

# Faculty: Speak, Stop the Action

FREDERICK CLOSE is the president of the Aluminum Corporation of America and a member of the University's Board of Trustees. Close is also the chairman of the committee which has been set up to promote and raise funds for the proposed faculty club.

According to members of the Penn State Foundation, "the agency which seeks and receives private support from alumni, corporations, foundations, and friends in the form of gifts, both large and small," all the money which would be used to build and finance a faculty club would be from these gifts.

When the contributions are sent to the Foundation, many of them are specifically earmarked for certain projects close to the hearts of the donors. The Foundation claims that close to 80 percent of the contributions are earmarked, and that, at this time, none of the unearmarked contributions are to be used for a faculty club. The only way these contributions could be diverted is by a vote of the Board of Directors of the Foundation, of which Close is also a member.

IN ORDER to raise the \$1.5-2 million dollars necessary for the construction of the club, it has been and will continue to be necessary for Close to solicit foundations and corporations, along with the alumni (who have already been sent one letter from Close) for donations to be earmarked for the proposed club.

Whether Close is a friend of the faculty or whether he stands to somehow gain from jumping in and bearing the burden of raising the necessary funds is truly unknown. It really doesn't matter that much, either.

What does matter, however, is the obvious change in priorities which has been shown through Close's actions.

In the fall issue of Business Today,

Drew Pearson quotes Close as saying "Unless we are able to solve the problem of Negro employment, of Negro training and the whole problem of the Negro ghettos, we are in for dire times in the United States. We have been fighting a guerrilla war in southeast Asia, but we'll be fighting guerrilla warfare in the big cities of the United States."

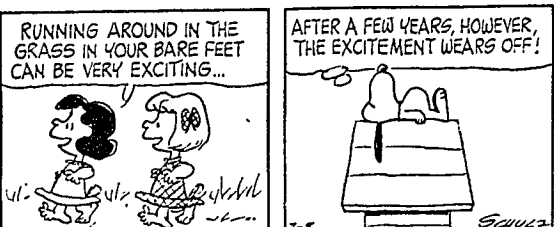
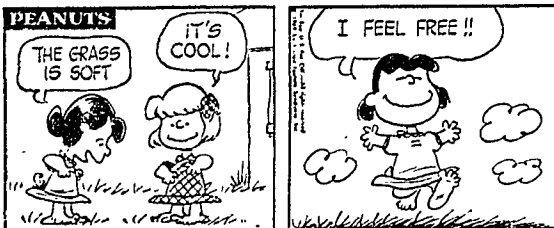
CLOSE IS ALSO quoted as saying "Business has got to meet this problem. If we don't, nobody will. The government is doing some of it. But business is better equipped to train Negroes than anyone else. I am devoting a great deal of time to it, and after I retire from this company I expect to devote all my time to this challenge."

No longer can Close devote all his time to the challenge of helping the blacks get ahead, for he must find the money to build a faculty club to avert a guerrilla war in the University Senate.

AT THE PRESENT time, most faculty senators are sitting back waiting for their gift, unsolicited by them in its present form, yet also unopposed by most. Only a few voices have spoken out against this poorly timed, overly exaggerated notion of a building which is "one of the amenities which makes life more dignified and pleasant and which will make it more possible for us to attract highly qualified and distinguished faculty members," according to University President Eric A. Walker.

It is now necessary for the faculty to speak out against this perverted amenity and request that all action and solicitation be stopped. They must speak out for scholarships for economically deprived students.

THE SENATE must show the alumni and the trustees what the true priorities are of "highly qualified and distinguished faculty members."



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## Letters to the Editor

### Buttons: A Come-on

TO THE EDITOR: I am writing to explain the misunderstanding about the Hillel table at registration and to refute the blatant lies by Mr. Ateya in the July 3 Daily Collegian. We went there to sell memberships to the Hillel Foundation—and did. This is why we were permitted in and allowed to remain.

The buttons were a come-on. They were left over from last Spring's United Jewish Appeal drive and we thought the idea of free buttons (knowing how crazy this campus has been about buttons) would bring people to the table, look at our pictures, ask who we were, and why we were there. They did.

And that's all they were intended to do. Anybody who came to the table and asked (including Arab students) were told that we were doing nothing political and the only cause we were stressing was Hillel membership.

I have personally apologized to Mr. Fuller for any misunderstanding that has arisen because of this.

