### editorial opinion

### Do something

meant Luke Skywalker vs. Darth Vader. Penn State has also become a topic of Today, however, Star Wars is the Strateg- serious debate. ic Defense Initiative program and Presiare fighting for the force.

Reagan and Gorbachev coming in Novem- Graduate School, agreed. ber, the Defense Department and Reagan "Most of the academic world doesn't are hailing Star Wars research as our only support Star Wars," says Rustum Roy, hope for peace. And while the SDI program director of the University's Materials Remay have University researchers scram- search Laboratory. bling for dollars, they don't want to be sold What about Penn State?

has become a big business. And it seems the yet," Roy said. the list of those supporting Star Wars.

ing could be further from the truth.

dents support apartheid.

Petitions calling for a boycott of the funding the University would lose. proposed Star Wars plan are circulating at Obviously, the possible consequences — 37 campuses throughout the nation that whether good or bad — will remain hidden believe that the Defense Department has until some action is taken. falsely advertised. These universities do not Star Wars reasearch is gaining internawant to sell out to the government.

Technology, and Cornell and Carnegie-Mel- the way.

Life was much easier when Star Wars lon universities, Star Wars research here at

L.R. Hettche, director of the University's dent Reagan and Soviet leader Gorbachev Applied Research Lab, said he would not back such a petition and Charles Hosler, With the superpower summit between vice president for research and dean of the

to the government lock, stock and test tube. Penn State has not taken a stand one way Selling Star Wars to the American public or the other. "I have not initiated anything

scientists doing research associated with Roy said because many faculty members the program are a big part of the advertis- are unwilling to do classified research, they ing budget. The most recent advertisement will not involve themselves in much of the - an innuendo made by the Defense De- SDI projects and research. He said others partment — places academia at the top of think "Star Wars research is a dumb idea and won't do anything with that label."

The ad insinuated that researchers work- It seems University faculty members ing on projects associated with the Star can't decide which stand to take. But by Wars plan automatically support it. Noth- remaining wishy-washy, University faculty members are not accomplishing anything.

Case in point: Just because the UniversiHettche said the public has been confused ty has investments in companies doing by the rhetoric surrounding the issue and business in South Africa doesn't mean stuadded that if a petition were circulated and signed, no one knows how much federal

tional attention. University researchers With noise being made at colleges nation- must realize this and do something . . . wide, including Massachusetts Institute of anything — either lead, follow or get out of

### reader opinion

### No new skirt

the convictions of Penn State students and labelling them ees with the equality they deserve. I shudder to think of In response to Pete Baratta's article (Sept. 9) denouncing "guilty" without understanding why we take and do not the few and degrading jobs that would remain for the take action toward divesture, I would like to express an Blacks of South Africa if all American companies were to opinion of yet another group of young adults. Although cease to exist in that country. there is some substance to his statement regarding "fashionable" protest demonstrations, the fact remains issue now more than ever as a result of media coverage along with empty and uninformed accusations. I will that students are more educated in terms of the apartheid alone, even without the awareness program.

If University officials had decided upon a total divestwhile, at the same time, raising tuition costs to compensate for losses of commissions and probable lawsuits, that same group of students, I must feel, would have been on the steps of Old Main demanding the University take care of its own before those thousands of miles away in a

Nevertheless, the lack of involvement this fall does not necessarily constitute a dying interest or growing rate of Clarifying policy

numb due to overstimulation. This does not make me a cold individual, contrary to liberal belief.

at home, could do more harm than good. South African unbiased information, referral assistance, and support Blacks who are fortunate enough to have jobs with groups, all available free and confidential to Penn State American corporations would lose those jobs if those students. corporations were forced to close and/or pull out. These

are the same corporations that are sticking their necks out and putting themselves on the line by breaking South African segregation laws and treating all of their employ-

I regret that I am not as informed as I should be; however, I am proud to be one of the open-minded individuals who does not make rash and selfish decisions but until I have what I consider to be all the facts, I refuse to attempt to sway the opinions of my peers. If I do decide ment in order to supposedly aid the Blacks in South Africa to take a firm stand on one side or the other, Old Main will "new pleated skirt" to show off.

