

# A slow death for OD?

What do you do when your educational dosage of speed turns into a strangling dependency? Or a party "high" backfires?

Call On Drugs? Well, if it's between 9 p.m. and 9 a.m. before Oct. 31, then you're in luck. But at the end of the month, On Drugs, Inc. may be closing up shop.

On Drugs, a 24-hour drug crisis intervention, educational, counseling and referral service, must cutback hotline hours beginning Sunday. The future of On Drugs after Halloween depends on the political tricks or financial treats bestowed by the Centre County Commissioners.

There are many people working to keep OD afloat. OD's full-time staffers work for a yearly salary of about \$2,000 each. Associated Student Activities has contributed \$2,695 and the University has provided \$7,100 worth of consultant services. OD Vice President Guy Pilato is a University psychologist.

But the bulk of OD's revenue comes in a \$26,000 check which the commissioners will not sign. The amount is part of total county budget of \$90,000 for social services from the Governor's Council of Drug and Alcohol Abuse.

The money, however, goes back into the state's account; if the commissioners refuse to appropriate 10 per cent in matched funds, OD already has raised its own matched funds but cannot receive their share of the social service funds since the commissioners have rejected the entire county plan.

In addition, the commissioners have refused to loan On Drugs, Inc. any money to perpetuate the program.

The commissioners claim the fund refusal does not stem from dissatisfaction with the program. Commissioner J. Doyle Corman admitted OD is "quite effective."

The Centre County Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse — the group authorized to submit proposals to the state for social service funds — also has endorsed OD.

The commissioners say they have not dug into the county's pockets for the \$10,000 needed to get the state \$90,000, because the county cannot spare the money.

As OD President John Elliot noted, "the commissioners felt it necessary to return the county courthouse last year at a cost to

the county of \$90,000, while the need for a much smaller investment in social services for the citizens of the county is questioned."

Any hope for revenue sharing funds from the borough for On Drugs? Most of the \$220,000 is slated for curbs, sewers, street signs and other new, shiny — and noticeable — improvements.

On Drugs faces a slow death. Overdue bills are piling up. Staffers — now working without pay — are beginning to look for other jobs.

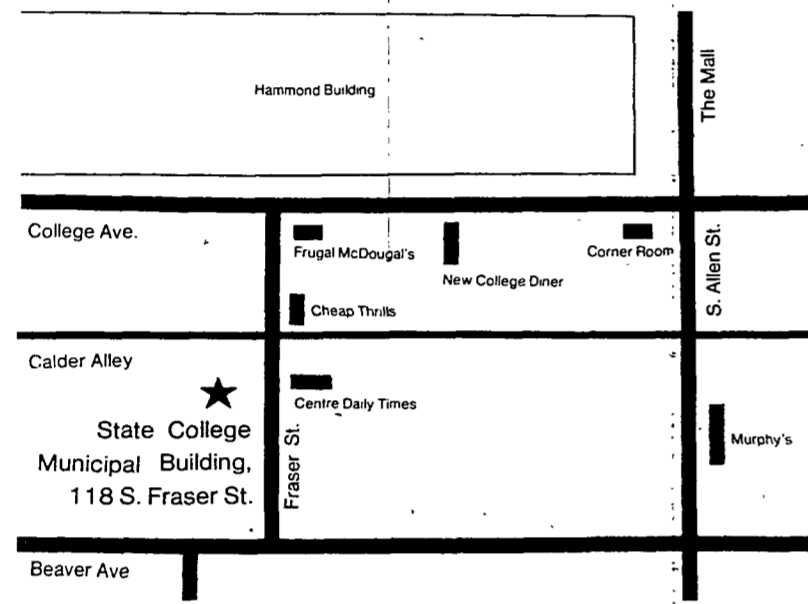
What can you do to help? Financial contributions are welcome and should be mailed to On Drugs, Inc., Box 1003, State College.

Realistically, however, it will be difficult for On Drugs to sustain the 24-hour service on contributions alone.

