

editorial opinion

A commitment to minorities

Three years ago, Penn State was challenged by the U.S. Supreme Court to increase its black student population to five percent of the total student body in five years, or lose precious federal funding. In 1982, the number of black students at the University stood at 2.3 percent of the total student body.

So administrators embarked on a mission to attract black students to the University, and today, black student enrollment at Penn State is up to 3.7 percent of the total student population. A total of 53,726 white students and 2,308 black students are currently enrolled at the University, according to University figures.

This year alone black student enrollment went up 15 percent or 303 students over last year and minority enrollment — combining Blacks, Asians, Hispanics and Native Americans — now make up 6.1 percent of the total student population.

Based on these figures, it appears the University may indeed reach that goal, but the battle to increase the number of minority students — particularly black students — through recruitment and retention should not stop there.

University administrators should realize that the hurdles they have overcome in the area of recruitment may remain obstacles in retaining black students who may not be convinced of Penn State's commitment to minorities.

One of these obstacles is the competition across the Northeast for minority students, which has become fierce with many schools offering scholarships and student aid to minority students. Because the University receives much of its funding from the state, it is an uphill fight to compete with Ivy League schools which are able to pour thousands of dollars into recruiting.

But with the help of the Office of Student Aid, more scholarships and aid programs have been set up to attract black students to Penn State. Special steps have also been taken to attract top quality black students.

Also, Penn State's University Park campus, often described as "equally inaccessible from all sides," simply isn't attractive to many black students and does not help recruiting efforts. In fact, the number of black freshmen at University Park decreased by 13 students this fall.

But through the use of recruiting centers in both Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, Penn State has been able to bring more minority students to some of its Commonwealth campuses.

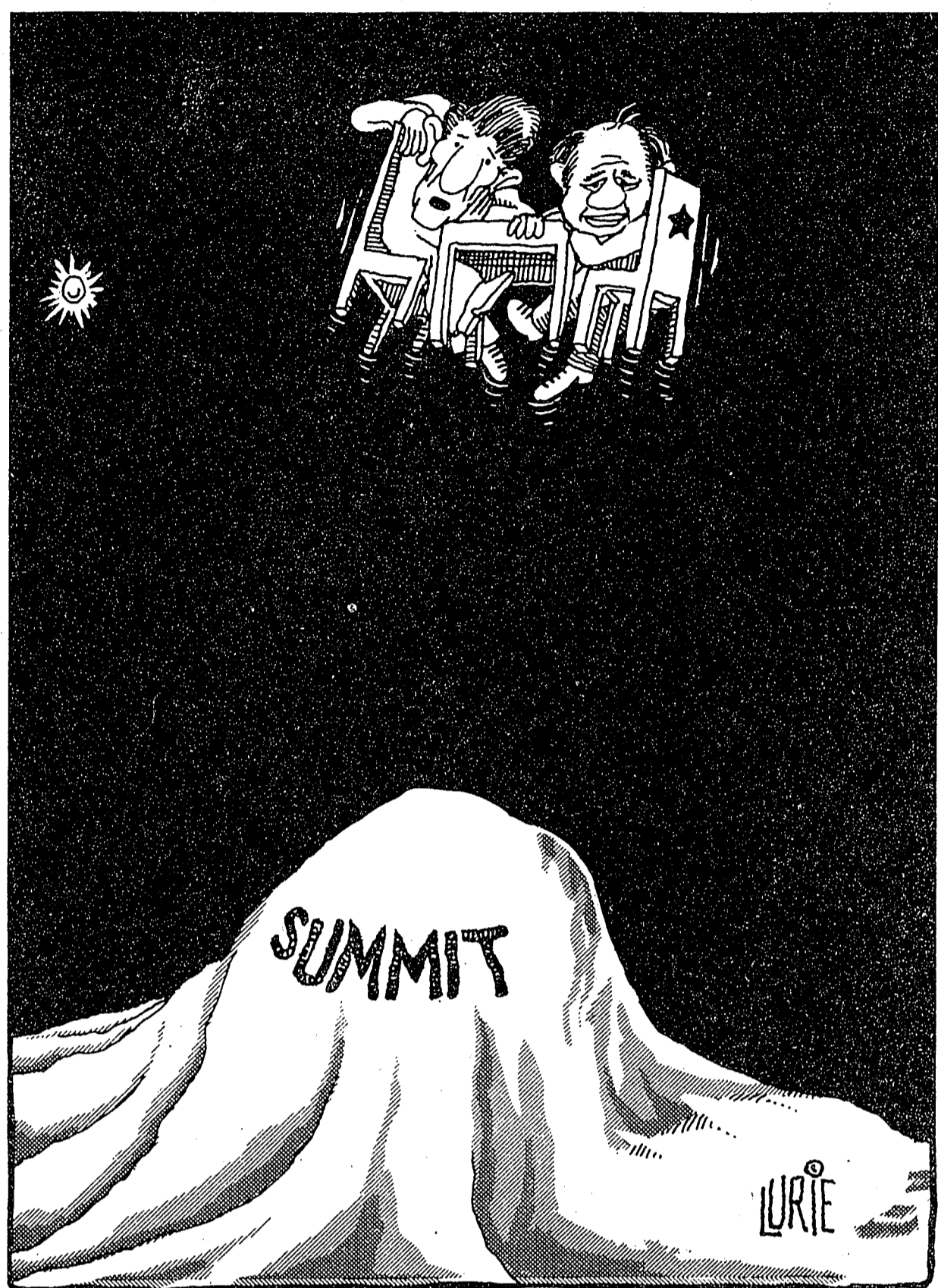
The label of "basically white university" that has been attached to Penn State for decades is another hindrance to the University's recruitment and retention efforts. The only way to overcome this obstacle is to exemplify through continued recruitment and retention programs, that Penn State is dedicated to creating and maintaining a more interracially mixed student body.

