

PHEAA

The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency has become yet another casualty of the vicious economic circle.

PHEAA needs \$10 million more than the governor recommended in order to maintain its current loan standards. If the money doesn't come, PHEAA will lower the \$1200 maximum grant or else reduce the number of students eligible for grants.

And this is where the circle enters.

If the governor's budget stays as is, the University will have to raise tuition. That means more students will need PHEAA grants or other loans to pay for college. The number of summer jobs is expected to decrease this year,

so even that money source is dried up.

With the governor's budget as is, PHEAA will have to reduce the loan ceiling. More students won't be able to afford tuition and enrollment at the University will drop.

Then the University won't have as much money coming in, will ask for more money from the governor next year and probably raise tuition. More students will request PHEAA grants, PHEAA will request more money from the governor and when refused will reduce the loan ceiling even more. The circle doesn't end.

Somewhere, somehow, either from a tax increase or cuts in other parts of the governor's budget, the

money for PHEAA must be found. Because if PHEAA suffers it won't suffer alone. The University will suffer cutting back programs because not enough tuition revenue is coming in. And most important of all, students will suffer because they won't have a chance to go to college.

True, only 1500 Penn State students got PHEAA money this year. But that money totalled \$9 million—\$9 million that the University would certainly miss if those 1500 students dropped out because they couldn't get grants.

Write to Harrisburg legislators. Maybe they'll think twice about reducing PHEAA money when they see how seriously it affects students.

Bullshit

TO THE EDITOR: The April 9 article concerning the use of telescopes to spot marijuana introduces an important question. How far will the campus police go to enforce truth, justice, and the American way? The "American way" in this case being a marijuana bust. According to the *Collegian*, Donald Suit conceded that using telescopes for surveillance "bordered on being unethical." In my humble opinion both Mr. Suit and police services must have spawned their scruples and ethics in a solution of brine.

Fortunately, this problem which affects all students, dorm dwellers in particular, can now be aired. Any ethical person or organization could have denied such behavior for an ethical person or organization would not have supported such activity. This action by police services is a blatant infringement upon one's right to privacy. Police services and Mr. Suit obviously feel that what one does in one's room is important to them. The University's interest in the student goes far beyond academic and social activity as shown by this latest admission of misbehavior.

Mr. Suit stated that spying on students "could be effective in curbing rape and other violent crimes in the dorm areas." Bullshit. If police services could prove one instance of a rape or violent crime being prevented by their sordid tactics then perhaps one could rationalize his or her morality enough to find police services' behavior acceptable. One should ask him or herself if police services "peeping Tom" fetish is more important than their privacy. I do not believe that the students support this activity, nor do I believe that the use of telescopes to spot pot has effectively curbed the use of marijuana. If Mr. Suit and police services are to become an acceptable part of the University community and not reflections of an outdated administration then both must recognize the students' attitude towards marijuana and the students' desire for privacy.

Gary Bizal
10th-political science

Therapy program

TO THE EDITOR: With all of the negative aspects of life, I would like to reflect upon a positive aspect to accentuate the

spirit of Town Day. On Tuesday, April 8, I ran into complications while changing a flat tire in the downtown parking garage. A gentleman coming off duty at the garage devoted over an hour of his time and physical energy to assist me in this endeavor, while others passed by. Society might say that this individual has a physical disability because of the necessity of wheelchair assistance and I would probably agree. But I would like to add that this perceived disability did not deter him in the energy he devoted to helping a total stranger in need of assistance. Therefore, I would like to say that your attitude is a refreshing alternative in a time of apathy and lack of concern for one's fellowman. Thank you, Mr. Rhoads.

John C. Onderko
Graduate—health education

Thank you

TO THE EDITOR: I am a client in the Adult Therapy Program at the Speech and Hearing Clinic. I would like to thank the people who helped me get settled in the dorm, and all the nice things they did for me. People came and introduced themselves to me and my roommate. By doing this we became good friends and I felt accepted. In the future I hope that other people in the program will be treated as warmly as I have been.

Jacqueline Marie Miller
Adult therapy program

Teacher disguise

TO THE EDITOR: This is addressed to those employed by this "institute of higher education" who, disguised as teacher, use the system as a means to their own selfish ends.