Write to Corman at the courthouse in Bellefonte and let him know what you think of the county's attitude toward social services.

On Drugs now has its head on the financial block and the commissioners control the axe. A swift, clean funding cut is all that's needed to kill the service.

Help get OD an acquittal.



## Last chance

You are part of State College. So are the 973 people who have registered to vote this week and gained a voice in State College government. Why haven't you?

Voter registration will be conducted from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today at the State College Municipal Building, 118 S. Fraser St.

If you have changed your address you also must notify the election commissioners by going to the Municipal Building today.

This is your last chance to register in State College.

# Changing sex roles have crippled females PSU coeds: try love

NAME WITHHELD  
PSU Student

Ask a typical Penn State coed what she is looking for in her relationships with Penn State men and you might expect an answer like "love," if she's being serious, right? Then ask the men what they want from women and the answer is "sex," right? That's hardly the case anymore. Some of you may be laughing already. Or crying, depending upon your personal experiences.

All my experiences with the opposite sex have left me crying—not just for myself, but for the girls that wouldn't or couldn't love me or anyone else. Something has deprived all the girls I've met, or heard about, of the ability to be

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truly in love with a man. I myself have never suffered from the inability to love, but it's supposed to be hell, at least according to Dostoevsky. I wondered how such a deplorable condition could have arisen on campus, and I think I've come up with the answer.

I would say that 50 years ago sex roles were much more clearly defined than they are today. Women knew their place, so to say. Whether the position of the woman before the suffrage movement was politically or morally right is not my concern here. At least she had the security of knowing her place. She nurtured the ideal of love. The love of a good woman was like a rock, enduring the irresponsible, short-lived thrusts of the male sex game. Woman held in her hands the responsibility of preserving life itself.

Things have changed since then. Woman have been struggling for the right to do all the things men do. College women in particular are wonderfully liberated. The old saying that women go to college to get a man just isn't true anymore. The women on this campus are pursuing careers, just like men.

There's nothing wrong with that, of course. Woman should be able to have careers and raise a family, too. Logically, nothing should be preventing the formation of long-lasting relationships on campus.

There is an irrational fear which is fouling up the situation, however. I'm afraid that women's liberation has driven its philosophy home to the point of overkill. The girls look back on the "plight" of their mothers and are scared to death of becoming enslaved. They may say

they've been in love, but it generally doesn't last for more than six months to a year.

The tendency for girls today is to experiment, to become involved in as many intense, yet very short-lived, relationships as possible, at least according to the clinical psychologist who has been treating me for my most recent heartbreak. (He insists that there are many exceptions to this rule, but I haven't yet met a girl capable of love, in spite of all my efforts to do so.)

I'm sure there are many people who after reading this far, still say, "What's the big deal?" You tell me there's nothing wrong with having many short involvements without love while we're still undergraduates. After all, we don't intend to get married until after we graduate. I agree that this system is fine for the frigid, impotent, for those people capable of having sex outside of love. For the rest of us, sex can be a big problem.

For the girls, sex usually doesn't impose any real problems. They were hardly interested in it in the days of the long-lasting relationship, and now they can ignore it completely if they choose to do so in all their shallow little affairs. No love, no sex; just the freedom to pick men's minds for intellectual stimulation. Oh, I realize that you do get horny, girls, but once every two weeks or so doesn't impress me.

Of course the male feeling toward sex has not changed and probably never will. Guys are always horny. It's a fact of life.

What has changed for many of us, though, is the necessity of combining sex with love. Maybe it's because we have to nurture the life-protecting force of love, now that our female companions have dropped this ideal. Whatever the reason, men like myself who refuse to have sex without love are suffering emotionally and physically. In the meantime, the women are happy in their new-found freedom. Or are they?

Upon the week of breaking off an unusually deep and rich relationship with my last girlfriend (at her request, of course), all I heard from her over and over again was, "I can't see any meaning in my life."