One figure that points to this commitment is a 15.7 percent increase in minority faculty at the University since last fall.

Encouraging recruitment figures give reason to believe that the work of University administrators, alumni and employees is making a big difference in the look of Penn State.

But the effort put forth to make the University attractive to more black students should not stop when the requirements of a federal mandate are met.

University officials must recognize the possible obstacles to attaining and maintaining an interracially mixed student body while at the same time realizing the value of a diverse University community.



"Well, Gorby, maybe we raised our hopes too high."

reader opinion

Concern first

I would like to address the opinion of Mr. Ned Diehl, Blue Band director, who, when voicing his disappointment upon being notified that the pre-game and half-time shows of the Blue Band and Notre Dame band that were to take place during last Saturday's game were cancelled due to the rainy weather, said, "Too bad we didn't have Astroturf."

All of the time, money, and energy that is put into the field in Beaver Stadium is done so to create a solid, healthy stand of turfgrass. This solid stand will improve the footing of the football players even in adverse weather, thus decreasing the incidents of injury. The safety of the players is the primary concern of those preparing the field for a game.

Indeed, Astroturf in Beaver Stadium would have been wonderful for the bands on Saturday because it would not have been destroyed the way natural turf would have

been had the bands been permitted to perform on the field. On the contrary, injury to the football players could have been severe due to hydroplaning on the artificial surface due to the extremely wet conditions.

Although the field in Beaver Stadium is not perfect (there are, for instance, problems with the drainage system), it is said to be one of the best natural fields in the country. The Pennsylvania State University is known as a leader in agriculture worldwide, and it would truly be a disgrace for this university to have a football field made of plastic grass. In addition, Astroturf costs more to install and maintain than does a natural turf.

The weather on Saturday was a disappointment, and it certainly is unfortunate that the bands could not perform on the field. However, it must be remembered why the 84,000 people at Saturday's game were there: to watch a football game. Hence, where the field is concerned, the football players come first.

