

Editorial opinion

# Who me officer?

### Peer pressure needed to curb vandalism as costs for 'kicks' more than triple in past three years

Disrespect, selfishness and laziness all make up the vandalism problem plaguing the University and downtown State College — and we all suffer from the ugliness of vandalism.

Vandalism damages cost the University \$7,930 in 1977. Damages ran \$24,799 last May, down from \$26,251 incurred in May 1979.

Diminishing respect for property apparently is the root of vandalism. Some people have the "I don't give damn, I'm gonna do it I want" attitude. The damage is done, forgotten by the perpetrator, but seen by all.

The Association of Resident Hall Students is leaning away from harsh penalties as the problem solver. ARHS Summer Term president Tony Caravan said this only heightens tension.

University Police Services officer John Rideout said strict penalties have an impact, but not to the degree University police would like.

Rideout said University police are

conducting a security survey of campus buildings this summer. The survey is intended to target objects prone to vandalism. Rideout said these objects would be removed from the buildings to reduce the opportunity for vandals.

He said another way to reduce costs would be to install stronger glass.

One positive step in the fight against vandalism has been the "Put the Brakes on Vandalism" program, which has heightened community awareness. Townspeople have begun to report more instances of vandalism, but tough penalties will not solve the problem, program director J. Stephen Dershimmer said.

Peer pressure is the key, Dershimmer said.

Peer pressure could greatly reduce the vandalism problem both on and off campus, but this pressure is absent in the fight against vandalism.

Caravan said he hopes peer pressure will help alleviate campus destruction. He said it is necessary to open com-

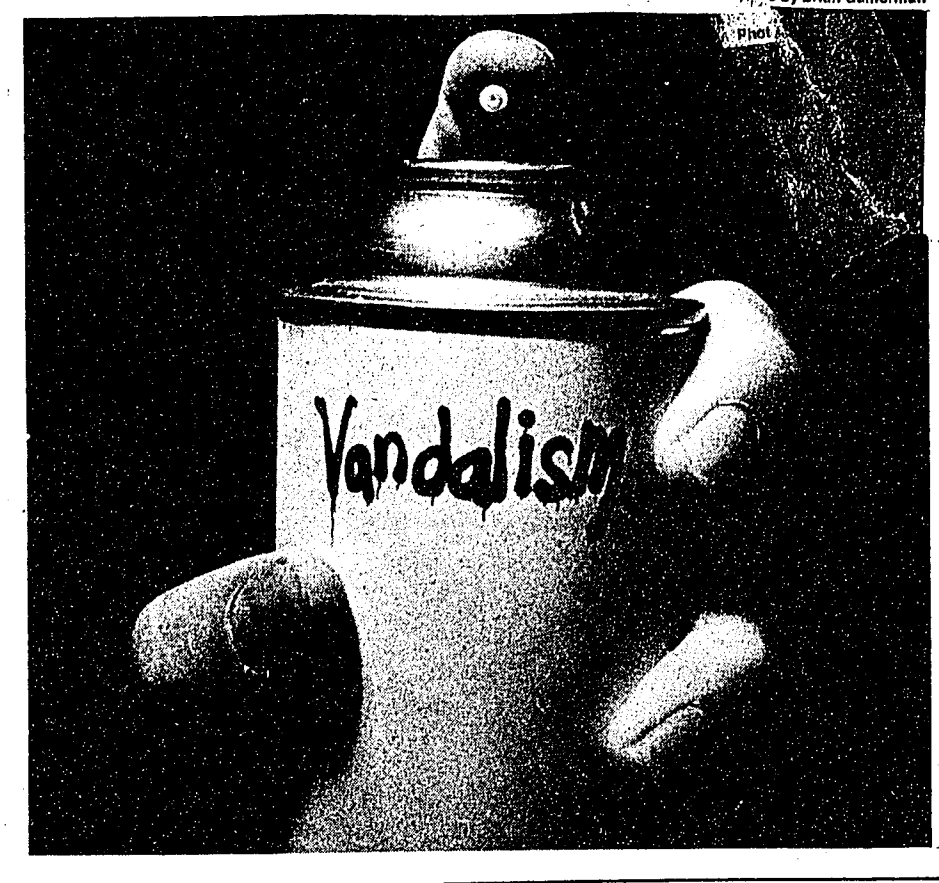
munications among dorm area governments, resident assistants and students.

Representatives from the dorm governments, as well as RAs, must work with ARHS to devise methods to curb the problem.

New students can be made aware of the vandalism problem through orientation programs. Damage reports should be posted in dormitory houses to let students know where money from their general deposit is going because students pay for destroyed University property.

