

# OPINION

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## Penn State right for not meddling

Though workers continue picking and protesting at Penn State construction sites like the Millennium Science Complex in an attempt to get their contractor to use union workers and pay higher wages, the administration remains neutral in the negotiation process.

This may be happening on Penn State's campus, but we commend university officials for not meddling in the issue and pos-

sibly overstepping their bounds when dealing with a private company.

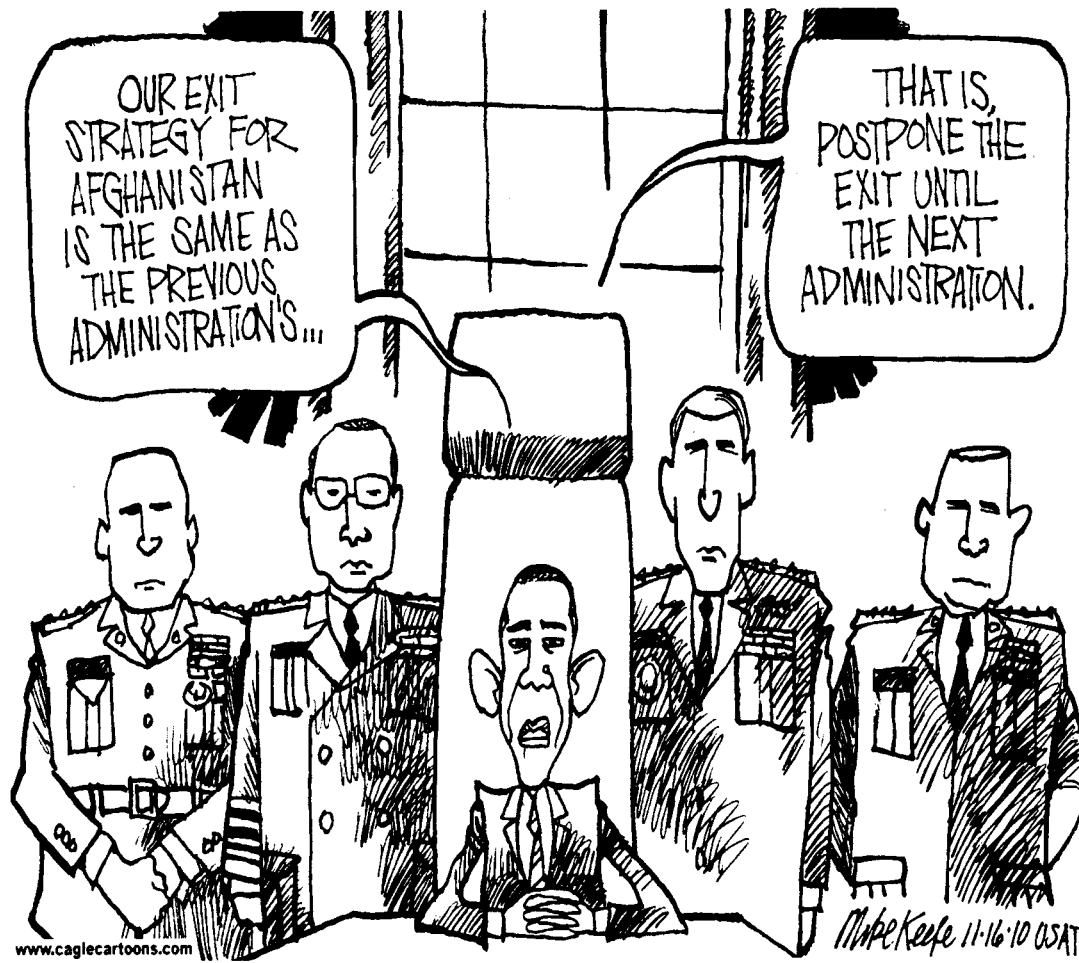
Going beyond the role of a simple mediator could be damaging to Penn State's reputation, and possibly even legally questionable.

We do not feel that Penn State is forgoing their commitment to worker's rights in making this decision because this isn't the university's business or area of expertise.

We do urge Penn State to get involved only if the protests begin to affect the building's finishing deadlines.

Construction sites affect students daily, whether they impede on walking routes or wake on-campus residents up early in the morning.

The administration should continue to do what's best for the university and its students when it comes to this issue.



## Driven girls can embrace domesticity

By Jessica Uzar

If I could major in house-keeping and motherhood, I would. But don't tell my parents that.

Seriously, even at my ripe young age of 20, I can't wait to be a mom. I have shed the tomboy-ish ways of my childhood and decided that boys do not have cooties and embraced my maternal instincts.

I am not one of those girls who is personally offended when boys ask me to make them a sandwich. One day, I actually want to be barefoot and pregnant, cooking in the kitchen.

But, before every guy that I've ever spoken to goes running, I certainly don't mean I want that any time soon.