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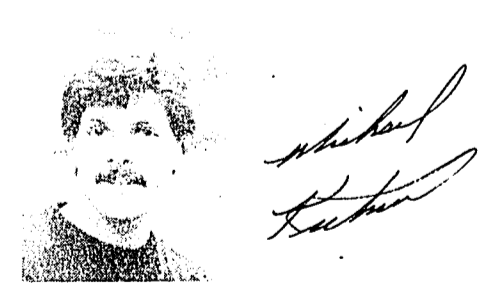
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Make teacher evaluations more useful to students

One day soon, all of your professors and lecturers will fool you into thinking that they are letting you go a few minutes early. They will begin to summarize their notes for the day, organize their briefcases and check their watches. As the noise of shuffling papers, closing notebooks, and back-packing zippers muffles any last minute remarks, the kind professors will roar, "It's not time to leave yet."



And then they will pass around teacher evaluation forms. In the bigger rooms such as those in the Forum, rebellious sons will burst out of their seats as they rush the door, evading the responsibility of expressing any opinion toward their teachers.

A lot of other students will quickly pencil in the circles, hand in the computer forms and bolt toward home, ignoring those huge blocks of space that are included on the form for constructive criticism. Questions are written across the top of the blocks such as, "What did you like best about your instructor?" or "What did you like least about your instructor?" or "What would you suggest to make the class better?" I do fill out these forms, but I do so grudgingly because I'm disappointed, it

seems the University believes it holds exclusive rights to these forms.

The University uses these forms for two purposes — neither of which directly benefit students. The results of these evaluations are used as a partial basis for promotion and tenure and are kept confidential between the department head and the instructor. In fact, a University secretary told me that professors keep the results in their possession.

What is actually a useful piece of information to students is tucked away in the academic drawers of anonymity.

These evaluation forms should be readily available for students to look through. Students could see how their peers judge instructors of each course and use this information when they consider taking certain courses with certain professors.

I suppose that a student could ask the professor to see his evaluations, but I doubt that many students would take advantage of this situation. It would be a little awkward, don't you think?

No! To mention the fact that such a situation could cause offices to overflow as hundreds of curious students attempted to check out the results.

So what can be done? Well there is good news, at least for students. She's putting together a report of student responses and opinions on classes taught by College of Business Administration instructors.

Karen Abel is the chairperson of the Business Student Council's Academics Committee. She's putting together a report of student responses and opinions on classes taught by College of Business Administration instructors. The report will be available in January.

Abel said that her committee's report will make up of two questionnaires.

The first questionnaire is distributed to business course instructors. They are asked in the questionnaire to answer some general questions concerning the course(s) they will be teaching.

The questions include: "Are any term papers, projects or reports assigned?" "What types of questions do you ask on exams (i.e. essay, numerical problems, multiple choice)?"

"How many midterm exams are given?" Additionally, the instructors are asked to briefly describe their objectives for the course and topics to be discussed.

This form provides students with direct information concerning a course's content and some insight into what the professor will expect from students.

The second questionnaire is distributed to students. They are asked to answer twenty questions, most of which are almost identical to the computerized forms we already fill out, with responses ranging from "strongly agree" to "strongly disagree."

The committee, with the help of a computer, compiles the information and calculates the results.

"We made these (questionnaires) for the students," Abel said, referring to the fact that the computerized evaluations are for administrative purposes only and not for student use.

This project is a giant step in the right direction. I applaud Abel and her committee. Unfortunately, this method does have some stumbling blocks, which Abel recognizes.

First, because it is in the beginning stages, Abel estimated that only half of the professors she gave questionnaires to will respond. This lack of instructor input and feedback diminishes the usefulness of the report since less courses will be evaluated.

The second problem is that many students don't bother to answer these queries because there is some confusion about the difference between the Business Student Council's questionnaire and the standardized questionnaire most have us used to.

A solution to this problem would require an organized and collective effort by three participants: the University, all instructors, and students.

There should be one, University-wide instructor evaluation form; the results of which would be published annually and made available to the entire University population.

Sound like a good idea? Sound like a new idea?

Some universities do publish teacher evaluation results and one that I know of makes it very easy for students to view these reports.

Carnegie-Mellon University publishes a magazine-style booklet each semester containing the results of student responses. The list is developed according to course number with the professor's name, course enrollment and number of students responding to the questionnaire also listed.

