

## — Letters to the Editor —

To the Editor:

This letter is in direct response to Mr. Forcey's article that appeared in the last issue of the *Lions Eye*.

To be totally honest, I felt the article was ridiculous and extremely weak. At first I was angered by his ideas and misconceptions of the Black Student League. Where did he get his information from? Did he investigate? Did he ask the President of the B.S.L. why there is such a group? I am the Vice-president of the group, and I would have answered all of his questions pertaining to this group.

What, may I ask is Mr. Forcey's credibility? I feel sorry that he does not know the truth and essence of the B.S.L.

Does he know what it is to be a minority? I do. On this campus there are 105 Black Students out of about 2,500 students. So the B.S.L. is for the preservation and growth of our African Culture. We are the minority, and the B.S.L. is our voice on the Delco Campus. If it were not for the B.S.L., the black students would have no voice on this campus.

In our meetings we are not radicals bent on getting revenge on the White Race. We are students gathering to discuss our relationships, education, and the future.

Mr. Forcey, you are welcome to speak to me or any B.S.L. member or advisor and hear the Truth.

Peace!!!!

Tim Jacobs  
Vice-President, B.S.L.

To the Editor:

It is evident that Mr. Forcey has no idea what the B.S.L. is about. If he had taken the time to interview people from the organization, he would have understood the need for a B.S.L. Let me now take the time to explain what our organization is about.

The B.S.L. was formed to help African Americans find out more about themselves. Its purpose was to educate the members about their history and to keep them informed on what is happening now. The founders wanted them to bind together and fight discrimination, along with being a support group for one another.

And if Mr. Forcey didn't already know, we are the minority on this campus. A change starts within yourself, but numbers bring about a real change. If you don't believe me, look at Martin Luther King Jr. or Mandella, great leaders who fought against segregation and discrimination all their lives.

The struggle lives on. And that's why it's important for us to know our heritage and bind together, because we learn nothing of ourselves in history books except slavery.

So, if Mr. Forcey still does not understand why we have a B.S.L. on a majority white campus, then I feel sorry for him. I feel sorry that he feels inferior to the organization because of his lack of understanding, "ignorance," if you will. That's why the Black Student League will never change its name or subcomb to ridicule such as his.

Shelley Keys  
B.S.L. Executive Officer

To the Editor:

What this campus needs is a multi-ethnic student organization because we live in a multi-ethnic society.

When I was in the military, I met and got along with all kinds of people, regardless of race, color, creed, or anything else. I try to be broad-minded when dealing with people.

I was raised to be tolerant of all people. I have found that there is good in everybody if you search for it. I believe that the world could be a better place if everybody shared these beliefs.

Further, my religion, Islam, states that God created various colors and that he made tribes and nations to come together to know each other. It states that people condemn themselves by their own bad actions.

In addition, I feel that a lot of time and energy are wasted on racial strife, causing us to forget about the important problems that are facing us. Perhaps if we used our time and energies better, we could help people like transplant victims, people with terminal illnesses, abused children, homeless people, malnourished people, the elderly, people with emotional and psychological problems, and people with physical disabilities.

Troy D. Johnson

To the Editor:

In response to Don Forcey and his "White Student League" article that ran in last month's issue, let me now take this time and tell you why there is a need and always will be a need for a Black Student League (B.S.L.), on any college campus that is predominantly White!

First of all, Mr. Forcey seems to have it in his mind that this is the only campus in the United States that has a B.S.L. How wrong you are! Millersville, York, West Chester, Drexel, and other predominantly white colleges all have some sort of support group for the black students. "Why?" do you ask. Because all black students want is a group where they can go and talk about events that are affecting African-Americans today, regardless if they are negative or positive.

Second, you said that B.S.L. is a form of prejudice in our group. Wrong again (a lot of mistakes in your article). The B.S.L., regardless of race, creed, or sex, will accept anyone into the group.

Another reason why we have this wonderful group is so we can remember our history, for in "Your History Books", we, the African-Americans,

### Book Reviews

#### 'Red Storm Rising' and 'Hyte Maneuver' Offer Thrilling Adventure

by Sean A. Foltz

*Red Storm Rising*, by Tom Clancy  
World War III. Who does not flinch at its very mention? Most people feel that World War III will be the "war to end all wars", leaving the earth a nuclear wasteland.

There have been many books and movies made about the events that might lead up to a Third World War or what would happen on earth the day after; but all of them have made earth's

final war one of ballistic missiles and nuclear destruction.