Freshmen should not be grouped together in dormitories because students away from home for the first time might be overly rambunctious. Arranging housing so the freshmen are mixed with the upperclassmen could help inhibit potential vandals.

If the vandals are made to feel guilty for their thoughtless acts, then perhaps they will think twice before tearing letters off buildings or leaving empty beer bottles on campus or around town.



By Brian Gammann

# Letters to the Editor

### Obligations

Joe Paterno must have felt really good when he stated that every University athlete team will have more money in its budget this year than last year.

It is really too bad for the majority of University students who do not participate in any of these teams. These are the same students who must pay the 10.5 percent tuition increase come fall, attend overcrowded classes and who cannot even be assured that they will have the basic skills to operate in the outside world.

Granted, there are many things that the University could put their money toward, but isn't it true that the University's obligation to students comes before that of an "amateur" athlete?

Athletics are an important part of everyone's life and there are a variety of sports offered in State College which do not require the huge organization and the multi-million dollar expenditures our football team does. As far as the revenue from the football program goes, it is still

University money and is supported by the student body. Joe Paterno seems to think that any money that goes into football is never going to come out.

The University must take a look at its priorities and find out who should be in charge — the students, the administration or Joe Paterno.

Timothy Peck, 10th-accounting June 27

### Ends and means

I must respond to Scott Dugan's article which appeared in the June 30 Collegian entitled, "Me generation pulls its weight despite years of social trade off."

I found Dugan's justification of the "Me" generation as the epitome of the moral depravity which Provost Eddy and Gov. Thornburgh demonstrated. Dugan seems to reason that even though our motives are selfish, and thus immoral, the final products for all societies are greater, and thus, the ends justify the means.

Yes, Mr. Dugan, selfish motivation does produce greater benefit for all society, but must the standard of morality be judged by social conscience and social benefit? Must we damn ourselves for being concerned for our own well-being? Must we condemn ourselves as morally depraved hedonists? I contend that it is just this self-concern which breeds virtue, creates art, discovers knowledge and produces wealth that is the standard of morality.

This country was based on an ideology of individual rights and liberties in which the individual was given the right to stand above the group and not have to sacrifice his concerns to the fancy of the state. This ideology has been eroding for the past century and as it makes an attempt to rebound in the "Me" generation, it is being killed by a moral depravity in its followers.

Dugan and much of the "Me" generation see the results of self-concern as advantageous and don't understand the morality in the means towards the ends.

I would finally like to say to Dugan: (1) that being fashionable is not the sign of an individual, and (2) that I would be proud to be "too much of an individual."

Jeff McCullough, 13th-general arts and sciences July 1

### Watch your words

It has been brought to my attention that an article was written on Wednesday, June 25, that misrepresented my position badly enough that I must respond and make the necessary corrections.

A good writer/journalist knows that one must be very careful when wording and arranging articles not to change the tone/meaning of the original thoughts. This article is unfortunately a good example of such misrepresenting.

It is my deep conviction that the choice of whether or not to remain pregnant must be left up to the individual woman. Your reporter made a choice that I don't care much about, but I do care about the issue when what I actually said was that I was very unhappy with what I had heard of (Robert) Brazill's position. But what we have is a choice between Brazill and Cunningham and

therefore, a vote for Brazill is a very necessary vote against Cunningham.

But I didn't want to make an extended comment until I had weighed the issues. Brazill was a write-in candidate and had never met with the Centre County Democratic Committee. As I explained to the reporter, I was meeting him Thursday night for the first time and invited her to call me Friday for a full discussion.

"Call me Friday after I've had a chance to meet Brazill," shows a much different intent than the simple no comment that was reported.

The reporter had so firmly fixed in her mind that there was going to be a Consumer Party candidate that she didn't hear what I said. Namely, that to date Brazill is the only alternative to Cunningham (not just "the Democrat's only alternative to Cunningham") as was misstated in the article. One word is all it took to change the meaning. What I was trying to get across then and now is that the Consumer Party doesn't have someone on the ballot—someone who isn't running for the office of state representative, and until they do, I am not going to speculate about a shadow on the wall.

I realize that your reporters are students who are learning their trade, but they must be quick to learn that they cannot casually reword conversations.

Vandy Wayland, president, Centre County National Organization for Women July 1

### Look what's back

Draft registration for the military died out many years ago with the Vietnam war — before you ever conceived of attending Penn State. Bdt, just when you may have thought it was dead and buried, draft registration is back — and it may get you.

The recently-approved legislation requires all men, born in 1960 and 1961, to register for induction into the country's military service. You may very well fall into this category or know

somebody that will have to march down to the post office to register for the draft.

