

Thank you

When movie stars win Academy Awards, they usually smile and thank all the "little people behind the scenes" who helped them achieve success.

Quite a few student groups deserve an award for their achievements this term. All the students who worked behind the scenes in those groups deserve thanks from all the University students they have served.

Three of those organizations — Colloquy, the University Concert Committee and the Artists Series — have provided you with excellent programs to attend while trapped in the hinterland of University Park.

The Artists Series has provided you with opportunities to see everything from movies to modern dance and hear everything from Beethoven, courtesy of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, to "When the Saints Come Marching In" by the Preservation Hall Jazz Band.

This term alone Colloquy has brought in, free of charge, Dick Cavett to joke with you, Robin Morgan to help you understand women's problems, Daniel Ellsberg to tell you about the government's problems and Dustin Hoffman at 50 cents to help the Renaissance Fund.

UCC has done its best to satisfy students' widely varied music tastes, providing musicians who played music to sway by and music to

dance by. This term students had their choice of Three Dog Night, Ellen McIlwaine, Graham Central Station and more.

To make your life in Happy Valley livable between entertainment programs, several student groups have provided you with valuable services.

The Free University has offered you consistently excellent courses to supplement your academic work. Free U also has organized such programs as Gentle Thursday and the Bike Rally.

Panhellenic Council, Interfraternity Council and their affiliated greek groups provided two services in one Spring Week: a contribution to the Renaissance Fund and a carnival for your entertainment. The fraternities also made spring in State College prettier with their help on clean-up day.

The Association of Residence Hall Students continued work on a faster snow removal service and obtained money from Housing for projects in every dorm house even while under pressure from the Undergraduate Student Government Supreme Court to hold open elections.

The Homophiles of Penn State last fall initiated work by several student organizations on the human relations ordinance completed this term. If State College Borough Council passes the ordinance, it will help end discrimination locally in

such areas as housing on such grounds as color, sex and marital status.

The Student Environmental Counseling Organization has started the wheels rolling to improve conditions for cyclists in State College. It has completed a bicycle study begun before Christmas and has recommended to Borough Council such improvements as bicycle lanes and racks.

The Association for Women Students and the Ritenour Student Advisory Board, have started a contraceptive counseling program at Ritenour this term, among other services, to help speed that service to women.

The Organization of Town Independent Students has taken some giant steps forward this term. Through Town Day, it made the distance between the town and campus side of College Avenue one giant step rather than a lot of little reluctant steps for both State College residents and students. And OTIS has taken a step in the right direction toward helping students get a better deal through its food co-op program.

Last but not least, USG has filed a suit against the county to try to make sure students who cannot afford its per capita tax are not forced not to register to vote in State College in order to be exonerated. USG also is fiercely fighting the proposed tuition increase.

Thank you, everyone. Keep up the good work.



Alan Bedrick
12th-biology

Term or semester?

TO THE EDITOR: I can't help but feel that my university is out to put the screws to the student body again. Last year about this time I was rather startled to hear that some faceless group in the bowels of Old Main had passed on recommendations to tamper with a term system which coincided extraordinarily well with a variety of holidays. The results? We're going to get out in May instead of June. Whoopee. From what those on high tell us that's supposed to give us a better chance for a summer job, the problem is though, that our summer job competitors from other schools are getting out in the first week of May instead of the last week of May. So much for the last "improvement" that was dumped on the student body.

Our latest improvement, which has again been produced by a faceless group inside Old Main, is to change the present term system to a semester system. I, for one, am more than satisfied with our term system. Envision, if you will fellow students, taking a 13-credit term and considering yourself lucky because you have a "light" load. That would happen with the semester system. Penn State, sometime in the not-too-distant past, decided that it was easier to concentrate on a limited number of courses than to juggle up to six courses for one semester. I agree.

What alarms me most however, is not so much that in the Fall of 1975 Penn Staters could be struggling with a semester system, but that neither I, nor anyone who I know is representing my interests, have been directly or indirectly involved in formulating this "improvement." What's wrong with allowing the students who attend this University the right to

choose the form of academic system they will be studying under? Surely something as simple as a referendum on the matter would be more than appropriate.

Mark S. Colman
9th-psychology

I hope that undergraduate biology majors don't find Heilman's letter all too discouraging.

Biology machines

TO THE EDITOR: I should like to take this opportunity to reply to the letter by Jeffrey Heilman in which he makes several statements concerning the department of biology here at the University.

I find it very disheartening to see that in a few terms when Heilman graduates, he will be no more than a "regurgitating machine." I can only say that it is unfortunate that in four years of higher education, Heilman has never seen it to his advantage to take the knowledge presented to him in his courses and assimilate it and utilize it. I can only assume that he has never learned the cognitive process of thinking.

Heilman refers to biology graduates "never being forced into the library or into original research papers." I can only refer him to his 1974-75 Undergraduate Catalog to see that the biology department offers several courses encouraging undergraduates to undertake special problems and intensive individual or group study. These avenues are open to those students motivated to pursue such interests. I find it regrettable that Heilman did not have the initiative to engage in such courses and only wishes that he could have been forced into it in order to reap their advantages.

The biology department here at Penn State is a fine one, and

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