Next to this information, are the results of each question as to how a professor fared in each questionnaire.

Granted, CMU is a much smaller school with fewer professors to evaluate. And since they also charge \$10,000 per year in tuition, they can afford to put out such a booklet.

But hell, if I have to pay 50 cents every semester for a schedule of courses, I would pay another 50 cents to see the results of instructor evaluations for courses I may be taking. Maybe some quick-thinking soul in the bell-tower building might even think of combining them into one booklet. Wouldn't that be ingenious?

Students fill out these questionnaires and yet the students are not allowed to see the results. And the benefits of my proposal would extend beyond the obvious ones.

Students would be more informed about each professor and his teaching techniques. The administration could continue using the forms as a partial basis for promotion and tenure.

But the most important result that this plan would produce is that a teacher's skillfulness and effectiveness would be put on public display. An instructor scoring consistently low marks would be hard-pressed not to improve his/her skills.

I think this project is a worthy and achievable goal for us. Let's get off the ground starting now.

When your instructor hands out his computerized questionnaire, write in the section that asks for your comments, "PUBLISH OUR RESULTS."

If you have any other comments, put them in too. For now, the standardized forms are the only way we have of communicating likes and dislikes concerning a professor.

And don't forget your number-two pencil.

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Penn State brothers of Phi Gamma Delta accept Saturday's game ball from head football coach Joe Paterno, Friday, members of the Penn State chapter of Phi Gamma Delta, who they passed it over to Phi Gamma brothers from Pitt who delivered it to the game Saturday night in time for the kickoff.

PSU, Pitt run game ball across state

By VICTORIA PATTIE
Collegian Staff Writer

Phi Gamma Delta fraternity kicked off a weekend of fund raisers and events for the Centre County Special Olympics with the annual Pitt-Penn State Football Run Friday night.

University fraternity members ran the ball the first 100 miles to Ebensburg, the halfway point between the University and Pittsburgh. Phi Gamma Delta members from the University of Pittsburgh finished the last 100 miles to the Pittsburgh campus.

Nittany Lion head football coach Joe Paterno signaled the start of the traditional run by handing the football to the first fraternity member. Panthers Coach Foge Fazio was presented with the football during pregame ceremonies.

Fraternity member Mark Czekay said between \$5,000 and \$10,000 was raised for the Centre County Special Olympics. Twenty-three fraternity members from Penn State carried the football, Czekay said.

Scott Chambers, manager for Centre County Special

Olympics said the University community has played a significant role in the rebuilding process of Special Olympics in Centre County. The 110 athletes in the program participate in bowling, ice skating, downhill skiing, and track and field, Chambers said.

Fifty-six Special Olympic participants bowled in the third annual Area-II Special Olympics held Saturday afternoon at the Rec Hall bowling lanes. Bowlers from the Clinton, Clearfield and Centre County region participated. The tournament was co-sponsored by Riverside Markets, Sigma Nu Fraternity and Circle K.

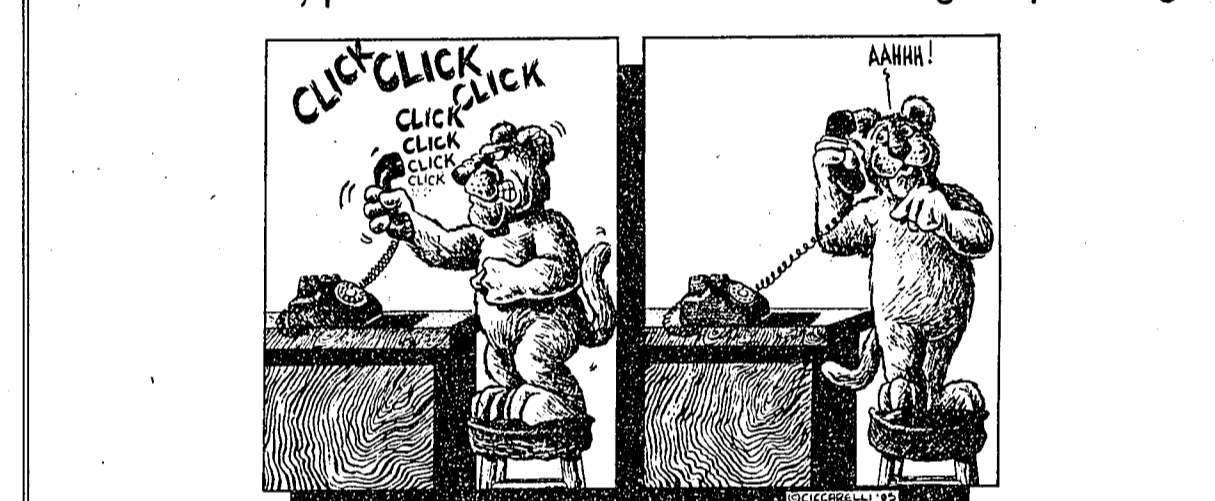
In another philanthropy held this weekend, Kappa Delta sorority sponsored a twelve hour Soak-A-Thon at Nittany Hot Springs Sunday.

