

# the daily collegian **opinions**

editorial opinion

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### Faculty Senate reports Pattee is in trouble, needs more support

"I think our students understand that I want us to have a winning football team because there is not sense in being involved in something unless you want it to be the best."  
— Joe Paterno, addressing the University's graduating class of 1973

"The true University is a collection of books."  
— inscription on the entrance facade of Pattee

During the 1970s, the Penn State football team compiled a record of 98 wins and 22 losses, attended seven major bowls and was ranked in among the top 10 teams in the country for seven years.

In that same decade, the libraries at University Park, ranked according to a books-per-student ratio, fell from 54th best in the nation to 59th. In number of library employees, the University Park libraries fell from 18th to 46th.

And as the football team's success is a source of pride for many at this University, the deteriorating condition of the libraries should be a source of alarm.

As a recent University Faculty Senate report pointed out: "Penn State's ability to purchase both materials and people to provide library service is now weaker than it was at the beginning of the 1970s, and our initially weak position has been exacerbated by a decade of declining support, continuing inflation, and benign neglect."

The report cites a number of statistics that would shock those of the "We are No. 1" mentality:

- University Park libraries contain about 50 volumes per student — less than half of the University of Pittsburgh's libraries, which contain 103 volumes per student, and behind Temple University libraries, which contain 67.
- True, this statistic is biased in favor of smaller schools, but it should be noted that Pitt and Temple students and faculty also have access to other major research libraries in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, while students and faculty at Penn State must depend almost entirely on Pattee.
- Pattee, Pollock Library and other University Park libraries spent 56 percent more on books and binding in 1979-80 than they spent a decade earlier, but book prices have risen by 174 percent and periodical prices have increased by 300 percent.
- Finally, the Penn State library system, including Commonwealth campus libraries, spent \$45 per student on library materials in 1979-80. That was dead last in a survey of 11 major universities cited in the Faculty Senate report — below that of the University of California at Los Angeles, University of Pennsylvania, University of Illinois, Wisconsin University, Rutgers University, Pitt, Temple, Ohio State, Purdue University and the University of Minnesota.

Enough stone inscriptions have expounded on the intrinsic virtues of libraries, so that need not be done here. But there are some simple, practical reasons why the University administration ought

to give more budget priority to its libraries and state legislators ought to pay attention to the plight of Pattee.

With thousands of dollars worth of journal subscriptions canceled and many books not bought because they were too expensive, Pattee as a research base has deteriorated — and so will the quality of the research done there. Also, successful researchers in fields where Pattee is weak will think twice about accepting a position at Penn State.

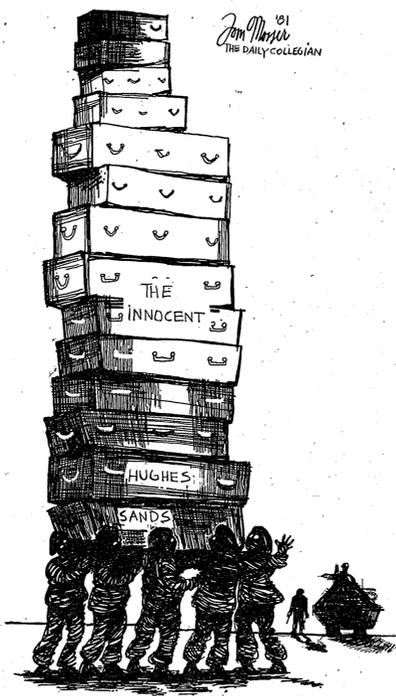
And it hardly needs to be said that where research declines, teaching quality also declines, hurting the University in its two most vital places.

Further, damage done to the university whose library is choked for funds is permanent — unlike staffing cutbacks, which can be rectified when more money is available; unlike trees, shrubs and grass, which can be planted anytime; unlike new computers, buildings or calendars, which can be postponed.

Each time a useful journal article is inaccessible to the student who needs it, a little bit of learning is foregone, and an opportunity for a new idea is lost forever.

In a time of budget cutting, if ever there is a justifiably sacred cow, if there is ever a truly cost-effective way to spend money, it is the library. To use the budget sheds on Pattee is to stab the University in the belly.

