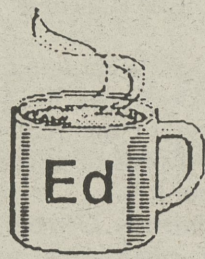


Opinion & Review

The Front Desk

by Ed Tomezsko
Campus Executive Officer



Help Wanted!

By Ed Tomezsko

I take it that the headline has caught your attention. We *need* your help - faculty, staff, and students. Call me at 892 1231, e-mail me at EST1@PSU.EDU, stop in to my office, stop me in the hallway.

You know that President Spanier has committed the University to a major study on the "best" structure for the campuses, ours included. Thirteen options were outlined and our campus has four of them. Over the next two months, we will be working on an assessment of the four options made available to our campus. Our assessment must contain both the positive aspects as well as the negative aspects of each option. The options are:

- we can maintain our current mission, which is to continue as a lower division campus with some baccalaureate degree programs;
- we can evolve into an upper division campus, which means to have only juniors and seniors on campus providing programming needed by Southeastern Pennsylvania, no lower division programming;
- we can evolve into a multi-campus, Abington, Delaware County, and Great Valley campuses, college, which means we would have the academic authority to develop degree programs needed in Southeastern Pennsylvania;
- we can evolve as a campus of the College of the Liberal Arts which is based in University Park, which means we would offer degree programs from the College of the Liberal Arts as needed by students in Southeastern Pennsylvania.

These are the key points: *programs as needed by students in Southeastern Pennsylvania*, requires us to understand the market place of educational needs; *recommendations will undergo review by the University Committee*, tells us that this is a developmental process, not a product; *assessment must contain both the positive aspects as well as the negative aspects of each option*, means that we must justify and negate each option individually. We will NOT take a vote on what we want.

Each of the options needs to be considered uniquely. The important issue is to keep our minds open to what we can discover as we discuss each of the options. My chemist's

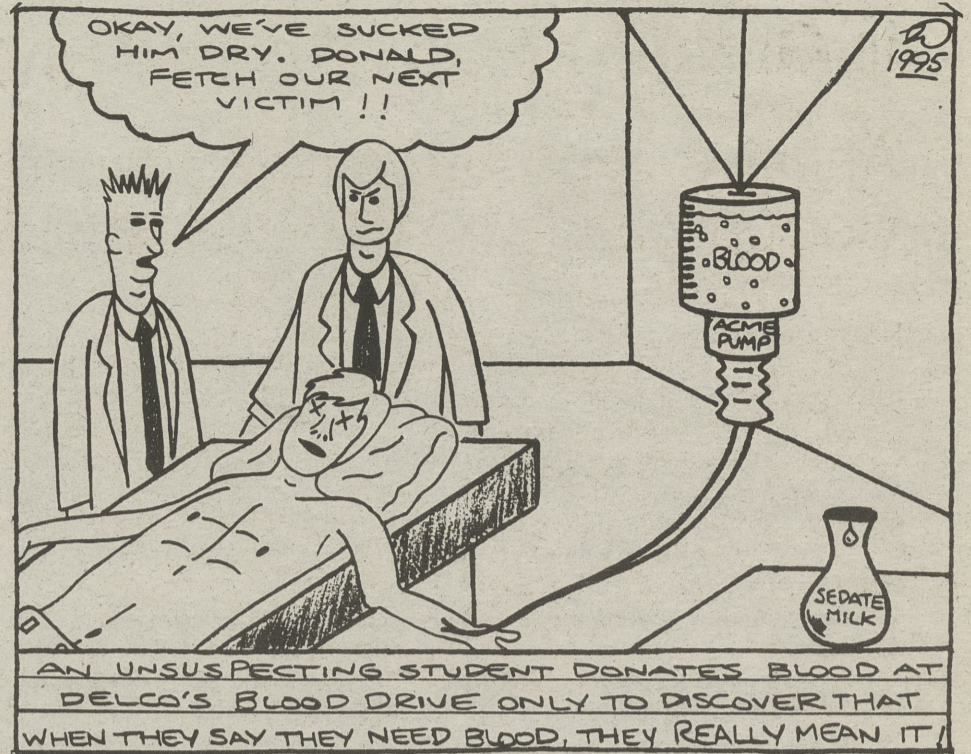
background tells me that investigation with an open mind opens possibilities. From possibilities come opportunities. I am quite confident that as we consider these options, other options will emerge and we will be able to put these additional options forward for consideration.

In summary, we will define our future based on what our community - you, the current and future students - want us to be.

In January, we will submit our campus's recommendations on each option to Dr. Robert Dunham, our Senior Vice President and Dean. These recommendations will undergo a review by the University committee. We will receive a response against which we will develop our final recommendations on the option/options of choice, so that by April 1996 we will know our future. Then, we will spend the year planning the strategies and activities to meet our future.

We have already formed four working committees, each of which has faculty, staff, and student members. Mike Hyde, SGA President, has shown great leadership in getting the students involved. Each of the working committees will need additional help from you. **Help Wanted!** really means what it says. We need everyone's help in making the positive and the negative analysis of these options. You will hear about many meetings to discuss the options. Please make the time to attend and to participate in the conversations. I am personally and professionally very pleased with these options and what can come from them as applied to our campus and to our University. President Spanier has laid out a great vision for Penn State: to be the best land grant University in the world. The beauty in this vision is that he includes each and every one of us in becoming the best land grant University in the world.

My Penn State pride is in high gear now and moving toward the future. A good friend of mine at another campus told me: "You can go to any college and get an education. When you go to Penn State, you get a life time experience." One of the great opportunities available to our current students is that you will be able to shape this experience for yourself and future generations. Be Penn State proud, and make our future!



Editorial

Porn? Get It Elsewhere

By James Foltz

Spend the three bucks.

Spend the three bucks on a magazine or on a rented video if you have to, but don't waste Penn State's resources on it. If your hormones are in high gear, then put down a handful of bills to fulfill the tingling desire in you. Spend the three bucks if you have to.

I refer to the students who feel that it's necessary to jump onto the Internet and print up pages of porn on the printers. These students waste the paper and toner that Delco has a limited supply of. It also ties up the printers, not to mention the computers, for an amount of time that could be better used.

Spend the three bucks. It's a better deal.

First of all, you wouldn't have to go through the hassle of waiting for the picture to download and print up. You could have spent all of that wasted time flipping through a magazine, or rewatching "entertaining" parts of a movie. Also, for three bucks, you could get more snapshots that are in color, as compared to the grainy pixel quality that the printers print out in. Thirdly, you wouldn't have to go through the trouble of hiding the screen, or the embarrassment of a lab aid yelling to you from across the room, "Please stop printing porn on the LaserWriter." When you spend the three dollars, you would have the option of viewing the material anywhere—living room, bedroom, closet, or the bathroom.

So, spend the three bucks if you want the porn. If you do, then you get quantity, quality, and privacy. What more could you want? Spend the money; it's a better deal.

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