It's not surprising. At times she had let her true feelings slip out and exclaimed aloud how much she wanted a family and children. Yet I never dared to mention the possibility of marriage to her, for the word was on her taboo list. She would cry out in pain at the transitory nature of her existence, yet she refused the security of the kind of life I offered her.

I encouraged her in every way to think for herself and to build whatever kind of life she wanted, but she continuously accused me of trying to trap her into my ways of thinking. She is the typical, sensitive, intelligent coed—unhappy and mixed up as hell. Not that love is the universal panacea for our problems. Love simply makes our transient lives a bit more meaningful, and I wish the girls on this campus would stop being so afraid to give love a try when they find someone as sincere as I hope I am.

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# Letters to the Editor of The Daily Collegian

## Give and take

TO THE EDITOR: As one who has survived the perils of bicycle riding for more than 30 years, 10 of them in State College and on campus (long before it became fashionable), and as a car driver for some 20 years, I am appalled by the number of cyclists who ignore red lights and stop signs, ride without lights at night and go against traffic flow on one-way streets.

I exhort the borough police and campus security force to use the full weight of the vehicle code in prosecuting these offenders, who are bringing discredit on law-abiding cyclists.

At the same time I plead for some directives about where I may park my bike while shopping (thank you, U.S. Post Office, for your well-designed rack).

I also plead with campus authorities for permission to use, with due observance of the prior rights of pedestrians, certain Campus walk-ways which do not border a road. To get from the bike stand in front of Pattee to the Corner Room by "legal means" entails carrying the bike up and down a flight of steps, then going via Burrows, Beaver and Allen Street (three and a half sides of a rectangle). It is not surprising that cyclists prefer to go straight down the Mall, and the majority do it without inconveniencing the foot-sloggers

Pat Wilson  
Penn State Class of '70

## Just leave, okay?

TO THE EDITOR: I am forced to write out of embarrassment. My embarrassment comes from the lack of common courtesy that my peers exhibit towards other students and especially towards the professor.

This boorishness is most apparent in a class containing many students (Forum, Schwab, Willard) in which towards the end of class there is a general restlessness that literally drowns out the professor who is still lecturing.

Another point of contention is students talking to their neighbors which not only is annoying to the professor but also prohibits the surrounding students from hearing the lecture.

In closing, just let me say that if a student does not like the course, as is evident by his eagerness to leave and his lack of attention to the lecture, he should please not come to the class. It saves the professor a lot of pain and makes it easier for the other students who are trying to listen. There is no excuse for bad manners.

Richard Weiss  
5th-finance

## The letter of the law

TO THE EDITOR: I am writing in response to the Oct. 3 letter submitted by H.L. Sosinski. His letter dealt with the ever growing issue between bicyclists and car drivers. Since I do not operate a motor vehicle on campus nor ride a bicycle, I consider myself an objective observer.

Mr. Sosinski, I respect you for your devotion to Pennsylvania traffic regulations. However, it seems to me that your strict observance of the letter of the law is all you feel is necessary to be a safe driver. I find this most disheartening. Especially since you are studying law enforcement and should know better.

I would like to make a hypothetical case in point to your statement: "I am not responsible for bicyclists that insist on 'sneaking' along my right side as I am making a right turn."

Imagine you have just stopped at an intersection and have looked both ways on the intersecting street. You proceed to make a right turn, after putting on your right turn signal of course.

Halfway into your turn you hear a sickening thud, and you realize you have struck down a cyclist who was 'sneaking' along your right side. And you kill him.

At the coroners inquest you will be asked if you saw the cyclist. If you answer no, you will be asked why you didn't see him. Stating that you publicly disavowed responsibility toward

careless cyclists won't help. You will be slapped with a manslaughter charge due to negligence quicker than you can rattle off just one of Pa.'s traffic regulations.

I can make similar hypothetical situations for every one of your "I am not responsible" statements, although one suffices to carry my point. I hope they teach you more than self-righteousness in Law Enforcement and Correction.