When I tell some girls how I feel about this, they can get pretty offended. They don't understand why I don't want to be president of the United States or some bigwig CEO. They think I don't appreciate the fight that many feminists before us fought for equal rights for the sexes.

Though it may not seem so at first, I generally agree with feminist ideas.

I think women can do important and powerful jobs and

shouldn't be restricted to working as a nurse or teacher. I know girls that I would trust in combat as much as any macho man.

I also know that having a family and being a mom are more important to me than having a really important career. A foundational idea of feminism is giving women choices — and I want to choose motherhood.

The idea of childbirth may scare the crap out of me, but I know it will be worth it.

Though I want to be able to rely on my husband to support us (while I stay at home with my kid(s)), I certainly don't want to have to rely on a man for support. I want to always be able to support myself and know that I can be financially stable on my own.

I'm a pretty rational girl in that I know there's a possibility that, in modern times, a husband and I may not be able to afford to have a single-income family while my kids are young. Plus, there are plenty of single moms out there, and I would have to be able to support my kids if I found myself in that situation for one reason or another.

I know I want and need a good job before I have kids and after they get older.

It'd be great to marry some boy that's going to inherit millions, but let's be real — chances of that happening are pretty slim.

For these reasons, I better have a decent job when I grow

up. And that's why I'm in school getting a degree.

But someday, I want to bake cupcakes for my daughter's class and drive my son around to tee ball or hockey practice. Or the other way around, whatever they want to do.

I want to learn how to cook not just for me, but also for that potential future as a wife and mother.

I want to impress my mother-in-law, not have her make a back-up turkey because she thinks mine will be terrible (which, by the way, I cooked a turkey last week and it was delicious. My domestic skills are blooming.)

As I'm writing this entire column, I'm constantly knocking on wood. There's a lot of unknowns still in my life, just like everyone else. Who knows if I will actually find the right guy and get married and have kids? If that's not my course, then I'll make the best of it. But I think I'd always be missing out on something by not being a mom.

I give great kudos to career-oriented females who want to do great things with their lives. But I don't think wanting to be a stay-at-home mom and a loving wife should be seen as any less important.

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## HUB commotion not welcome

The HUB-Robeson Center is a constant meeting place, and a place where students get together to socialize and possibly do work. This week, the Student Programming Association has introduced its International Education week, which I wholly support. But I think its takeover of the HUB is more of a pain than an enjoyment. There is nowhere you can go to without hearing loud music or a loud comedian. I can't even have a conversation with my friends across a table because the speakers are so loud, and I have to run outside to take a phone call. I understand that the HUB is a place for everyone to socialize, but we deserve the right to actually socialize, not be forced to listen to loud entertainment.

Brittany Caplin  
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## Hooligans cause game bedlam

I am writing in response to Monday's letter "Good to see 'Hooligan' fans," praising the Hooligans, the nickname given by the writer to the group of Penn State students who have been attending Penn State men's soccer games at Jeffrey Field. Webster defines a hooligan as a ruffian, especially the member of a street gang, a hoodlum. This definition fits the group in a very negative way, not positively. They usually boo the opposing team during introductions yelling "sucks" after each player's introduction.

Last game, they yelled and screamed and blew horns, drowning out those introductions. They taunt, in a very personal way, players from the opposing team on their side of the field. Frequently language is shouted out during the game which is not suitable to be heard in public. Protests are heard after every referee call that goes against Penn State, even when that call was correct, which makes me question their knowledge of the game and its rules. The embarrassing incident occurred with the stealing of visitor team jerseys just about the same time this group appeared. I believe that this is no coincidence. I embarrassed by this group's behavior and fear that the good sportsmanship Penn State has been known for may be in jeopardy if this is a sign of our future.

Dave Flick  
Class of 1969

## blog lines

### SNAP, CRACKLE, POP

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Karina Yucel  
TV reporter

## FOOTBLOG

### Offensemen confessions

#### Lions Roar: T Chima Okoli

-Okoli said the offensive line didn't do anything differently from the first half to the second half in Saturday's loss to Ohio State. He said they executed their gameplan, but things just didn't fall into place.

-On not carrying the loss into the next few weeks: "If you carry that to the next few games, you might as well not even show up."

-Playing in his home state of Maryland has Okoli excited. He needs to ask the athletic department for more tickets to get his friends and family more tickets to his games...

#### Lions Roar: RB Evan Royster

-Royster said last week's loss felt different than some of the earlier-season losses specifically because the Lions already have some key wins already. "It's different because we've matured as a team," Royster said. "A lot of people on the team are already over it." Royster said the team is simply eager to play the next game.

-As a Fairfax, Va., native, Royster said it's exciting to have the opportunity to play at FedEx field. He said he couldn't even put a number on how many friends and family have tickets. He said he's gonna have to ask the team to get more tickets. Since he was a kid, he's dreamed of playing there, even though he grew up a Cowboys fan.

The only goal for the rest of the season is to go 2-0, then win a bowl game, Royster said...

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