

# Editorials

## University bypasses state tuition guidelines

Penn State pulled a fast one on Governor Casey. Despite the state's attempt to help students by limiting tuition increase to only six percent, this institution of ours has still managed to find enough loop holes to pickpocket the students blind.

For the 1989-90 academic year, tuition was \$1877.00 per semester. The allowed six percent increase upped the bill to \$1989.00 per semester for this academic year. Apparently, Penn State was not satisfied with such a feeble increase so it decided to slip in another tuition hike right under the state's and the students' noses.

Every Penn State student has been billed another \$35.00 for use of the University's computers per year. Every single student, whether you use their computers or not. Even if you have spent several thousand dollars on your own personal computer and have never set foot in the computer center, you were billed an extra \$35.00 this semester.

That brings the total increase to almost eight percent, nearly a full two percent above the state's imposed limit.

And still Penn State was not appeased.

It was decided that last year's \$25.00 parking fee was insufficient, so the University increased that too. Students now pay \$55.00 per year, which is a 120 percent increase. Actually, the planned parking increase was even higher. It was supposed to be eight dollars a month.

That's not all. As you may have already found out, the University has neglected to allot money for making copies of handouts for students. In other words, you will be charged for copies that your teachers hand out in class.

If Penn State wants to raise the tuition more than six percent, they should lobby the state legislation; not try to slide the increases buracratically past their students.

## Students need to make recycling work

The state, in a wave of environmental awareness, passed Act 101, which requires recycling of certain materials, and Behrend's administration is trying to comply.

The school must implement a program to recycle aluminum and metal cans, high grade office paper, corrugated cardboard, and glass food and beverage containers by September 26.

So far the school has been doing its part to conserve natural resources, save energy, and reduce pollution. There are collection boxes located all over campus.

Unfortunately, setting out collection boxes and sending out informative flyers will not solve the problem of waste on our campus. Even if all the offices on campus are responsible enough to recycle, something else needs to happen.

The students have to care. They have to care enough to act responsibly and take the necessary steps to do their part for recycling.

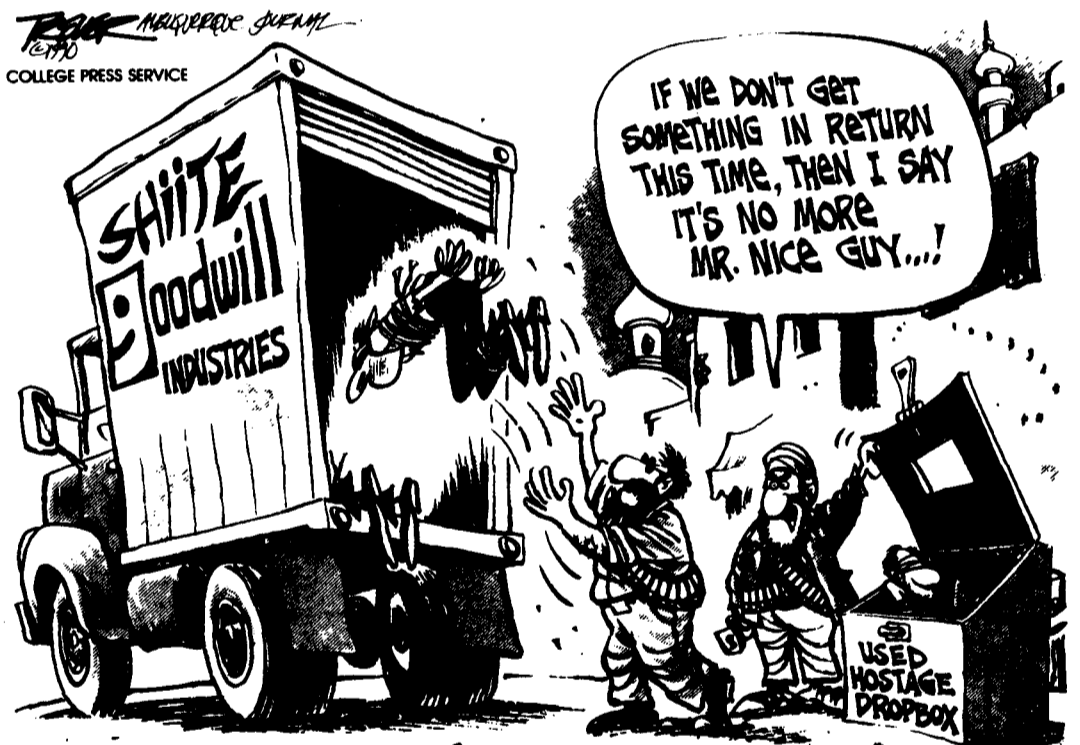
We all know that recycling has lasting, beneficial results. The question is, do we care enough to do something about it?

*The Collegian* does. The newspaper you're reading right now was printed on recycled paper.

**Fact: Every three months Americans throw away enough aluminum cans to rebuild our entire commercial air fleet.**

**Recycle today for a better tomorrow.**

# Opinion / Editorial



## A Letter from the Editor

Welcome. I hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer. For those of you who are reading *The Collegian* for the first time, I hope you find it informative and entertaining.

Returning students may have noticed some changes from last year. First, we're not a day late. Our weekly publication date has been moved from Wednesday to Thursday this year. Thursday is the customary day for weekly publications to be printed in order to cover more of that week's news.

You may even notice some other subtle changes in our format. Our masthead received a facelift this summer and we've picked up a few more syndicated pieces.

One thing that won't change this year is *The Collegian's* commitment to bring our readers the news in an unbiased, clear, and accurate manner. While there is an opinion section in the paper, the news will not be editorialized.

We want our readership to be able to form their own opinions on current issues. You can let us know what your opinions are by writing a Letter to the Editor. The format for Letters to the Editor can be found in the staff box, which is also on this page.

By the way, *The Collegian* is still looking for students who are interested in journalism, photojournalism or in selling ads. We always need students who want to become involved.

Give us a call at 898-6488 or poke your head into our closet-sized office between the Back Room and the boiler room in the Reed and just say "Hi".

-Ed.