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# Letters to the editor

## PennPIRG

TO THE EDITOR: It is not the intent of this letter to pass judgment on the worthiness of the PennPIRG movement at Penn State. However, we do suggest that before signing petitions students should have a clear understanding of PennPIRG's organizational structure and the mechanism for establishing priorities and allocating funds for specific projects. PennPIRG would not be a Penn StatePIRG but a statewide organization headquartered in Harrisburg. With 50,000 students at \$2 per term the Penn State contribution could reach \$300,000 which could be almost the entire PennPIRG operating budget. Will the participation of our students in making decisions be in proportion to this major financial commitment, and will there be assurances of significant local projects which are convenient for direct, personal involvement?

For various reasons you may be for or against PennPIRG. Whatever your decision it should be made with as much information as possible. With this in mind, answers to the following questions should be solicited from the petitioning group.

1. With regard to organization of the Harrisburg staff, exactly how will Penn State students participate in the selection of personnel?
2. How will projects be selected—by the staff or a board, and what influence will Penn State representatives have?
3. How much money will be returned to University Park for local use and how will its allocation be decided?
4. Specifically, how will students at the Commonwealth Campuses participate.

We feel that these are important questions which the PennPIRG organizers have not yet specifically answered.  
University Senate Student Affairs Committee

classmate for a cigarette. And it worked! Not only did I remain awake, but so did everyone else due to my constant coughing. Now I know what all the complaining is about. The smoke was indeed repulsive. Many dirty looks were aimed my way. And then there's the gorgeous sight of cigarette butts carpeting the floor. I know—maybe I should just get more sleep. But I thought this experience would be a good excuse to cast my vote of "nay" for smoking in class. Pass the coffee.

Brian Herrmann  
9th-speech

## University Choirs

TO THE EDITOR: It would be unfair to the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra and irresponsible of the University Choirs not to correct the misinformation submitted in a Letter to the Editor of the Collegian by T. Smith, student and wife of a member of the music department faculty.

The University Choirs have sung with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra in Carnegie Hall, New York, and on many different occasions in Pittsburgh. They had the honor of taking part in the inaugural concerts opening Pittsburgh's Heinz Hall. Their most recent appearance there with the Symphony consisted of two performances of the Verdi Requiem. The University funded 12 percent of the cost of this. On the other hand, when the Symphony was at Penn State for its residence the following week, the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra funded 75 percent of the cost through their grants and endowments. The Pittsburgh concerts have never cost the participating students anything except the expense of concert dress.

It is unnecessary for the Choirs to defend either their standard of performance or the professional reputation or integrity of their conductor.

Anthony Hurst  
President Concert Choir  
Ronald Byron  
President Chapel Choir

## Offended by Froth

TO THE EDITOR: If My Lord Jesus were alive today and walking the streets of State College, the first thing He would do would be to destroy by burning, all the copies of the so-called humor magazine, Froth, which came out last week.

Though almost all the articles were offensive, there was one which was patently vile. It is called "Expanded Consciousness Management: A New Major" and seems to glamorize the taking of hash, quaaludes, etc. Worst of all, it lists a supposed course, "Getting High on the Lord."

The only thing made clear by the last issue of Froth was that the writers are living an ego-centered and not a Christ-centered life. They must be very unhappy. I do not like being offended, and will, from now on, read only the Holy Bible and of course The Daily Collegian.

Lisa Watson  
6th-religious studies

## Work together

TO THE EDITOR: Friday's excellent Collegian article on the ever-present problem of landlord-tenant relationships makes it clear that, just as in most areas of student life, there are two sides to the coin. The rent-gouging landlord and the vandalistic tenant are equally contemptible.

The tenant's union, in theory a potentially useful help in insuring tenant's rights, is apparently not effective or needed in State College—in the Collegian article, Yates Mast emphasizes that the tenant's union needs a majority of students to be successful. Yet in the past year, less than 1 per cent of all student tenants have felt the need to seek membership. It seems that either the problem isn't widespread enough, or that student apathy has triumphed—probably a combination of both. Collective action is clearly ineffective, yet there should be some mechanism for the individual tenant to fight the system. There are different ways to do this, but one thing is for sure: both tenants and landlords would benefit if some kind of cooperative system (maybe a balanced panel of tenants and landlords, or students and townspeople) was set up to protect the rights of both sides. The antagonistic approach just doesn't work.

Students can make changes, but only in the way that any set of competing interest groups must work for change—via compromise. After all, whether it's tenants and landlords, students and teachers, students and administrators, and even students and other students, the givers and the receivers of housing, educational, or any other services must work together if these services are to be maximized.

Charmaine Kowalski  
3rd-liberal arts

## Pass the coffee

TO THE EDITOR: During the course of the year I have been reading with interest the numerous letters you have received concerning smoking in class. As an ex-smoker, I can sympathize somewhat with the nicotine addicts on campus, but not completely because since I quit, I feel that everyone else can also. Nonetheless, I became involved in a very frustrating situation during a recent lecture-type class recently. Falling asleep with remarkable consistency, I was becoming embarrassed by my continuous "grunting and jerking" whenever I would awaken. Despite my efforts (though slight they were) to remain awake in this class of nearly two-hundred, I somehow continued my unscheduled naps. Finally, I had to try the last resort—and my worst dreams were realized. I asked a fellow

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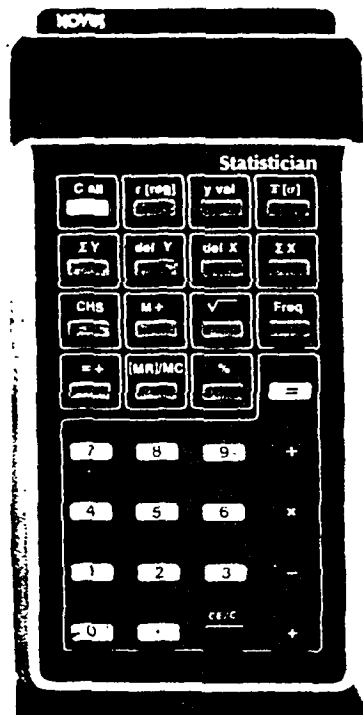
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