

# OPINION and REVIEW

## Editorial

### 'Welcome' to the New Lion's Den

By Roger Lee

The "new" Lion's Den is definitely not an improved version because there is no place to study or work in this building on bricks that is supposed to last the six years PSU Delco is leasing it.

Many students who attended this campus last year can remember a Lion's Den that was more organized. There was actually an area where you could hear yourself think. Now, as you walk into the front door of the Den, be careful. You could run right into the pool table that is smack in front of the door. Or you could get hit with a cue stick right in the face.

After dodging cue sticks, the first assault on your senses is your ears. Loud voices and sound effects from the three arcade games and two pinball machines are the loudest things in the entire Den. I have nothing against arcade games, I love them, but not when they are so loud you can hear them when you're trying to work.

There are only two telephones in the Den. One is in the SGA office, which is locked most of the time, and the other is mounted right next to the pool table. This phone is pretty much useless, because it is either too noisy or someone who is not supposed to be using the phone is talking to his girlfriend in New Jersey.

Another problem is the crowded conditions. Let's see. There are eleven clubs and organizations that are supposed to function with all this noise. The back room, which would be a logical study area, has a ping-pong table and a few chairs. When the Den was first opened, there were several tables and chairs to study. But now, the main attraction is the ping-pong table. The study chairs are now propped up to keep the ping-pong balls from being lost.

Unfortunately, there is no bathroom in the Lion's Den, even though it would make sense to have a bathroom for eleven clubs and just as many students to use. Running out into the rain or cold snow to use a bathroom in the Commons Building is not my cup of "Lipton" tea, which is what you need to warm yourself up.

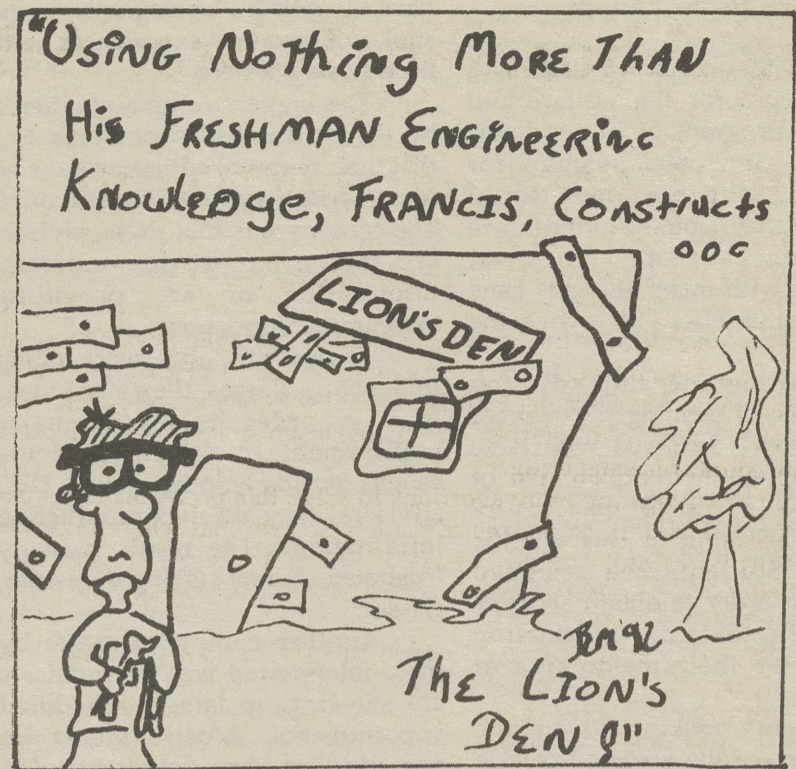
The location of the new Den is a definite problem. If you drive, the closest place you can legally park is in the LLC Building parking lot, or near the soccer field. And then after parking you have to walk in the grass field, which turns into mud when it rains or snows.

Let's not forget that the Lion's Den of old was torn down because of its old age and asbestos in adjacent modulars. And who cares that this present "student center" was supposed to have been built last year, in a more convenient location.

Worse still, at the beginning of this fall semester three organizations: Student Government Association, Student Activities Committee, and The Lion's Eye had to rub elbows in the old nurse's little office, while we waited for the new Den to be finished.

These problems have motivated The Lion's Eye to conduct a poll of what you, the student body, think about student activities eventually being moved to the Athletic/Commons Building.

Please tell us what you think by filling out the Student Poll we have made in this issue.



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### Election Affects Even the Non-Voter

By Mike Jamison

Many things affect our lives in strange ways. We are all touched or shaped by events that will shape our personalities and our outlook. An event that has made its mark on me very resoundingly is the recent presidential election. It is strange to say this since I am only seventeen and am not eligible yet to cast a ballot. Nevertheless, this election has forever effected me.

In the past, presidential elections were boring side show events as adults elected a new president. That all changed this year. For the first time ever, I found myself swept into the political process. I started to listen to what the candidates had to say, and I started to shape my own views for the future of myself and this country.

Over the past year, and especially during my months in college, I have been keenly aware of the political process going on around me in this country. As I sat through the conventions and the debates, it began to dawn on me that I actually agreed and disagreed with certain stands that the candidates were making. I became impassionately dedicated to making my family and friends aware that voting for our president was a tool with which to shape the future. Much to their annoyance, I pushed this point on them constantly up until election day. Maybe I couldn't vote, but no matter who they backed, I wanted my parents to exercise their freedom.

As I am writing this, Bill Clinton has just been elected President of the United States. Since June, I have been an ardent supporter and admirer of President-elect Clinton, and since June, I have lamented that that I was born November 16, 1974. By the difference of two weeks, I have missed my chance to state my opinion on weighty matters; but I have also gained new insight into the political process. As I climb the steps of adulthood, I look forward to exercising my right to choose. This election has taught me that we can change the world if we truly want to, and that our one vote does count. Although mine was silent, I believe it made as much an impact as all the rest.

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### TOP TEN GOOD THINGS ABOUT BILL CLINTON BEING ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

(Disgruntled about the outcome of the recent presidential election, Kathy Leonard and Tracy Zikowitz - Bush and Perot supporters, respectively - compiled this "David Letterman-esque" tribute to President-elect Bill Clinton.)

10. Marijuana is legalized.
9. Razorback replaces Bald Eagle as national symbol.
8. It's no longer a mortal sin to covet thy neighbor's wife.
7. National Anthem to only be played on the saxophone.
6. "L'il Abner" beats "Cats" to become longest running Broadway show.
5. Hog-catching surpasses baseball as national pastime.
4. Portrait of Lincoln in White House is sold to make room for velvet Elvis picture.
3. National Archives throws out Constitution in favor of Al Gore's environment book.
2. Hillary becomes the new Miss Clairol spokesperson.
1. International House of Pancakes replaces Camp David as meeting ground for foreign dignitaries.