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Outgoing Black Caucus President Paul Davis (right) extends congratulations to newly-inaugurated President Avery Rose, who will serve the caucus during the 1981-1982 school year.

## Caucus inaugurates officials

By SHARON TAYLOR  
Daily Collegian Staff Writer

Black Caucus officials were inaugurated and Venus Young (8th-division undergraduate studies) received a leadership award last night at the First Black Achievement Awards sponsored by the Black Caucus and the Executive Planning Council.

This was the first year The Fannie Lou Hamer/Malcolm X Black Student Leadership Award was given by Black Caucus to a student for "serious, committed and dedicated" black student leadership.

Besides receiving a plaque to be placed in the Paul Robeson Cultural Center, Young was given a \$100 scholarship.

After receiving the award, Young said, "I hope this award will give more students the initiative to come out and work in black student organizations."

Four other students — Tony Farrow (9th-science), Willie McClaire (8th-biology), Arlene Schofield (13th-rehabilitation education) and Vanessa Womack (12th-mineral economics) — were given awards for academic excellence.

Outgoing Black Caucus President Paul Davis installed the 1981-1982 Black Caucus officers after awards were presented to officers of black student organizations.

The new officers are Avery Rose, president; David O. Byrd, vice president; Wanda V. Gant, assistant vice president; Kimberly F. Richardson; and Donna Saul, treasurer.

Davis addressed the audience, saying the organization had a good year, but there was always the chance for improvement.

"Potential to expand is unlimited," Davis said, after reflecting on the past year's successful programs, including the Black Arts Festival, the Miss Black Penn State Beauty Pageant and Brotherhood Day.

After being inaugurated, Rose said, "This is the best day of my college career."

"The first thing to do is to come out and support us — that is all it takes," Rose said. "If a large amount of people are supportive of our efforts, we'll get things done."

"We have a lot of things planned for next year," he said. "Black Caucus can be even better next year, but we need your help."

Davis added, "Give your support, this way Black Caucus can shine here at Penn State."

## Rep. sees budget process abuse

### Cunningham says Senate manipulates budget in power play

By JUSTIN CATTANOSO  
Daily Collegian Staff Writer

With the end of the fiscal year nearing, the state Senate is apparently up to its old tricks again in trying to pass the general appropriations budget for 1981-82, Rep. Gregg L. Cunningham, R-Centre County, said last night.

The trick is a bit confusing, but proven to be effective, Cunningham said. Senate leadership plans to take House Bill 712 (passed in the House last month), eliminate all the provisions of that bill, amend in the budget and then send it to the House — under the title HB 712 — for acceptance or rejection. Last year's budget was passed in just that manner.

Confusing? It gets worse.

Because the House has already passed HB 712, it is unable to amend the bill, according to legislative codes. If the House votes to reject the bill, it is sent to a joint conference committee to hammer out the differences. But that takes time and the General Assembly only has until June 30 to pass the budget.

"In a situation like this," Cunningham said at his weekly news conference, "we are faced with very stringent time deadlines. To reject the bill is to run the risk of running beyond the fiscal year when all funding stops."

The University's budget is tied up in this process — \$13.7 million as proposed by Gov. Dick Thornburgh. In 1977, the General Assembly did not pass the budget on time and all state-funded agencies were without money for nearly two months.

Having non-preferred status, the University did not receive state funds until December and was forced to borrow money at high rates of interest to maintain operations.

On the planned legislative maneuver, Cunningham said, "I think this is manipulative, despite the fact that the Republican leadership is doing it. I also think it's exploitative and a significant abuse of the budgetary process."

—Rep. Gregg L. Cunningham, R-Centre County

There is an alternative. With majority vote, the House can open up the amending process on HB 712. Cunningham said he will side with the Democrats if such a vote is proposed.

"I think there'll be problems (with accepting HB 712) that we didn't have in this same situation last year. The leadership is not going to get the same cooperation," he said. "It could be a long summer."

