

Non Sibi sells off campus estate in protest of corporate sponsors

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Eyeing the large, red "for sale" sign hanging in front of the HUB yesterday afternoon, students frantically shot small white bidding signs into the air, hoping to "buy" the HUB and other University properties.

In protest of the University's growing involvement with corporate sponsorship, the student group Non Sibi "auctioned off" University properties such as the HUB, the Eisenhower Parking Deck, the Penn State Bookstore on Campus and Boucke Building.

Non Sibi claims students are not receiving adequate benefits for the corporate sponsorship the University receives. In return from corporate agreements made between the University and companies such as AT&T, Barnes and Noble, Pepsi and Nike, students should be seeing tangible, educational benefits but are not, said Non Sibi member Ed Kilpela.

"The priorities of the University have become so skewed that the entire focus seems to have become lost in the shuffle. In short, some of the basic needs of the students are not being met by this administration," Kilpela said. "Do we need better computer labs or better shoes and uniforms?"

Non Sibi members asked why the corporations could not subsidize projects that directly affect students such as parking, the computer labs and expanding the HUB and adding the Paul Robeson Cultural Center to it.

But some of the corporations have given funds to projects such as the HUB/Robeson expansion, said Vicki Fong, public information spokesperson. Pepsi gave \$500,000 to the project and an additional \$1 million to University Libraries. Barnes and Noble also donated funds to the HUB/Robeson expansion and gave money to establish various scholarship funds.

Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs Tom Eakin said students benefited greatly from corporate sponsorship, especially in the area of academic scholarships.

"There's no questions that significant dollars are going into scholarships for students," Eakin said. "I certainly think students are benefiting."

But Non Sibi maintains students are being short-changed when it comes to corporate sponsorship and the "auction" was designed to demonstrate how students are being sold short, said Non Sibi member Mark Freed.

Many students agreed with Non Sibi, saying that they feel they have not greatly profited from the

University's corporate alliances. The money should be used to help advance the education students are receiving at the University, said Lolita Burno (junior-theatre).

"We're here to get an education but we can't get an education if the facilities aren't up to par," Burno said.

Although various University projects do not have a brand name on them, they are benefiting from donations made by the corporations, Fong said, adding Non Sibi unfairly lumped together issues that need to be dealt with separately.

"Parking's a separate issue and the HUB is a separate issue," Fong said. "They kind of tied up a whole bunch of things that I think frankly are unfair and misrepresentative."

But students were pleased with Non Sibi's effort to bring the issue to the attention of both the University and the student body.

Burno said she thought the demonstration was a good idea that effectively brought the issue to student attention.

Brad Gallo (freshman-communications) also said that he enjoyed the "auction," calling it entertaining.

"This is comical, this is fun and this will help the student awareness about it," Gallo said.

Sororities discuss risky behaviors at University

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Because of the new situations many young women encounter in college, they may acquire "risky behaviors" such as alcohol abuse, eating disorders or dating an abusive man.

Sorority members may gain some new insight on how to deal with these risky behaviors at the first ever National Panhellenic Conference Risk Management Seminar being held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. tomorrow in Pollock Recreation Room.

The University volunteered to be the pilot campus for this new event, that will address management of risky behaviors, said Jennifer Scott, Panhellenic Council adviser. Only 10 members from each University sorority chapter will attend.

"We're really excited about this seminar," said PHC President Kati Wiggins. "We're definitely standing out again for tackling issues that are affecting our campus."

The seminar will feature panelists and speakers from across the country talking to sorority women about confrontation skills, gender differences, communication and decision making and clarification of personal values, Scott said. University representatives from Campus Safety and Health Promotions and Education will be present to answer questions about consequences of risky behavior.

Erin Locante, president of Pi Beta Phi sorority, 5 Hiester Hall, said she thinks the seminar will be very beneficial because it may give everyone a better understanding of how to deal with problems that can arise among young women.

"I think it might teach us ways to get more awareness out . . . about drinking, about being outside at night, especially women, being outside by themselves, about problems that could arise," she said.

Kristie Dobkewitch, president of Delta Gamma sorority, 10 Shulze, said the seminar may teach

sorority women how to deal with situations such as eating disorders and manic-depressive disorders.

"When the time arises, you need to know how to deal with the problem in the best possible way," she said.

Wiggins pointed out that sororities are a support network that can be taken advantage of when a member has a personal problem. She said she hopes the seminar will reiterate this fact to sorority women members.

"This weekend is hopefully going to be reminding us of the commitment we have to each other," Wiggins said.

The seminar will also be focusing on the specific rituals and values each sorority chapter is based on, Wiggins said.

It might also help individual sorority chapters decide how they want to deal with risky behavior management, Wiggins said.

"It should be looked upon as an exciting seminar because it's putting everything in our hands for where we want to take our Greek system," Wiggins said.

Wiggins said NPC will not be trying to make new policies regarding risk management — the seminar is only a forum for discussion.

"NPC isn't setting us any policies," she said. "Their intention is just to inform us and start thinking about what we want to change and what needs to be changed and empower the chapters to take it on themselves."

Wiggins said the advisers and the PHC executive board at the University do not set the policies for the sorority chapters. The policies are brought up and voted on by delegates from each sorority.

Along with this weekend, Wiggins said PHC is putting together a resource manual for sorority women. She said each sorority has a manual about how to help a member who is having problems, but the manual PHC is organizing will tell sorority women where specifically they can go for help.

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