

OPINION and REVIEW

EDITORIALS

Mods Are Dangerous

How many of you ever walked through an old house that was in need of some major remodeling? Have you ever walked on floors that feel like they're just sitting there with nothing underneath them? Well, if you haven't, just take a walk through the Lion's Den or the R.O.T.C. modules and you get to know those feelings.

Both of these modules house offices and classrooms for some of you. The R.O.T.C. module has the classrooms AA1 and AA2. It also holds the offices of some of the clubs here on campus. Some of the flooring in this module is so bad that it's not there. For instance by the back door of the module is a hole in the floor; if you step there, it catches your foot and can throw you to the ground or the remaining floor, which could possibly cause bodily harm.

The LION'S DEN is not as bad as that, but that's only because of the group of students who took time to paint the walls and trim to make it look better. We need to let the administration know that the modules need to have some type of support added to them. The Student Activities Commission has put a lot of time and effort into making the Lion's Den look better than it did. They plan on making the old cafeteria into a student lounge with a couple of video games and maybe a jukebox and some of the furniture from the library. It will be open to all students.

In the future there is going to be a need for the replacement of those modules. If we don't start doing something about them now, someone may get hurt in one of these modules someday, which may end up costing the campus more than a replacement cost.

- Steve Reiff
Assistant Editor

Facing the Problems

Sitting here listening to the rain hit the window in my kitchen, I start to think about all the problems that face us all, regardless if we care about them or not. For a minute sit back and see what issues come to mind for you.

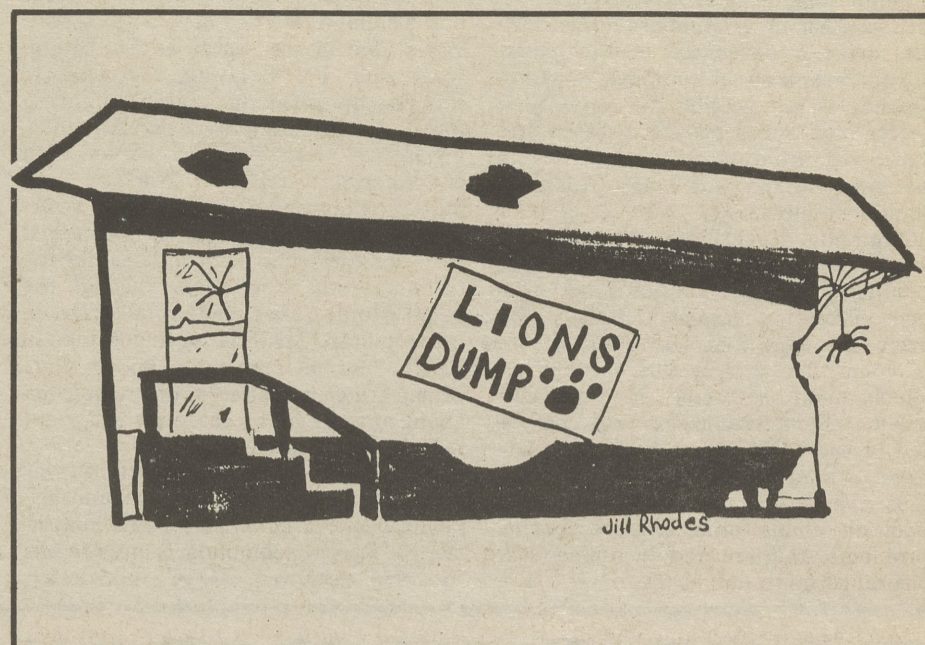
At first you may think of an exam you have coming up or a report you have due by next Monday, but for a moment consider some of the issues that really face you as a student on this campus. One that comes to mind is that our campus seems to a place only for the student who is totally into books. But actually, that is far from the truth. Wherever you go around this campus, there are things for you to do. Join a club, write for the *Lion's Eye*, or play on one of our excellent sports teams.

Let's talk about that for a minute. How many people know that our men's basketball team was 5-1 as of January 29, and with just one more win they have the home advantage? Or that our women's basketball team is aiming for a play-off spot in only their second year of existence? How many people take advantage of the excellent intramural program every day in the gym during common hour? (Right now you can join in on co-ed volleyball or co-ed basketball.) The opportunities to relax, have fun, and become a real part of his campus are numerous — and waiting for you.

One of the biggest concerns on campus is communications — or the lack of it. The *Lion's Eye* is committed to doing all it can in this area to link students, administration, staff, and faculty more closely together. We want to stay on top of campus issues to keep all involved informed. One we're watching right now is a proposal to eliminate the common hour on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If that concerns you, speak up! If you don't know where or how to voice your opinions, use a Letter to the Editor in the *Lion's Eye*. Put it in our mailbox in the mailroom with your name and phone number. This is your paper; use it to express your opinions.

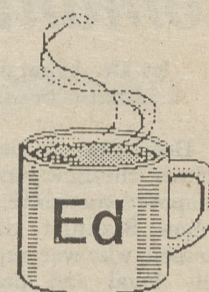
Keep on top of the news. Find out what is really going on around here. Every decision made ultimately affects you.

- Chuck McCarthy
Editor-in-Chief



THE FRONT DESK

by Ed Tomezsko
Campus Executive Officer



Happy new year albeit a few days late and welcome back. We need your help. It's 1990, the last year of the decade, and we are now planning for 1995 and beyond.

Planning for the next five years will take a lot of work and it is the community project as well as a community priority. No other project is more important than this one. We believe student opinion is an important facet of the planning process because you, the students, are why this campus exists.

Over the next few weeks, we plan to hold general meetings for faculty, staff, and students to discuss commonly five issues which have been identified as important to our life — undergraduate education, students, personnel resources, reward structures, and decision-making processes.

If you have read this far, you might be gagging by this time. But read on anyway. What strategies should we employ to make this campus an even better place to learn? The issues relate to ways to deal with the question.

For several months, the University has been laying the foundation for the development of a Strategic Plan for the next five years. In the current planning process, we are directed by Provost William Richardson to focus on "... things which we (i.e. the campus) can control." We should expect that our future will be determined primarily by our control of resources at the current level, with some allowance for annual inflation.

As you may know, the officers of the Student Government Association are part of my staff. As such, we spend significant amounts of time discussing issues important to your life here. We discuss how resources are spent to provide you, the students, with what you want and need.

Now we need to broaden the base of student involvement in the discussion. The strategic plan will have to include assessment of pertinent strengths and weaknesses within the campus, opportunities and constraints in the external community, and the consequences of failure to address the issues, as well as specific actions through which we may successfully address each issue.

You know better than most, the strengths and weaknesses of the campus as seen from a student's perspective. Please share your ideas with us on any or all of these issues at these meetings.

We have sent a memorandum to the officers of SGA and to the leadership of all student clubs and organizations which explain the strategic planning process and to give detailed information on the five issues and related questions. You can read it if you like through SGA or your club.

But that's not necessary. What is necessary is your attending one of these open meetings.

We need your help!!!

An Invitation to STUDENTS • STAFF • FACULTY to Attend Discussions on the Following Campus Strategic Planning Topics:

ISSUE	DATE
Students	Thursday, February 8
Personnel Resources	Friday, February 16
Reward Structures	Wednesday, March 7
Decision Making Structures	Wednesday, March 14

All meetings will take place in Room 101, Main Building, during the Interval — 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

— LET YOUR OPINIONS BE HEARD! —

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