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editorial opinion

EPA ban on EDB not good enough

The Environmental Protection Agency — plagued by scandals and the likes of Rita Lavelle — proved its real worth last week by banning the use of the cancer-causing pesticide ethylene dibromide (EDB) as a grain fumigant.

That means EDB can no longer be used to kill insects stored grain. Traces of EDB have already been found in a store-load of food products such as cake mix, cereal and flour. In fact, EPA chief William Ruckelshaus estimates that 7 percent of corn-based and 1 percent of wheat-based products now on grocers' shelves might exceed the "acceptable" limits.

EDB's effects on humans are uncertain, but the chemical has been linked to cancer and reproductive disorders in laboratory animals.

But New York Governor Mario Cuomo says the EPA's guidelines for EDB traces in some foods are five times as they should be. And if the federal government doesn't move to amend its standards within the next week, New York might order some food products off the shelves by mid-February.

But Pennsylvania, unfortunately, is content with the tolerance levels of EDB. The state government has found "acceptable" the amount of EDB in 10 food products on grocers' shelves and in federal food supplies destined for school lunch programs.

The state did, however, join last week the growing list of states that banned the use of EDB as a pesticide on fruit crops. But in reality, Pennsylvania had already stopped using EDB on crops when other pesticides proved more effective several years ago.

Amid wild rumors that most of America's stored grain would have to be destroyed, the problem seems to be in finding alternatives to EDB. In fact, about six of 16 possible substitutes will most likely be more widely used now that EDB has been banned.

But worse yet, these insecticides haven't even been tested as extensively as EDB. And chances are they may not be either.

That's because the Reagan administration reduced the staff that performs such tests from 127 to 20 people. The EPA should rigorously test these alternatives, and the administration should give it the money it needs to do so.

And until a suitably safe substitute is discovered, the EPA should reconsider its low, initial tolerance levels for EDB.

As Cuomo said, the EPA's guidelines are a "welcome governmental initiative," but they "are deficient in adequately protecting the public from the mutagenic, carcinogenic and reproductive consequences" of EDB.

And protecting the public's health is well worth the additional cost.

Blood donors: No time for apathy

Suppose they gave a blood drive and nobody came? Supplies of blood in the area covered by the Johnstown Region of the American Red Cross are critically low.

Hospitals in the region need about 400 units of blood each day. But recently, only 350 to 375 units have been collected daily. You do not have to be a math major to realize that this situation is not good.

Misconceptions about Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome may scare some donors away. However, Red Cross officials emphasize that AIDS cannot be contracted by donating blood.

Economic conditions in Pennsylvania have not helped. Many bloodmobiles are sponsored by private companies. But when factories are closed, they are not holding bloodmobiles. So donations from University students are even more necessary.

Last week a bloodmobile was held at the HUB. But the turnout was poor and the goal of 675 units over two days was not reached. Only 463 usable units were collected. What is going on here?

Health may be an excuse for not donating in the wintertime. Some donors must be

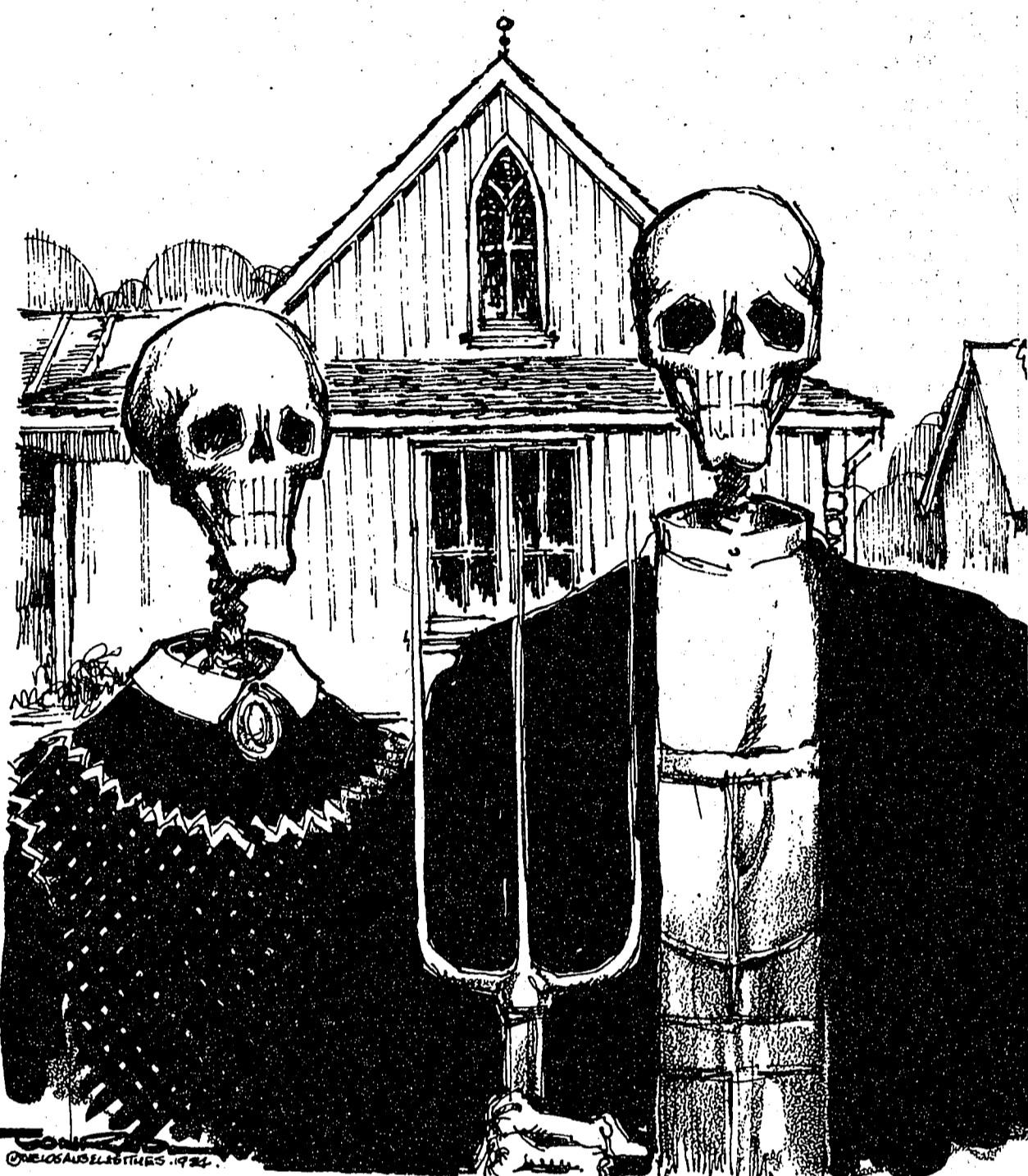
deferred because of colds and medication. But with more than 30,000 students on campus, there should have been at least 675 healthy people with the time to donate one pint of blood.

