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EDITORIAL

Fee transparency benefits students

Some student leaders have recently proposed to the university that students should have more of a say in and knowledge about the Information Technology Fee.

The proposal recommends that a group of students vote alongside administrators to decide how the IT fee would be divided up.

It only makes sense that students have a say in how this \$230 per person

fee is spent, especially since it affects students' everyday academic lives, from printing allowances to the frustration of not being able to find an open computer lab.

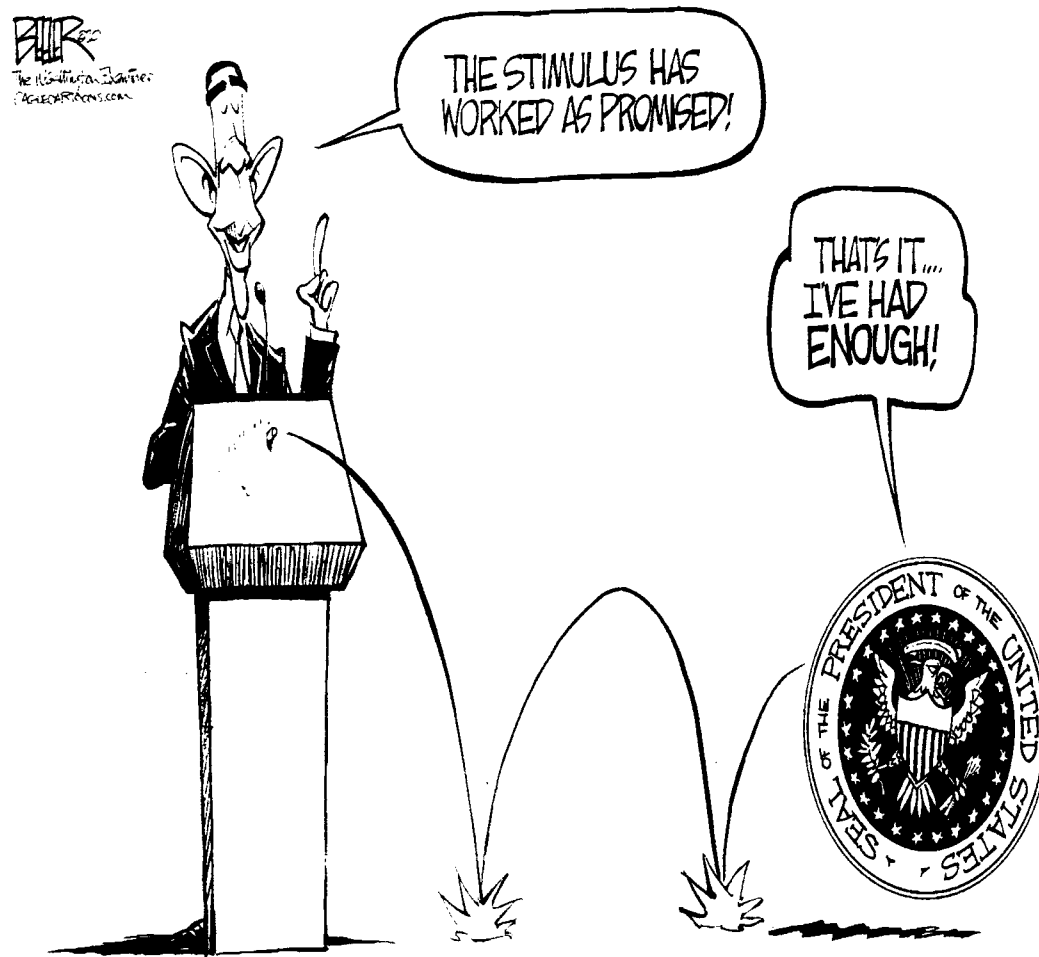
According to Council of Commonwealth Student Governments (CCSG) President Mohamed Raouda, university officials gave favorable feedback after seeing the proposal.

It is nice to see stu-

dents working well with administrators, who seem to be open-minded when it comes to making the proposed change.

Anything that brings more transparency to the university's spending is a positive thing, especially for students.

We pay so much for tuition, it would be nice to see exactly how that money is spent and even have a say in what it is spent on.



Britney's comeback looks 'Glee'ful

By Amanda Elser

BRITNEY Britney Spears, how I love thee. I know I said before how I hated you, but that was when you were dating Justin Timberlake — all is in the past.

Now after a three year long mental breakdown, Spears is back sporting a Cheerio costume with long blonde locks. While she looks almost as good as new, there was one thing lacking in the "Glee" Britney episode — the pop star actually singing. So far all the guest stars have belted out a tune or two and I had high expectations for Spears.

There was a lot of buildup surrounding the episode and it's pretty clear why. Like it or not, Britney was a huge force during our generation. Literally everywhere from "Mickey Mouse Club" to making out with Madonna, it was hard to get away from the hype cloud that followed her. I wanted so badly for the old Britney to come back

and do her snake dance, but sadly she only had a handful of cheesy lines. (Though I did appreciate the pizza and ranch comment — someone bring that girl to Canyon).

