

# Good Points

It's easy to complain about and harp on all the bad things that Penn State Delaware County has to offer, but it is the strong person who brushes aside all the snide comments and works to see a change in the making.

At one time, the Delaware County Campus was housed in the basement of a roller skating rink in Chester. In 1966, the campus (or school) moved to its present location. All that was here was the main building and the parking lot. Three years ago, the modulars were added to help alleviate crowded conditions.

It is true, the campus has grown considerably during that time, and students are always expressing their grief about the lack of facilities and breathing room. But, look at the good points.

As announced in the last edition of the Lion's Eye, a hot food service is going to be initiated in December. A feeling of disbelief and relief was expressed in the modulars when this plan was announced. From students to administrators, it was plain to see this venture would be totally supported by student, faculty, and administration alike.

On the other side of the coin, student clubs are experiencing, generally, a rejuvenation and rise in student participation. This opinion has been expressed by the U.S.A., S.A.C., Baseball team, and the Lion's Eye. For further proof, take a look at the masthead on page three and count how many people are on the staff, including editors. This is a considerable amount and vast improvement over conditions in past years.

Students at the Delaware County Campus are taking a more active role in their school life. We are quickly becoming a campus in the Commonwealth system to be looked upon for new and innovative ideas. These ideas are all originating from you — the students who motivate and push us to help make Penn State a little bit more enjoyable and bearable. The proof is in the pudding; look at the good points.

## Taking a Side:

# Marijuana Pros and Cons

by Steven M. Walters

President Carter's recent proposal to decriminalize the possession of marijuana in small amounts has prompted vigorous verbal tugs-of-war amongst the pros and cons of this issue.

### For Decriminalization:

Decriminalization is not legislation. Un-

der the new law, a person caught with an ounce or less of marijuana would be given a slap on the wrist in the form of a small fine, but would not be subjected to a jail term and/or large fine as under the existing law.

Persons apprehended with the drug in ex-

cess of one ounce would be at the mercy of the courts. The one ounce figure would distinguish between the intent to use and the intent to sell.

Studies show that marijuana is a non-addictive drug and is unquestionably not related to the use of other drugs. However, the use of other drugs has proven to be irregular and experimental over the long run.

Advocates of de-criminalization contend that only a small proportion of marijuana smokers are chronic users or "dopers," and the force against it are making unjust assumptions. They feel the use of this line is the same as saying the majority of drinkers are alcoholics.

### Against Decriminalization

The forces against marijuana decriminalization, insist that marijuana smoking leads to the use of hard drugs. Decriminalizing it would openly invite disaster. They feel that keeping the present laws will insure a reasonable limit on the amount of smokers.

Another argument of the forces against de-criminalization is that the long term use of the drug deteriorates the personality of the user. The logic here, is that de-criminalization would encourage increased and continued use of the drug because of the less severe penalties to face when the user is caught.

Heavy long term users of marijuana may be subject to a condition known as the "amotivational" syndrome. According to statistics, a person who smokes marijuana on an average frequency of three or more times weekly, for a period of five years or more, has a greater than fifty percent chance of developing this syndrome. This

# Letters

To Judy Brockman,

You have made exaggerated and unfair statements about the security personnel at Penn State. If you would have gotten the facts, I'm sure you'd see that you are misinformed in your comments.

By declaring that a lack of security protection exists, you may very well create problems that do not exist now.

The parking lot fee is one thing, but taking shots at the security guards would only lower the morale and endanger the safety and security of those at Penn State and the property at Penn State.

We need your cooperation, not your unjust criticism.

Signed,

Bob Christine

2nd Shift Security

Mr. Christine:

In reply to your letter concerning my unfair remarks about the security of the parking lots here at Delaware County Campus, I wish to sincerely apologize to you for any damaging comments I may have made; however, I wish to make a few essential points clear. After taking a poll of about forty students, I found that there seemed to be a security problem in the lots during the daytime 1st shift — not your shift. Therefore, I now restate that my feature article, which is based on the information I obtained from students expressing their views about the parking fee increase and the parking lot in general, refers to the 1st shift

security staff only. I did not mean to "take shots" at the security guards; I was merely reporting upon what the opinions were of the students that I interviewed. Unfortunately, the article may have been presented in a factual way, as a news article, instead of the collection of student opinion on the topic, which it really was. Again I apologize for any exaggerated or unfair statements that I may have made concerning the security force. I realize that unjust criticism is damaging and unnecessary, but I feel that just criticism is necessary if change for the better is needed.

Judy Brockman

**Editor's Note:** All mistakes made in the last issue were due to printing errors. The "Budget" article was written by Donnell Zeigler, and Campus Sports was compiled by B.J. McMenamin and Steve Frank, who I wish would stop by the Student Affairs office. I sincerely regret the uncontrollable errors.

## DEAR DEL ...

Dear Del:

My friend has all the luck. He knows so many people and even though he talks about them, all he has to do is ask for something and he gets it. What do you think?

— Outta Luck

Dear Out,

Many a live wire would be a dead one except for his connections.

— Del

In my travels around the globe, I have encountered some choice bits of graffiti which prove interesting reading. Del's Graffiti Award goes to such classic wall-busters as:

— You're never alone with schizophrenia.

— Philadelphia is not dull — it just seems so because exciting Camden, N.J. is right next door.

— We are the people our parents warned us about.

— I'm an atheist. I don't believe in Zeus.

— Carry me back to old virginity.

— May your life be like a roll of toilet paper — long and useful.

### Del's Trivia Corner

— Adolph Hitler owned 8,960 acres in Colorado.

— If you spent \$1,000.00 a day since Christ was born, you still wouldn't have spent a billion dollars.

— Cobras kill 10,000 people a year in India alone.

### Quiz Question


What famous performer's real name is Allen Stewart Konigsberg?

syndrome is characterized by the user becoming sluggish and apathetic in mental and physical responses, goallessness, and a loss of interest in personal appearance.

The pros and cons on this issue will continue, but the final decision will most probably be made by the President or legislation.

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