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EDITORIAL: STUDENT BOROUGH COUNCIL AND Name shouldn't delay action

Since late last year, the University Park Undergraduate Association and the State College Borough Council have been debating a proposed institution of a student voice on the council, and now it seems as if one major roadblock was finally knocked down last week.

Borough officials said changing this student's title from "member" to "representative" would help move plans forward, though no changes to the

functionality of this position changed from the original proposition.

We are glad that UPUA and borough council are making compromises on the issue.

However, these nit-picky tactics from the council seem to just be another way of stalling the proposal.

Instead of embracing these avenues of student participation in municipal government and improvement of town-and-gown

relations, the borough council is getting caught up in rhetoric and minute details and continue to choose dialogue over action.

The borough council needs take students and student leaders more seriously and realize that we have a right to our opinions and representation.

We encourage UPUA to keep the lines of communication open, and hopefully we will soon see tangible results.



White House needs more green

By Katie Sullivan

I'd like to consider myself a relatively "green" person. I recycle my beer cans. I

bought a reusable water bottle. I now terrorize the streets of State College on my bike rather than taking the bus.

Most importantly, I make sure to eat every scrape of food on my dinner plate.

I also like to think Penn State has similar green initiatives — with water-refilling stations popping up around campus, bins to separate newspaper (which you shouldn't be throwing out anyway), glass, plastic and waste, buildings that don't have any air conditioning in the warmer months (though I have mixed feelings about that) and the dorms list many reminders to shut off lights and water faucets when you aren't using them.

So I was in a slight state of shock when, to my chagrin, I woke up at 6 a.m. last Sunday morning to take part in the clean up of Beaver Stadium with my rugby team.

That's where I saw a huge amount of potentially recyclable waste simply tossed into the Dumpster.

110,000 filthy fan's leftover water bottles, popcorn kernels, napkins, nachos, lemonade cups, bottles and tobacco spit covered the bleachers of the seemingly never ending stadium.

What had been yesterday's

yummy football food was now litter and waste scattered everywhere. I grabbed a broom, a shovel and a pair of hefty yellow gloves and went to work, pushing the garbage piles into mountains, tiny Mt. Nittany's of disgustingness stacked throughout the massive stadium.

But the worst part wasn't the amount of trash that was collected. It was that none of the trash was sorted through to be recycled.

Plastic bottles, a few glass bottles, paper napkins and food waste were all heaped together, stuffed into clear garbage bags, and tossed into the Dumpster, which was then hauled away by a dump truck.

Now, I don't know where that truck headed — for all I know it headed right to the recycling plant and a bunch of smiling sanitary engineers sorted through thousands of bags and hand picked all of the things that could be recycled — but I have a nagging feeling that's probably not true.

I'm guessing those bags head to the nearest landfill, and it's pretty sad to see all that plastic, glass and paper trashed, without any attempt to recycle it.

Sure, there are a few separate cans for recyclables placed sporadically throughout Beaver Stadium.

But who wants to walk all the way to one of those bins when you can just toss your water bottle or your leftover nachos on the floor for some poor sucker like me to sweep up the next day?

Beaver Stadium needs to be more eco-conscious. Stadium clean-up seems to consist of

lumping all of the football waste together in one bag, when it should be sorted and sent to be recycled.

There also need to be more recycling bins placed in convenient places so students and regular game-goers alike will be more inclined to place their trash in the proper receptacle rather than on the floor to be trashed with the rest of the popcorn and smashed chicken fingers.

I am by no means an extreme peace and love, meat-hating, tree-hugging eco-activist. I love my leather jacket and a nice juicy steak, and I understand in this day and age, not everybody has the money to save the environment and drive an electric car. But I am a person with common sense, enough to know that a lot can be done with just a few adjustments to Beaver Stadium's clean-up plan.

Penn State, a school that is already relatively "green," could improve its recycling initiatives, as well as make the tree-huggers and me happy.

And it's not just the administration and stadium crew that can improve things. Students and fans — recycle your crap.

