

editorial opinion

Clearing the air

For the last several years, the University administration has been working hard to dispel the clouds of inequality that have kept black students from coming to Penn State.

The University has poured money into new academic programs, fueled urban recruitment centers and initiated other campaigns aimed at convincing blacks that Penn State is the place for them.

The administration's recruitment efforts seem to be sincere. But the numbers prove that its efforts just aren't convincing enough — 25 percent fewer black freshmen enrolled at the University this fall.

University officials admit the actions of the Black Student Coalition Against Racism and other student groups significantly affected black freshman enrollment. But these groups cannot take all the credit.

Other factors, such as the scarcity of financial aid and a declining number of black students going to college, also contributed to the decreasing enrollment.

Whatever the reasons, it is not too early to speculate that the University may not meet its 1987 goal of 5 percent black enrollment, which stood at 3.2 percent last spring. The administration is well aware of the stakes in its efforts to meet the federally-mandated order to increase black student enrollment.

Clearly, this is a problem that is not going to go away and that will not be solved by the University's current game plan.

In the coming year, the administration plans to increase funding for recruitment and retention programs and for an advertising campaign of the Commonwealth campuses' academic offerings.

It appears as though everything — almost

everything — is being done to increase black enrollment at Penn State. But all the Old Main crew has to do is look out their office windows to see otherwise.

Officials must stop trying to cover up a bad odor with perfume, because as long as the source remains, it will always stink.

If administrators really want Penn State to be an environment where blacks want to come and stay, perhaps it is time they look at the root of the problem, the attitudes and stereotypes that exist here.

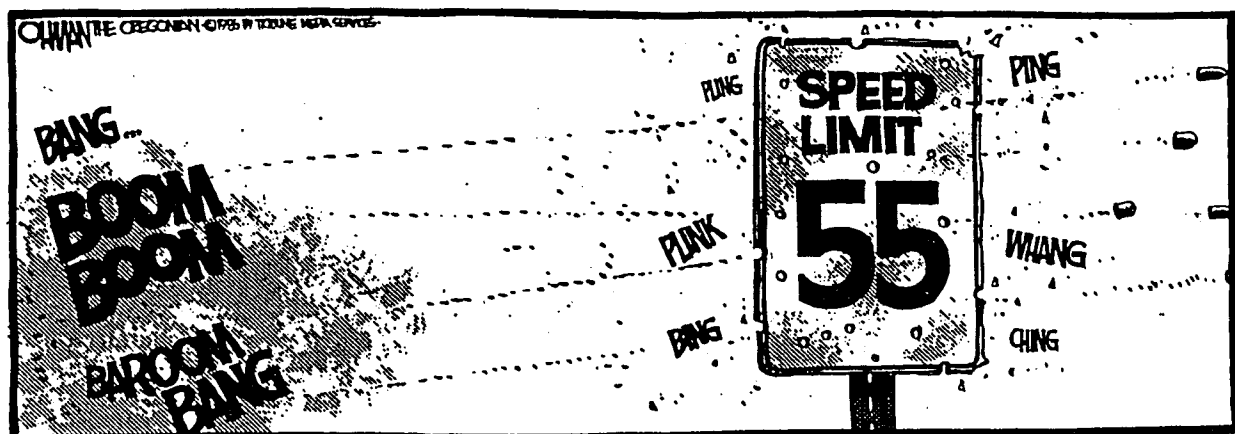
University students, faculty and administrators should examine their own attitudes toward blacks and determine if and why the environment at Penn State is hostile and what can be done to change it.

In some ways, the highly publicized work of groups like BSCAR has served to further alienate blacks from the rest of the University community by continually portraying them as troublemakers who are unsatisfied with the University.

Prejudice and racism exist everywhere. But the situation of having few minority students at a University in a small town that is isolated from large urban areas may only perpetuate these attitudes.

The necessary changes which will enhance the University atmosphere for blacks and for the entire community — will not come quickly or easily. Only awareness, better understanding and time will create an environment free of the negative attitudes and stereotypes that plague this University.

But the administration cannot expect to beef up minority recruitment efforts and see the climate here improve immediately. It's entire Penn State community must first clear the air of racist attitudes.



Universities must be more ethical than other institutions regarding divestment

By Robert S. Corrington

Last year a great deal of attention was focused on the issue of divestment and the role of Penn State in helping to alleviate the brutal conditions of apartheid in South Africa.