Her cameo appearance may have been a little bit lackluster, but the rest of the performances certainly were not. The "Glee" cast yet again paid homage to a blonde superstar, and after their Madonna and Lady Gaga episodes, a Britney Spears episode had a lot of promise.

Heather Morris, who plays the cheerleader/glee member, Britnay, blew even Spears out of the water. In regards to Heather Morris's rendition of "I'm a Slave 4U" Spears tweeted "Slave: Oh...My...God."

And apparently Spears wasn't the only one that thought last week's episode of "Glee" was an epic success. The Britney Spears episode produced the highest rating of the series to date. And for my fellow tweeters, during the episode Britney Spears took over seven of the top 10 trending topics.

It seems as if Britney Spears is as popular as ever, but when watching "Glee" and the cast's cover of her most iconic songs I

couldn't help but be a little sad at what we lost. When Britney shaved her head and bashed a car with an umbrella it was a serious low point for all of her dedicated fans.

Britney wrote the book on fun, pop songs that are virtually good for nothing but dancing. I'm not saying she was a musical mastermind, but she knew what would sell and she sold it well. Though she has released three Billboard hits since then, in the back of my mind the image of her walking barefoot into a gas station's bathroom will always haunt me.

I'm anxiously awaiting the day when I can no longer spot her hair extensions on the cover of People magazine and when she puts away the Ugg boots and cut off jean shorts.

A spot on one of today's most popular TV shows is a step in the right direction. "Glee" will have a second Britney episode after the Superbowl — fingers crossed that she will perform a duet with Lea Michele.

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PSU losing tailgate atmosphere

Penn State's parking pass policy for football games is unnecessary and unfair. Going online to order passes is fine, but getting and finding out that you must place your order two weeks before the game is ridiculous! Even calling the office requires that you do so 10 days before the game. The system is designed so that tailgaters must pay \$40 for game day parking, double what it cost last year.

And the athletic department is claiming this is supposed to expedite the process? That is a joke, it is clearly another way to scam fans out of their money. With the recent decrease in tailgating spots, i.e. Medlar Field, Lewis Katz Building, Arboretum and new softball stadium, Penn State's distinction as one of the best places to tailgate will soon be a distant memory.

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FOOTBLOG

Looking toward Illinois

Lions Roar: Devon Smith
-Devon Smith said his role in the offense, one where he lines up as a wide receiver and occasionally a running back, is all about getting him in open space. Sometimes it's just a decoy, but the Lions try to use his shiftiness and Smith said he's still waiting to break out for a big play.

The offense had two good practices so far this week, Smith said. With red zone preparations continuing to be emphasized in practice, Smith said the captains did pull the team together for a meeting on Monday. Figuring out how to respond to their second loss was the focus and Smith said the team needs to start the game with more intensity...

Lions Roar: DE Eric Latimore

-Latimore said the team is not far away from where it needs to be. -Latimore said Illinois' running game reminds him of Alabama. The Fighting Illinois' running backs are physical. -Latimore said he's more restricted now than he was in high school because of injury.

-All defensive line players should be ready to play on Saturday. -In high school, Latimore said he let the game come to him.

Now, he has a "relentless attitude" because of defensive coach Larry Johnson...

Lions Roar: LB Mike Mauti

-Mauti expects to play Saturday and said he's healthy. He just rolled his ankle against Iowa.

-Mauti said he "took a day off" Monday with his rolled ankle as did Bani Gbadyu with another injury, but he expects everybody to be alright.

"We're all comfortable playing with each other," Mauti said. He's just as comfortable playing with Gbadyu as with Khairi Fort.

-Coming back from injury made things difficult. Mauti said he would have had a learning curve if he started last season too...

Football reporters

MAKE PLAYS

Predicting the playoffs

With the start of the MLB playoffs just underway, some members of the Daily Collegian's sports staff offer their opinions on how this year's postseason will turn out:

Steve Hennessey, sports editor:

NLDS
Phillies over Reds in 4: Reds were one of the feel good stories of the year, but Roy Halladay is hungry for a World Series and it starts here.

Giants over Braves in 5: The Giants have overcome injuries throughout the second half, but they've still managed to put together the second best second half National League record. Low-scoring games could go either way, but I'll go with the G-Men.

ALDS

Yankees over Twins in 4: The Yankees are lucky they're running into the Twins' lineup with their mediocre starting pitching staff, but they also have the best offense in baseball. Oh, and CC Sabathia in a short series followed by one of the best playoff pitchers of all-time? I'll take those stats to the bank.

Rangers over Rays in 5: This is the most intriguing of all the first-round matchups. The Rays have to prove that it's possible to beat a Cliff Lee-pitched team in a short series. The Rangers got swept the last time they played Tampa, and they're going to face David Price, the AL All-Star starter.

ALCS

Yankees over Rangers in 6: The Rangers are really, really dangerous, but I don't think it's their year yet. If the Rangers get past the Rays, I don't think they can shut down New York's bats. Even if Cliff Lee pitches three times, the Yanks have a more complete pitching staff than Texas. That's not to underestimate the lethal Texas lineup, but I'm gonna go with my gut here. Yankees find a way to get back to the Series in the same year the Boss passes away...

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