Spineless

USG senate apparently fears controversy

uate Student Government Senate is bland, formless bunch afraid to be any indication, students shouldn't be associated with anything potentially concerned about anything more con- controversial is preferable to taking troversial than what to wear to a job an active role in promoting debate

thing that may be educational.

Or, perish the thought, political. to spend money on events like fash- ing Colloquy agrees wholeheartedly ion shows and a "Dress for Success" with the reactionary ravings of Sen.

allocate \$280.32 to the Caravan for fees from Colloguy Human Survival for speakers, films A senator who objected to funding and publicity because some senators the Caravan said, "I don't know if believed it was "too political."

Surprisingly, this was a reversal sues. nuclear arms buildup.

But, one senator argued last week,

at a university? Why discuss a controversial subject? Why promote anything that frightening

might give students more information on an important issue? The senate, at least in this action,

I appreciated your column on our "Blue Blood

Erotic show

If recent action by the Undergrad- apparently has decided that being a and providing information.

They shouldn't be exposed to any- Some senators seem to think they will be branded peaceniks if they provide funding for a forum on nu-In the past, the senate has seen fit clear disarmament. That's like say-Strom Thurmond and the radical But at the USG Senate meeting testimonies of Dick Gregory, both of last week, senators voted not to whom have earned hefty speakers'

we're here to decide political is-

of a position taken at a September Refusing to support a forum besenate meeting. Then, the senators cause it is "too political" is an unhad agreed to ideologically support usual position to be taken by a senate the Caravan, which is supported by that at the same meeting voted to Eco-Action and seeks an end to the support Title IX Week, sponsored by the National Women's Students Co-

"When we voted to endorse the Cara- It's hard to see how the issue of van for Human Survival, we did not equal rights is any less "political" endorse this program. If everyone is than the issue of nuclear weapons. against nuclear war, why scare As representatives of students. senators should be promoting educational programs. At a University Why provide an exchange of ideas that advocates the exchange of ideas, they instead are taking a

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=reader opinion=

College of Agriculture

Fans," and I agree that something needs to be done to awaken them The movement of a team of cheerleaders throughout the stands is a start in the right direction. However, these fans need more than that to come alive. I suggest we need something in the field capture the spirit of the crowd. Why not a wellbuilt feline "Pussy Cat" in skimpy garb to play

off against the good old Nittany Lion? Penn State's Blue band is tops in the nation as far as I am concerned, but it tends toward dignity and precision. The cheerleaders and majorettes or flag wavers seem to reflect this vholesome, staid and conservative behavior. In other words. I think they are too "straight." These are fine attributes, but they are not conducive to wld enthusiasm on th part of the

ans. I think we should concentrate less on the

Jack MacMillan, assistant to the dean

Football pizzazz column regarding fan enthusiasm; it is certainly not a criticism of Joe Paterno and his coaching

staff. The coaching staff is paid to give us a winner, and they do that year after year. If there are criticisms in this letter, they are meant to be constructive and not aimed at the coaches. First of all, whenever you play Cincinnati and Temple, you immediately have a no-win situation. Everyone expects Penn State to win convincingly and enthusiasm decreases. Should these lower-level teams produce an upset, you then have super-critical fans.

clown telling us to yell.

Secondly, it is unfair to call Penn State fans

PERSONALLY...I THOUGHT IT WAS A LOT CUTER THE WAY THEY BEGGED BEFORE WATT TOOK OVER ...

the fans to stand and cheer the entire game after

such outstanding and championship tailgating?

Correction

In a column in Friday's Daily Collegian

concerning state Rep. Gregg L. Cunning-

also color photographs of aborted fetuses

According to the bill, doctors are instructed

after seven different abortion procedures.