Robert J. Hamilton  
4th-English

## C'mon AWS

TO THE EDITOR: Bobby deserved his loss to a better tennis player, but the Association of Woman Students was wrong in forcing USG into the "precedent-setting" decision to terminate Homecoming activities last week.

AWS helped capable musicians achieve proper recognition when they aided in opening the band to women, but why do they think they're helping now?

Women and men should have equal freedoms and opportunities, but this most recent exhibition of ill-placed power has simply served to polarize the previously uncommitted people; a few jumped on the misdirected bandwagon, but the circumstances of the situation caused at least as many others to decide that women's lib has gone too far.

AWS, Focus Magazine and their partner, Peter Key, should have obtained their publicity elsewhere, but now they may get a dingy, spotted feather in their precious caps, at the expense of the many men and women who enjoyed the contest.

Focus and AWS — if you want to tackle some real hard-core discrimination, take a look at Pennsylvania's divorce laws.

Phil Amthor  
8th-advertising

## Protect pedestrians

TO THE EDITOR: Recently there have been numerous letters to the editor about bicyclists and their activities on campus and around State College. All of these letters were in defense of bicyclists and not one bicyclist was concerned in the least about pedestrian safety.

My point is this: most people that ride bikes have no respect for the law and no consideration for pedestrians. All of them are blatant violators of the law for they can and will not stop at a stop sign nor will they yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk or otherwise.

So long as a bicycle is considered as a vehicle, the rider should pay the consequences of a traffic violation as do motorists.

Suppose for one day all motorists take all of the liberties that bicyclists do. At the end of that day, there will have been more blood spilled than in any event in history. It would please the author and many pedestrians to see the Campus Patrol enforce traffic regulations against the bicyclists.

Roger J. Mislaszek  
10th-mechanical engineering

## Dodging bikers

TO THE EDITOR: I was very amused by Gary Barton's Oct. 1 letter demanding that bicyclists should have all the rights of a motorist. So be it. As a member of the "Silent Majority" of pedestrians here in State College, I feel that the time has now come to defend my own rights.

For this reason I suggest that Mr. Barton and his cycling comrades take one of two possible courses of action: either start obeying the traffic laws or buy some liability, life, collision and medical insurance to cover their riding habits. I'm tired of dodging bikers who ignore the stop signs on campus,

and someday I may not jump quite quickly enough.

Pay up your insurance, Mr. Barton — Pennsylvania law requires financial responsibility. (So that I can sue you to recover.) Fair is fair!

Joe Kavinski  
13th-computer science

## Share the road

TO THE EDITOR: By the tone of recent letters in The Daily Collegian one can see that the various factions of the bike-auto issue are choosing up sides and preparing to do battle. This sort of antagonism can only lead to confrontations, and let's face it folks — in a bike-auto run in, the bicyclist is bound to get the short end of the stick.

I have been a bicyclist, motorist and pedestrian in State College for two years now, and I have to admit that whatever form of transportation I am using, the other two become a pain in the butt. There is no question that bikes get in the way of cars, cars get in the way of bikes, and pedestrians, who really have the right of way, get in the way of everybody.

The solution to this problem lies in cooperation, not in drawing up sides. There are more cars, bikes and people in State College every year, and the streets are not getting any wider. Consequently some changes will have to be made which call for careful planning — and money. Bike lanes are one answer, but this means less — on-street parking, more garages — and higher taxes. A downtown mall is probably the final solution, but the merchants don't want that.

Until the township supervisors can plan a workable solution and make some positive improvements, we will have to rely on enforcement of existing laws and some common sense.

Enforcement means not only ticketing misparked bikes and bikes running lights, but also nabbing autos doing 55 mph on Beaver and pedestrians crossing College Avenue against the light.

Common sense means driving slowly in town, crossing the streets only at the corners and keeping bikes off College Avenue and the Benner Pike after 5 p.m.