In the struggle to define the proper response of our University to these conditions, some forms of domestic racism emerged providing striking evidence of the link between institutional apartheid and racial discord here at home.

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Consequently, the push for divestment naturally evolved into an analysis of divisive conditions within our own institution. During the student and faculty/staff divestment actions of last year, the charge was occasionally made that such actions were in themselves divisive and distorted the true mission of the University.

Protestors were accused of politicizing the academy and imposing an alien social agenda on a community which was designed to pursue something called "pure knowledge."

This charge, and those which share a family resemblance with it, should not go unchallenged. Divisiveness is not a function of social query, but the product of perceived injustices.

That such query is oftentimes painful is evident. That it is inevitable should be equally evident. Probing into the traits of justice is fundamental to the life of reason.

This concern has now become more pointed with the rapid growth of Penn State and particularly with the soon to be inaugurated Capital Funds Campaign.

The relationship between our University and the larger, and more powerful, corporate world should give all of us pause for thought.

In our natural and understandable drive to increase non-state related revenues, we must be alert to the possible social and ethical costs that might be entailed by accepting such funds.

Is our attitude toward large corporations, many of which practice in South Africa?

Is our attitude toward large grants, whatever be the source, such as to bind us to the role of some grant giving institutions or corporations in furthering the conditions of injustice?

No one should be naive enough to assume that we can be flourish without external private support.

But it does not follow that we must cease probing into the various structures which enable us to pursue those enterprises fundamental to the life of the University.

I would like to see the day when Penn State could be equally praiseworthy for taking such action. The challenge facing Penn State is great. We must continue our drive to become one of the leading teaching and research institutions in the country while letting the rest of the world know in no uncertain terms that we will not condone or further those conditions which make life intolerable for millions.

I would argue that we can be successful in our capital campaign without sacrificing our basic moral principles.

No doubt, some of my colleagues hold this belief to be naive. I earnestly hope that they can be proven wrong.

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Effects of journalist's detention continue to show

By LAWRENCE L. KNUSTSON
Associated Press Writer

Vice President George Bush and Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger said yesterday the Soviet Union falsely arrested an American journalist, while the head of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said Nicholas Daniloff's detention dims prospects for a superpower summit.

Speaking to reporters in Akron as he campaigned for Ohio Republicans, Bush said Daniloff's arrest threatens U.S.-Soviet relations, but stopped short of saying it would jeopardize a planned superpower summit.

"I can say that if the Soviets persist in going down this avenue, no question about it, it's making the chance for better relations much more difficult," he said.

Weinberger, in Cincinnati at a address a convention of the American Legion, said "It's a trumped-up charge. Anyone who

knows Mr. Daniloff would know he would not do that. I think it's a deplorable situation."

The Soviet KGB arrested Daniloff, Moscow correspondent for U.S. News and World Report magazine, on Saturday and accused him of engaging in espionage. A Soviet friend handed Daniloff an envelope that he said contained newspaper clippings, but Soviet authorities say it contained top-secret maps for a superpower summit.

Some Soviet officials have said Daniloff may be tried for espionage. The Soviets have compared his arrest with the Aug. 23 arrest in New York City of a Soviet employee of the United Nations, Gennadi Zakharov, who is charged with spying for allegedly an employee of a military subcontractor \$1,000 to receive classified documents about a U.S. Air Force jet engine.

"The Soviet in New York was caught red-handed," Weinberger said.

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At a Capitol Hill news conference in Washington, Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, said that because of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's previous apparent enthusiasm for improved U.S.-Soviet relations, the high visibility arrest and possible trial of Daniloff leads to the question of "who is in charge" in the Soviet Union.

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., appealed to Gorbachev for the "immediate and unconditional release" of Daniloff from a KGB prison.

Lugar told a news conference he is "confused" as to why the Soviets chose to arrest the American correspondent at a time when preparations were under way for a meeting between Secretary of State George P. Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, and subsequently between President Reagan and Gorbachev.

"I think it's a very serious matter with

regard to the summit meeting and the ministerial meeting," Lugar said.

"These things are not isolated, at least in my judgment. It leads to the basic question of whether the Soviets are preparing seriously for a summit or for serious talks."

"I just find the situation as it stands to be intolerable."

"Can you keep the Daniloff case going on one track with a full-fledged trial and on the other hand make substantial progress in the forthcoming U.S.-Soviet talks?" he asked.

"I don't think you can do it," Lugar said. He said he seriously doubts whether the Soviets can bring Daniloff to trial and expect at the same time to "make much headway" in summit talks.