Matt Eastburn, 13th-management

paid \$144 for a pair of tickets plus their "contribution" to the Levi Lamb Fund. These fans are begging to be entertained or excited. Therefore, rather than solving the problem by dressing in Steve Botsklan, 1st-African studies the style of Nebraska fans, I would recommend one double reverse, one flea flicker, perhap even an option pass. Let's face it, the two-yardsand-a-cloud-of-dust football does not generate fan enthusiasm. It often becomes reminiscent of the Bobby Lane days in Pittsburgh. How about three plays without a huddle? A little pizzazz

combined with a decent opponent will solve the ham's abortion control legislation, it was incorrectly reported that doctors are instructed to show to a woman wanting an abortion Richard J. Barbrow, 1970 graduate in business color photographs of the fetus in various stages of development during pregnancy, and

Fans defended

In regards to your column in Thursday's Collegian, we are appalled with your vicious snip at Penn State fans. Unenthusiastic? Where do you sit during the game? Behind your typewriter, locked in your room? It sounds pretty good from where we sit. An informal survey in Shunk Hall resulted in an overwhelming number of guys thinking Beaver Stadium is definitely sonorous. Sure, we don't yell and scream for all 60 minutes. We fans would rather place our attention on the game rather than some cheerleading

How do you get off calling Penn State fans horrible? Tell us, Tom, can you remember the last time Penn State football did not sell out? We

morgue either. By the way, do you really expect

'Life of the mind' is stifled by fear, intolerance, apathy.

discussion session I participated in during Enclaiming they fear retaliation. campment 1981. The answer, of course, is "Of

be, or all it should be? Does it play as large a part in everyone's life as it ought to? Is it healthy and energetic? I would answer "No. no. no. and no." I don't believe these problems are inescapable, though. On the contrary, I suspect that they're all

brow" thing. It's solving problems and making decisions, fighting for what's right and against what's wrong — as you judge what's right and wrong — and being honestly curious and appreciative. All a person has to have to contribute to it



In many of its forms, the life of the mind is based on conflict - conflict between explanapolitical choices, moral choices, or values; conflict among desires, or between desires and fears. Paradoxically, though, the life of the mind, when shared, is also based on trust. People engaged in an honest argument allow that argunent to affect their decisions, their beliefs and

their opinions of themselves; they have to trust An honest argument about an issue that's at all personal, and most issues are, frequently beomes a subtle thing that requires sensitivity, kindness and self-awareness. If it's carried out with humor and a determined attempt to avoid all. hat's dull and predictable, it can be joyous. It's no accident that romantic comedies often pegin with a man and woman who disagree; they

I in love because of their arguments, not in The life of the mind is richest where there's curiosity, diversity and conflict, yet where there's also a strong foundation of trust, respect and olerance. It is that foundation which is weak at

ism they inspire, are deadly to the life of the nind. They're all too common here: • A professor accuses the administration of using students, through student evaluations, sim- Steve Brackin is a graduate student in mathematply to have power over the faculty. A student

when these opinions are common among students who've dropped out or graduated.

themselves, not on their claims — but also intol-The price for being different in almost any way is discouragingly high at Penn State."

has enough power to make their efforts worth-Penn State really can't improve its intellectual climate significantly just by scheduling "cultural enrichment" seminars. Here are several suggestions which I believe would have a larger effect.

new developments in your fields.

independent, issue-oriented student newspapers. • Allow coed housing. This would allow students to learn more about each other, and them

more to each other Assert, and share, your differences and your own backgrounds. Those dirty songs your football team sang in high school will be more interesting to everyone than your opinions about Bruce

ics. His column appears on Tuesdays.

opinions



An outsider's journey into the press box

"Do you feel that the offense gets more news ink than all, fast.

every word of the answers on their yellow legal pads press box. and steno books. After all, the young men they're interviewing are just college staudents who happen to

But this initial impression does not last long. One walks out of the interview area, down a short corridor lined with shoulder pads, through a set of doors and into the locker room. Here he gets the whole picture. The realization that these young men are in many ways different from other college students quickly sets in. When they are out of their protective pads and all ogether in the same room the players bear testament to the specialization required of a winning football team. It is as if their bodies were sculpted to the proportions that

The huge linemen. Tall: more than six feet. Heavy: the 250-pound range. And muscular: the agonizing hours is coffee, and the majority of what little conversation. It is the only known cure for the Plimptonian desire to spent on the weight machines so obvious. The quick running backs and linebackers. More compact than the linemen who work in front of them. writers' level of the press box. Statistics and names Joe Gow is a 10th-term journalism major and a staff Their bodies reflect the perfect balance between speed,

No, these are not just college students. Any fool can game. "Did you realize that you had gained more yards on see that. But they are not yet the jaded businessmen From this vantage point high atop the field one one run today than you had total in any of the previous that many of today's professional athletes are. These appreciates the beauty of Curt Warner turning the

At first, it seems so odd that these writers jot down Something one can't pick up from the bleachers or the But the human qualities of the young men are lost. The play football on Saturdays. Their words are not so significant that they need appear in the newspapers.