I hesitate to answer Mr. Ateya's letter because it would seem almost a personal grudge and an Arab-Jewish conflict here at Penn State—something I'm sure neither of us want.

But I must—because his attack was a personal one. His idea that the table was sponsored by the UJA manned by Israeli Commandos is ridiculous and utterly without reason—as I have shown.

Also, we have never stated that Arabs should live too. We hope for and dream of the day that the conflict will stop, and that both peoples can live peacefully side by side.

But I resent the remarks that state I am a criminal and a traitor to my country. This is a challenge I cannot leave unanswered. I challenge Mr. Ateya to find any evidence that I have betrayed the United States.

To end, it is a shame that a letter starting out as a legitimate attempt to discover the reasons for our table should degenerate (perhaps on purpose) into a political diatribe—quite out of place.

Barry Levin  
Acting President,  
Hillel Foundation

(2) students from lower income families who cannot afford to pay fifty cents are unable to swim at all since the Natatorium is closed to them; and (3) no amount of argument to the tune of rising costs, low budgets, etc. can excuse the charging of a flat rate for all members of the university community nor the closing of the indoor pool to students while allowing faculty and staff to continue to use it at a very minimal rate for the Summer (\$1). If a charge must be made for the outdoor pool, then why not a graded season rate like two dollars for students and ten dollars for faculty, etc.

Please, if you believe in honest human relationships and really do wish to have the respect of those whom you are supposed to be serving, please correct this situation immediately. Dr. MacNeill is not at fault, I understand—the policy comes straight from Old Main. However, this should come as no surprise since the same people have raised the rents for the most poorly paid personnel—the grad students—in order to give a raise to the maintenance personnel.

Robert S. Bernstein  
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### 'Turn for the Worse'

TO THE EDITOR: I would like to start out by saying that in the past I have with unfailing devotion upheld President Eric A. Walker's proposals and actions; however, this summer there is something new and unwanted in the presidential plans—a turn for the worse.

I visited the Natatorium only to be re-pledged by the statement that the students at the University will never feel the water of the indoor pool—except those taking tests—even if the temperatures reach into the 100's. I feel that this is a direct affront to the students and also a reversal in Eric Walker's plans for orienting students. They will truly learn to love this student-run and so-called Democratic University. Aren't we all so glad that he even went so far as to poll the student body for its opinion?

If, the students, the populus of this urbane Universitas are willing to pay 50 cents per day, even though we can only swim for a short time, then we will forget the whole mess. However, if there are students here who really give a damn and don't have 50 cents to throw away, I sincerely hope that you will listen to and support my proposals. Not only do I ask you to support them but also to show your dissatisfaction to the proper person—President Walker.

I propose that the students should be allowed such pool privileges as was accorded the students during the past three terms, except in the case in which a large group of people have previous arrangements.

If the first proposal can't or won't be met, I then propose that the outdoor pool be opened without a charge, or a maximum of 10 cents be imposed. I know the pool has to be paid for, but does it have to be paid for by the students in one summer? Outrageous!

My third proposal, and my last, is that a maximum charge of 25 cents be imposed on the outdoor pool and that the indoor pool be open to the students two days and three nights out of the week and also on the weekends.

My proposals taper in magnitude toward the end, but I do believe that action must be taken so that more students may have a more enjoyable and relaxing summer. I feel that it is time something should be done for the students and not to them. After all, it is going to be a long hot summer.

Brian Woodward  
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### Challenges Pool Fee

TO THE EDITOR: This Spring the University made an outdoor swimming pool available to those members of the University community willing or able to pay fifty cents per day to use it. I would like to challenge the University personnel responsible to justify (1) the flat rate of fifty cents per person per day, regardless of their financial status—students, faculty, staff, etc., and (2) the closing of the indoor swimming facilities to students so that in order to swim at all, students are forced to pay fifty cents at the outdoor pool.

Why is the new pool different than the other recreational facilities? Why has the indoor pool been made off-limits to students? Why is the indoor pool available at very limited times only to faculty, staff, and graduate assistants (i.e. undergraduates, and graduates without assistantships are barred from using the indoor pool)—thus, clearly the poorer the student, the more he is forced to pay if he wishes to swim?

Further disturbing considerations are these: (1) the high charge of fifty cents per day militates against serious students who wish only to take a quick swim once a day;

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