## USG sponsors candidate night

Candidates for mayor and State College Municipal Council will participate in a candidate's night sponsored by the Undergraduate Student Government Department of Political Affairs at 8 tonight in the HUB main lounge.

The candidates will be given the opportunity to present their views on the issues they think are important in this election.

The program is designed to give citizens a chance to meet local officials and candidates for local offices.

—by Karen Kanski

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## reader opinion

### Necks stuck out

Isn't it great that we have so many ways to spend our leisure time here in the Happy Valley? We can go play Space Invaders, go to happy hours, watch the tube, eat fast food or better yet we can go heckle the evangelists. It seems such a shame that so many people find so much pleasure in shouting down and belittling another human being. Why are these individuals taking such abuse from a crowd of strangers? Because they have beliefs. Beliefs that are so strong that they want to share their feelings with others.

I do not write in order to support or refute their ideologies, but I do support their right to express those ideas. I also write to voice my disgust in many of my fellow students who find it great sport to insult someone because of his or her personal convictions. One of the greatest problems we face today is not that people feel something is right or wrong, but that people do not know what they think is right or wrong. Too many of us find it easy to get by without any personal convictions — we do not know how we feel about something because we either do not care or do not want to take the time to ponder over such things. It is so much easier to straddle the fence and roll with the flow. This way we do not have to stick out our necks and make a decision. But, pity the person who does take a stand. Whether the issue is abortion, nuclear power, women's rights or God, anyone who tries to express their viewpoint stands apart and ends up getting labeled, and sometimes the labels are not that nice — bleeding heart, liberal, socialist, lesbian, Jesus freak.

The next time you walk past a crowd on the mall, if you do not want to hear what is being said, then keep walking. If you want to listen then stop. If you have doubts about what is being said raise a question. If you want to shout an insult think about what you believe in and if your beliefs are strong enough for you to share and defend them. For those of my

colleagues who feel that they still must shout insults and make jest I feel sorry for you for having succumbed to one of the most tragic illnesses of our time — narrow mindedness.

Bruce K. Kelley  
12th-political science

### Monopoly of speech

Classes were disrupted, pedestrian traffic was blocked, and people were subjected to name calling when certain supposedly religious individuals came on campus and usurped the space between Willard building and Schwab Auditorium.

Free speech is to be encouraged at a public university such as Penn State, without anybody monopolizing it.

We propose that the administration set aside a space where anybody may speak on any subject whatsoever. We suggest, for example, the terrace or the lawn between the flagpoles in front of Old Main as such a space.

We also propose that speakers not be permitted elsewhere along the walks or streets of campus.

The Forum of Free Religious Thought  
Susan Sellers, president  
May 13

### Screwed again

Boy, what a way to end four of the wildest, most productive years of my life. I've actually made it through four years of Penn State living and haven't flunked out yet. It's spring term again, my last spring term ever at Penn State, and wow has it been a blast! I was so lucky to be given the ability to exactly duplicate my advisor's signature that I only have nine credits this term, and those are only on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## Clarification

An opinion column about the Heritage Oaks apartments in the May 4 issue of The Daily Collegian contained several inaccuracies or implications that were not sufficiently supported by specific examples or research.

The Collegian regrets the mistakes and any problems they might have caused.

• The column said that "new locks on all the thermostats will keep them set at 62 degrees or below."

Mary Frantz, property manager for Benchmark Realty, 1212 N. Albertson St., said the thermostats will be set at 70 degrees in the winter and 76 in the summer.

• The column said stores and laundromats were not within walking distance.

It is about one mile from the apartments to the closest stores and laundromat.

• The column characterized the Heritage Oaks salespeople in an unflattering manner but offered no examples or support for those characterizations. The statements should not have been made without such support.

• The column compared rents among Heritage Oaks, Park Forest and Briarwood apartments, noting some similarities and differences in what was included in the rent in the different complexes.

However, it did not mention the square footage for a two-bedroom apartment in each of the complexes. Frantz said a Heritage Oaks two-bedroom apartment contains 1,000 square feet. A two-bedroom Park Forest apartment contains 1,020 square feet, apartment manager Madeline Weaver said. Briarwood apartments manager Candace Evelhoch said a two-bedroom Briarwood apartment contains 870.5 square feet.

