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editorial opinion

Bricks and mortar

University is more than labs and buildings

Here's some good news, but is it good enough? The state Senate appropriations committee has voted to allocate \$13.4 million to modernize and renovate Buckhout Laboratory, Mineral Science and Mineral Industries buildings.

The money would go to an easy-to-see use. When improvements are complete, state legislators could drive through University Park, point to Buckhout and see the fruits of their constituents' tax dollars which were written in brick and mortar. They could feel proud. They should.

As Sen. J. Doyle Corman, R-central Pa., said, the money for renovations is greatly needed to keep the University in its leadership role in mineral science and mineral industries education. After the appropriation, the labs can be up-to-date. Students and faculty members in mineral sciences and mineral industries would be able to carry out all sorts of outlandish and wonderful experiments because of the improvements. And that's good. That's what a university is for. Experimentation. Knowing by doing.

But what about improvements in knowledge that can't be made by enlarging faucets or putting holes in walls? What about the inundation of information that the University has

missed out on because there wasn't enough money to fill Pattee to its rafters? If a legislator were to propose allocating several million dollars to improve the academic atmosphere at the University, his colleagues and/or constituents might wonder exactly where the money would end up.

And when it came time for that legislator to run for re-election, he'd have a hard time showing the results of the money allocated through the bill he had sponsored. Cost-benefit calculations just don't leave room for such intangible expenditures.

But the University's contribution to the state comes in a multitude of subtle ways, not just through the obvious things like coal drilling. So, while one certainly cannot complain about money given to industry-related fields, neither can anyone afford to watch the Legislature ignore the University's equally pressing need for improvements in education at large.

Perhaps our state legislators should be more bold, more lofty. Maybe they should try to promote thinking, not just the brick and mortar that keeps the cold out.

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Topics

A game becomes a nightmare

At the Homecoming game tomorrow it is inevitable that people will be hurt by debris thrown by rowdy "fans."

Last Saturday, while Penn State was throwing footballs at Temple, what seemed like 40,000 of the 80,000 spectators were throwing marshmallows, pretzels, cookies and bottles at each other. Twenty people were treated by the Department of University Safety, some for assorted ailments, some for the by-now commonplace inebriation — and five who needed first aid after being hit by flying cookies, marshmallows and a bottle. One suffered a scratched cornea, another a bruised cheekbone. One man had to have his head shaved to remove a marshmallow.

And those were just the people who sought help.

Howard O. Triebold, manager of the safety division of University Safety, said he can't remember so many fans needing medical treatment at once. John E. Rideout of University Police Services said police don't look forward to working

at football games anymore. And who knows how many fans have started staying home from the games because they literally fear for their safety.

People around the world react to the recent events in Egypt as an indication of our society's condition. People at Penn State don't have to look much farther than the stands of their football stadium.

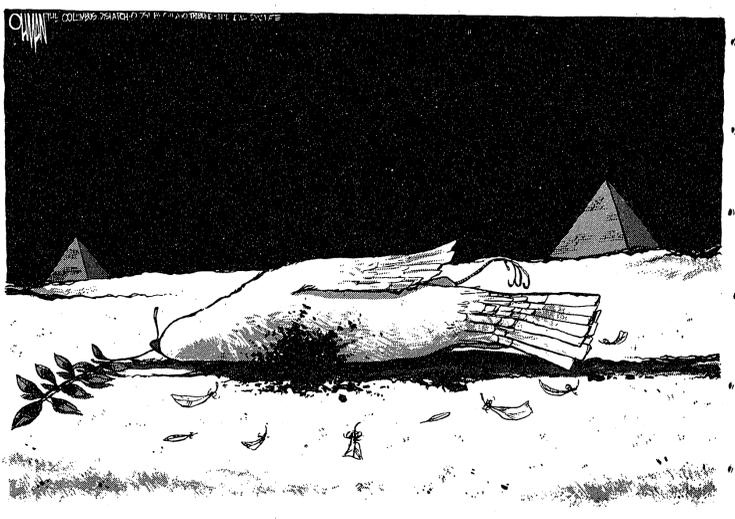
A startling revelation

Surprise, surprise: Academic Assembly may have input into the University's budgetary process.