Consequently, he said, "I am confused as to who is in charge."

In a telegram to Gorbachev, Dole said he was "deeply disturbed by the wholly unjustified detention" of Daniloff.

Reefs make smuggler ships hot items

By DONALD W. SWINTON
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI — The growing practice of sinking old ships off the coast to build artificial reefs that attract fish and divers is making derelict and confiscated drug-smuggling freighters a hot commodity and driving up prices.

"It wasn't that long back that no one wanted these ships. Now it's just a matter of who comes up with the money first," says Bob Parker of the Jacksonville Offshore Sport Fishing Club.

In July, Parker's club spent \$25,000 to sink the drug-smuggling freighter Anna off Jacksonville. Five years ago the freighter might have been donated to the group or bought at auction for \$2,000, Parker said.

Old steel ships are ideal for increasing fish populations for both sport and commercial fishermen. Like coral reefs, they provide a "maze of shelters for marine plants and the tiny fish that become the basis of a food chain, marine biologists say.

The best known of the scuttled ships is the Mercedes I, a 194-foot Venezuelan freighter which gained notoriety when a storm drove it aground next to a scale Mollie Wilmo's Palm Beach mansion on Thanksgiving Day 1984.

Broward County bought the ship for \$20,000, cleaned it and sank it in 37 feet of water, said Steve Somerville, a Broward County coastal engineer.

"It was a great show," Somerville said. More than 1,000 boats followed the Mercedes I as it was towed to sea, traffic stopped on U.S. 1 along the coast and thousands of people crowded beaches to watch flames and smoke shoot from the 34-year-old freighter.

"(They) used to just stack dynamite on the deck and blow the ship to smithereens, but now they use pyrotechnics. They use dynamite to sink it and gasoline for show," Somerville explained.

The well-publicized spectacle has paid off. "What that single ship has allowed us to do is intercept the dive traveler," Somerville said. "Since we sank it, in the first year more than 10,000 scuba divers have gone diving in it."

"That's a lot of money. Where they spend the big money is flying down from Michigan, going out to dinner and staying in a hotel."

Other marine conservationists shun such big displays.

"Our interest is fish," said Ben Mostkof of the Dade County Artificial Reef Program, the nation's largest reef-building project.

"In the last five years alone, this department has placed 20 ships, over 100 feet in length, in offshore waters off Dade County," he said. "If you add up all the previous years of reef construction activity in this area, there are about 45 steel ships offshore."

But he said reef building is using up ships and "unfortunately supply is down, demand is up and the prices increase."

This summer, Monroe County, in the Florida Keys, bought two ships, one for \$27,000 and one for \$30,000.

"Most all the coastal states in the United States are practicing some kind of artificial reef building," said Mostkof.

ATTENTION
THE STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD TO UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES
announces its mandatory organizational meeting for Wednesday, Sept. 3rd, at 7:30 P.M. in the Ritenour lobby. Interested applicants are also welcome.

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** These trips DO NOT operate on Sundays.

Homo Penn Status: Whose job is it to safeguard University tradition for the future? Yours

Do you ever question what the seemingly never-ending parleys between the Undergraduate Student Government and the administration, the administration and The Daily Collegian, and the Collegian and USG accomplish?

Wait, let's not stop there. What about University Student Executive Council, the Black Caucus and the USG Senate? The Graduate Student Association? The Council of Commonwealth Student Governments? Oh, and let's not forget the student trustee?

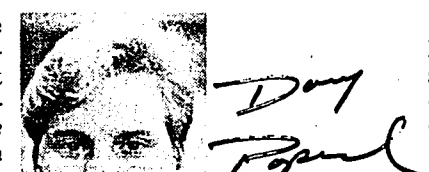
Sometimes the answers aren't obvious. All we know is that we understand. We question what goes on to understand.

And what's all this "understanding" for?

Looking at it one way, tradition. First, let me apologize for not being able to cite all of the 413 student organizations at the University. The groups above were mentioned because of their familiarity, not importance, to the student body.

Anyway, it is the involvement of students in all of these organizations that is the true lifeblood of Dear Old State.

Students have passed down traditions at this University from the ashes of an all-male Farmer's High School to today's 60,000-plus land-



Seniors can tell you what notings have changed. Believe it or not, the stories about the keg on the corner of Pugh Street and Beaver Avenue during Phi Psi weekend, football tailgates where citations for underage drinking were an alcohol-induced paranoid delusion and, for you freshmen, dorm-floor parties with two kegs and 300 pounds of sand in the study lounge are — or were, once — true.

