

Letters to the Editor

Searching for trouble

I would like to take this opportunity to comment on the recent articles published in the Daily Collegian concerning Laurel Glen. I feel these articles were written in a slanted and biased manner and were, for the most part, based on misinformation. For example, there is no such thing as a "rental license" in State College.

Concerning the building code violations, a large percent of the 980 alleged violations listed were duplicative and nearly all are the result of normal wear and tear evident after eight months of occupancy. I feel that any apartment complex in the area, were it subjected to a similar critical, point-by-point inspection would, in fact, exhibit the same sorts of "violations". Also, an apartment complex of this size (the largest in the area) would have a larger number of listed violations simply because of the larger number of units included in the inspection.

Unfortunately, it seems that Laurel Glen is the subject of frequent articles in the newspaper when, in fact, there is nothing newsworthy to print. What is the point in reporting on a financial bankruptcy which was filed three years ago as if it happened yesterday? Perhaps the Collegian follows the policy of "old news is better than no news," especially when it concerns Laurel Glen.

We at Laurel Glen honestly feel we offer our residents the best rental rates in the area, and have always dealt with our residents' problems in a fair manner. We stand by our past record, as our residents experienced it, and do not feel that we should be judged by sensationalist headlines and allegations made in the press or by reporters "seeking a story."

Scott Anderson
Manager,
Laurel Glen Apartments
May 10

Collegian staffers. They were supposedly working on a paper for a class. That makes it quite convenient to take information out of context.

The entire article slandered our property. Also, both Ms. Jamie Stiteler, assistant manager of the Holiday Inn, and District Magistrate Clifford Yorks' statements demeaned our hotel. Conjecture and speculation, rather than facts, have no place in a responsible publication. We are demanding a printed retraction from the Collegian as well as letters of apology from the University, the Holiday Inn and Mr. Yorks.

We also feel that University officials should take a long, hard look at The Daily Collegian, its staff, and the quality of the publication. Such muckraking should have no place on a major university campus.

Barbara Zier
General Manager
Sheraton Penn State Inn
May 10

High level ignorance

I can't believe that Penn State University has a "high-level" administrator as ignorant as the one that is referred to in Wednesday's article by Andy Ratner. A university is a place where people are suppose to be liberated from their ignorance by pursuing truths and abandoning stereotypes. This administrator must believe blacks are only attracted to a university if it has black churches, restaurants and, more remarkably mentioned, a certain type of chicken that is not available in Central Pennsylvania.

Judging from his point of view, what blacks obviously can't find here are people who are intelligent enough to know the truth, and that is that all people are both equal and unique! Narrow-mindedness and pretentious understanding have little place in a university, and in this sense administrators such as this one are hurting the university's enrollment of "students," not just blacks.

Tom E. Wessner
3rd-liberal arts
May 9

Take a long, hard look

The Daily Collegian's article on May 10, 1979 entitled "Prostitution exists here, police and 'Johns' say" is a classic example of irresponsible journalism and slander.

As the general manager of the Sheraton Penn State Inn, I feel compelled to dispute the article contents.

First, the information-gathering method utilized by the Collegian staff was highly unorthodox. News article authors Barbara Klein and Pam Stein represented themselves as students in the University's journalism department, not

A brief article on the Dairy Exposition described milking and milk chugging contests featuring "celebrity" and fraternity/sorority competition. No mention whatsoever was made of all the non-celebrity non-Greek students who worked their tail ends off fitting and showing their cows after weeks of preparation. Nor did the winners of the showing events receive any recognition in the article. In fact, the showing and judging, which is the main purpose of the Dairy Expo, wasn't even mentioned as existing at all!

The Little International Livestock Expo received no coverage at all — which is downright outrageous considering it is probably THE event of the year for agriculture students!

The list of agricultural events ignored or poorly covered by the Collegian — such as the Pre-Vet Club's annual Dog Day Afternoon — goes on and on, but I will not list more of these due to space limitations.

Apparently the Collegian feels, as do quite a few others, that interest in agriculture is strictly for "hicks" and that is has no widespread appeal.

Agriculture is more far-reaching than you think. It long ago branched out to include the fields of engineering, business, education, industry, veterinary medicine, etc. It has come a long way from the stereotyped "farmer image." But the farming aspect is also important — no matter what, we still all have to eat!

I hope that in the future the Collegian gives agricultural events and the students who participate in them at least some of the recognition they rightfully deserve. Or is it necessary to have big-name bands, "celebrity" events or beer-barfing contests to be newsworthy?

Rosemary Picardi
12th-animal science
May 9

The Rating Game

This letter is in response to the architectural engineering boys that persist to show their intelligence and machoism by rating ladies in the front of Sackett Building. Now I can take a joke as well as the next person however, the attitudes that were demonstrated are the same attitudes that have persisted in our culture and have made many women turn to "Women's Lib." To these boys that are rating the girls, please ask yourselves some questions.

Consider how you feel when you are arbitrarily rated on an exam or when you feel like you were mistreated by someone you didn't even know. Then consider how you feel when you are embarrassed in front of your peers. Now think about your little game that you play in front of Sackett Building and ask

yourself honestly what you would feel like if the situation were reversed.

Also, while you are pondering these issues, think back about the times that you have joked about the Women's Lib issue, and maybe you can finally realize why some women feel they are still not respected in this society. To you all now going out into the real world, I hope you have a female boss that will treat you in as shallow a manner, as you have treated us.

Bonnie Northrup
9th-political science
May 9

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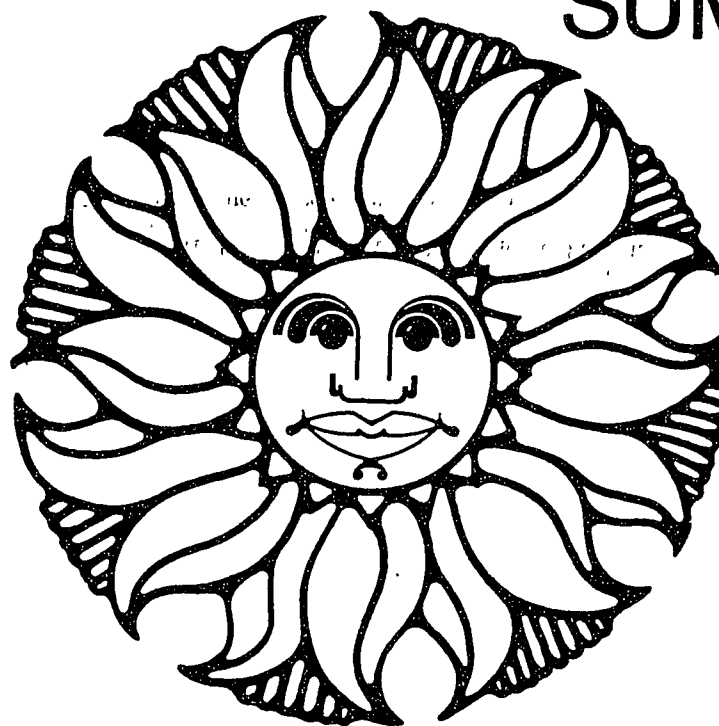
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