If draft registration necessary for a country which could settle its differences peacefully or extinguish the world with nuclear weapons? In light of the Equal Rights Amendment, shouldn't women also be required to register? How will draft registration affect the country's economy? How can the military support more personnel when many members of the armed forces are barely making ends meet?

On Monday, July 14, The Daily Collegian will devote a special op-ed page to the recently approved draft registration. If you have any comments on the registration, please submit them to the Editorial Office, 126 Carnegie. All letters must be typed, double spaced and no longer than 30 lines. Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, July 11.

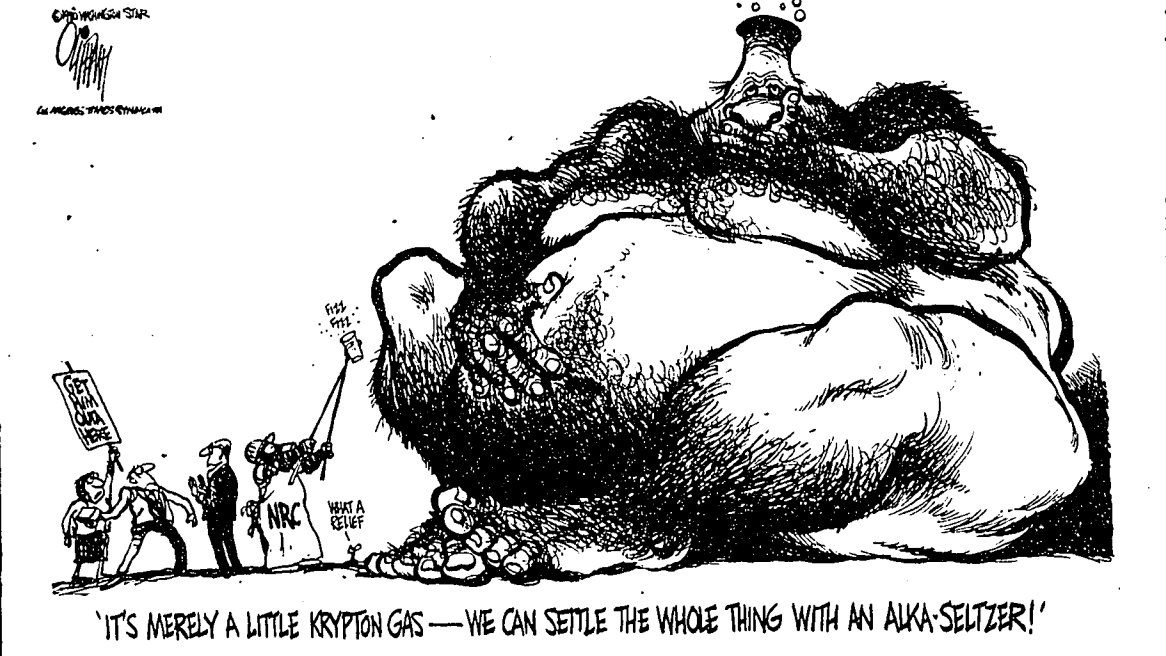
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"IT'S MERELY A LITTLE KRYPTON GAS — WE CAN SETTLE THE WHOLE THING WITH AN AXA-SLUTZER!"

## Cooperation is the key RAs need a fair shake

By RUSSELL E. DICARLO  
Spring Term Resident Assistant

The term resident assistant is the formal title deemed the position. A number of creative and ingenious students have been known to bestow more unorthodox aliases to the person holding the position.

The job of an RA is by no means the most dreaded position known to mankind; yet, it must be recognized that it does present a certain number of formidable challenges to its possessor. By being a student, and the same time being a member of this institution, there is created a direct conflict of interest, which often times is very difficult to subdue.

Other role conflicts also result because of the contradictory nature of the component roles that comprise the position. For example, the RA is expected to perform the functions of both disciplinarian and counselor. Yet to successfully execute the one often times diminishes the effectiveness of performing the other. Obviously, it requires a careful balance that is often very subtle, but very influential in terms of type of outcome that it creates.

Unfortunately, an RA can also find himself enforcing University policies that are contradictory in nature. Such is the case with the alcohol policy. Enforcement of this policy is frequently sidestepped during football games at Beaver Stadium. Yet, it absolutely must be enforced within the dormitory areas.

Add to this the many no-win situations

that an RA so often finds himself muddled, like those in which you're damned if you do and damned if you don't, and the complexity of the position begins to reveal itself.