If you are not interested in all of your students as human beings, as capable of growing through learning as you are, and do not work actively at your job, which is to help fellow men, then you shouldn't be here.

There is no excuse for the ridiculous office hours maintained by many of the professors at this campus. Nor is there excuse for treating with neglect or an "I don't give a shit" attitude (no matter how subtle), any student who at least cares enough to come during available hours. Don't kid yourselves, it does happen. If a student wants to waste his own money, that's his

business, but no one, you'll agree, has the right to waste someone else's.

The point is this: If you want to write books, go somewhere else and write them, but if you want to teach, teach.

Stephen Vitali
10th-english

Masterpieces

TO THE EDITOR: This is in response to a letter submitted to the April 9, 1975 *Collegian* by Ms. Skyrn.

For many, many years the female body has been the subject of much admiration by artists. Books, poetry, painting, music, and photography have all celebrated the beauty and grace of the female. And so is the photograph in the April 4th issue of the *Daily Collegian*.

If you wish to refer to the photograph as a sexist staff member, then you might also call Shakespeare, Da Vinci, Wordsworth, Picasso, and countless others "sexist pigs." And if they were, then I am glad of it, for they have been inspired by women to create many beautiful masterpieces for the world to cherish and admire.

Steven M. Hoffman
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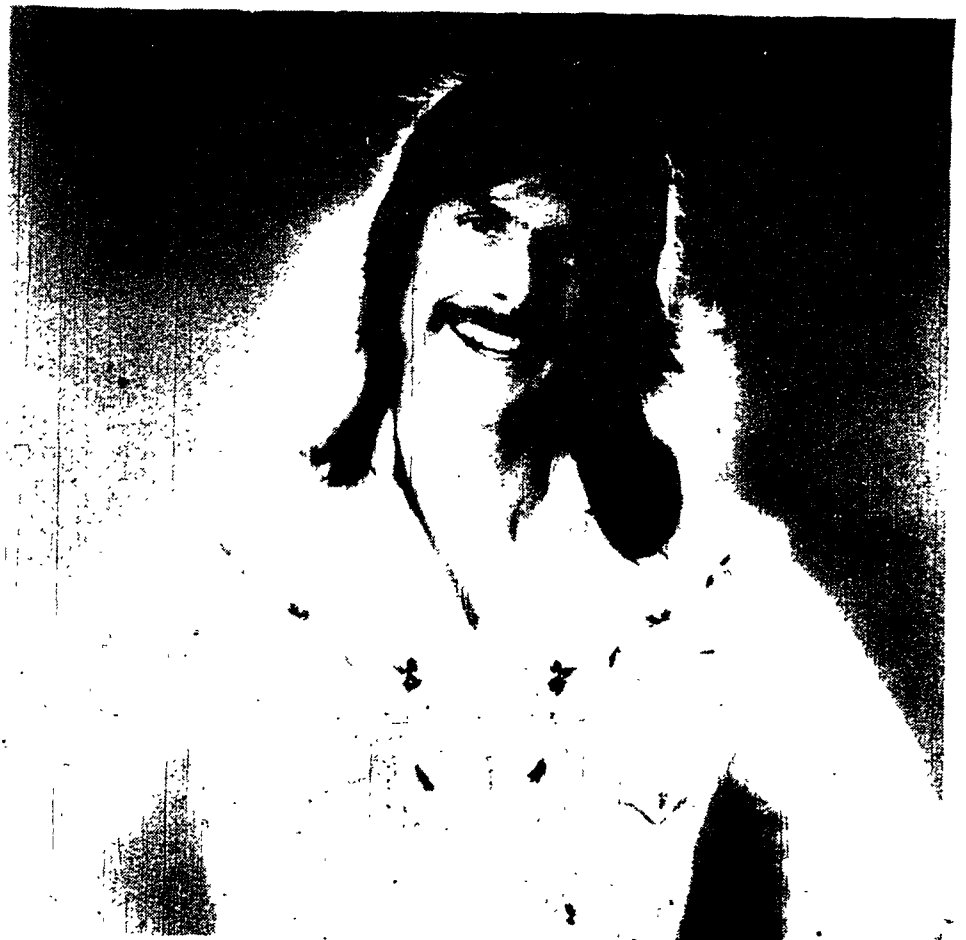
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