Tom Clancy is the first author to ever picture World War III as one fought with conventional weapons. Tanks charge into ranks of infantry under a hail of artillery and anti-tank weapons. Supersonic jets engage in vicious dogfights while ground troops block out the sun with thousands of surface-to-air missiles.

On the sea, aircraft carriers and destroyers play a deadly game of cat-and-mouse with killer subs while merchant ships race for Europe to bring troops and supplies to help halt the Russian advance.

*Red Storm Rising* is the only account of World War III in which the reasons, and results of a modern world war are presented in both a realistic and entertaining manner, which will keep a smile on the face of the reader while he/she laughs at the frustrations of both the Russians and Americans as they try to outmaneuver and outfight each other on all fronts.

Tom Clancy has no experience in the military or intelligence field; he is an insurance broker from a small town in Maryland. All of the military information contained in his books comes from extensive interviews and research. His first book *The Hunt For Red October*, caused such a stir in the intelligence community, that it is rumored that Clancy was debriefed by the C.I.A. Other books by Tom Clancy are *Patriot Games*,

### Editorial

## Are Reps Really Representative

by Jennifer Darr

In the last issue of the *Lion's Eye*, I wrote an article about the new freshman representatives. As stated in the article, the freshman representatives are supposed to represent the views and opinions of the freshman class. My question is: How can four white males fairly represent the views and opinions of the freshman class when only roughly 41 percent of the freshmen are white males? The remaining 59 percent are minorities. The actual breakdown is roughly 42 percent females, 2 percent Asian or Pacific Islander, 9 percent black non-hispanic, 1 percent hispanic, and .2 percent American Indian or Alaskan native. The remaining 5 percent did not specify their race.

The freshman representatives are a few students chosen by the SGA officers to represent the viewpoints of the freshman class on issues that arise at executive board meetings and around campus. This year, the applications were offered at orientation and the president also spoke to the class about the freshman representative program on a couple of occasions. Eventually, five students were chosen among the 26 that applied. One of those five showed disinterest after she was chosen so she backed out. The remaining four are Larry Ulmer, Chris Cowan, Jeff Hoagland, and Ben Slater.

There were two white female applicants, one black female applicant, one black male applicant, one Asian applicant, and the rest of the applicants were white males. So ultimately, why weren't any minority students chosen as freshman reps? Furthermore, what happened to this campus's commitment to diversity?

Diversity is vital in this kind of organization. These students are chosen by the SGA to fairly represent the freshman class. I honestly can not see how that is possible when only one aspect of the views of the freshman class is being conveyed. At the very least, the SGA has to be sensitive to the concerns of the total student body. And preferably, they would make an effort to promote the diversity they preach.



The Barber and Seville is coming to DELCO Friday, January 25 as part of the Comedy Series.

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*The Cardinal in the Kremlin* and *Clear and Present Danger*.

*The Hyte Maneuver*, by David Milton

Everything was normal — the boarding in Tangier, the in-air flight — until Trans Air Flight 88 was hijacked on its approach to Kennedy Airport!

The next four hours are to prove the most terrifying hours the first class passengers and crew will ever live through, and the most frantic for the chief negotiator of the NYPD, Raymond Hyte. Then the ordeal is over — the hostages are free and the terrorists are dead — or is it?

Now someone is killing the surviving hostages one-by-one, at the same time of day, on the same day, with the same weapon, and with the same ruthless efficiency. It is now a race against time as Lt. Hyte tries to match wits with a serial killer who always seems to stay one step ahead of him.

*The Hyte Maneuver* is a gripping mystery/thriller which will keep the reader guessing all the way up to its shocking end. It starts with the hijacking; after that it moves along with the momentum of a freight train. Unlike some books in which the hero is playing psychological games with his opponent, *The Hyte Maneuver* wastes little time with the hero's own problems. In addition, the author reveals so little about the killer's plans, that the reader is presented with a real mystery.

Living Colour

Tower Theater

Saturday, December 8 • 8pm

The walls came tumbling down, brick by brick, playlist by playlist. Ferocious guitar licks, crunching rhythms, courageous dives into frenzied audiences, and a streetwise social consciousness exploded in a platinum-selling debut album and nearly 300 concerts which brought down the confining walls of musical stereotyping.

But if Living Colour's Vivid and songs such as "Cult of Personality," "Glamour Boys," and "Open Letter (To A Landlord)" led the way to an acceptance of diversity, then the band's second album *Time's Up* will surely sweep away any remaining notion of what a rock band can look like or what a rock band can do.