Everyone has rather definite expectations of how an RA should conduct himself in social situations. These situations may arise in the confines of the dorm areas or in other situations off campus that are completely removed from the sphere of influence of the position. This, as most people fail to realize, is a matter of personal discretion, which can be classified as being either right nor wrong in execution.

Although the RA position lends itself to a few clear-cut rules and regulations to adhere to, most circumstances in the question are neither clear-cut nor readily definable. There are no easy cookbook type recipes to follow when dealing with most real life problems. There are just too many contingencies and unknowns that must be dealt with. Consequently, the RA is empowered with a great deal of discretion as to how he handles certain situations that arise from time to time.

Also, the RA can usually find himself being intentionally demoralized by students who go out of their way to make the very day-to-day existence of the RA difficult. All of this is because of the position the person holds. The RA is the scapegoat for University policy that students do not agree with, even though the RA has no influence over the for-

## Unity, programs contribute to PSU's small black enrollment

By JANA DUBIS  
5th-agriculture

According to the 1970 United States census, 18 percent of Pennsylvania's residents are black. The University chartered to provide low-cost residential instruction to the children of black working class families.

Since only 24 percent of the students attending the University are black, however, some students are programs, designed to bring in more black students to the University, are not achieving this goal.

There are a number of reasons why blacks do not come to the University.

One reason could be that the University is too large and isolated. An advantage to this is that the University offers a change of scenery for students who live in urban areas.

Another reason is the University is so isolated, many black students pick a school closer to their homes like Pitt or Temple. Black students feel there is a lack of unity at the University because of the small percentage of blacks on campus. They feel unitarian relationships cannot exist without an equal number of minority students and whites.

Another reason why black students do not come to the University is the lack of understanding about Commonwealth campuses. The recruiting teams for University admissions try to help students understand that even if they are not accepted to the main campus, they are not stuck out in the boondocks at some remote little school called Penn State. The recruiters are busy trying to encourage students to believe that the Commonwealth campuses have everything that the main campus has, at least for the first two years.

Some families feel that the cost of school for their children would be a burden on their income. Seeking source of strength and respite for a person who holds a position with many barriers that tend to prohibit fast, expedient solutions to sometimes perplexing problems.

Grant, which can be integral parts of the financial aid package.

Perhaps, the most important reason why blacks do not come to the University is because they cannot meet the admissions requirement for main campus. The black student who is not accepted to the main campus often picks another school of his or her choice that will accept him.

Even though it is hard to pinpoint the exact reasons why blacks and other minorities do not come to the University, they are being encouraged to come with already existing programs. However, these programs are not enough.

The most important possible cure is to provide an environment that will attract blacks and other minorities. The quality of life must be conducive to them. The University should encourage their promotion and growth within the University. This is vital to provide role models for students being recruited and to assure a sensitivity to the unique needs of black students.

The sense of unity at the University is also necessary. Minority programs should not be like small isolated islands in the middle of a vast ocean, but should be coordinated with all other programs, including recruiting. Instead of having one recruiting group for regular students and one group for minority students, the University should both put them together into one recruiting plan.

What is really needed is black students who have had a good experience with the University to go back to their communities and spread the good word about Penn State. Even though the University recognizes that a problem does exist and has programs that try to combat this, it is obvious that they are ineffective in increasing enrollment among blacks.

## Break-in reaps \$2,000 damage Police report vandalism

Damages were estimated at \$2,000 in criminal mischief done to an unoccupied apartment at 105 E. Nittany Ave. on July 4. Police reported the apartment, which is in a building owned by Steve Scourias, sustained damaged walls, ceiling and doors. The damage was done with a sledge hammer, they said.

Cited by State College police for breaking beer bottles in the 100 block of McAllister Street was Donald Steele, 31, of 425 W. College Ave. The incident occurred July 5.

Damages were estimated at \$150 when the front door of Balfour's Jewelers, 328 E. College Ave., was smashed on July 5.

A beer bottle and a brick were thrown through a door at New World Clothes, 118 S. Pugh St., on July 5. Damages were estimated at \$150.

Five windows were broken in the rear of the West Penn Power substation building, College Avenue and High Street, July 5.

State College police reported a \$1500 estimated loss in the theft of a green John Deere lawn tractor owned by Briarwood Apartments, Whitehall Road. The tractor was taken from a fenced-in area during the night of July 5.

A burglary occurred at the apartment of Nancy Stanley, 710 S. Atherton St., overnight July 3. Taken was a Magnavox portable color television valued at \$350. There was no evidence of forced entry, police said.

