

Editorial opinion

# Wake Up

### Extra effort needed by all to keep campus beautiful

Members of the University Park community are privileged to study and work at one of the most beautiful campuses in the nation. The variety and abundance of natural beauty — flowers, ornamental shrubbery, green lawns, trees from all over the world — create surroundings which are remarkably beautiful.

To their credit, those responsible for the University's maintenance are largely successful in their efforts to preserve the beauty of the grounds. Also, the day-to-day upkeep of the buildings continues with unappreciated regularity and dependability.

How unfortunate it is, then, that those who benefit most from a pretty campus and pleasant indoor facilities sometimes do less than their share to keep the University beautiful. The students, faculty and staff who constitute the campus community often abuse the beauty of the University through small acts of carelessness or thoughtlessness.



THROUGH A GLASS DARKLY

The indoor facilities of the University should be an equally important aspect of this generally attractive appearance. Classrooms, hallways, lounges, offices and dorm space are all part of the University environment.

Unfortunately, those who use these grounds and facilities often treat them with little respect. The result is usually physical damage. This abuse costs the University money and detracts from its appearance.

These abuses may be as minor as walking on an off-limits patch of grass — just once, in the middle of a deluge when late for a class — or as obviously destructive as uprooting new vegetation. Plain laziness in the form of litter strewn

about the lawns represents another form of disrespect for the campus. Buildings show more visible signs of abuse, but in addition to outright vandalism they are also the victims of a more subtle form of neglect. Bulletin boards become useless masses, advertisements for this event or that party cover windows and doors, trash piles up near garbage cans and the appearance of the whole building is ever so slightly unsightly.

It would take only a small amount of effort on the part of each member of the campus community to keep off the new grass, smell the flowers but not pick them, or remove outdated information from bulletin boards.

These small efforts are the least contribution we can make to show our appreciation of the beauty which surrounds us.

## Females underrepresented in University community

Fact. Male students at Penn State University, as of fall 1979, account for 57 percent of the total enrollment, and female students for 43 percent. Yet male tenured and tenure-eligible professors, according to March 1980 figures, account for 90 percent of the faculty.

Fact. Even in colleges where female students are in the majority, female professors are still in the minority. Women students in the College of Liberal Arts total 57 percent of enrollment; women professors total 37 percent of the faculty.

Fact. The College of Engineering experienced a relative increase in women students of 97 percent since a decade ago, but women professors in this college still account for only one percent.

Fact. Of the 10 colleges, none have a majority of women professors, while four colleges have a majority of women students. In fact, seven of the colleges, female professors account for under 10 percent of the total faculty.

The list goes on. But the point is made. Female professors, tenured or tenure-eligible, comprise a severe minority of educators at Penn State which is not reflective of the number of female students being educated. Just what do these figures really mean?

Any college or university on a federal contract must have an affirmative action program requiring employers to advertise all open positions. What this means, according to William Asbury, Affirmative Action Officer at Penn State, is that "we are no longer interested in giving preferential treatment to men."

Richard P. Chait, assistant provost, agrees. He holds that affirmative action "is very much one of the factors taken into account in hiring and firing of faculty."

The plan sounds great so far. But why then did the 1978 statistics from the American Association of University Women show that nationwide, only eight percent of full professors were women? Not only is this figure still improved much in the last six years, but the percentage hasn't improved much in the last six years.

According to Rosemary Furman "The View from the Ivy Tower," Working Woman, Aug. 1979) all affirmative action requires a university to do is interview women; there is no obligation to hire.

Asbury said he believes one reason is that in dual-career couples, "women still follow their husbands." This means that a married female professor, in his view, is more likely to leave a university position if her husband's job demands it than if she is not married.

Furman offered another opinion. She said that for a female professor, "the message is clear. Go into male-dominated fields and keep your mouth shut."

It seems that there is a good chance that a woman who has struggled through college, especially in a non-traditional field, and persevered long enough to get a teaching degree, will have acquired at least a few feminist notions along the way.

## Letters to the Editor

### No catering

In response to the recent criticism of WDFM, many ideas have been suggested to improve the programming. In the Thursday, May 1, letter-column of The Daily Collegian Jill Jacoby stated that WDFM "is hesitant to really put forth all of its effort to create a truly great alternative radio station."

declared that since the recent Holly Near concert attracted 700 "fans of so-called women's music." So-called? Jill, you're the one who attached the label. The size of the attendance should prove to the staff at WDFM that there is a substantial portion of the community who would enjoy the women's music show. This would be true if the reason the 700 attended the concert was to hear women's music, which is not necessarily true.

According to an April 28 Collegian interview (P.J. Plate, "Near: My art form gives me a platform"), Holly Near is "outspoken on many important social matters from personal sexual preference to anti-drugs, anti-nuclear power and pro-ERA." With such a diversity of music, isn't it possible that some of the concert goers wanted to hear the category of women's music. When I attended the Renaissance concert at Rec Hall, I went to hear sophisticated, well-executed music, not to hear singer Annie Halsam because she's a woman.