I'm not saying I disapprove of the changes that have been made to the above traditions — indeed, making these Penn State events a little more sober may be some of the more important consequences of the last few years in keeping tradition, as well as students, healthy at the University.

The point I want to make is that such events, while now labeled as things of the past, were not necessarily painted on a wall of Penn State's Cave by early Homo Penn Status.

In just three years, many things have changed. Although it sometimes seems that the administration had everything and the students had nothing to do with them, what has affected these changes was in fact a compromise between the two forces.

Manning one fort are the administrators and trustees, balancing Penn State regulations and respon-

sibility with financial solvency and keeping the University familiar with its 290,423 potential alumni donors. The other fort is occupied by involved and concerned students. This is where you fit in.

Remembering what you enjoy about your University experience benefits you and is something you'll always have. But once in a while, think of how you'd feel as a freshman entering the University now... or 10 years from now.

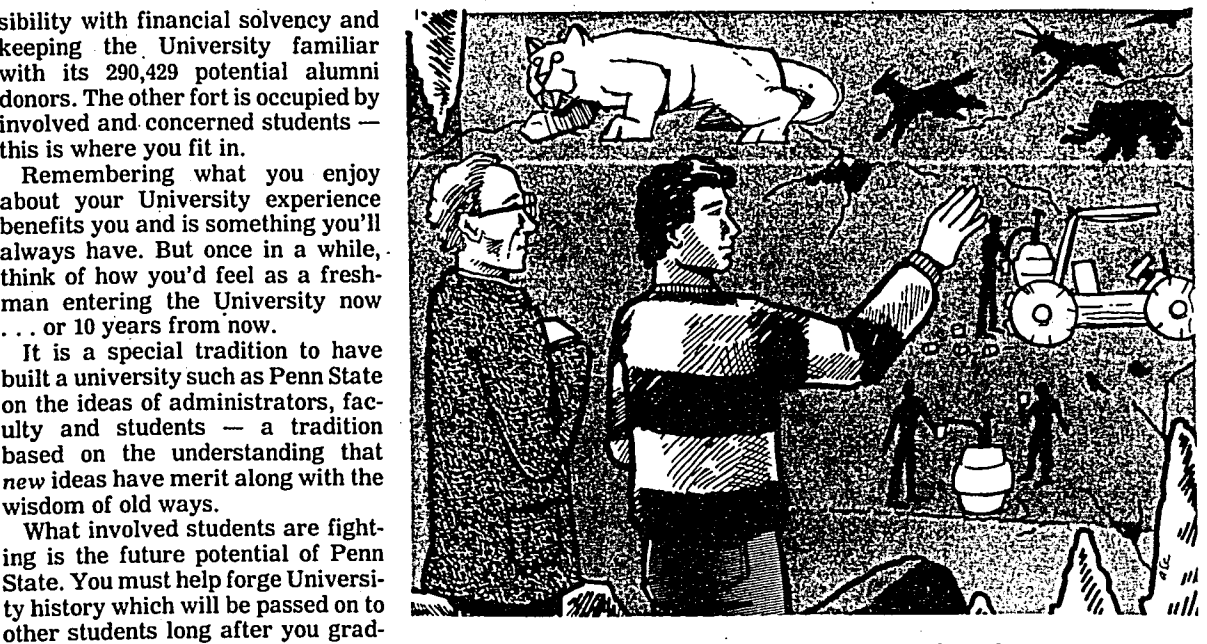
It is a special tradition to have built a university such as Penn State on the ideas of administrators, faculty and students — a tradition based on the understanding that new ideas have merit along with the wisdom of old ways.

What involved students are fighting is the future potential of Penn State. You must help forge University history which will be passed on to your students long after you graduate.

A future Penn State clinically sterilized by student apathy and administrative over-regulation is a bleak-looking future indeed.

Someone has to question what's going on to assure Penn State of realizing its future potential.

The task of tempering administrative action with concern for the future University will be like in what



up to students — involved students. It is a tradition that has flourished here for some 122 years.

Why does USG question the administration and the Collegian? Why does the Collegian question USG and the administration? Why does the administration question the Collegian and USG?

Sometimes the answers aren't obvious.

We question what goes on to understand. And what's all this "understanding" for?

Looking at it one way, tradition. Looking at it another way, the future of tradition.

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