

Be creative!

University. President John W. Oswald has given student organizations a challenge.

Student organizations are for... saying that they never get all the money they request from the Associated Student Activities Budget Committee. They say they can never get new projects out of the planning stage into action because they can never get the funds for the...

Oswald has given ASA \$60,000 to be used for "new and innovative" projects. He is daring student organizations to be creative by giving them the funds they say they never can get.

Oswald did not specify that this

money be channeled into tried and true projects. He has provided money for the project dreams to crystallize.

But dreams are not tangible. Student organizations cannot show the Budget Committee dreams.

The Budget Committee has decided to begin accepting requests for funds Oct. 21 instead of immediately so that the organizations have time to make those dreams tangible plans and plot strategy for their implementation.

Student organizations must meet and decide which of their dreams they want to come true. In

doing so they must remember that the committee is more likely to allocate them money if their projects will serve many students rather than just a select few.

After dreams are selected the organizations must work on them so that they can be unveiled to the committee as pictures in their best light. Solid, step-by-step plans for their implementation must be worked out.

Student groups must begin serious work now to meet Oswald's challenge. If they don't meet it this time, they may never get the chance to be creative again.



Letters to the Editor

Pitt-USC coverage

TO THE EDITOR: To put it mildly, the two-part article by Tim Panaccio on the Pitt-USC game was one of the shoddiest pieces of reporting I have ever read. I was at that game, but after reading that article, I wonder if he was at the same game I was. Apparently Panaccio is bored by hard-hitting, power football. A much bigger and stronger Southern Cal had to earn every yard against a gallant Pitt defense. To say that Anthony Davis "single-handedly carried the Trojans to an 80-yard drive" does a grave injustice to quarterback Vince Evans, the five running backs behind him (not even Davis could have played in that meatgrinder every play, as was shown by his appearing in at most two-thirds of USC's offensive plays), and the Trojan's excellent offensive line.

But the poor reporting carried over to his "observations" on the crowd. They were no more (or less) drunk than we are at Beaver Stadium. And if the game was boring, why did the fans remain until less than a minute to go in the game? Obviously they enjoyed the game as much as I did, and they showed it in their continuous vocal support for the Panthers.

I suggest that the Collegian find another sports writer who isn't so horny (those tanned girls with red and gold pom-poms were figments of his imagination) and who doesn't try to make good reading for PSU, thinking no one would care to challenge him.

Tom Black
4th-finance

Sports reporting

TO THE EDITOR: I would like to salute the Daily Collegian and writer Mike Rodman as true pioneers in the field of sports journalism. Rodman's article on the Chi Phi-Alpha Sig intramural football game was truly written in a style not yet seen in twentieth century journalism.

It is a shame that the Collegian editors are not quite adept at screening advertisements from accurate sports reports. But since this "article" did find its way onto page 11 of Wednesday's Collegian, I'd like to offer some advice to the man who wrote this "accurate" account of the game: Take Journ. 213 (news writing) next term. Please!

To begin, your headline (and the entire article) is too opinionated for any newspaper to print. The referee made one bad call (too many men) and you blame the loss of Alpha Sig on him. That should be labeled "according to Alpha Sig," it is not your opinion if you are a writer.

Secondly, the lead of your story (if there is one) is the seventh paragraph. This may be the fault of someone in copy, but if you put that story together in that order, you should be demoted to answering telephones and opening the door.

A good reporter also gets his facts straight. The Chi Phi Q.B. couldn't have completed a pass to John Morehouse; no one in Chi Phi answers to that one. Also, there's little wonder why the defensive line tipped so many passes. If that field goal try was from 40 yards, then the defense was 12 feet tall.

Finally, where was that "large crowd, including two little sisters" that you wrote about? The two girls were the only people there, but I guess we could still call the ref's decision "famous." After all, I'm sure the whole university cares about Tuesday night's game. Isn't that why it made the sports pages?