Kappa Delta member Michelle Strong the event raised \$800-\$900 for Special Olympics.

Special Olympic people came to visit during the 12-hour event, Strong said.

"Special Olympics is something we (Kappa Delta) unanimously decided to support. Seeing the kids here, makes it nice to see the result of the money," Strong said.

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PSU defeats Pitt in blood drive

By DIANE WOZNICKI
Collegian Science Writer

Members of the Nittany Lion football team were not the only ones out for blood against the Pittsburgh Panthers.

Over 7,000 Lion fans donated blood to defeat the Pitt Panthers off the field.

The Pitt/Penn State Blood Donor Challenge brought in a record 12,667 donations this year, as Penn State claimed victory with 7,697 donations to Pitt's 5,570, said Penn State blood drive coordinator for the Johnstown Regional Red Cross.

Connie Schroeder said, "Penn State fans wanted to beat Pitt in blood as well as on the football field." She added that donor turnout was the highest in the drive's three-year history.

Rich Pirrotta, Penn State student organizer for the blood drive, said fan support was a major factor in the record number of donations from the University.

"Penn State spirit and enthusiasm were the contributing factors that enabled us to beat Pitt for a second year in a row, and collect 2,500 pints more than last year," Pirrotta said. "The University's 4,400 donations last year defeated Pitt's 3,594, he said.

"Now that students are getting used to the idea of the Pitt/Penn State Blood Drive every fall, they seem to be more willing to donate blood," Pirrotta added.

But for blood drive champions Tau Phi Delta Fraternity, coming out for the blood drive is a customary procedure every year.

Tau Phi Delta contributed the highest percentage of blood of any student organization, taking fraternity honors for the third consecutive year, Schroeder said.

A Tau Phi Delta member Steve Essig (senior-agricultural business management) said, "we consider it a social service obligation that helps



Glenn Thornburgh, wife of Gov. Dick Thornburgh, presents a plaque to University President Byco Jordan at the Pitt game Saturday. The plaque was awarded to Penn State for winning this year's Pitt/Penn State Blood Donor Challenge.

the community, and the guys all give willingly because we feel it is a good cause."

"To us, raising as much blood as we can is even more important than raising \$20,000 for a charitable organization. You can't put a price on a pint of blood (that goes to) save a life," Essig added.

Other enthusiastic donors, like East Halls drive coordinator Jennifer Nedrow (freshman-marketing) said, "giving blood seems so gratifying when you're sitting there looking at the blood, and knowing that it's really going to go to save a life."

Schroeder said University Park

donations will help save lives in Centre County.

In addition to Tau Phi Delta Fraternity, Greek honors went to the Delta Theta Sigma and Phi Mu Delta fraternities which pulled in the second and third highest percentages of donations respectively, Pirrotta said.

Delta Delta Delta, Phi Mu and Alpha Phi sororities placed first, second and third respectively, Pirrotta said.

Residence halls donating the highest amounts were: Science, Technology and Society House in West Halls in first place; Kingston House in East Halls in second place; and Birch Hall in West Halls in third place.

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