

EDITORIAL OPINIONS

Letters to Editor

Congratulations General Assembly

To the Editor:

I truly appreciate the opportunity to be allowed to offer congratulations for the fine job the Pennsylvania General Assembly has done. It is really comforting to know that we have such "expertise" representing our best interests.

Yes, stop and ponder for a moment! In what horrendous situation would this commonwealth be in if the state budget had been passed with a tax increase in July. Our lawmakers knew that a tax increase might cost them an election within the next year or two. Oh, perish the thought! Woe to all if we would, by some quirk of popular vote, be denied the representation we now enjoy. And what astute minds it necessitated to so instantaneously devise such a wonderful scheme as to avoid the tax increase by delaying for five months the appropriations for our own Pennsylvania State University and all other state related institutions. One must sacrifice for the good of the state. Yes, we must give up the luxury of the internationally highly esteemed institutions of higher learning that are affordable to our middle income citizens. We will become closer to the realization of even greater hardships and difficulties.

Rumor has it that the tuition will once again take a "regrettable" leap toward infinity as a result of the burning of money in loan interests that Penn State has been forced to pay due to lack of funds. Even if the state legislature would soon pass a tax increase and give the state related in-

stitutions their funding, a tuition hike seems inevitable when one considers the huge sum that has been wasted because of loan interests.

In spite of sacrificing the foundation of our advanced civilization, the university educated leaders of tomorrow, our representatives (yes, they are supposed to be our public servants), in their undeniable oversight have made the wisest decision in allowing our university to reach the point where the school may close its doors after the present term. The loss of thousands of jobs, and the interruption, or possible ending, of education for many students is necessary so that the present lawmakers are elected for another term. If they succeed in avoiding a tax increase at the expense of higher education, rest assured that the majority of people in this state will vote for the tax increase even at the expense of higher learning. Most people do not care what type of action is taken just so they do not pay higher taxes.

Another point that should not be forgotten is the fact that the Republican members are the strength in the anti-university stand (or the anti-tax stand). Remember these facts next election day. Remember to give your vote to all of the fine lawmakers who acted in the best interests of all. You determine for yourself who they really are.

I would like to conclude by reiterating... Thanks a lot, fellows.

James Ferry
fifth term Pre-Law

From The Desk Of The S.G.A.



Nancy Klotsko

President

what books are needed, and work expected for each course offered. Further information will be given to the faculty advisors.

As S.G.A. President I ask you as students to use your Student Government Association to its fullest. The best way to do this is to talk to your elected representatives and inform them of your gripes, suggestions, or whatever bothers you. The student senators are: Blair Althouse, Barb Calabrese, Dale Costenbader, Joe DeAngelo, Ralph Dougherty, Ken Dudeck, Mark Dworsky, Brian Horwith, Greg James, Gerry Nork, Craig Oswald, Kim Parsons, Cathy Rusinko, Gerry Russell, Tom Sist, Lisa Sonner, Paul Sullivan, and Robin Troyanoski. The S.G.A. officers are: Nancy Klotsko, President; Jim Ferry, Vice President; Diane Skala, Secretary; JoAnne Polzella, Asst. Secretary; Scott Reedy, Treasurer; and Claude Parnell, Asst. Treasurer.

From all of us to all of you—Have a happy and safe Holiday Season.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform the students about what the Student Government Association is doing.

Recent activities include:

Bulletin Board—S.G.A. is trying to get a glass covered bulletin board placed outside the commons in an attempt to improve communications.

Book Sale-Swap—The last attempt at this event failed miserably. S.G.A. is planning to have a much more effective sale-swap next term.

The Photography Club has been registered as a new club. Also the campus sorority, Theta Sigma Pi, is being revived as a productive student organization. Information will be posted.

A student survey concerning the Donors as being campus mascot was delayed due to technical difficulties. However, we really want the student input so the surveys will be distributed by hand.

A course information packet will be available to students for pre-registration for Spring Term. The packet includes a booklet with pages of information such as

S.G.A. SURVEY POSTPONED

Operational difficulties forced the postponement of an S.G.A. survey to have been taken during registration, dealing with the newly adopted campus mascot. Representatives of the Student Government Association stated that the survey will be taken in the near future, adding that announcements will be posted on campus prior to the day of the survey so that students will be informed of the date, time, and location of the survey.