Police reported that stereo equipment valued at \$474 was taken from James Tarran of Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity, 319 N. Burrows St., July 5. The equipment was later recovered when police received an anonymous phone tip directing them to garbage cans behind Christian Church, Easterly Parkway and Williams Street.

A car traveling north on North Atherton Street skidded,

spun around and hit a truck and then a traffic sign on Mitchell Avenue July 5, police reported.

The car, driven by Lori Blackburn, 18, of 1733 Princeton St., State College, was traveling in the left lane when she skidded out of control while attempting to stop at a traffic light. Blackburn's car, a 1977 Ford, then collided with a truck driven by Richard Prisk, R.D. 1, Port Matilda, before sliding into a traffic sign.

The Blackburn vehicle sustained \$1500 damage, and the truck, owned by Glenn Hawbaker, received about \$700 in damages.

A car traveling southeast on University Drive toward Beaver Stadium slid into the opposite lane, colliding with another vehicle and injuring one of its passengers, police said. The accident occurred July 5.

The driver, Andrew Welki, 30, of 901 S. Allen St., said he was traveling on University Drive in rainy conditions when he lost control of his car while rounding a curve and struck an oncoming car driven by Jerome Kapitannoff, 62, of 133 Hillcrest Ave.

Taken to Centre Community Hospital was a passenger in the Kapitannoff vehicle, Lorraine Kapitannoff. She was treated for minor injuries and released.

State College Police said Welki, whose car sustained \$2000 in front-end damages, was driving too fast for conditions.

A man was trying to elude a police officer, who was about to issue him a citation for running a red light, when he slid off the road on Woodland Drive July 5, police said.

Robert Eugene Horner, 32, of 105 W. Water St., Bellefonte, was traveling on North Atherton Street at about 8:43 p.m., when he attempted to elude police by turning east onto Hillcrest Avenue. From there Horner turned onto Woodland Drive, police said, where he struck a curb, breaking a wheel on his car.

—By Denise Shane



Swim Beginning, MWF 2, 1 credit  
Nine-month-old Mary Kate Herr of State College, a potential future member of the University's 1999 swim team, began training Friday. The not-so-very-soon-to-be star is seen here with her coach-father Michael.

## Businessmen debate market plan

By SUSAN RICCI  
Daily Collegian Staff Writer

Developer Sidney Friedman has not yet responded to a request by members of the State College Downtown Business Association to clarify his proposed farmers market. Chairman Sherry Dershimmer said at the association's last meeting.

David Nevins, owner of the Pathfinder on Beaver Avenue, wrote a letter to Friedman noting the association's concerns regarding his proposal for construction of a farmers market at 129 S. Fraser St., adjacent to the State College Municipal Building.

The proposed market would include space for rent to farmers and vendors, a room for art and antique auctions and a 45-space, second-floor parking lot, Friedman told the State

College Municipal Council recently. Association Chairman Sherry Dershimmer announced at its meeting Thursday that Friedman did not reply to Nevins' letter.

When interviewed about the letter, Friedman refused to comment.

Dershimmer urged association members to attend a discussion on Friedman's proposal planned for the State College Municipal Council meeting 7:30 p.m. tomorrow.

At its monthly meeting on June 5, the association voiced concern about the farmers market. The downtown businessmen said the market might undercut local merchants and cause congestion because of limited parking facilities.

The association members Thursday also discussed the businessman's role in helping the handicapped in downtown State College with members of the "Citizens for Barrier Free Living."

"We are people, too, with some problems," BFL spokesperson Joan Lee said. "Yet we can't come in and buy at your stores. We have a vital interest in more at your stores if they were more accessible."

She told businessmen that because of their failure to install ramps and wider doors, handicapped people cannot shop in downtown State College.

Don Smithley, chairman of BFL, assured the businessmen present that his association would help with any renovations to their stores, and he reminded them of the tax deductions awarded for providing handicapped facilities.

## Party to discuss Commoner tonight

The Centre County Consumer Party, a Pennsylvania affiliate of the National Citizen's Party, will meet at 8 tonight in 220 HUB. Among topics to be discussed is an update on Barry Commoner's presidential bid.

The Consumers Program is looking for volunteers to make an international friend and help him or her practice speaking English. For further information call 863-1004 or stop in at 305 Sparks.

An organizational meeting of Students for Anderson will be held at 7 tonight in 227 HUB.

The Rules Committee of the Graduate Student Association will hold an open hearing to review the constitution of the African Resources Forum for purposes of chartering the organization at 7:15 p.m. tomorrow in 101 Kern.

A Computer Help Session is held at 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday in 67 Willard by Free University instructor Dan North. North can be reached at 234-0135 for further information.

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