All these confusions in thinking arise from her incorrect categorization of women's music as a style of music separate from other styles. Although a subjective task, the style of a musical selection is usually established by considering criteria such as instrumentation, melodic form, chordal structure and progression — not the sex of the producer, writer and performer.

Women artists have featured in widely different styles of music, from the folk songs of Joni Mitchell to the disco of Sister Sledge. Obviously, after brushing aside these arguments, she



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May 5

**Motion, please**  
Tenure is defined by Webster to mean "a status granted after a trial period to a teacher protecting him from summary dismissal." For a teacher, tenure is desirable, but for a student, it can be a nightmare if the professor forgets that his real purpose is to share his knowledge with others.

My complaint lies in the area of teacher evaluations. Why aren't professors with tenure obligated to hand out evaluations? It is because they know their material so well (from repetition if nothing else) that they automatically assume they're good teachers? Simply because you understand a subject doesn't qualify you to teach it.

## Carter should stay in race to White House

Last week while reading The Washington Post, I came across yet another commentary on the Iranian situation and the current administration's handling of the crisis. The closing paragraph disturbed me, for it stated that the best way the president could help the situation would be to withdraw from the presidential race and concentrate his energies on solving the problem.

I am sure that some of what President Carter is doing is based on political motives. I doubt whether his actions are totally controlled by political ambition. The rewards of the office are great, but the demands are equally so. To commit that much time to serving the country as president, and to expose oneself to the criticism and the constant eye of the media and the public, cannot be entirely repaid by a simple chance at glory.

Some desire to serve a utopian goal or some need to play some part in the history of the nation must be present. To have that part be chastized in contemporary society and those of future generations is not a pleasant thought for anyone.

Yet the public, both here and abroad, has branded Carter a politician and a candidate. With this title comes a lack of credence to any act he may try and a motive behind his every move. This is sad. The public in its ever-popular mood of archaic quarterback has destroyed an image that America tries to display every time a foreign country intervenes in its affairs — the of "this is my country, do or die" attitude.

The public screams because other countries have a poor opinion of America and the image our country is faltering. This of course comes not because the citizens are ignorant critics, but because of a political president.

Everyone states his opinion on what to do and yells at the president for not seeing the simple realities of life. Just as the quarterback should know what all his fans see and misunderstand, so should the president.

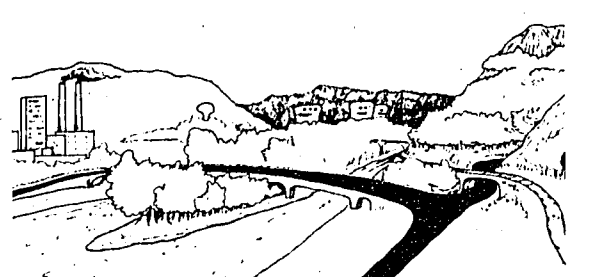
But just as the fans cannot understand the whole situation, neither can the bar stool critics. Carter, like any public official or decision-maker, has many variables to study and many situations to handle before he can come to a reasonable decision.

Just like the quarterback, he is not inflexible and can make mistakes and misjudgments. Many people seem to forget this and expect the president to

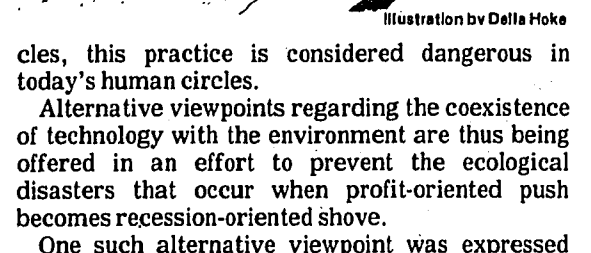
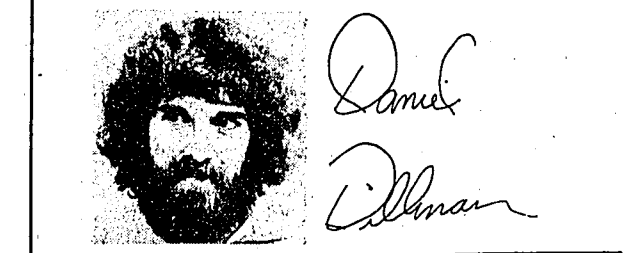
## We must save planet Earth

### Conservation must check damaging economic growth

In the movie, "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court," the 20th century hero dazzled his medieval audience with his knowledge of science and technology. Any man who could produce fire from the palm of his hand or cause the sun to go black in the sky was recognized as a wizard to be reckoned with. Back then, he who had the "knowledge of the gods" sat on the mountain of fear and ruled with the threat of the unknown.



