

# Highacres

## C ommentary

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Spring is finally here. Or, is it? We're all keeping our fingers crossed that Mother Nature is kind to us — unlike her performance Easter week when she dumped 12 inches of snow on the area, cancelling school for a day.

As the weather gets nicer day by day, college students are notorious for finding better things to do than attending classes. At the beginning of the term it was an out and out battle for spaces on the parking lots on campus. If one arrived on campus after first period, he was almost assured a "pleasant" trek up "agony hill." Now, though, it seems easier and easier to get a parking space at the top of the hill.

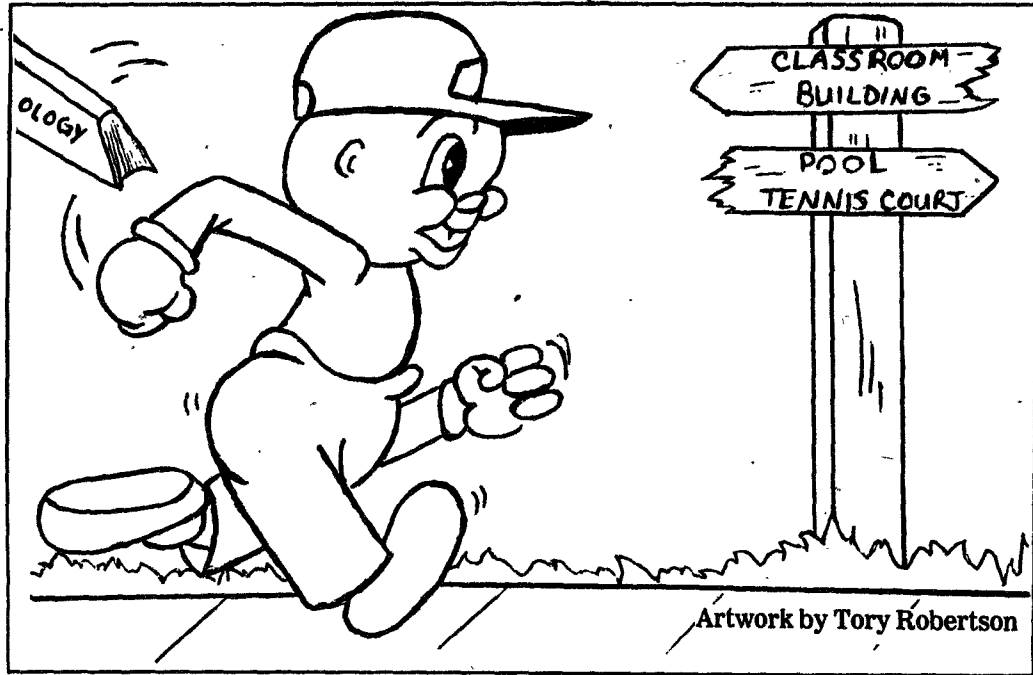
Has enrollment dropped drastically? Certainly not! It seems easier to cut classes than to sit through lecture after lecture on a nice, sunny day.

Although Spring is said to be a season of rebirth and renewal, for some students on campus it ultimately becomes a time of care-free attitudes and disconcert for

academics. If \$531 in tuition alone doesn't give the incentive to perform well in school regardless of the season, consider what cutting classes will mean. Not only will tuition money and money spent on books and supplies be wasted (whether the student is financing his own education or not), but cumulative averages will also drop due to infrequent class attendance.

If cutting classes and doing nothing at all with an entire day simply because the weather is nice is important to a person, he should not be enrolled as a "student." A student is "one who studies." Granted, studying is not a 24-hour-a-day project for most and some leisure time is essential for a happy existence.

At this time of the term, we must re-examine our values and our future goals. Many of us find that budgeting our time is extremely hard to do; and, ultimately, we take the easy way out. As Penn State students, we are here to fur-



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ther our educations and try to begin lifetime careers. Upon graduation, we will leave school holding a degree from a university with a fine reputation.

College is the first step to the rest of our lives. Consider this, when we eventually enter the working world after completing a Penn State education, will the weather dictate to us our actions? Just because we do not feel like going to work because it is a beautiful day will probably not influence our actions to any great extent. College is our "work" now.

After a brutal winter, it may be very easy to pack it in and say forget about school. In the long run, though, it is the person who feels and acts this way that will be shortchanged in the end.

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**Letters**

I would like to personally apologize to Dr. Price for the error which appeared in the most recent issue of the Collegian, concerning the article about the bus trip to New York City. The article stated, "...students of Dr. Price's Arts I class will travel ... on Saturday, April 12..." The proper date was April 3. I would like to thank Dr. Price for pointing this error out to me, and doing so tastefully and with tact. In the future, I will try my best not to make such errors, and I will always appreciate someone pointing such errors out to me.

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