Kimberly J. Ackerson, sophomore division of undergraduate studies

Divestment is so far from being a cut and dry issue that

Because of the recent article in the Sept. 12 Daily

Collegian concerning the issues surrounding the use of become. We are all well aware of the violence that is alcohol in the community, I feel it important to clarify a going on and the injustices that are taking place. I have had death and bloodshed shoved down my throat for about six months now. My sympathetic insides are becoming providing unbiased information and skills allowing people

in making University policy. As a registered Penn State organization, it does provide alone, without even mentioning the negative effects here

Lori Strayer, freshman-individual and family studies

"THERE HE GOES AGAIN."

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# Dorm life:

being able to ask girls up to "your place."



Boison

You could never just bring a girl up to.your room at home, could you? Plus you've got a to get some work done. But on the few occasions guitar. And with the pillow shielding my ears, I'll refrigerator and a place to study, both within that I do get a chance to enjoy a few chapters of begin to contemplate whether I should wait until arm's distance of your pillow.

if you can overlook the drawbacks that come am invariably interrupted by resounding demise. with your roommate's being an incessant heavy screams of 'Eat me' emulating from the window But I trust that my better judgement, as well metal musician whose guitar playing antics of some sexually deprived loner residing some- as my will to live will put an end to such thoughts punctuate the day at the most inopportune in- where in the woodwork of East Halls. These and I'll return to my desk for yet another futile stances and progress until all hours. "Joe, I've got a few more chapters of English surrounded by potential murderers.

later to practice?

Isn't dorm life great? You know, being out on long to pick up? Alright, I don't like to bad mouth that I could take on the world. Unfortunately, my your own, coming and going as you please, and rock-n-roll, life just wouldn't be the same without euphoria would be dashed at he sight of the it. So I guess I could tolerate his guitar playing — shower line accompanied by the bathroom's 8:30

But then there's this nuerotic animal bi-sci And so the vicious circle continues; aggravatmajor next door who keeps barging in to sport ing pre-breakfast experiences, followed by dinthe latest steps that he's learned in aerobics ing hall food, an entity which does not warrant class. And he carries on with this sort of nervous description, set the stage for a lousy day. And it humming and finger tapping. He amuses Joe goes without saying that the day's destiny lies in ... he worries me. This kid could be my yet another unbearable evening. The logical

inspiration to lock my door at night. And I would lock my door if I didn't have to less and less apparent. keep opening it to beg the cast of Revenge Of The So in a few weeks while my mother may be effects of their hallway wargames.

Dorm life is all you could ever hope for. That is I'll say I do for my English professor's sake), I them both, or conjure up ideas for my own nightly calls only affirm my belief that I am attempt at studying. And there I'll sit, as dilli-

to read, would you mind waiting until a little

Now just for the fun of it, let's say that I send money. happened upon an evening when I was able to "No Bri, sure thing. Just let me pick up this procure some solid study time followed by a Brian O'Leary is a freshman majoring in peaceful night's sleep. In this purely hypothetical English and a columnist for The Daily Collegian. What the hell is a riff, and why do they take so case, I would no doubt awake with the feeling His column appears every other Tuesday.

Pre-breakfast experiences and futile attemps at studying

reasons for my getting up in the morning become

Nerds to keep down to a low roar, the sound sitting at home in Long Island, pondering how dilligently I must be studying, I'll probably be And despite all of this, I still have to find time lying on my bed amid the blaring wa-was of Joe's Hemmingway (not that I enjoy Hemingway, but Joe and the psycho next door fall asleep to kill

gent looking as ever. So don't worry mom, just

Then my momma said, "Now only Or if you're good, then maybe two.

## But no more - remember what I

Open markets think Rich Douma is wrong in his I've got my eye on you.

reader opinion

Sept. 13 column on free trade when he says that the U.S. government's number one priority should be finding a But just as I raised it to my mouth, way to open foreign markets to U.S. imports. The number one priority should be reducing the deficit because massive government deficits staring hard at me. cause interest rates to rise. High interest rates cause the demand for Let's see your I.D." dollars to rise which makes the dollar

cost more in terms of foreign curren-I said I was only twenty cies which in turn causes U.S. goods And then I saw him grin. to be more expensive for foreigners to My daddy said "Hey, He's my son, I gave my beer to him." The Libertarian answer to this

"How 'bout a beer?" my daddy asked In the stadium parking lot.
"Sure I said, "Don't mind if I do—

ernment spending to the bare mini-

It's getting kind of hot."

