

# Use the time

When students return from break in a few weeks, many things will be different. The trees will be naked, there will be more of a chill to the air, and academic pressures will be at a minimum.

One thing probably won't change: The state of the University's finances.

This term break will be an important time for the students of Penn State and other state-related universities. The state legislature will still be in session for part of that time, most likely continuing to stall any move toward an appropriation. During that time, several moves have been planned to emphasize the

growing concern among citizens of the Commonwealth.

Although the timing for students at University Park is bad, there will be adequate student representation at the Capitol. The Undergraduate Student Government this week allocated \$460 to the students at the Capitol campus for buses to transport concerned students. Since their schedule is approximately two weeks behind that of University Park, the turnout should be encouraging.

That move has been coordinated with the other state-related schools, and the students plan to meet in Harrisburg on Nov. 15. Any students who can

attend that rally on their own are urged to show their support through their participation.

Students are also urged to write the legislators in their home districts while they have time on their hands during break. Legislators from this district are concerned about the problem; others are not, and it is your duty to see that they are.

Don't waste the time over break. It can be used in more productive ways. Write your legislator. Visit Harrisburg on Nov. 15 if at all possible. Let yourself be heard.

Return from break ready to fight harder than ever for the appropriation.



LOOK, PAL... I KNOW YA GOT A LITTLE PROBLEM HERE. NOW JES' LEMME TAKE A COFFEE BREAK, EAT AND TAKE ANOTHER COFFEE BREAK, AND I'LL SEE IF I WANNA CONSIDER FIXING IT UP.

# School days end, the fun's ahead

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I'm graduating soon and I'm real glad. I've got a job all lined up in a city where you can see three double features a day and nobody thinks you're strange. So, I'm happy to be leaving school.

But sometimes, late at night when I should be sleeping but can't, I get scared. I mean, you can't take real life pass-fail. There's no drop-add option out there among the grown-ups.

And that's frightening. Being in school was easy. Your life was governed by ten week periods. Go to class. Read assignment. Cram for exam. Take exam. Pass.

That's the way it usually went. Out there in the real world I'm not going to be able to take my job only ten weeks at a time. There won't be any midterms or final exams. Every day will count.

Nonetheless, I'm real enthusiastic to be finishing up. Being in school has been like living in suspension. You had to put off a lot of things because it just wasn't practical. For example, I'm really looking forward to buying furniture. I've

never bought any before because there was never any point.



I am also eager to live in the same place for more than six months. Between moving to an apartment in State College, moving to the cities where I had internships, and moving home, I haven't stayed put in the same place for longer than six months in the past three years. That much moving can wear a person out.

Finally, I don't want to have to worry all the time the way you do while you're

in school. If you're not actually worrying about the school work you're doing, you're busy worrying that you should be doing it when you are goofing off instead. The nice part to a 9 to 5 job is that at 5, you can pretty much leave it (unless your boss works overtime and you decide you should too to impress him).

I won't have to feel guilty anymore when I take off an entire evening to read one of those spectacularly trashy novels that you're embarrassed to buy and that you burn as soon as you finish. I won't have to feel the angst of work uncompleted on the nights when I turn on the TV at 8 and sit there in front of it like a zombie watching "Sharon: Portrait of a Mistress" and similar fare until the "Star-Spangled Banner" comes on. I won't have to spend Sunday evenings trying desperately to make up for all the studying I planned to do during the rest of the weekend but, for unexplainable reasons, didn't.

Of course, there are going to be things about college life and Penn State I'll

miss. I know I'm going to miss seeing trees and mountains everyday. I'm going to miss those little chipmunks that scurry across the campus lawns and into their hidden holes. I'm going to miss sleeping late the mornings I don't have class until third or fourth period. I'll miss studying in the library; I've liked that. And mostly, I'll miss that sense of starting something new every ten weeks.

Nonetheless, I am glad to be leaving College was too much like high school, only the classes were longer and you didn't need a pass to go to the bathroom. I didn't like high school much and I've never been too gung-ho about college. Always seemed to me that there was an awful lot out there in the real world that was just as challenging and fun as anything I ever did in a classroom, and I'm eager to find out if that's true.

If it isn't, well, there's always grad school. Leah Rozen is leaving Penn State after this term and has accepted a position at Advertising Age magazine.

# Letters to the Editor

## Poor planning

We are facing a dilemma. The world's food supply is remaining constant, while its population is growing exponentially. This means that we may all soon be starving. The United States is the only industrialized country in the world with an excess food supply. It is this fact that is going to leave us with a big decision to make, and sooner than we think.

According to gathered evidence, Americans normally eat between one-and-a-half to two times as much food as they need and then waste a third more. This ridiculous practice is considered normal and accepted behavior by the American people.