The press box provides the optimum view of the game cause us to identify with the players, who at the same itself. The big glass windows seal out the wind and the time are so much different from and so much similar to noise. By some standards it is a boring place; marsh- the fans. We somehow feel a part of what goes down mallows are not thrown about, the hardest drink served each Saturday in the fall.

that takes place is about football. But that is not to say that there is no activity in the

like middleweight boxers. Trim, muscular and, above churn out sheet after sheet of data. The papers that the girls bring to the sportswriters outline every play of the

ootball players still possess a fresh, human quality. corner, the precision of a Blackledge-to-Jackson pass. players might as well be the little plastic soldiers kids play war games with.

In the press box one cannot hear the grunts and pops that come with the impact of the players slamming into one another. One cannot see the blood and sweat that flow out of such a violent sport So the sportswriters take the elevator down from the

press box and squeeze into a campus loop bus that takes them to the locker room in the atheletic complex. In the locker room they have a chance to meet the young mer behind the statistics: to ask some questions. gain insight into the pain and the pressure. Their stories

suit up and go into the game.

come squawking out of the public address system with writer for The Daily Collegian. His column usually,

At least she cared to ask about Sadat

9th-general arts and sciences

"Do you really think Sadat's death will change anything?" A fellow student I know asked me that in the HUB. I smiled and said, "Yes, when one of the most influential world leaders of our time is brutally murdered in possibly the most explo-

sive area in the world, things will

understanding and political knowledge. She probably had many impormoney should she ask dad for, will she get asked to a Homecoming formal, what time does happy hours start tonight? But that wasn't the end of it. She then asked, "Do you think it will change for the better or the worse?" Someone at Penn State, alive and aware, in 1981, did not know if the

ssassination of a brilliant man, keeping peace in a torn up part of the world. I should not pick on her. If she reads one of the better examples. Most students did not care to ask or to think about it. I asked several others if they mumbled such phrases as, "Oh, yeah, too bad. Who are you taking to Homecoming?" At least she cared enough to Earlier in the day, I sat watching the

news: Dan Rather fit the puzzle together. I watched, fearing the worst, both for Anwar Sadat, and for the world. Memories returned: I sat watching the aftermath of the attempted assassination of President Reagan. The television room in the HUB was packed every seat filled, every windowsill taken, people (students and faculty) standing to the back wall. A few had tears in their eyes. How could they do

this to our president? Tuesday I looked around the room after Sadat's death. No one stood, sat on the floor, or struggled to get into the room. This time, at least half the seats were empty. People had the attitude exhibited in a Math 35 class. General Hospital packs in more people showing

upon Ronald Reagan or his politics; how could people not see that of far more consequence than the at-

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ful? I am not saying that one is more or less of a tragedy than another or that either man has more of a right to live than the other. Let's just look at the

Ronald Reagan governs one of the strongest, internally and externally, countries in the world. The country and its constitutional system is timetested. We have had four presidents ssassinated. We have survived military defeats, depressions, labor uprisings, business monopolies, and Watergate. We have adapted to crises

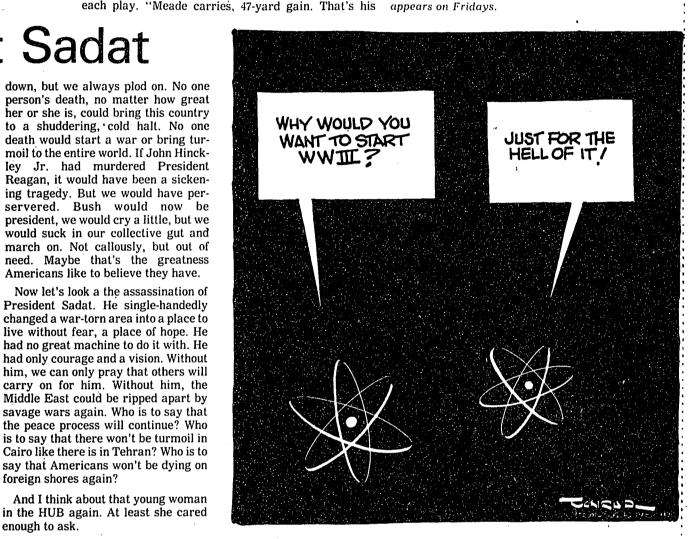
nothing else, we are the largest

and strongest bureaucracy in the world. For good or for bad, we are a huge, red, white and blue machine. No Looking at history, we see a variety of ity of results. Sure, we deviate. Sure

