state workers for the sake of gaining votes? Should we pay even higher tuition when the Penn State tuition is one of the highest in comparison to all state universities throughout the country? Should the state put a freeze on hiring employees when the work force is ever growing? Are they placing a freeze on hiring so that these elected officials will receive another term in office?

Most Pennsylvanians probably do not appreciate the concept of higher taxes for maintaining present state services. If Pennsylvanians do not pay higher taxes, many of them will be unemployed. This will result in less purchases by these "unemployed" families which means less business (less demand, less production in industry). More workers will be unemployed; crippling our State economy to an even greater extent.

Inflation has affected purchasing power, especially fuel, housing, and food costs. Almost every worker of the public and private sector has received a raise in income that is in proportion to inflation increases.

Inflation, increased income, and increases in unemployment raise the overall cost of running the government. The extra money needed has to be taken from some source which is in the final analysis, the taxpayers.

It is not unfair to pay higher taxes to balance these rises in overall cost. The taxes are not given to a greedy irresponsible politician. Taxes pay for roads, schools, and wages for workers in the State. Wages do make up the largest portion of government costs but not the high salaries of our lawmakers and government officials. They comprise only a small percentage although they may be unjustified.

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From the Desk of the S.G.A.



Nancy Klotsko

President

courses next term. Instead of buying your books new, maybe you can buy a used one or trade one, so bring your old books in!

Finally, I am asking all of you who play pool in the Commons to watch for and stop people who stuff cup and other trash into the pockets. These clog up the machine and prevent you and others from playing. Also, the Air Hockey machine should be ready for action when we return for winter classes.

Have a great term break and Thanksgiving! See you winter term!

Well, the term is almost over and many things have been happening with your government.

Probably the most important thing to all of us is the budget in Harrisburg. Two letters stating our position and asking for support were sent to Mr. Gatsky and Murray. Hopefully, by the time this column is published, we'll have the answer to our problems.

During registration for the winter term, SGA will be taking a survey. It will deal with the campus mascot and colors. Please take the time to fill one out.

All UDAY is November 12. This is a day for us to really be heard as a campus. It will be celebrated with a recognition banner contest at the football game and WAR is playing that evening. Support the campus and help us out-do everyone else participation-wise. Let's let them know we're here!

A BOOK SWAP will be held all day long in the commons on Monday, Nov. 14. We'll have lists of the books to be used for



Who will decide the winning mascot? Lions vs. Condors

Letters to Editor

Absurd Idea

Just last year, with a budget crisis booming in the chambers of the General Assembly, our legislature gave themselves a hefty raise. Who the hell would not give themselves a raise? The men and women in our factories and plants would surely give themselves a raise if it was left up to them. However, the idea is not absurd. Would any union even dream of demanding that employees get a raise whenever they wish? So why do we sit idly by and let our employees, our public servants, give themselves a raise. The voting public should control when their own employees receive a raise in salary. Demand it! Write your congressmen; circulate petitions.

My God! Even now our state supreme court judges want a raise of \$10,000 per year in addition to their already substantial paychecks. They received a \$5,000 per year increase last year.

Might not the greed and misuse of power our leaders practice be reason for increases as high as is needed. Any of us who merely allows these injustices pass by is a fool. Fight back!

James Ferry
4th term Pre-Law

Senseless Vandalism

Well, as one would think when a new building is open there will be vandalism of some kind; we always hope it will not be too severe. The vandalism was so bad that the Highacres' new physical education building was closed, being open for classes and intramural activities. This period was between October 17-22, but the building reopened October 24. If vandalism continues I am sure there will be a permanent closing. In case you do not recall what kind of vandalism I am talking about, allow me to refresh your memory: toilets and sinks ripped from walls, ash cans kicked in and knocked over, lockers moved from position, toilets repeatedly stuffed, door handles ripped off, signs pulled from walls, ceiling tiles knocked out and broken, showers left running. This kind of senseless abuse cannot continue. To be honest, if I were running the show, my patience would have run out long ago. Another important thing to remember is that WE, the students, by paying our tuition, are paying for this equipment. So there is no reason to wonder why tuition is constantly on the rise when such nonsense is going on. Then, on the other hand, it is yours, do what you want with it. But think of the other people paying tuition who may want to use the facilities or must pay the tuition. It is your bed, but must EVERYONE ELSE sleep in it?

Jim Dino
Fourth Term English

Thanks for Stefanowicz

I want to thank whoever was responsible for choosing Mr. Charles Stefanowicz as "Collegian Personality" for the October 10 issue.

I am a former Hazleton Campus student and I know Mr. Stefanowicz well. Having served as the 1976-77 Student Government President and also as a member of the Hazleton Campus Student Patrol, I had many occasions to work with this fine Officer of the Law—both as a representative of student rights and as a law enforcement officer under his supervision. Too many times students have ridiculed

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