In the future, please try to give us journalism instead of advertising. Opinions belong in the ads or editorials, not in factual accounts of football games. I don't like to eat lunch twice while reading the Collegian.

Ed Abramczyk
Chi Phi Fraternity

Those English courses

TO THE EDITOR: I'm replying to the letter to the editor in the Oct. 2 Collegian concerning English 1 and English 3.

It's true that these two courses are required for just about everyone in Penn State. But the writer of the letter must have a narrow scope of friends to say that everyone he talks to finds the courses boring and depressing. I for one find English 1 an interesting and fundamental course in learning the basics of writing a paragraph. While being taught the rules of grammar and composition, the course also offers an outlet for creativity.

As for the egocentric professors who the writer referred to: Well, my teacher Miss Jayne Kribbs, happens to be a witty, interesting and vivacious teacher. And I for one am not "kissing the teacher's ass" as the writer put it; yet I am so far receiving an A in the course (English 1). The teacher also manages to teach the rules of composition without cramping

or changing my style of writing, to make my papers look like a "computer printout," as the writer of the letter put it.

I find English 1 an interesting course and hope English 3 will be just as interesting.

Mike Spear
1st-liberal arts

Polluted water?

TO THE EDITOR: By writing this letter, I am hoping to get some action on a problem which has been plaguing the residents of Hamilton for the last two years. Every once in a while, our water takes on the smell of crude oil. After several incidents last year, a man came to our dorm, verified the stench in the water, took a sample, and never returned. Eventually the smell faded, but now it is back again.

I fear that before too long, I will wake up with no liver, or perhaps never wake up at all. Does anyone know what poison is being dumped in our drinking water?

John Johnson
10th—psychology and biology

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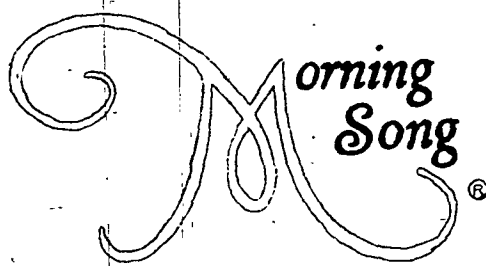
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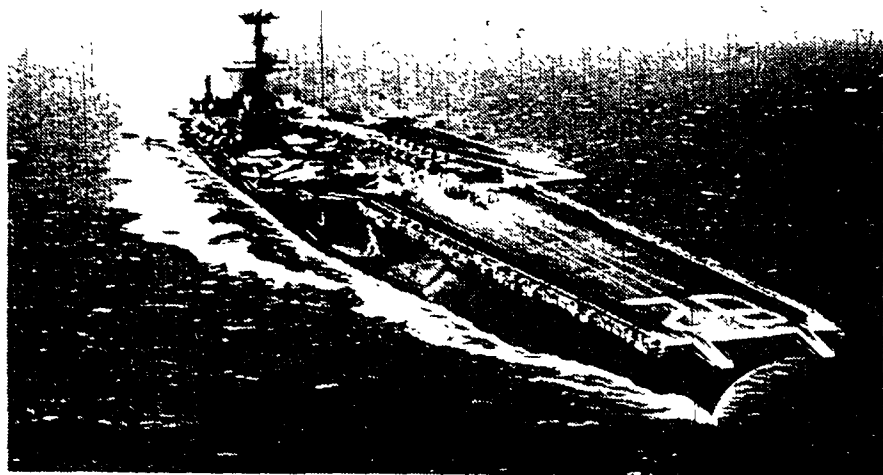
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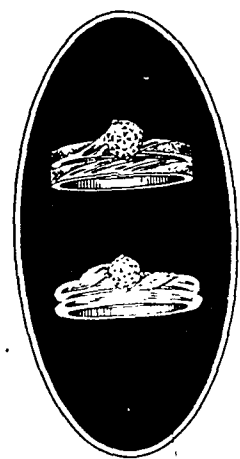
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