

Letters to the Editor

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IFC enforces regulations

TO THE EDITOR: I am writing in response to the letter concerning Penn State Fraternities and their compliance with IFC safety standards and regulations. Borough Housing inspectors attempt to inspect every fraternity annually for all fire and safety regulations, including those fraternities located on campus. In addition, two or three times a term IFC makes checks on fraternities which include testing emergency lighting facilities, fire exits and extinguishers, and other safety standards. If there are any other problems or questions concerning a fraternity or fraternities and their compliance with housing regulations please stop in at 212 HUB and we will be glad to try and answer them.

Jim Sullivan
IFC Community Actions Chairman

Shape up

TO THE EDITOR: Penn State boasts, on national television, that they have one of the best intramural programs in the country. But is it really? I have no arguments against the quantity of programs, but when the quality of a program suffers something should be done.

Football supposedly the major IM sport of the year, is, at best, poor in quality. While taking into consideration a few major and minor rule changes, the quality of IM football could be greatly improved if the referees had a basic knowledge of what their jobs entail. I might add that there are some good referees, but the number who do not even take half an interest in the job is ridiculous.

Too many times a referee calls a penalty when he shouldn't, doesn't call one when he should, or he charges it to the wrong team. He should know what constitutes an infraction and be precise in his decision. If he doesn't, I'm sure the IM office has a copy of the rules.

Most of the people who participate will never again have the chance to play on some type of organized football team. The quality of their experience should not be marred by poor officiating.

The referee who only goes through the motions to receive his paycheck should either learn a little about football or turn in his whistle.

Thomas J. Hewitt
10th-recreation and parks

Help PSORML

TO THE EDITOR: In reply to an article in The Daily Collegian, Oct. 17, concerning the Penn State Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws titled, "PSORML Has Limited Success," I should like to comment.

"Lack of leadership" is not the main hindrance that our organization faces; we are a registered student organization with a president, executive board, and committees. We abide by a constitution, and have weekly meetings which are publicized in the Collegian and elsewhere; why is it that only a handful of our nearly 200 members attend these meetings

regularly? It is the reluctance of Penn State students to work for the legalization of marijuana, something 69 per cent of the 30,000 students here have used.

It is exactly that apathy, combined with ignorance of present PSORML conditions that was reflected in the article. The writer of the article, Dave Kaszycki, is a member of PSORML but not an active participant. In fact, most of the criticisms directed at PSORML have come from people who are no longer active in the organization; I therefore wonder how these people can be considered a source of accurate information concerning PSORML activities.

Our president is absent this term but has stayed in touch and is well aware of our progress. He is in contact with NORML, the national organization with whom we are affiliated, trying to draft a bill to be presented to the state legislature after the November elections. We share the same concerns as NORML, those being education, decriminalization, and legalization.

We can accomplish nothing without money, without people behind us and without more people willing to work. A handful of people cannot change a law which many people believe is unjust and ineffective. If the law is to be changed in Pennsylvania, the students at Penn State must take an active role, because PSORML is the main marijuana-concern group in the state. There can be no reform without their support, both in terms of time expended, and simple dedication to the purposes which PSORML is intended to serve.

Vicki Lewis
Chairman-PSORML Legal Committee

Back to the point

TO THE EDITOR: Anne LeBlanc, in a letter headed "Missing the Point," zeroed in on the saddest abuse facing Penn State students. Many students share both LeBlanc's love of learning and frustration because of the simple lack of time for its attainment. True learning involves reading, to be sure, but other essential factors — absorption, interest, and appreciation — are too often overlooked by professors in doling out reading assignments.

Take, for example, political science 1 (Eisenstein), which requires six books to be read in addition to weekly lab assignments: who do they think we are, Evelyn Woods? The result is often a cursory reading of the material. A lot is read, little absorbed, less retained, and very little appreciated. The notion to teach the American political system — even its basics — in ten weeks is in itself amazing!

A reassessment of basic objectives and practicality is sorely needed. Let's get back to the point.

Jonathan Imbody
4th-journalism and American studies

Warning

TO THE EDITOR: Take heed all you apartment dwellers. Hand in a list of every possible damage found in your apartment when you move in and get a signed copy. Three of us moved into a Lion's Gate apartment, in September, 1973, that was the dirtiest, moldiest place I have ever seen. The management did not "have time" to check it, but the former residents said they

cleaned it. They were refunded their entire security deposit. (Quote the manager!)