According to Chris Hopwood, assembly president, the group didn't know that until University President John W. Oswald said so during a recent Student Advisory Board meeting.

Hopwood said he previously thought the assembly might have some input into the budget process, but said when he voiced the idea to administrators other than Oswald, "it went thud."

The first step toward exercising power is knowing you have it.



—reader opinion

Respect

I am extremely angry that many professors are so ignorant of the importance of the Jewish High Holy Days. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are the most significant days in the Jewish calendar. The whole spirit of these days is one of seriousness and solemnity, and much of our time is spent in synagogue.

Professors frequently schedule exams and activities on these days, and once this fact is brought to their attention, they are often reluctant to alter the schedule or make special allowances.

Not only should Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur be acknowledged — they should also be respected.

Would anyone consider scheduling an exam on Christmas Eve?

Jacqueline Budney, 8th-elementary education/early childhood
Michael Sedelick, 7th-architecture
Karen Hasher, 7th-business administration

In tune

"A political party should have a political ideology. The Democrats don't have one." That's how Tom Ortenberg interpreted the article by the Collegian on Young Democrats. Well, I'm afraid for you, Mr. Ortenberg, that the Democrats do have an ideology. As I stated in the article printed by the Collegian, the party is coming up with positions that are more in tune with the basic tenets of the party and the mood of the country.

What are the basic tenets of the party? Protection of the worker in his working environment; protecting the worker from the ups and downs of the economy while striving for a strong economy; protection of our natural resources, especially clean air and clean water, encouraging private industry to develop alternative energy resources, maintaining a strong human rights policy abroad and at home, maintaining a strong quality military, striving to reduce world tensions between the United States and the Soviet

Gregg's right

Rep. Gregg L. Cunningham's (R-Centre County) decision to ask the media to treat his town meetings as "off the record, for background only" is neither new nor a suppression of the press.

At a town meeting I attended in July, he made this same clarification and explained that he did so to encourage those constituents present to speak their minds on the issues. There are quite a few people, myself included, who didn't feel comfortable speaking up on controversial issues with the knowledge that it may be reported by the media the next day.

The town meetings held by Cunningham are held in order to establish better communications

Jolene West, State College resident

between himself and the people he represents. He is not required to hold such meetings and they are not subject to the state Sunshine Law. They are not billed as a media event or a press conference.

At the meeting I attended, Cunningham said that if anyone from the media was present he would be glad to remain after the town meeting and answer any questions. The media was also free to ask questions of anyone present after the meeting. I know of no other representative in the state who is as accessible to the media and his constituency as Gregg Cunningham.

I personally am very glad that Cunningham is attempting to encourage open and frank discussions at the town meetings by making his constituents feel as comfortable as possible.

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A 'useless' major

What good is 25K without enjoying learning?

During the past three years, I have become an expert in evading the common question, "What's your major?"

Not that I have anything to hide. I don't consider being in the College of The Liberal Arts comparable to membership in the Ku Klux Klan or the Josef Stalin Fan Club.

But judging from the looks of horror and shock I encounter when I tell people I'm a political science major, some people must see a connection.

And whenever I am forced to admit my major, my confusion almost always creates a bewildered silence and prompts another question: "What are you going to do with political science?"

My answer is even more shocking than my major — probably nothing.

At the time I patiently explained to him that I could not spend four years of my life taking courses I hated out of fear that liberal arts might not provide me with immediate employment.

How radical. What nerve. But I never felt like much of a revolutionary until I arrived at University Park.

Suddenly I faced chorus after chorus of criticism from my fellow students for choosing a major on the basis of anything other than concrete dollar considerations. Are my values the ones that should be questioned? I don't think so.

I don't regret my choice of majors and I'm not worried about finding a job once I graduate.