It's not that hard. Find a bin with the right label. Then be mature and put your stuff there, not on the floor of the place we celebrate the greatest show in college football.

I'm calling you out, Beaver Stadium and fans. Let's see if you can step up to the challenge.

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Philanthropy squandered on sport

A wealthy family like that of Terrence M. and Kim Pegula certainly has the right to be philanthropic to virtually any organization or cause that it chooses, but what a putrid example it has set by donating \$88 million of its riches to build a new hockey arena at Penn State University.

What a glorious day it would have been if Pennsylvanians had been able to read one of the following headlines: "Philanthropists donate \$88 million to ensure sound footing for Pennsylvania public libraries for years to come" or "Philanthropists establish \$88 million fund to ensure that all qualified students will be able to attend a university."

By endorsing and devoting such a mammoth amount of money to a violent sport, which contributes nothing to society, some would consider the donation being made to have been squandered. It is sad that a family like the Pegulas is contributing to a society in decline.

It might as well have contributed \$88 million to opening bars throughout the commonwealth.

Oren M. Spiegler
Upper Saint Clair, Pa.

PSU football not worth the price

It is becoming painful to watch Penn State football. The coaching decisions, especially the play selection, reflects a program that is out of touch with mainstream college football. The thought that prices are about to go through the roof for such an inferior product is pure arrogance.

Joseph C. Korsak
Class of 1971

blog lines

MAKE PLAYS

Third round of picks

We're up and running for Week 3 of the Collegian's Beat the Editors competition. Nittany Lion Fund president Jim Regan is still leading the way heading into this week.

D.J. Jackson, a forward on the Penn State basketball team, is the athlete representative this week. He'll have some big shoes to fill, with Talor Battle having a solid nine to four showing last week.

Christian Ragland - UPUA president
D.J. Jackson - Penn State forward
(This spot will rotate among Penn State athletes. Talor Battle and Brad Pataky were our athletes for the past two weeks.)

Alex Cohen - Paternoville president
Zack Krieger - Executive director of the Student Programming Association

Mickey Boylan - student (This spot will rotate among Penn State students). Boylan is a student in the division of undergraduate studies and won this week's spot in the Collegian Pick 'Em contest by answering the sports daily trivia question and being the first to e-mail the answer to Casella on Thursday.

Jim Regan - Nittany Lion Fund president

Steve Hennessey - Daily Collegian sports editor

Bill Landis - Daily Collegian night editor

Paul Casella - Daily Collegian assistant sports editor

49ers vs. Chiefs

D.J. Jackson: 49ers

Christian Ragland: 49ers, 27-13

Alex Cohen: 49ers

Zack Krieger: Chiefs

Mickey Boylan: 49ers

Jim Regan: 49ers, 30-20

I like San Francisco on the road... their performance last week was admirable and the Chiefs have gotten a heaping portion of luck so far this season to be 2-0. We spoke about this pending Chiefs loss last week, and my forecast comes true here.

Steve Hennessey: 49ers, 21-14
San Francisco showed its potential on Monday night against New Orleans. Let's see if that translates to today.

Bill Landis: 49ers

Paul Casella: Chiefs...

FOOTBLOG

Hurt and defenseless

Joe Paterno wasn't sure at his postgame press conference just how severe Lou Eliades' knee injury was.

With the Lions facing arguably the best defensive line in the nation in Iowa next week, Paterno's worst fears were confirmed Sunday as Eliades, who started all 17 games during the last two years, will miss the remainder of the season with a torn ACL, according to a statement from the team's website.

Junior Chima Okoli replaced Eliades when he went down in the third quarter of Saturday's win over Temple. Okoli will likely start next week.

"It's gut wrenching," Okoli said after the game. "Because Lou's been here for five years, and this is his last shot, and it's every football player's nightmare to have that happen."

But Okoli said he's excited to fill in and help try and stop Iowa's Adrian Clayborn, one of the best defensive ends in the nation.

"I worked very hard," Okoli said. "I want this spot and I'm gonna make sure it's mine."

Andrew J. Cassavell
Football reporter

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