We carried out buckets of rotted food and junk and cleaned and scrubbed. We couldn't get any rent off for doing the management's work, just \$15.00 from petty cash for "cleaning supplies." Thanks! That does not pay for cleaning up another person's crap.

When we moved out in August we cleaned well. The management didn't have "time" to check it then either. When our security deposits were returned we were charged for damages (a missing door knob and a mark on the floor) from the former residents. Why? We never turned in a list of damages. We were asked for a list of things that needed repair at one time but not of damages.

I'm tired of the State College apartment situation. I realize a lot of times it is warranted but often enough it is not.

Kay L. Sinclair
former Penn State employee and student

Where is all the grass?

TO THE EDITOR: A year ago, plans were publicized for the building of a faculty club next to Eisenhower Chapel. The spot was, and is, covered with tall trees, a quiet, peaceful relief from the concrete canyons of most of the campus. Amid great student outcry and threats to sit in front of the bulldozers, plans were quietly sidelined.

Or were they? Today a fence is being set up around the woods — a construction company's trailer is parked on one of the paths. Is one more spot of green to disappear as our campus becomes, bit by bit, solid concrete?

Please, this must not be allowed to happen. Penn State, take action! Destruction of the woods outside Eisenhower Chapel must be prevented.

Marie Walsh
10th-secondary education

Another PSU rip-off

TO THE EDITOR: In regard to "The Ultimate PSU Rip-off," by Joe Hines and Joe Solimando in the Oct. 22 edition, I must say that John Smith was not the first student to be ripped-off.

Although the amount of money that I lost was not as much as John Smith lost, nevertheless, in my opinion, I was robbed.

After graduation from high school in 1970, I attended the Altoona Campus of Penn State for one year. After that year I had no desire to continue my education until the fall of 1973. I was instructed by an official of the University how to file for re-admission for Winter Term of 1974. After submitting a letter to the appropriate dean, I was informed that I was required to apply for re-admission at least forty days in advance of the term that I wished to begin.

So I applied for re-admission again. However this time it was sixty days in advance of Spring Term '74. But due to the bureaucratic system, I never received word of my re-admission until one week prior to registration for Spring Term.

How I was ripped-off was that I had to pay the general deposit of \$50, which I had paid at Altoona Campus in 1970, but I was never reimbursed. Then I had to pay \$15 for coun-

selling fees. This was a real farce because I was unable to locate my advisor before the beginning of classes Spring Term. Although I did not lose \$700, I felt that I was robbed of \$65. It is time that the students of Penn State receive some action in such cases.

Sam Runk
4th-business administration

Camping out for tickets

TO THE EDITOR: Ah yes, it's sunrise at Penn State, the clouds roll off Nittany Mountain and the early morning sunlight melts the frost off of Happy Valley. Quite picturesque, wouldn't you say? Another early morning scene that has materialized here at University Park recently is throngs of students heading for the Hetzel Union Building, just before sunup. Why? To stand in line to purchase tickets for one of the UCC concerts.

First it was Jackson Browne and Bonnie Raitt. That concert sold out in three hours, with students standing in a line that backed up to the HUB ballroom. This morning, I ventured to the Union Building at 7:30 to wait an hour for tickets to the Souther, Hillman and Furay concert. The line wasn't too bad today, but I made a mistake of not getting a number ticket in line. Back to the end I went.

Jackson Browne and the SHF Band are rising talents on the rock circuit, but wait, what's this — Loggins and Messina! They are a nationally known, well received band. Can you imagine the line for those tickets? I can see Monday's Collegian headlines, "Angered students dismantle HUB in early morning ruckus." Yes, it's going to be near bedlam in the HUB tomorrow.

I hope the UCC has considered alternatives to the present ticket selling method. A possibility could be, selling tickets at three or four locations. Maybe sell them at Rec Hall, Findlay and Hetzel Union Buildings. I believe this would help alleviate the line problem: Nov. 2 is "All U Day," and with blocks of tickets sent to the branch campuses, there will be less available here.

All this leads me to the only solution, I'm forced to camp out in the HUB tonight. "Camping tonight, camping tonight, camping in the HUB ballroom." So the song goes. I hope I don't get kicked out before dawn. Maybe I'll see some of you there? But really, wouldn't you rather be sleeping in your own bed, rather than on a HUB couch?

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6th-environmental engineering

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Good-bye