Such "ecological ignorance" said Henderson, can no longer be tolerated by a future-oriented society. Technology and the environment can no longer be allowed to crash heads, to ignore other's existence, to pretend that time is irrelevant unless we wish to "live" on an uninhabitable planet.



Uncontrolled, wasteful and environmentally damaging growth must be checked and replaced with planned, conservation-minded and socially acceptable alternatives. This does not necessarily mean a smaller economy, but a softer, less destructive one. Thus while small may be beautiful, soft is more beautiful.

Centuries later, with the "knowledge of the gods" converted into print and available in the nearest library, the mystical power of science and technology was replaced by the monied power of the bottom line. Whether or not the latest technological breakthrough or scientific discovery was allowed to go public now depended upon its economic feasibility. Mystery was replaced by cost analysis as the basic criteria for scientific advancement.

"Today," notes Science News Magazine, "with businesses requiring paybacks on their investments, with inflation hurting many regional economies and with multinational companies fearing nationalization of foreign investments, the trend (in science and technology) is to optimize short-term profits — often at the expense of the environment."

While a movement towards a softer, de-energized and environmentally sound economy was started several years ago, the pending collapse of capitalism as we know it cries out for faster action.

One such alternative viewpoint was expressed last week by visiting professor Hazel Henderson in a series of lectures and discussions sponsored by the University's chapter of the Science, Technology and Society program. In keeping with the program's stated purpose — critical examination of the impact of science and technology on society's values, priorities and institutions — professor Henderson questioned the logic behind using one-dimensional economic criteria for making three-dimensional environmental decisions.

Describing the "non-scientific" field of economics as a "300-year-old trashbasket of opinions," Henderson criticized so-called environmental managers for reducing complex, ecological problems into simplistic, input/output propositions.

By cutting corners and ignoring issues that could arise long after they have departed, these decision makers have bent their preferred, "cost efficient" technologies until they "fill" the problem as hand.

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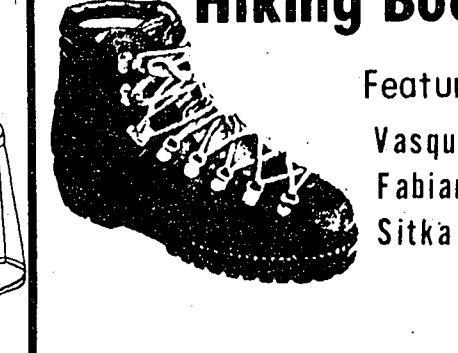
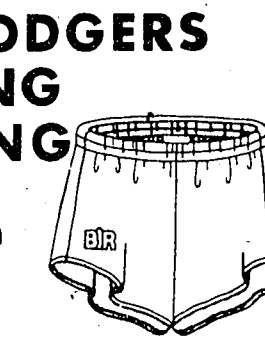
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## Success story?

At one time or another during their collegiate careers, almost all college students consider joining a campus organization. Many groups at Penn State have been successful for years, but some don't even last a single term.

Have you ever considered joining an organization at Penn State? What do you look for from an organization? How influential are organizations on this campus? Do you think that students join groups just for an ego message or do they really provide a service to the community?

On Tuesday, May 13, The Daily Collegian will focus its final page of the term on student organizations: the successes and the failures. If you have a comment on student organizations on this campus, do you think that students join groups just for an ego message or do they really provide a service to the community? If you have a comment on student organizations on this campus, do you think that students join groups just for an ego message or do they really provide a service to the community? If you have a comment on student organizations on this campus, do you think that students join groups just for an ego message or do they really provide a service to the community?

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## Supergroup

A letter to the editor in Monday's Daily Collegian complained about the fact that the Grateful Dead have appeared here too often. If these people looked at this from a different perspective, then maybe they would reconsider their opinion.

Out of the hundreds of bands that are presently composing and performing good music, there are perhaps 10 that can be classified as true supergroups. Based on the individual skills of the musicians, record sales, concert attendance, fan devotion and general popularity, the Bee Gees, Doobie Brothers, Eagles, Fleetwood Mac, Grateful Dead, Led Zeppelin, Pink Floyd, Rolling Stones, The Who and Yes can be put into this supergroup category.

Penn State has been fortunate enough to have had the Doobie Brothers and the Grateful Dead appear here on campus. Any of these 10 supergroups are popular enough to sell out Rec Hall any time they choose, regardless of ticket cost. So how can some people complain about the reappearance of the Dead when over 10,000 people (mostly students) have spent their own money to see them?

## Success story?

Professors are assets to a university. However, assets depreciate over their useful life. A professor may find it difficult to remember what it's like to be sitting on the other side of the microphone.

I make a motion that all professors be required to hand out teacher evaluations, regardless of tenure. Does anyone second the motion?

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