

Letters

Grad Asks Reappraisal Of Values

TO THE EDITOR: Are you really students? Was a new stadium more important than first rate library facilities or a fine auditorium worthy of a university this size and its excellent artist and lecture series? Who decided that: You? The Administration? Harrisburg? What were the criteria?

Who chooses the movies for the infantile HUB series? Who selects the crude, meaningless music that bombards the HUB Den and monopolizes your radio station's programming? Who picks the banal radio and TV shows to be brought to your attention via the HUB's bulletin boards?

How do you explain the ignorance of the evidenced tastes? How do you justify the paucity of vital conversation on your campus? If you think, what do you think about?

How is it that there seems to be a disproportionate amount of thievery and dishonesty among you? And why are State College's surrounding areas said to have the highest illegitimacy rate in the country? Doesn't it bother you that Penn State is referred to as Pennsylvania's largest country club?

How is it that you tolerate the town's over-charging for goods and services? Haven't you ever heard of the boycott, the picket line, passive resistance, political rallies and pressure?

Don't you realize the power of your numbers and the dependency of the town economy on your presence here? Why do you so lack truly moral, intellectual, and social vigor?

Has the bread and circus of your games and dances so diverted you, from what should be your main purpose here—an education—, that whatever intellectual curiosity brought you here has been dissipated leaving you stultified and content to be merely trained a la Pavlov's dogs?

Will you vote? Will you prove that a university can be a center for learning, broadening, deepening and generating information and experience enough to lead you to knowledge and thereby to wisdom?

And if you vote, will you then work to prove that you are capable and willing to share in and lead the American adventure? Or, will you continue to be flaccid, unthinking, cajoled, little children? The choice is yours.

Shall Penn State be a Mounty Parnassus? Or shall it be that Mount Nittany were better Mount Vesuvius?

—Anthony V. Ficarra, Graduate Student

Spring Thaw—Lion's Paw

TO THE EDITOR: Recently, as is usual for this time of year when there is nothing else exciting happening, a handful of students have decided that it's time to attack Lion's Paw again.

For the umpteenth time a cry has arisen that Lion's Paw is unfair, Lion's Paw is prejudiced, Lion's Paw is run by certain organizations, and even that Lion's Paw is Lion's Paw.

And, as is usual, the people who raise this cry are not members of Lion's Paw, have never been members of Lion's Paw, and, if their reactions can be judged as a criteria of their feeling, never want to be members of Lion's Paw.

Because of this they do not have a clear idea of the purpose or the workings of Lion's Paw, and especially of the way it selects new members.

Someone once said that you shouldn't speak about what you don't know about. So how can anyone who has never been in Lion's Paw, who, I am sure, does not have a clear idea of Lion's Paw, and who does not know how it selects its members, criticize this organization?

I have no more knowledge about it than its critics do, and therefore I don't feel myself in a position to criticize or judge. No one has the right to criticize when they don't know all the facts.

One of these above-mentioned

critics has complained that the past SGA president, Richard Haber, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, James Eitelson, whose names he would not mention, are members of Lion's Paw and are also members of the same fraternity, "by some stroke of luck." This, I suppose, was a closely guarded secret that Mr. Hurwitz discovered just in time to reveal to the world through the pages of The Daily Collegian.

He meant to infer, I am sure, that this fraternity pushed to have another member of the fraternity accepted into Lion's Paw.

Was Mr. Hurwitz trying to criticize this fraternity? He was questioning the purpose of Lion's Paw, and now I am questioning the purpose of his letter. He shouldn't be afraid to say what he means.

I happen to be a member of that same fraternity and "by some stroke of luck" my house happens to back the opposite political party that his fraternity backs.

Is it possible that he had that in mind when he wrote his letter criticizing Lion's Paw?

As of now he has created much confusion because he hasn't made it clear whether he was criticizing Lion's Paw, a specific fraternity, or a specific political party.

—Eugene Zuckerman '63

Sheetz Sees Budget 'Nod'

TO THE EDITOR: I want to thank all the students who participated in, and are still participating in the "Back the Budget Campaign."

As it now appears, there is a stalemate in Harrisburg over any appropriation to education. I do not feel that the "Campaign" was a failure, instead I feel that the it has accomplished what it set out to do, and that is to arouse the legislature to the needs of Penn State.

The legislature has seen considerable pressure from the student body, and other interested groups regarding Penn State's budget.

With the end of the semester coming up, students will be going home, with some time on their hands. I ask that each

one take time and write to his senator and representative, or if he lives close enough, contact him personally.

If students are going to visit him, take their parents along, after all they are the voters in most cases, and the Assemblymen will usually lend an attentive ear.

Penn State may not receive the full request this time, but Harrisburg is aware that there is considerable pressure from our students and their parents.

With a continuation of this pressure throughout the summer, I feel that such would keep Penn State's name in front of the legislature, and eventually we will get an appropriation nod from them.

—Ronald Sheetz, '62
Chairman, SGA Back the Budget Committee

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