This simple use of enforcement and common sense might not solve the State College traffic problem, but we'll all probably live longer.

Robert Brown  
Graduate-animal nutrition

## Put the pressure on

TO THE EDITOR: Hail, Auto the Great, lord and master of the road. For over 50 years the auto's iron fist has ruled the highway and the cyclist is still forced into the gutter. Why should bicycles have a fair share of the streets? They do not exist, only "motor vehicles." Bikers can stand around and give the finger whenever they are hassled by a car or they can take action.

If the law is a rip-off, giving the patrolman a headache does not help. The ticket to justice is changing the law. The Motor Vehicle Code is being rewritten this winter and a public hearing is being held Oct. 17 in Keller Building. They want to know what the gripes are.

Cyclists can pedal their ideas locally too. Election time is drawing near and the USG is sponsoring a meeting with the candidates later this month. The only way to get the downtown situation shifted into the right gear is for the 7,000 locally registered bikers to declare, "no bike racks — no vote."

One cyclist on the rim of the crowd can run out of air pretty fast, but together a bunch of bikers can put the pressure on. Locally, the Center Region Hike Bike Association, Inc. and on campus the Cycling Club are trying to turn the handlebars in their direction. They will have their spokesmen in 121 Sparks on Oct. 11 at 7:30 and they need input from everybody.

Ken Shanks  
Penn State Cycling Club President

## Famous beards

TO THE EDITOR: Your account of a local dentist's refusal to attend to the dental needs of various patients causes some concern to myself both as a bearded person and as a member of the Penn State faculty.

It is known that Dr. Marshall is an avid follower of many activities including the Penn State football team, and it will no doubt come as a surprise to him to learn that distinguished notables at Penn State including its first seven presidents of Penn State had full beards, namely: (1) President Evan Pugh, (2) President William H. Allen, (3) President John Fraser, (4) President Thomas Burrows, (5) President James Calder, (6) President Joseph Shortlidge, and (7) President George Atherton.

Had they been subject to his proscription they would in fact have been denied the benefits of his professional training. Limited inquiries made of dental associations failed to verify the statements "that the new high speed drills in fact can be hazardous to bearded patients."

It is perhaps without some degree of macabre humor to note that citizens of the order of Charles Darwin, King George V of Great Britain as well as lesser mortals would have to suffer the agonies of dental ache were there to be a boycott imposed by dentists with respect to bearded patients.

Harry S. Cublentz  
Associate professor of urban planning

## Bicycle form letter

TO THE EDITOR: I suggest the following form letter for all future bicycle letters:

"I am writing an arrogant letter about (A) car drivers, (B) bicycle riders, (C) pedestrians.

"They are stupid because they don't go to class my way. Everybody knows that the smartest people go to class by (A) car, (B) bicycle, (C) food, (D) horseback like I do.

"All (A) bicycles, (B) cars, (C) people should be banned from the campus.

"(A) car drivers are fools, (B) bicycle riders are fools, (C) pedestrians are fools."

Tom Bubeck  
9th-journalism

## Rules are rules?

TO THE EDITOR: Ecology is excellent, bicycling is beautiful, but rules are rules. Or are they? What are the rules for bicycles?

I appreciate the arguments made in favor of difference — if you stop you lose your momentum, etc. — but most of these smack of special pleading. I agree that bikes are not just the same as cars, but we all need some clearly stated rules so that all — car drivers, cyclists, pedestrians — know where we are.

Can cyclists really ride both with the traffic and against it, pass cars on both right and left, ignore stop signs and weave around traffic (as I saw this morning, traffic moving in both directions and on two streets at an intersection) without expecting some irate reactions?

This is particularly a problem at four-way or three-way stops where the efficiency of the system depends on keeping to the rules.

What about getting together on it?

Murray S. Martin  
Associate Director of Libraries

EDITOR'S NOTE: Next Friday's P.S. magazine is scheduled to carry a cover story analyzing bicycle regulations on and off campus.