

## Editorial opinion

### The face of summer

*Summer's had its share of good, bad, ugly events*

During the summer, every day feels like every other day. Nothing much happens in the way of entertainment and noise, but the quiet inactivity of summer is often activity enough.

But things have happened, even if we weren't watching. The summer, just as any other time of year, has produced some things that are good, some things that are bad and some things that are just plain ugly.

A lot of it may sound familiar — that's just part of life in a college town. People come and go, the same problems are discussed every year and a few new ideas are thrown into the mix.

Here are those parts of the summer that pleased or annoyed us, along with some hopes for the Fall Semester.

#### THE GOOD:

■ University President Graham Spanier promised to "humanize" the University, to make every member of the University faculty and staff feel an important part of an institution so big it's easy to lose your place. We applaud this, and are excited to watch how he will follow through.

■ Summer weather: No matter how you've chosen to enjoy it, it's been great. Don't let the insanity of a new semester get in the way of a game of Ultimate Frisbee or an afternoon spent sitting in the sun.

■ In case you haven't noticed, State College is pleasantly empty in the summer. Not to be completely antisocial, but it's hard to miss the congestion in Willard

Building between classes or the mile-long lines for a cup of coffee at the HUB. Of course we miss our friends, but it's everyone else's friends who get in the way.

#### THE BAD:

■ Summer weather: We've been sitting in hot sweaty classrooms throughout all these lazy days. Until the entire University is air conditioned, summer classes will always be tough.

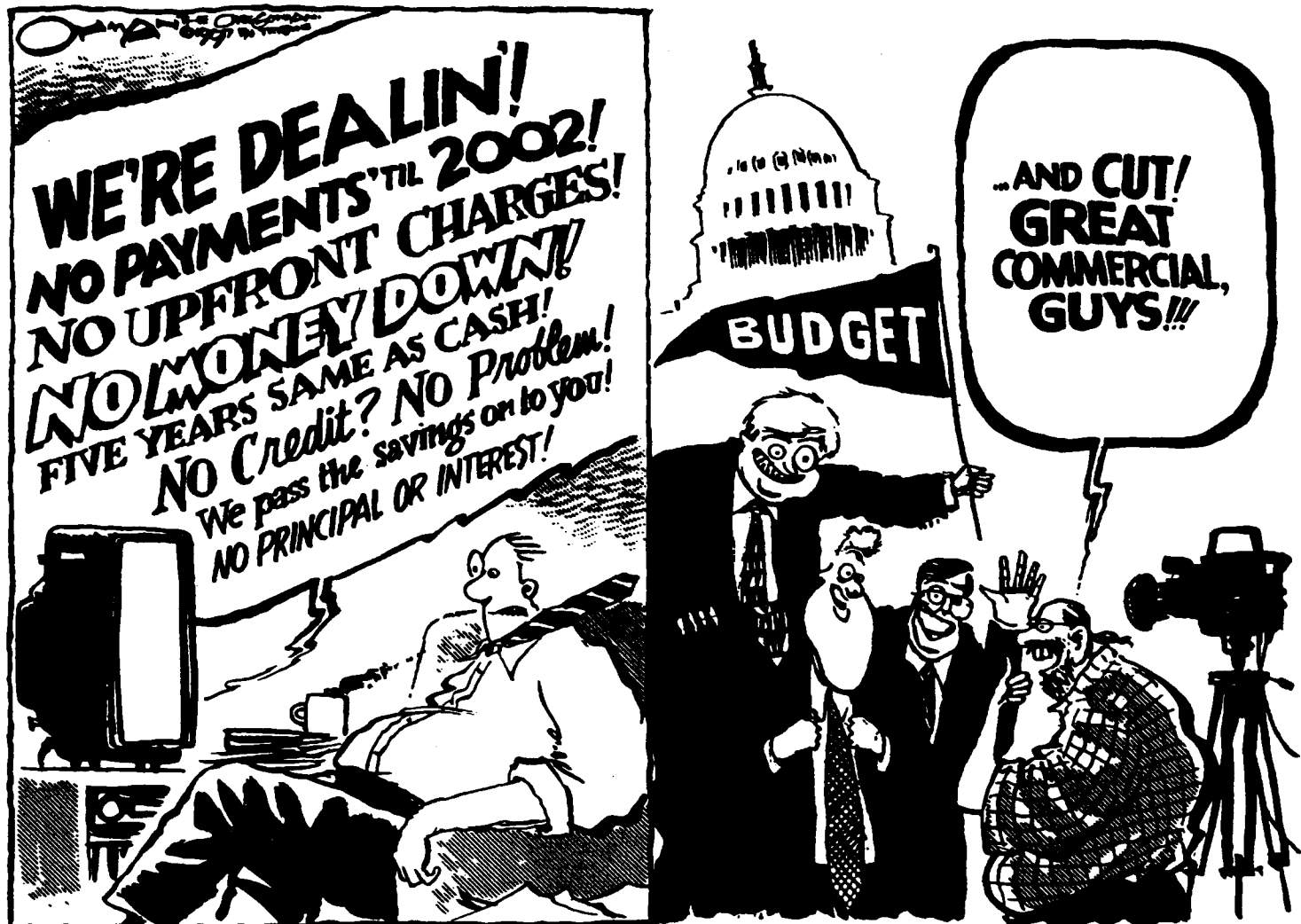
■ Cultural entertainment: Where has it been? We've had a motorcycle parade, a classic car parade, a jazz festival and a BMX show. These things are great, but they're not enough to sustain a crowd of thousands of college students for a full summer.

