

Letters to the Editor...And Then Some

Faculty Club-Frontier It

TO THE EDITOR: The proposed faculty club shows signs of being the next focus of discord on campus, and before the matter becomes engulfed in a maelstrom of recrimination, every student should visit the proposed site of construction and think carefully about what will come.

The club is being financed by private individuals who have the right to stipulate the use of their money, so no one can reasonably condemn a faculty club out of existence regardless of how ostentatious and intemperate the concept may be. And the concept, as it appeared in last Friday's Collegian, would do credit to the inflated imagination of a Las Vegas architect.

The real point of concern is that this club will be built in one of the choicest spots on campus, Elm Cottage and the trees and grounds surrounding it mark one of the most secluded and pastoral sites available for everyone to enjoy. If the faculty club is put there, and later if the



"Son, what are you doing IN there...?" "Dad, what are you doing OUT there...?"

HUB is expanded south over the field, students will find themselves slowly forced into a position similar to that of the Plains Indians toward the end of the last century.

Students should protest this usurpation of land for a faculty fringe benefit. The central campus should be maintained as it is, not choked by grandiose buildings and concrete pavement. The University put the graduate student center out on the frontier, and they put probably the most important building on campus, Shields, even further away. Presumably the center of the expanding University will gravitate around Shields. If we can believe this, why can't the faculty club be built near Shields where the action is? If the faculty want to seclude themselves from the student body, let them do so with discretion, but why can't we keep some green grass and fine shade trees at the same time?

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Establishment To Fight

TO THE EDITOR: Several of Jim Womer's statements at Wednesday's Undergraduate Student Government hearings on membership in the National Student Association cannot go unchallenged.

Foremost was his belief that the defeat of NSA membership in several southern universities was due to a "conservative backlash" — conservative because they don't like the tone and actions of the Radical Left as professed by NSA. Womer tried but failed to make a distinction between Students for a Democratic Society and NSA programs and political ideologies. He said that between the Radical Right, which Young Americans for Freedom represented, and the New Left, represented by SDS, fell the National Student Association, in the middle of the mainstream of American politics.

That idea is a complete fallacy, and Womer knew it when he threw up such an absurd statement. Even one

of his associates seemed rather astonished at Womer's insane analysis of this nation's political spectrum.

The National Office of SDS encourages participation in NSA conventions in order to radicalize the student delegates. Several NSA leaders are present and former SDS members, such as Bob Ross, and the two SDS members that are councilmen from Town Independent Men will vote for NSA membership on Thursday, May 29.

Womer also told the audience that SDS considers NSA an "Establishment" group and therefore opposes it. This is, from the evidence, the absolute untruth, and we therefore question Jim Womer's integrity when speaking to fellow students. He seems to be a misinformed power elitist who brought NSA here on trial membership and wants to keep it here because he professes the same political ideology as the association does, not because of any record, travel, or legal services to the students. He admonished YAF opposition to NSA as politically motivated, yet one can see he favors it purely for his personal ideology.

Womer and Don Shall have denied the students of PSU a referendum on this issue because it would be defeated by them, NSA membership has never been elected by a student body anywhere. Shall said at an East Halls Council meeting that a referendum would be impossible. Why? Students lack information because they don't read The Daily Collegian.

One final point: when pressed about a student referendum, Womer and a few friends kept asking YAF members if they would hold the referendum and supply time and work. Is this the group we want in power with our student funds? Is this the group that cares so little about student opinion that it tells another student group to conduct the student poll if it's so concerned about NSA membership?

Mr. Womer—why do you think you know what's best for the next student and his share of the general student fund that membership dues would draw from? In short, the students at Penn State have a new Establishment to fight, and that is the power group that controls USG and its membership in the National Student Association.

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3rd-Business Administration, Lancaster

Calls for Referendum

TO THE EDITOR: For a majority of the students of PSU to personally benefit from the "services" offered by NSA, that majority would have to be aware that the services existed. As most USG congressmen would admit, the majority of the students at PSU were not aware of the role of NSA or its services this past year during PSU's provisional membership in NSA, and, therefore, the majority of the student body has neither benefited nor been aware of its existence. Students who have come into contact with and/or done research on NSA hold opinions ranging from considering it to have done more for educational reform than the State of Pennsylvania, to considering it an organization which offers the student no services and uses his money without representing him.

Reviewing the situation, keeping in mind that USG is probably more informed about NSA than the student body; that the USG can't possibly claim to represent the opinion of a student body which has probably not yet formulated an opinion on this issue; and that the few students who have opinions strongly disagree, it seems to me that the best way both to inform that student body and to get their opinion on NSA would be a student referendum and its accompanying publicity. Such a referendum represents to me the only just way to deal with this situation.

Anne Heiser
3rd-Liberal Arts-Clarks Summit

Sympathetic to Slutskin?

TO THE EDITOR: I send my sincere sympathy to Alan Slutskin, Collegian Drama Critic, on the bad review he received in your May 29 issue. A few of us who have observed Alan's "performance" over the past four years unanimously agree that the author of the critique ignored many important aspects of Alan's work in order to make a clearly unsubstantiated point.