Because even if I end up waitressing instead of reporting for The New York Times, I'll be able to say I did what I wanted for the past 12 terms, enjoyed almost every class and will actually miss the academic part of college life when I graduate.

Unfortunately, many people who graduate from Penn State can't say the same.

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Cunningham controversy Abortion bill confused with sponsor

Gregg Cunningham kept his abortion control act legislation at arm's length from the media throughout the spring. At his weekly press conferences, he would haul the thick stack of papers out of his briefcase, say "Here it is," then whisk it out of sight.

In doing that, he seemed to enjoy creating an aura of suspense around the controversial piece of legislation. But then again, Cunningham is not one to pass up an opportunity to promote himself along with his proposals.

In late June, when he introduced the bill with fellow conservative, Rep. Stephen Freind, R-Westmoreland County, the suspense created hardly seemed overplayed. It's righteous, it's moralistic and it's enough to leave what Cunningham refers to as "the hard left" demanding his removal from office.

Many people are outraged by it simply because of their personal feelings toward Cunningham without knowing exactly what the bill contains.

Although it is often difficult to distinguish where Cunningham begins and his legislation leaves off, one's argument against the bill should contain more than just stammering remarks about its prime sponsor.

The following is what your local legislator intends to make law for all Pennsylvanians:

- After a woman decides on an abortion, she must be counseled by her doctor and made to wait at least 72 hours (recently lowered to 24 hours) before the operation, unless in the case of an emergency. During that time, her doctor is instructed to provide information on the alternative.
- The doctor is also instructed to show her "detailed colored photographs" of the fetus in various stages of development during pregnancy, and also colored photos of aborted fetuses after seven different abortion procedures.
- A female who is a minor and still living under the control of her parents, or a female deemed incompetent cannot have abortion without parental consent or court approval.
- A woman, or her doctor, must notify the child's father of her intentions at least 10 days before the abortion. His consent is not necessary.
- If a doctor determines a baby is potentially able to live outside the mother's womb (the amount of time may vary), abortions are prohibited except if the mother's life or health are endangered. If those two criteria are met, the doctor must choose a method that would most likely see the baby born alive.
- "The psychological or emotional impact upon the mother of her unborn child surviving the abortion shall not be a factor in the determining of danger to the woman's life or health."

And where is the right to privacy when in the case of incest, the victim must reveal the identity of her partner?

No, the bill is not outlawing abortion outright. It is simply trying to make them as difficult and painstaking as possible to come by.

That's where the futility of the abortion argument comes to light. The more difficult an abortion is to come by safely and legally, the more many women will be forced to find unsafe, illegal ways of obtaining one.

Then what is accomplished? In attempting to protect the rights of the unborn child, the life of the mother is placed in jeopardy.

The arguments can go on indefinitely. But the only way of accomplishing anything is to argue the content of the bill, not the content of Cunningham's character.

The bill, which was narrowly rejected last week by the House Health and Welfare Committee, needs to be modified and made more realistic. Criticisms aimed at Harrisburg legislators, not at Cunningham, could ensure that these changes are made.

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Quotographs

A weekly look at University life

Question: Do you think Anwar Sadat was a peacemaker?



Osama Jadaan, 8th-grade engineering: "He did absolutely nothing. All this business is just garbage. It's fair for the Israelis and not the Palestinians who are at the center of the problem. He's just keeping peace for his country. I'm glad they got one of the traitors in the Middle East."



Chuck Dietrick, 10th-grade marketing: "He's the one that made it possible. I think there's going to be a lot of confusion for a long time before we see how the vice president is going to stand up to the other Arab countries."



Paul Leshner, 10th-grade marketing: "I think it (Sadat's death) is definitely going to cause trouble. Someone's going to get into government who doesn't promote peace and they're going to have to start at point one again."



Laurie Gallagher, 1st-grade advertising: "Sadat was important to the Middle East because he's the only one to go out on a limb to promote peace."

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