

Opinion

An editorial

Sometimes heart just isn't enough

College life means freedom in some ways, but not all.

Students sometimes are surprised to learn that their new ideas and suggestions often hit brick walls because of some universities' policies.

Penn State Delaware County is no exception.

Student clubs are encouraged to have fund-raisers, but the very act of engaging in charitable events comes with speed bumps on a winding road.

Do you know why the campus doesn't have a movie club? Lack of interest, for once, is not the cause.

The reasons are university and copyright policies. Satellite campuses of Penn State do not have the funds to cover copyright prices outside of educational purposes, hence, we do not have a movie club. Yet University Park, it seems, has everything.

Baking for Emma, Music vs. Cancer, THON, Penn State Made, and any other clubs wanting to hold a fund-raiser must beware of, it seems, watchdog university policy.

Trying to find those policies clearly stated is difficult. Satellite campuses all have their fund-raising policies outlined in a similar fashion.

For example, Penn State Abington and other satellite campuses define a fund-raiser as "(a) donation without products or services being rendered" or "(b) activities that raise funds through the direct sale of merchandise or service for the benefit of registered student organizations with all funds to be used for the ongoing support of the organization's activities."

Outside organizations like the Red Cross are not permitted to solicit or advertise on campus, unless approved through Student Life.

But what guidelines does Student Life follow for such approval? It seems each campus uses its own discretion.

The fact that students are motivated enough to do something to make a difference is wonderful.

The fact that university policies make it extremely difficult to complete their endeavors is a horrendous impediment to the good will of the student body.

Penn State's mission statement says, right there in the first sentence, that it is a "university that improves the lives of the people of Pennsylvania, the nation, and the world through integrated, high-quality programs in teaching, research, and service."

Fund-raising for charity is a part of service. Preventing student clubs from fund-raising at the discretion of the individual campus staff contradicts Penn State's mission.

You might even call it hypocrisy.

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People Poll

Staff writer Matt Kelly asked ... before Super Bowl Sunday:
How do you think the game will turn out?



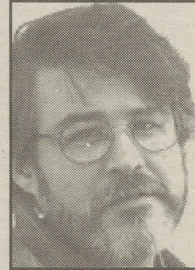
It'll be a close game but I hope the Eagles win. It'll be about time.

Harry Khatri
Business



The Eagles have the top defense so I think we're gonna win.

Tiffany Lynch
IST



The Eagles will fail. It's the Philadelphia tradition.

Patrick McPorter
Journalism



It'll be a very exciting game. I think the Eagles are prepared and ready.

Bridget Bosshardt
Employee



I think the Eagles will win. They came this far plus they're pumped. I'd like to see the underdogs win.

Howard Derby
Nursing



The Eagles will win.

Sharon Achilles
Communications

Our teams deserve support of campus

If you've never been to a basketball game at Delco to watch either the men's or women's team, I can't say that I'm surprised.

I go to the games and I see the same few people that I saw at the previous games. Moms, dads, brother, sisters, boyfriends and girlfriends are loyal fans.

But where are the students? Why is it that when I go to a game and sit with a girl who doesn't even go to Delco, I am not surrounded by my fellow students?

It's pretty sad when the opposing team has more fans than the home team.

We should be taking pride in our basketball teams and supporting them by showing up at games.

Where is the school spirit at Penn State Delco? Students should be proud to be able to go watch their friends play at the games.

Sure, it may not be Penn State main campus, but we're still Penn State no matter what county name we have written on our sign.

Oh, and did I mention, the games are free? That's right, free.

If the movies were free, you would go.

So here's something that is free, and yet hardly any students ever go to a game.

Believe it or not, the games are very interesting.

Our teams are good.

Since coming back from winter break, the women's basketball team has a record of 4 - 1.

And there is almost always a D.J. playing upbeat music during time outs and halftime.

When players see that they have fans there cheering them on and supporting them, it motivates them to want to play harder and better.

Fan support makes it easier for them to win.

Look at the Eagles, for example.

It's understandable if you have work, class, or other obligations to attend. I can't make it to all

the games because of work.

But when I'm not working, I am at the games cheering on whichever team is playing.

If you are hanging around campus with nothing to do, or hanging in front of the television, try spending some time enjoying a basketball game.

You'll find that you will actually enjoy yourself.

The championship games are coming up soon, and if there was ever a time when the men's and women's basketball teams needed your support, it's during the next few weeks.

By going to the games, and bringing your friends along, you will be helping the teams by encouraging and motivating them.

You can help them win.

So the next time you hear there is a men's or women's basketball game going on, make sure you stop by.

Mark your calendars now because the next home game for women's basketball is Feb. 10 at 6:00 p.m.

It is against Northampton.

Show some support for your school, and for the athletes.

Cheer them on.

Applaud.

Show up at their games.

It may not be a big deal to you, but the players and coaches will appreciate it more than you think.

They will know that the school is supporting them and that we care.



By KATIE NEWS

A clarification

An editing error in the January 18, 2005, edition of *The Lion's Eye* resulted in an opinion column, which was written by both Dave Hardison and Sarah Gallatig, to appear with only Hardison's column logo. The column in fact was a compilation of opinions of both of the authors, but some of the opinions were not those of Hardison.

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