The question is, will we be able to change this norm in the near future? Although we are resistant when it comes to changing our norms, we had better change this one. If the less privileged countries are starving and we do not supply them with any of our excess food, it could be the start of World War III.

Tom Collins  
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## Backfire?

The Undergraduate Student Government has gone too far with their latest letter writing contest. I am writing in regards to the letter contest to see which floor can write the most letters to Harrisburg concerning the tuition increase. The winners of their little contest will receive tickets to USG movies and cash to be used for a party.

I cannot believe the mentality of those that support such a contest. We who are in college are supposed to be thinking people. Why then is USG treating us like the mindless mass, whose only motivation in life is parties and movies? If the state legislature ever hears the real reason why most of the pro-support letters were written they may disregard all of the letters including those from us who wrote our representatives before all this contest nonsense started.

This insane caper may damage our cause much more than it could ever help. It may also help perpetuate the myth that Penn State is just a party school. If movies and booze are the only things that can get the Penn State student body moving, perhaps we don't deserve any state money after all.

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## Babysitters

With everyone complaining about the budget crisis and cutbacks in library services, I see one place where some large-scale trimming can be done. That is with the approximately 120 resident assistants currently employed by the University.

RAs are currently costing the University almost a quarter of a million dollars a year in foregone tuition and room and board. Most college students living in dormitories are between 18 and 21 years old. Do mature adults of this age need such highly-paid babysitters? The students have been conditioned by their families and society to conform to social norms for their entire lives.

Is Penn State saying that these students cannot conduct themselves properly and need a "big-brother" constantly looking over their shoulders? The University could be trying to preserve a homey atmosphere by providing a designated RA for the student to turn to with all of his troubles and to have a sense of traditional authoritarian power governing him. But this deprives the student of one of the basic functions of schooling away from home: social adjustment to independent living.

If a student cannot live in a foreign environment for 3 months at a clip without being led by the hand by such costly RAs, he should go back to his mother to be weaned some more. I think that a few cheap, warm teddybears are what is needed, not 120 expensive RAs.

Jim Chadwick  
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## None accountable

Now that the pink slips have been distributed, 322 students found themselves blocked out from the one Accounting 102 section offered. In the college of Business Administration there are basic core requirements the students must take, included in those requirements is the sequence of introductory Accounting courses 101 and 102.

At present, there are 689 students enrolled in Accounting 101. A total of 693 students requested Accounting 102 for Winter Term. This high number of requests should have been expected because of the sequence of these courses. Space was offered in the 102 section for Winter Term for only 371 students — 53 per cent of the total number requesting the course.

In speaking with personnel from the college, it was suggested to us that those students disturbed by the situation speak with Dr. Schrader, head of the Accounting Department.

His office informed us that an additional section of Accounting 102 would not be offered due to a lack of faculty. The office of Robert Dunham, vice president for Undergraduate Studies, was then approached. Here we were referred back to the personnel at the college of Business Administration.

After this run-around, several questions remained unanswered in our minds. For example, Accounting 403 has a capacity enrollment of 80 students. Presently, there are 39 students requesting this course, leaving 41 openings. Already one section of this course has been canceled due to lack of enrollment.

Why can't they consolidate the sections of Accounting 403, leaving a faculty member available for an additional section of Accounting 102?

Through past years' experience and the present enrollment in Accounting 101, it does not seem logical why the expected number of requests for Accounting 102 was not taken into consideration and space made available.

Name withheld on request

## Changes for the worse

During our years here at Penn State we have seen many changes in The Daily Collegian. Some have been for the better (i.e., the addition of the weekly "In Edition" column, more equal sports coverage) and some have been for the worse. Two changes which we feel have been for the worse and would like to see reversed relate to "Donesbury" and the AP football picks.

First, we realize that the Collegian is printed only 5 times a week, but is this any reason to stop printing the Saturday strip of "Donesbury"? You used to do so, so why stop? The day was always extra special when there were two "Donesbury" strips to read over breakfast. Now one-sixth of "Donesbury" fun is missing from our lives each week.

Second, the AP picks were always well-written, humorous and provided a quicker access to the more important football games of the weekend. Now we have the Las Vegas picks with their dull format giving no insight into the reasoning behind their picks, and alongside are the Collegian picks which rarely say anything different.

Please, give us back our Saturday "Donesbury" and the AP football picks! Thank you.

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## Scat back blues

I feel a few comments are necessary on the subject of Lynne Margolis' review of the George Benson concert in Monday's Daily Collegian.

You are correct, Lynne; someone in War does indeed play harmonica in "The World is a Ghetto." That 'someone' is Lee Oskar, generally regarded to be among the best rock-blues-soul harmonica players today, along with Stevie Wonder, Paul Butterfield, John Mayall and a few others. A superb musician should be given his due credit.

