

# Opinion & Review

## Editorial

### Students' Trashy Antics Look Bad — For Everybody

By David Whiteman

"That's a piece of crap!"  
 "Your car is a pile of junk!"  
 "You look like sh-t!"  
 "That guy lives in a trash heap!"

These are great phrases to use when you are trying to insult someone. Whether it be someone's house, car, appearance, whatever. The goal is to insult someone. To hurt someone. And most of the time, the person yelling insults succeeds in hurting the victim.

Well, I'm insulted. Not directly, mind you, but by the countless number of people here at Delco who find some fascination in throwing their trash wherever they want. It's pretty sad, actually. It's sad when there are 500 empty trash cans sitting around outside, yet the school grounds are littered with garbage.

So who is directly insulted, you may ask? It is the school itself. The very school that each and every one of you pays to attend. The school that allowed you to pay to attend. And what do you do? You throw cigarette butts, soda cans, beer cans, paper, plastic, and anything else you care to on the ground.

The school grounds look pretty bad. No, it's not just those annoying blue and white flags that are hanging from every conceivable hanging

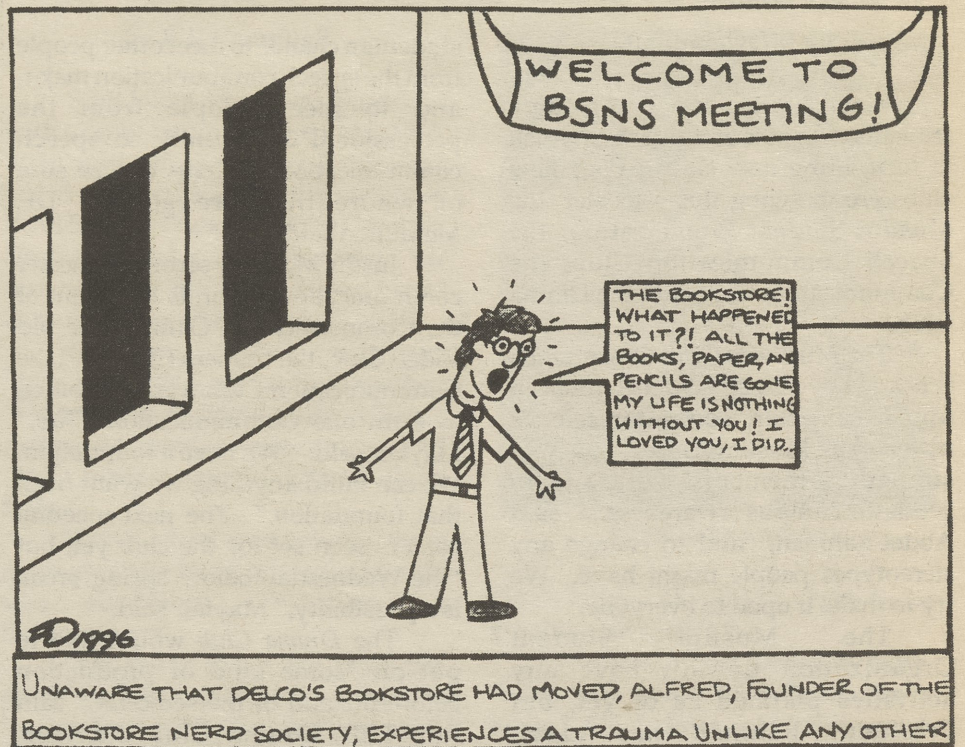
apparatus, but the trash that litters the ground that you walk on. Your ground. You're paying for it.

The maintenance and security employees, the guys whose salary you pay with your tuition, have expressed their sentiments on the problem also. "It's a real shame to see this behavior from college kids," said Kerry Wareham, Assistant Director of Business Services. "I'd like to ask the students to make a conscious effort to put their trash in the trash cans whenever possible."

The appearance of this school has a direct correlation to the way that every student who attends this establishment is looked upon. When guests of any kind come from other schools or the community, what do they think? What do you want them to think? Do you even care?

No, you don't. If you did care, this school's grounds would be free of litter.

I can think of at least three good outcomes from limiting the amount of garbage thrown on the ground: 1) The sight of plastic bottles and aluminum cans floating down the Rio Delco would be a thing of the past; 2) People from maintenance and security would have better things to do with their time than clean up trash; and, best of all, 3) The deer who graze here at night would be eternally grateful.



## — Letters to the Editor —

### Is It Envy?

To The Editor:

Recently, I was reading in the lounge when I overheard something that really disturbed me. Three of you ("other students") were commenting on a large group of students who were having a conversation. The only difference between this conversation and any other conversation that might be encountered in the lounge is that these particular students were not speaking English. This apparently bothered you.

In retrospect, I realize that I should've said something. And because I didn't, I figured that *The Lion's Eye* would be the perfect medium to make a few comments of my own.

You say, "This is America. They should speak the language."

I should've reminded you that the Constitution guarantees everyone the right to say what they want, be it in English or any other language.

And you also say, "If we're not allowed to hear what they are saying, then they shouldn't be here."

Clever. Do you honestly believe that? What is so offensive about a group of people conversing in the language that they are most accustomed to? Do you feel left out? I suppose you think that the bilinguals are at an advantage because you don't know what they are saying. Not really. They don't know what you are saying either. Your comments are made under your breath. You, on the other hand, have the advantage of tests, textbooks, lectures, et cetera in your first language.

So why talk badly about them? They aren't talking about you. Or are they? Are you afraid that they might be as petty as you are? Fear not. If they are, then you are even. If not... well, you're entitled to your own opinion, even if it is based on fear.

Clair Martin

### Let's Do It Here

To The Editor:

After attending our campus retreat at Oberod, I feel that campus diversity is an issue which can be addressed better at the Delaware County Campus. I propose that we instigate a one and a half credit

mandatory course to be completed by all freshman. This course will help to satisfy the diversity requirement assigned to all Penn State students by the University.

The class would meet once every week and topics such as diversity of race, religion, gender, and socioeconomic background will be addressed. Students will be taught our University and Campus policies on these issues, and will be introduced to broad ranging goals of acceptance, appreciation and respect, of our differences. Group discussions, similar to those at Oberod, should be instigated by group leaders to emphasize personal interaction and discussion between people of many differences within the class.

The class will especially target ways in which to act respectfully towards all others (i.e. the "platinum rule", "agree to disagree", etc). The class will possibly hold exercises such as practicing techniques for fighting discrimination and hatred as well as possible essay assignments toward topics such as positively dealing with uncomfortable feelings towards differences in race, religion, etc. This will encourage deep thought and introspection. Perhaps guest speakers could also make the class more interesting.

Johanna Licciardello

### Mo' Money

To the Editor and Delco students:

As most of you probably know, Penn State will begin to collect a \$25 Student Activity Fee per semester beginning with the 1996 Fall term. This fee will generate close to 3 million dollars for University Park and the Commonwealth campuses.

The money will be used to fund student activities and services that will stimulate and support the cultural, intellectual, recreational, and social environment for both undergraduate and graduate students.

The Student Activity Fee Implementation Committee that consists of students, faculty, staff and administrators has the responsibility of determining the guiding principles for the use and distribution of the Fee.

The committee has a very important charge but cannot complete

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