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BILL FERRY'S SIDE

by Larry Gilligan

Bill Ferry, ex-night-time librarian, has been seen around campus for the past few weeks wearing cardboard signs (Your Rights X No Sir and This Ones For You!) and totting an American Flag. Why? Not because he got fired. On the contrary, he resigned. He's protesting the "violations of students and faculty rights."

There are basically two events that lead up to Mr. Ferry's resignation: Event One - Mr. Ferry claims that he had been overcome by toxic fumes several weeks ago while working the night shift. He had to close the library early and get emergency treatment at the Hazleton General Hospital.

Mr. Ferry explained to the Collegian that the library has a ventilation system that "draws outside air in when it gets hot in there." This system was

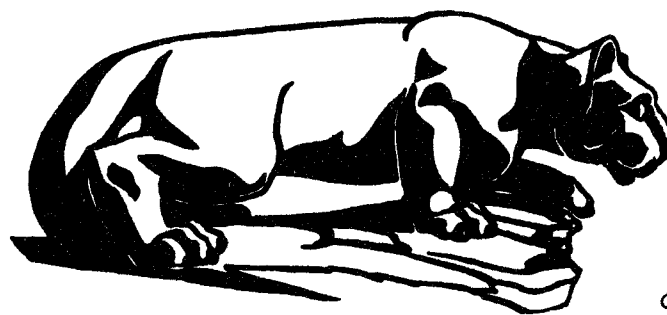
working the night Mr. Ferry fell prey to the toxic fumes.

Mr. Ferry told the Collegian that certain atmospheric conditions combine with low clouds and a wind coming from the south; thus presenting an ideal situation for the campus to become engulfed in these fumes. The source, according to Ferry, is the Valmont Industrial Park.

Event Two: Because of an ongoing discipline problem with an individual student in the library, Mr. Ferry threw this person out. But before throwing this student out, Ferry said he had talked to Mr. Tyce, the head librarian. Mr. Ferry quoted Mr. Tyce as saying "I'll back you up 110%." So Ferry ejected the student for the rest of the semester.

Two days before Spring Break, Ferry received a memo stating that this individual would be let into the library beginning after Spring Break.

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LOVE LIFE

by Amy Muschek

What is life to you?... It's to live. People say, "Live!" I breathe, I eat, I sleep. My heart beats and keeps my body functioning - I live. No big deal. But do you "live?"

"Live life to its fullest" is a popular saying that is often written in yearbooks as those "famous last words." Wise grandparents whisper it in youthful ears as if it was the key to abundant living.

To live life to its fullest might mean accumulating as much money as one can to live in luxury, or having as much fun in one twenty-four hour period. It may mean making someone's day by a simple smile, reaching out to do something good for someone you don't know, or making an effort to find only the positive things in situations and people.

"Live today like it was your last." Sound familiar? I don't think this was written in reference to skipping school or spending all of your credit on your credit card because you have the urge to shop! I believe this saying means to live each day like you didn't get another. Be honest with yourself. How would you spend the next 24 hours if it was your last? Would you want to be alone, with friends or family, or with someone you love dearly?

Would you attempt to leave a feeling, thought, or memory behind for others to remember you by?

I would want to leave a kind of strength that surpasses all doubt, loneliness and pessimistic attitudes. To live life to its fullest, in my interpretation, means to be optimistic. Look always on the positive side of things. If you remember that there is always someone who has it worse off than you, you can count your blessings and realize that for every bad thing in your life, there are at least two good. If anything, look in the mirror...What do you see? You see a living human being!! That's one positive thing. You have been given one more day to live! A fresh new day to start again. A new day to leave behind all the things of yesterday. With a positive attitude, you can come up with a list as long as your arm of good things you have in your life.

"Where there's a will, there's a way." What a true cliché. If you want something bad enough, have a positive and determined attitude, you will succeed in getting that item, feeling or task accomplished.

Think of all those terminally ill people in the world. They recall how they lived their lives, and some regret the things they've done or said. They ponder how they could



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