person's death, no matter how great her or she is, could bring this country to a shuddering, cold halt. No one death would start a war or bring turmoil to the entire world. If John Hinckley Jr. had murdered President Reagan, it would have been a sickening tragedy. But we would have perservered. Bush would now be president, we would cry a little, but we would suck in our collective gut and

President Sadat. He single-handedly changed a war-torn area into a place to live without fear, a place of hope. He had no great machine to do it with. He had only courage and a vision. Without him, we can only pray that others will carry on for him. Without him, the Middle East could be ripped apart by savage wars again. Who is to say that the peace process will continue? Who is to say that there won't be turmoil in Cairo like there is in Tehran? Who is to say that Americans won't be dying on

in the HUB again. At least she cared



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Disillusioned

Can't men be civil to women on a Saturday night?

been withheld by request. Saturday night one of my roommates and I were in a very good mood. This mood was partly caused by our experience at the Bright Morning Star, Betsy Rose and Cathy Winter concert. Friday night we listened to seven people sing their hearts out for 312 hours about friendship and love. So my roommate and I took ourselves downtown with happy hearts and friendly smiles.

At this part of the story I must tell you that we are female. You may think that that is not important: neither did we, until last night. Our first stop was to a local bar. We paid \$2 to enter a bar that was wall-to-wall sweaty drunk people who wore dangerous smiles. After being patted on the ass and touched by people we didn't even know, my roommate and I left and kindly asked for our money back, which was politely returned. (Thank

forum

We decided to try a bar that would be less crowded. We stopped into one of the local basements and listened to the Rolling Stones and laughed. It is a shame that we left there because we had a good friend there and we did have a little niche to occupy.

We walked along Beaver Avenue and shuffled through the litter left by all the partying people. I had to go to the bathroom and since all the bars were crowded we decided to stop into a friendly looking frater-



We entered the frat and asked to use the bathroom. As I waited in line I wasn't very surprised to see 15 pledges run through the house nude. Oh well, that is the greek life. After going to the bathroom we went downstairs for a beer. The "boys" at the bar were nice at first but their tone became more offensive even though I could not hear what they were saying. I am a nice person and so is my roommate. We never intentionally hurt anyone and believe that most people are the same. So, when we see a boy not treating us

properly we leave. We don't want to cause

behind us and heard our conversation, "It is

funny how friendly conversations can sudden-

ly turn boring!" He agreed that "guys" from

frats were rude and the usual garbage. (He

probably lived in the frat.) Well, once upstairs

he said loudly, "Hey, these girls are looking for a good time — 50 bucks! At that moment all that I had ever believed rushed through my mind. I thought of Friday night's concert and all those positive feelings that evening because we were women and the this town can not respect a lady (Sorry, men — not all are like that.) Well, I threw my beer onto this boy and he chased me down the stairs with his two beers and drenched my whole right side. I was cold and wet and sad. I was disap-

pointed and angry. I was sorry too, not sorry weekend but sorry that no matter how hard I will try I will not be able to have too much respect for the boys in that frat and sorry that I will carry those feelings around in my heart for a really long time.

Exist?" — this was the question raised by a Both refuse to make their accusations public, Few students express opinions critical of large numbers of other students in the Collegian.

to make that material available. The woman

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their responses are usually attacks on the critics erant of exceptional students. As the Freshman Year Experience Report put it: "The intellectually talented students find an atmosphere which has little understanding or feeling for their interests. Some faculty members don't take an interest in the Faculty Senate because they don't think it

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a good intellectual life - tolerance, flexibility, honesty, self-confidence and self-awareness can all be summarized by "maturity," and you're Submit articles to the Collegian describing

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Expect more from each other, and try to give

say it in print • Don't discourage those people around you who really care about what they're learning. They A owerlessness, along with the apathy and cynhave ideas they'd like to share with you. As someone wrote on a men's room wall at Zeno's, "The hell of it is, this could be heaven."

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