Margolis seems to be bowled over at the concept that a musician can actually skat and play the same melody simultaneously: While I do not wish to put down George Benson, whom I feel is a tremendously talented guitarist and composer, the use of skat-instrumental soloing is by no means new, or even that rare.

Skat-playing was first popularized in the late 1930s and early 1940s, primarily by the great bassist Slam Stewart. Today it is used by everyone from George Benson to Edgar Winter and Yes' Patrick Moraz.

I am sure that Margolis' review of the concert was accurate. I just feel that she should have researched her topic a little more fully. It takes more than being a "confirmed George Benson fan" to write a good George Benson review.

Bill Snyder  
graduate-computer science

## Loss of self

In this highly industrialized world of ours, many things are becoming so commercialized and taken for granted that even people are being regarded as things and numbers. This is especially the case here at Penn State.

With student enrollment reaching such a high number, it becomes a necessity (maybe an evil one) to categorize everyone as a number, a thing, as it is quite easy and quick to punch out numbers and feed cards into a computer, not to mention the money which can be saved.

Consequently, I lead to the probable source of the depersonalization, in our society. All the new industrial and technological advances we have made in the past years take away the personal involvement our forefathers once had with their work. Rather than people making, building, teaching, and learning, the machines are now taking over. Computers, now being used so widely, can do a job in less than half the time and with no errors. It is no wonder why corporations, large universities, and other large organizations use computers for their work.

People are no longer needed for some of the jobs which once required physical work, thus personal aspects in the lives of some are no longer growing. These machines make jobs much less personal and make people numbers rather than names. We try to write it all down as the progress of man, however, there seems to be a discrepancy between meeting technological needs rather than meeting human needs.

The result here is a tug-of-war between the forces of modernization and the personal sentiments of tradition, with social disorganization being an end result. If we are to cure our materialistic society we must stabilize ourselves and be what our Creator really intended for us to be — real people.

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## Seating

My purpose in writing this letter is to question the existing student seating policies at Penn State home football games. After several weekends of arriving at the stadium about sunrise, sitting through monsoons, and then trying to stave off muscle spasms after hours of sitting on hard benches, I know there must be a better way.

For example, Ohio State University provides student ticket holders the same privilege as any other ticket holder, in other words, a reserved seat. At least that was their policy when I was last there in 1972.

Simply, is there some overriding reason why a similar policy could not be adopted at Penn State?

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## Share the wealth

In reference to Mr. Cerwonka's letter in the Nov. 7 issue of The Daily Collegian, I would like to offer the following observation. Mr. Cerwonka has made illogical and invalid assertions in an attempt to refute statements that were never even made in Mr. Tiemeyer's letter (Less Meat, Nov. 2).

I do not believe that Mr. Tiemeyer was proposing that Americans eat less meat so that the grain saved from cattle production could be shipped to underdeveloped countries; rather, he was attempting to call attention to the need for maximum efficiency in food production in the face of an exponentially growing world population and rapidly vanishing natural resources.

The U.S. is the obvious target for criticism because it is the biggest consumer of world energy and resources — barely 5 per cent of the world's population consuming about 30 per cent of the world's resources. This must be the affluent society that can certainly afford to please the majority of its people that Mr. Cerwonka made reference to in his letter. We may be able to afford to please our people, but can the rest of the world afford it?

The millions of starving people in the world would probably answer "no." But is it the U.S.'s responsibility to feed these starving people? It must be the responsibility of every nation, to help feed the world. Remember that countries are man-made abstractions, and the productivity of land varies greatly from nation to nation. Can we, as Americans, simply because we live in a fertile land, condemn to starvation millions of people who were born in a country where neither the technology nor the land exists for meeting their own food requirements?

It is time for the "world powers" to stop being the "world exploiters" of underdeveloped nations. A new economic order is needed to ensure that world resources are used to maximum efficiency to benefit the maximum number of people, or civilization is doomed.

Gary Ruggles  
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## Life and liberty

I wish to express my sincere appreciation and good feelings to the two dancers whose freedom of expression, zest for life, and love for jazz music made the George Benson and Preservation Hall concerts more memorable occasions for me and many others.

Your spontaneous movement and vibrant verve not only blended well with the spiritual essence of jazz, but also inspired those with more passive visions of the world to get off their butts and start enjoying the here and the now, right here, right now.

People make the place, and the love — the esprit — of living which the two of you radiated have certainly made this place and its people more meaningful to me. When the day comes when each of us can catch the beauty of each moment and express it with a smile as you two did, this certainly will be the happiest valley of them all.

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