OPINION and REVIEW

EDITORIALS:

Setting Things Straight

By Kaspar Stromme

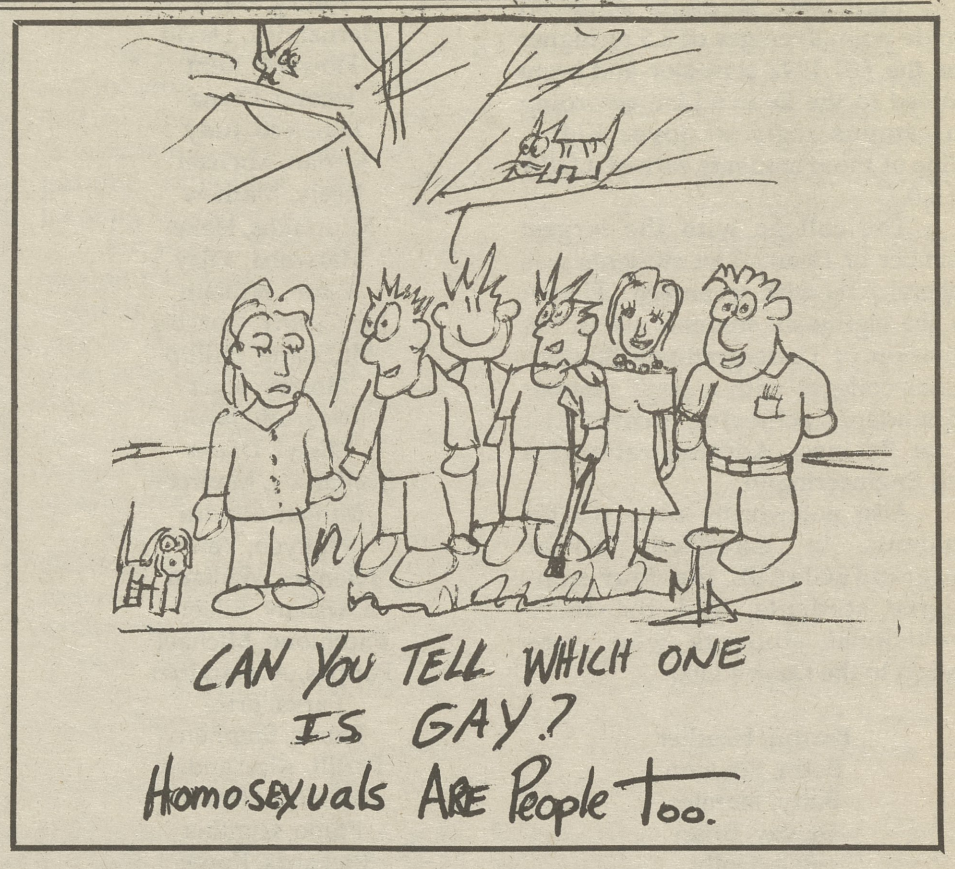
There are gays in the military. Yes it's true. The ranks of the pure have been infiltrated. The majority of sexually correct soldiers now have to not only dodge bullets, but also looks from their fellow men (or women).

But seriously, It doesn't take a genius to figure out that gays have been in the military since they invented that institution. And it was never a problem before, so why now? Well, during the glory days of Reaganism it was suddenly decided that homosexuality was incompatible with military service. And thus the ban was in effect.

Ever since Bill Clinton decided to set things ..eh.. straight, there has been a raging debate. The anticipated overturning of the 1981 ban on gays in the military marks another victory not only for gay rights activists, but for the rights of all people. If this sort of discrimination is left alone, there is no telling what we'll be facing next time around. A ban on gays in male dorms? Or what about the local gym?

The ban has meant that many men and women who have served with honor and distinguished themselves as professional soldiers, are suddenly kicked out of the military. And for one reason only: their sexual orientation. This is even more ridiculous than denying gays entry in the first place. This is work Joseph McCarthy would have been proud of.

So, like blacks and women before them, gays are going to have to fight for their right to serve their country. The difference is that the first gays to openly serve won't be pioneers; they will be returning from exile.



Be Informed And Involved

By Emily Damanskis

It would seem, after the great voter turn-out of persons age 18 to 25 in the November election, that young adults are taking a greater political interest. I know that the responsibility of voting in by first presidential election made me more conscious of important issues of today like sexual harassment, job equity, and discrimination.

We are lucky to live in an area that hosts a wide variety of local and national organizations that we can get involved with. There's the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union , 592-1513), the NAACP (National Association for Advancement of Colored Persons, 978-7500), and NOW (National Organization for Women, 922-6040). There are lots of varied organizations, and you simply have to open a phone book to find them. Go look up a cause that you are interested in, give them a call and request some information. They will mail it to you (no obligations).

If you like what an organization stands for, inquire a little further, or mail in your membership application. Look for dates when they have meetings and go to one. Or if you want to volunteer to help people, you can get information on volunteer opportunities throughout the five county Philadelphia area by calling The United Way Volunteer Centers (665-2474).

We keep hearing that our generation has no focus, that we don't care about anything. (Well, who cares what they think?) But we can prove them wrong. Let's get informed and get involved.

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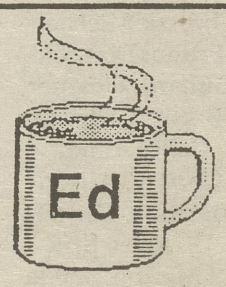

Hooray! Hooray! Hooray! Three cheers for our basketball teams, both women and men. They have had quite a season. These teams have done a great deal to help this campus become known by the locals. This has been a year of firsts for us. Best of all, these men and women have carried the name of Penn State to new heights, both athletically and academically. We are certainly proud of their on-the-court accomplishments, but prouder still of them as individuals. Congratulations to the players and the coaches for a job every well done. Encore! Encore!

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While the athletic programs do us proud, we need to hear from you. Our strategic planning group has three student representatives. I believe that it is critically important that we listen to our students. Bill, Lynn, and Poonam have been very helpful in discussion the campus issues from your perspective.

We get better when we listen and change. Why did you come here? What goes on here at Delco that's really good? What goes on here that really needs improvement? As you know, we are in a planning mode to prepare ourselves to develop over the next several years. What should we develop into? All of these questions are real and need answers.

Trying to answer questions is what a university is all about. We want to be a better university next year than we are this year. What do we have to do to match your expectations of what an even better university is? This is your chance to build a better university.

PPPPlllllleeeeeeeeeeaaaaaaaaaaaaaassssssssssssssseeeeee take the Jeopardy Challenge and question the answer in the block below.

The answer is:

Penn State Delco is a lot better now.

Write down your question:

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Name:_____ Address:_____

Please send your question to Ed Tomezsko, 111 Main Building. If you add your name and address, I'll return a prize. Whatever, I need the questions.

Here's the point. Penn State is concerned about the quality of undergraduate education and rising tuition costs, and you are too. All of this discussion on the future of Penn State has only one person in mind - YOU, the student. Penn State has always been a place for me where the individual is most important. Is it that way for you? If we can get together and exchange ideas on making this campus better, then the cost of tuition would provide your with an education of even more value. In the end, you are the judge of what a Penn State education means. What does a Penn State education mean to you?

I like asking questions. We need your answers and questions.