#### THE UGLY:

■ State support: Or lack thereof. Once again, the state has not given the University as much money as it needs, and the University has to call on tuition to make up for the rest of it. Hello, Sera-Tec?

■ Pattee: We know it's going to ultimately benefit us, but the construction at Pattee is no fun. Beside the fact that the building looks awful, getting around it now takes twice as long.

■ 8 a.m. classes: Many of us may have forgotten just how early this is. Want to get really depressed? Just think about waking up on a cold winter morning before the sun rises to make the trek up to a lecture hall. We have skipped them before and we will skip them again — sleep wins out almost every time.



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## Legality doesn't equal morality when it comes to abortion

"Nothing will stop me from helping a woman carry out her constitutional right to have control over her reproductive system."

— Eric Harrah, director of administration for State College Medical Services

The right he is talking about, of course, is the right for a woman to have an abortion. This "constitutional right" Harrah is speaking of is the ending of a human life, not the control over her reproductive system.

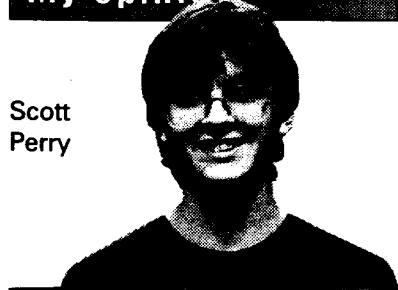
Except in the case of rape, a woman has control over her reproductive system.

Every time that woman has sex she is consenting to the possibility of becoming pregnant and has thus already given up her "right to have control over her reproductive system."

From the way it is phrased, it seems as though women just became pregnant through no fault of their own.

### My opinion

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As if Harrah is doing everyone a favor by bringing this untamed beast to kneel before him.

What he is supporting, however, is killing unborn babies.

You may say that is my personal belief and that they are not babies and therefore even human until they are born.

You may ask who I am to be forcing my moral beliefs on Harrah or anyone else for that matter.

You may even say that it is discrimination for the HFL Corp. to

cancel their contract with the company that manages State College Medical Services.

Similar questions were probably asked when abolitionists first started to make some noise about freeing the slaves.

"They are only three-fifths human."

"What right does one state (person) have to force its beliefs on another?"

Black people were not considered completely human then just as unborn children are not considered human now.

Currently the killing of babies is not illegal in the United States. This much is fact.

It was probably not illegal for the Nazis to kill Jews during the Holocaust.

It was not illegal but it was wrong. Just as it is wrong to kill the unborn now.

This country was founded on doing not what was legal, but what was right.

"The courts failed to prevent the clinic from opening in State College, but it looks as though the hospital may have made up for that mistake."

We have allowed about 1.5 million babies a year to be killed in this country for the past 20 years. That's a great number of people. That is not right even if it is legal.

Centre Community Hospital has put a stumbling block in the way of State College Medical Services by not issuing a formal agreement to accept patients with medical complications from the clinic.

I don't know what the hospital's motivations are for doing this, but thank God they did it.

The courts failed to prevent the clinic from opening in State College, but it looks as though the hospital may have made up for that mistake.

As good as it is though, it is not salvation, merely a reprieve.

The community must gather together to stop a clinic from performing abortions in State College. Allowing a clinic to perform abortions in State College is a victory for no one.

How could it possibly be good for someone to make an abortion easier to obtain?

Sure it may not be as convenient to travel two hours to get an abortion, but why should an abortion be convenient?

From what I understand, the effects of abortion are pretty terrible on the mother, never mind the baby.

Right now it is a choice that someone has to make.

But it is a choice they will have

to live with for the rest of their lives.

Taking a two-hour bus ride is the least of the concerns a woman should have if she are considering abortion.

The woman has to realize that what she is doing is not only going to affect her, but it will also have a profound effect on the life of the baby she carries in her womb.

If she chooses to terminate that baby's life, she has taken away one of her fundamental rights guaranteed by this country.

The right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

The right to LIFE.

It isn't just a nice phrase. So, Mr. Harrah, why aren't you "helping a (unborn) woman carry out her constitutional right to have" life?

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