Missing Faculty Advisors

To the Editor:

I am sure the area I am about to discuss is not only a personal problem, but is a concern of many Highacres students. The problem I have been faced with concerns faculty advisors. Many students have encountered a crisis when they discover that the courses approved by their respective advisors are not necessary for their particular major or course of study. They realize their mistake much too late in the term but they need the credits during the present term to remain a full time student.

Many times, during pre-registration, a student visits the office of his or her particular advisor and is confronted by a locked door even though office hours are posted for that particular time. The advisor must often be searched for over the entire campus even though his or her duty is to serve the students during assigned hours. The sign on the door usually reads "office hours by appointment." How can an appointment be made with the advisor even though he or she is nowhere in sight on campus? It seems to me as though during pre-registration, advisors find extra work to do away from their office so that they will not be bothered by the students. Sometimes individual help is wanted in a certain course outside of class and the instructor is not to be found.

I do not feel that the advisors are given the correct instructions to guide students so that they may choose the correct courses for the following term. Course sequences should be pointed out to students so that they will not have to take either summer or night courses. An extra term might be spent here at Hazleton because of the improper guidance of the advisor. I know that the student must make his or her own decisions as to courses to take but what is the use if the student cannot turn to his advisor for help when he is confused. The advisors are

unconcerned, not interested, or uninformed about courses that should be taken by the student. I am not saying that all advisors act in this manner but it is that minority that cause a student to suffer academically.

If a student attempts to change his or her advisor for one that is more capable, a great deal of red tape must be gone through before any results are achieved. By that time it is too late to hand in the pre-registration cards and the student loses again because the courses selected are filled.

I would like to see students join their forces to make the administration realize this problem. One of the governing bodies of the campus such as the Student Government Association should investigate the efficiency of the faculty advisors and possibly train them to do a better job of guiding students and prepare them for future college education years.
Name Withheld

Editor's Notes :

The editorial featured in the November 11 issue of The Highacres Collegian entitled "Maria Rovito Remembered in a Highacres Memorial Fund" was written by Brenda and Everitt Binns. The Collegian staff would like to extend a sincere apology for this typographical error.

The 'pro' viewpoint of "Nuclear Power: Closer To Home Than You Think" will be postponed until the January issue of The Highacres Collegian. The article will include an exclusive interview with a nuclear power official at the Berwick Susquehanna Nuclear Power Plant.

The Inquiring Reporter

By JAMES FERRY
Collegian Staff Writer

As a college level individual one should, in theory, be aware of the political power and checks that the voter has besides the act of voting. Would you know how to initiate a referendum or a recall of an elected official?

Barbara Calabrese—(fifth term Law Enforcement and Corrections)—"Ca Ca." Robert Dougherty (fifth term Music Education)—... something to do with a petition.

Ralph Dougherty—I feel that I know the basics. However, there must be a good reason for such a recall or referendum. I am against the rail-roading or shoving a matter down peoples' throats.

Ken Dudeck (second term Engineering)—No!

Mark Dworsky—I'm confused. Carmella Green (fourth term Liberal Arts)—No!

Jerry Gruver (fourth term)—You need a petition that a certain percentage of the voters have signed.

Roxane Hawk (fifth term Rehabilitation Education)—I would guess that you would need a petition

Tara Konschnik (second term Engineering)—No!

Brad McNab—No!

Gerry Nork (second term Engineering)—No!

Craig Oswald (fifth term Biology)—No idea!

Thomas Sist—Funny you should ask. First you have the referendum scrub the floor of the fraternity house with a toothbrush and then you make him carry his pledge book at the fraternity parties.

Lisa Sonner (fifth term)—No idea!

The replies to "The Inquiring Reporter" for this issue indicate that the average Highacres student has little or no knowledge of the concepts of referendum and recall which are basic to the voter's rights of checking and balancing our elected officials. As a much needed service, the Collegian will provide an informative article concerning these political rights of the public to be printed in the January issues of THE HIGHACRES COLLEGIAN.

The senate voted on December 14 to adjourn the following day for Christmas break, without deciding the fate of state-funded universities.