And pulled the lid fron off the top.

I looked around and saw a cop "You look young, son," he said,

right to engage in free trade with whomever they want and reduce gov"He's underage and drinking beer,

"I'm taking your beer, your wine, your food, On the new rules Your charcoal, your hibachi, too, Your car, your dog, your wife, your Let this be a lesson to you.

> I withdrew from school - my friends Penn State's just not the same. Karl A. Kline, junior-English

opinions

# **Bulimia:**

## A disease that can be very scary and very real, but also very cureable

teenage girl. Her high school years were of herself was her weight . . . and the ritual abandoned for an easier solution found excuse her curious behaviour. Lies that per- was also the best thing her friends could have filled with good grades, boyfriends, pep rallies and football games. She took the necessary placement tests and was admitted to the college of her choice.



Undecided about her major yet eager to learn, she attended her first college class. She became highly active in school, made

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She ate well to begin with. Being an ideal life. Her world revolved around her obessive and get a bite somewhere." After all she was

did she feel so guilty when she ate so little? The guilt was overwhelming sometimes. Afthe fat accumulating on her hips, thighs, stomach or buttocks; or so she thought. She decided that she wanted to lose weight. She situation. had to. The need was overwhelming. She

Secrecy became the primary concern. would soon become known. thought "If only I could lose 10 pounds every- Friends were now beginning to question her Once upon a time there lived an unhappy thing would be great, my clothes would hang post dinner-time abscence and her myspost dinner-t as I wanted them to when I bought them, I terious behaviour after the nightly "pig-tion goes, the Domino's man had just made terious behaviour after the nightly "pig-tion goes, the Domino's man had just made that person to get help, if not for herself, for an extra cheese with mushroom and sausage out"that seems to be a tradition at college.

The description of the descri am thinner . . ." and the ritual continued.

was quickly becoming an unhealthy way of hungry just now. I'll stop on the way to class weight she tended to keep a good, healthy diet. Now she tended to eat sparsely; yet why diet. Now she tended to eat sparsely; yet why consequences. She had found what she to her best friends who cared the most about thought to be an easy way to "Have your cake her, and would have tried to help her if they diseases manifest themselves differently deand eat it too." Little did she think of the had known the severity of the situation. Lies consequences she would bring upon her own that would slap her in the face when the truth body, or the emotional scars left on her self- became known. Sooner than later her secret esteem and pride when others realized the would be revealed. The beaten path from her

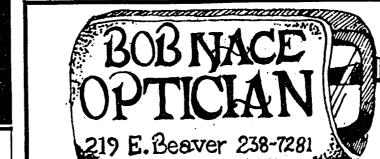
maybe guys will find me more attractive if I. Ten pounds had dropped rapidly because of delivery. Again, as the ritual had manifested At first her roommate did not seem to sudden loss. She wasn't as happy as she around the familiar corner and down the hall Megan Culhane is a sophmore majoring in many close friendships and established her notice the early excusals from dinner, or the individuality. Yet she felt pressured. Nobody was perfect, as she well knew. She felt she had was perfect, as she well knew that the triangle she was perfect, as she was perfect,

her behaviour and people had questioned the before, she found herself making her way

door, around the corner, and down the hall

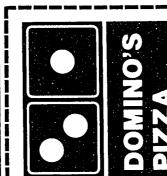
Once upon a time there lived a lovely to be. At the time, the only changeable aspect ritual became an obsession. Will power was Now the lies began. Lies that seemed to and heartbreaking experiences of her life. It around the corner and down the hall. Her diet mitted her not to eat in public. "Oh,I'm not done. She was one of the few that got help.

It is estimated that 1 out of every 4 college women suffer from a socio-psychological disease called Bulimia. Included in this estianyone with an overwhelming desire to lose weight coupled with a low self-esteem. One out of 4 women is quite a scary estimate. If you have a friend whom you think exhibits these qualities, please talk to them. Showing concern is the best possible way to motivate



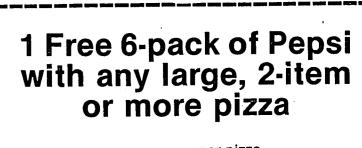
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