To us Alan's work stands out as an oasis of poignant commentary in the parched desert of commonplace, unemotional theatrical criticisms. Alan's critiques were always sharp and to the point, his point of view was made perfectly clear every review, and, in short, he reported his emotional responses to theatrical performances without letting any dull, scientifically based evaluations pollute his insight.

The critic who wrote Alan's review clearly ignored these attributes. Whatever his emotional hang-ups or ulterior motives were, we agree that his review of Mr. Slutskin was totally emotional, unscientific, and just plain wrong! BRAVO MR. SLUTSKIN!!!!

Robert Neil Dumin
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Body Without A Mind

TO THE EDITOR: It may be an old-fashioned notion but it has always seemed to me that a theatre critic's most sacred duty is to inform the public intelligently and accurately.

May I suggest that, before the theatre season is quite over, Mr. Slutskin take a course in "The History and Appreciation of the Theatre" (1, 2 and 3 if necessary) before set-



"... They've got guns ... !!"

ting himself up as State College's very own Clive Barnes.

I could ignore his burlesque remark regarding Strindberg's "paraphrasing" of Shakespeare (whatever that is supposed to mean) but if it is his belief that Strindberg also wrote "The Cherry Orchard" he is clearly misinformed and should make a definite effort to ascertain the authorship of one of the most beautiful and profoundly moving plays ever written and which, in my opinion, does not deserve the sort of treatment given it by Mr. Slutskin "in a cheap and superficial attempt at writing dramatic criticism". It is, therefore, my Mind—let alone a Soul
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Marion Langley

Misstatement of Facts

TO THE EDITOR: After reading Alan Slutskin's review of "The Firebugs", I feel the need to correct several errors.

The paragraph referring to the cast's running into the audience which reads: "It's done the way Strindberg paraphrased Shakespeare in "Miss Julie" and "The Cherry Orchard" in a cheap attempt to make his plays profound," contains:

—a blatant error (Strindberg did not write "The Cherry Orchard"; Anton Chekhov did.)
—an idea entirely new to modern criticism (the statement that Strindberg paraphrased Shakespeare in "Miss Julie").

—a highly debatable and groundless hypothesis (a cheap attempt to make his plays profound; Strindberg's work is perhaps the deepest and most multi-leveled body of art in all the modern theatre.)

Also, Victor Jory never won an Oscar and the song "Fire", which is not sung at the end of the show is performed by Arthur Brown, not Jimi Hendrix.

I shall not quarrel with Mr. Slutskin's opinion of the production, which I have not yet seen, but it begins to look highly dubious among so many easily correctable errors in simple fact.

Jerry James
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Relevant to Understanding

TO THE EDITOR: This letter is in response to that of Abdeslem El-Alaoui, whose remarks appear in The Daily Collegian of May 28.

At the Friday night session of Colloquy on the Middle East, each panelist, including me, was given two minutes to present his views on the Arab-Israeli conflict. Given such a short space of time, I chose to emphasize, with supporting facts, that Israelis are mortally afraid of permitting the return of large numbers of Arab refugees. My recounting the atrocious murders of two downed Israeli pilots in the Six Day War was meant to demonstrate the Israeli conviction that Israel must remain a Jewish state and free from Arab hatred and prejudice against Jews. The return of many refugees might very well reduce Jews to a minority within Israel and thus submit Jews to oppression and worse.

The purpose of my stories, then, was to make one very significant point, i.e., that Israelis can hardly be expected to acquiesce in what they regard as their own destruction. Mr. El-Alaoui's claim—that Arab civilization has made great contributions to mankind—is not disputed by Israelis. Their esteem for its accomplishments, however, is tempered by the fact that in the recent past it has become remarkably hostile to its Semitic brothers the Jews.

I was disturbed by Mr. El-Alaoui's characterization of my remarks at Colloquy as "intolerable, ignoble and malicious." I can only presume that, in his opinion, the sentiments of the Israelis are of no account in seeking to understand the situation in the Middle East. I believe that the sentiments of both Arabs and Israelis are relevant to that understanding.

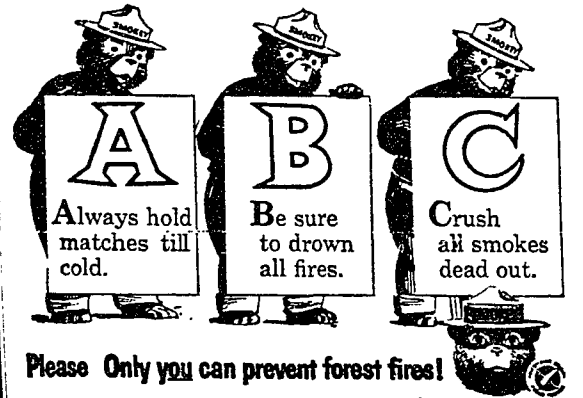
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College Student Questionnaire Research Project

Penn State students who have received, but have not completed and returned the College Student Questionnaires, are requested to do so as soon as possible. The response of each individual student adds to the potential impact of the total results.

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Gerald D. Williams
Student Affairs Research



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