

# Discrimination

If you are an unmarried undergraduate, you cannot rent an apartment in some State College complexes. You might find it hard to get an apartment downtown because of your professed political beliefs or because you are physically handicapped. You might not be able to get a loan if you are black.

Since Fall Term six student groups have been working toward the end of such discrimination in State College. They have drafted an anti-discrimination ordinance which they are planning to present to Borough Council soon.

The ordinance would prohibit discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations

and lending practices on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, place of birth, sex, age (in employment), sexual preference, marital status, political ideology or physical handicaps.

If you feel you have been the victim of discrimination for some of these reasons, you could take the case to a state commission dealing with discrimination complaints.

But the ordinance the student groups have written for State College is more comprehensive than state law and calls for a local commission to hear discrimination cases. A local commission would help protect people without the necessary time or resources to take their complaints to Harrisburg.

If Borough Council passes the ordinance, it will be guaranteeing State College residents their basic freedoms. All residents could feel free to profess such things as their political ideologies, religious beliefs or sexual preferences without fear of discrimination.

The idea of the anti-discrimination ordinance is not new; towns and cities across the country have passed similar ones. State College needs such an ordinance.

Borough Council must not put off the proposal. Council must give it serious consideration, changing it if necessary. But the borough must take this first step toward eliminating discrimination in State College.

possible, eventually complying with the \$1,000 requirement. Pitt and Temple reached the \$1,000 tuition level several years ago and, accordingly, the legislature has not asked them to increase their tuition.

It seems clear to us that Oswald is sincere in his attempt to keep tuition costs as low as possible for the average student, who is here only 4 years, by having small yearly increases over a 6 to 7 year period. He did not state, as printed in the Collegian, that "students would have to accept the tuition increase on good faith." Even with the proposed increase, Penn State's tuition would not comply with the \$1,000 level set by the Commonwealth Master Plan, yet Oswald is trying to convince Harrisburg to adopt a new Master Plan entitled "A Comprehensive Proposal for Financing Higher Education in Pennsylvania," which would require no further increase in tuition, beyond the \$960.

We originally decided not to respond to George Cernusca's statement, believing that to cause a rift in the Student Advisory Board's membership at its initial meeting might create problems in cooperation for the entire 1974-75 academic year. This issue now has received such widespread publicity that we believe that an opposing perspective of the "tuition-increase controversy" should be presented to the student body.

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themselves what sororities were really like, they admitted how wrong their former impressions had been. After all, a sorority is nothing more than a group of individuals trying to overcome the impersonal atmosphere of a large campus. Granted, there are and will be snobs, but snobs will be snobs whether in a sorority or not.

I am not trying to persuade independents to join a sorority. I know I can't. All I hope to do is open up many narrow minds. Independents who have never rushed or have never become a member of a sorority, don't formulate your opinions from someone who knows nothing more about sororities than you. Find out for yourself. You might just like them.

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## Spring Week

TO THE EDITOR: The fraternities and sororities deserve praise and recognition for their charitable efforts for improving the policies concerning admittance to the skits.

We were first in line, with tickets, and upon entering the tent found most of the seats already occupied by friends of the participants. We had been waiting in the cold for over 45 minutes, and found it extremely annoying to be stuck in the back, unable to see.

Spring Week would be greatly improved if these indications of partisanship were eliminated. If these people did not pay for admission the purpose of the carnival — to raise money for charity — was being defeated. We feel a change in policy would help foster good will and improve the image of the festival.

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11th-theatre arts

## Tuition controversy

TO THE EDITOR: As members of the Student Advisory Board, we would like to present a different interpretation of the tuition-increase controversy than that presented by George Cernusca in The Daily Collegian May 2 article.

At the April 30 meeting of the Student Advisory Board, the rationale behind the proposed tuition increase was presented by University President, Dr. John Oswald. In accordance with the Commonwealth Master Plan for Higher Education, enacted five years ago, the tuition at each of Pennsylvania's three public Universities (Penn State, Pitt, and Temple) was to be increased to a common level of \$1,000 where it would stabilize.

At that time Penn State's tuition was \$645, requiring an increase of \$355 to bring it to the established level. In dealing with the legislature over the past 5 years, University President John W. Oswald has maintained that a drastic increase in tuition would place undue hardship on students currently in program at Penn State. He has opted for keeping the tuition increases low and spread out over as long a period of time as

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