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Letters to the Editor

Adopt-a-Lion

As a member of Lion Ambassadors, I would like to clarify some points about the Adopt-a-Lion project that our organization is spearheading.

Lion Ambassadors are arranging for the adoption of two mountain lions, or pumas, at the Erie Zoo in Behrend's name. We are encouraging all organizations on campus to contribute to the fund, which has its own SGA account. Donations can be made through inter-departmental transfers. This project is intended to raise the visibility of Behrend while reaching out to the community, and will contribute to the support of an endangered species.

For these reasons, we feel that this is a worthwhile endeavor, and hope that our enthusiasm is shared by the entire campus.

For information, call Diana Montgomery at 864-6794, or Bonnie Fagan at 898-6159.

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Damn dryers

Have you ever felt like you were walking around in sand paper? I have, especially since I have to drip-dry my clothes after I wash them. You know that not so fresh feeling when you slip on that stiff pair of jeans? In this case, there is no need for ironing, considering at this point your jeans look more like the ironing board itself. What is all the complaining about? Well you've probably already guessed ... apartment laundry rooms.

First of all, there are roughly

14 dryers to accommodate about 288 students. Obviously not what we would call an even student-dryer ratio. Not only do we have a limited supply of dryers, 93% of these do not operate as they were designed to. That's right folks, only one dryer was lucky enough to make it through all these years. Where is it? Is it behind door #1 or door #2? Well, I can't reveal the answer to that.

Some changes would be nice, and since everyone wants to complain and nobody wants to take action, I thought I'd get the ball rolling. What can students do? Go to housing and start complaining. If enough students voice the problem, something may be done about it. What can housing do? How about giving us students a Christmas present and fix the damn dryers.

Tim Savina
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Naive pity

This far into the year, I've become used to most of the inane babblings in *The Collegian*, and they don't bother me too much. Most of the time. What does manage to get under my normally thick skin is getting a lecture filled with falsehoods, misrepresentations, PC cliches, and no point.

I'm really pleased that Ms. Flan is enjoying her 'valuable' liberal arts education. It is a shame, however, that in six semesters, she has failed, or failed to take, any courses in American history, political geography, governmental science or National Security Affairs, or film appreciation.

Suffrage rights were extended to blacks by the Civil Rights Act of 1866, reinforced by the 1867 Military Reconstruction Act, and explicitly stated by the Fifteenth Amendment, which was ratified in 1870. The leaders of the Soviet Union are mainly Russian, this is true; however, the majority of the Soviet people certainly are not. (A little advance warning, when the new treaty "over there" goes into effect, it will no longer be called the Union of the Soviet Socialist States. I'll leave looking up the new name to you. It appears that you could use the practice.)

Be careful about throwing the term "national health care" around. I fear, given your usual political slant, that you are really referring to socialized medicine. I suggest that you do some research on the disaster it has become in Canada and England. (I know it's a strange concept; but, you should try it once.) Finally, I'm not sure whether you got your definition of a snuff film from COSMO or Reverend Wildmon's Christians for Censorship; but, while a "snuff" film may or may not include rape, the key point is that someone gets dead. The victims are men, women or children. From your erroneous definition, you happily jumped onto the bandwagon of the "Ted Bundy was bad; Ted Bundy read porn; therefore: Porn is bad" school of false logic. Try again; no legitimate study has ever found the link you insinuate. Perhaps it would be clearer if you thought of it like this: Tom Jefferson and Ben Franklin collected porn; Tom and Ben were good; therefore: porn is good.

As for the rest of your little article it'll go without comment. Naivety isn't a crime, only a pity.

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