I don't even have to worry about looking for a job. The fine print of Penn State's placement office have helped me find a career with one of the finest companies in the world. I couldn't be happier. I'll always remember going to the bars, tailgating, football games, the all-nighters and maybe even a few of the many parties I so wearily attended. Then there are the people I've met: my fraternity brothers, my friends, the faculty, the administration and who knows who else.

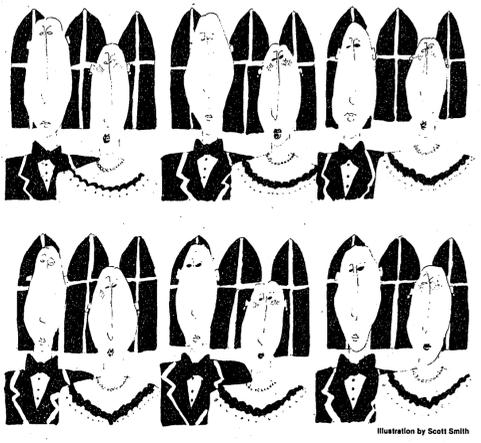
In what most wait until their senior year to purchase, Penn State's 12th Yearbook, I will be able to look back on all of these eye-opening memories with feelings of happiness and cheer from days gone past. But, upon finding my picture, it was clear to me that Penn State wasn't finished making mistakes yet.

They screwed me again, this time in the flippancy yearbook. The yearbook said I belonged to the Goodyear fraternity, not the Goodrich fraternity I so carefully devoted three of the most dynamic years of my life to. Once again I am a victim of circumstance, but this time it hurts. What was supposed to be the greatest recollection of the most fantastic time of my life has turned into yet another inaccurate description of a numbered student. But what can I say? Nothing can be done. By now I am accustomed to playing scapegoat in an overpopulated bureaucracy, and as one fraternity told me two years ago when a similar mistake was made, bummer there!

James E. Roek, 12th-marketing  
Phi Sigma Kappa  
May 12

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## Marriage: both sexes must compromise equally



One out of every two marriages will end in divorce in 1981.

This statistic comes from Graham Spanier, a University professor of Human Development, who is now working as a consultant with the 1980 census figures on marriage and family.

Despite the all-time high divorce rate, Spanier says, more than 75 percent of people who divorce will remarry, and 50 percent of those will marry within one to three years.

Spanier says this high rate of remarriage indicates that people who get divorced are not rejecting the institution of marriage, only a particular partner.

In addition, the marriage rate has increased slightly in the last 10 years, and 94 to 95 percent of all Americans can expect to marry at least once, Spanier reports.

However, a new trend of the 1980s is to marry later in life. The average age of a couple marrying for the first time in 1981 is mid-to-late 20s, Spanier says, and society seems to have grown to accepting this.

Spanier attributes this delay to several factors. More people are attending college and graduate school which tends to make people postpone marrying. Another consideration, Spanier says, is that premarital sex has increased significantly in the last decade, "so the need to marry in order to have unlimited access to sex is no longer a prominent reason for marriage for most people."

Spanier also notes more women are interested in cohabiting with men as adults is not dependent on their marital status.

Most people still mean it when they say, "till death do we part," Spanier says, but other factors force them to change their minds. In the face of the alarming rate of divorce and the availability of co-habitation, what is the overriding lure of marriage that still exists today?

The fact that society has grown so complex, impersonal and fast-paced, where so many relationships are casual and superficial, is causing people to turn to marriage and family as the one source that guarantees someone will care.

While this option may seem selfish, it is one of the few that exists for ambitious women married to traditional men.

Instead of believing they have a right to be selfish and have an uncompromised career and uncompromised fatherhood, both sexes should begin to share equally in the realms of parenthood and career.

Perhaps people wouldn't be fleeing marriage partners in droves in search of an intimate relationship in a sea of impersonality if they felt they were sharing their life with someone whose plans were going to benefit them both.

Once one partner feels he or she is entitled to more equality in a union than another, no union, by definition, is possible.

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