But there are encouraging signs. A bloodmobile held in East Halls last December had a goal of 100 units. By the time it was over, 215 units were collected.

Tomorrow, a bloodmobile sponsored by West Halls will try to beat this figure. Again the goal is 100 units but 300 appointments have already been made, according to Myke Atwater, campus donor consultant.

This is encouraging. Contests between residence areas increase blood donations. But the real winners are those who need blood products. Blood is used for more than just transfusions. One unit can be broken down into components that will help three or more patients. The patients that are helped may be neighbors or even family members.

Roll up your sleeves, Penn State. There is no substitute for blood yet, in spite of the medical advances. Blood — it's gotta be the real thing.



Op-ed postponement

Because of a lack of reader response, the op-ed page that was scheduled for today has been postponed until Thursday, Feb. 16.

The topics, the efforts of the University to remove physical barriers for disabled and/or handicapped students, faculty and staff, is one that merits a wide and enthusiastic response.

Letters and forums will be accepted from any student, faculty member or interested citizen desiring to comment on this crucial issue. Respondents need not be disabled. The Daily Collegian encourages anyone who has something to say about everyday problems encountered by the disabled to contribute.

No issue can be given fair treatment or examined constructively without the presentation of a wide range of views from a broad cross-section of concerned readers.

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Semi-toleration

Perhaps "ladies" and "men" are "TREATED equally" at Mr. C's, as The Daily Collegian ad states, but what of all the WOMEN? How are they treated? The usage of the label "ladies" as opposed to woman, connotes a restrictive mode of behavior imposed upon women.

I am afraid that Mr. C's is STILL not quite as progressive as it would be, but instead just another typical bar (i.e. men's club) where "ladies" are permitted and women are tolerated... sometimes.

Barbara J. Weaver, State College resident
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Keeping abreast
Mr. Councilman, your letter in the Jan. 31 issue of this

paper showed me how oftentimes a local government official can keep from staying abreast of the issues that help dictate his job.

In your pro-Reagan letter, you fail to say where your municipal aid comes from now. If you know, why not tell us all? In any respect, I feel obliged to disclose it for you.

According to Reaganomics (which is a copy of Nixon's "New Federalism"), your aid will no longer come from your state government. Unfortunately, like their federal counterpart, they don't want the responsibility of distributing such large sums of money (too much paper work and higher taxes, you know). So I put the question to you. The aid is there, but how can you get it if no one is willing to handle the burden of giving it out?

Adam J. Trott, senior-architecture/urban design
Feb. 2

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Examining the 'image' of Black Americans through the eyes of Hollywood

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of forums relating to the observation of Black History Month.

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Throughout America, the month of February is observed as Black History Month. In examining our understanding of Black America, it may prove instructive to examine the "image" of Black Americans, particularly the image created by the myth makers in Hollywood.

The historic portrayal of black people in films has suffered from the racist ideology that has pervaded the society at large. Author Donald Bogle has classified those portrayals into five basic categories.

Next were the "Toms," those who serve their masters very well and are based on the named character in "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

Next was the "Coon." This was the mindless and child-like portrayal of blacks as harmless and very stupid. This portrayal of a watermelon eating, chicken stealing, crazy, unrelentingly, crap shooting subhuman

was perfected by an actor named Lincoln Theodore Monroe Andrew Perry — universally known as Stepin Fetchit.

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