

Editorial...

Clarkson University's bookstore on campus was bought out by Barnes & Noble a few years ago. Once the company took over, the entire staff from the former store was either let go or quit.

After students witnessed prices increase due to the new management, they called for a change.

The change came in the shape of an alternative bookstore completely out of the controlling grasp of Barnes & Noble.

The alternative store received government loans and private funding to get them going.

The new bookstore opened with prices around 15% less than the established store.

In response, the Barnes & Noble store cut their prices up to 40%. Not only are they doing well financially, but the owner is happy to be helping out the students' pocketbooks.

Now, the Penn State system bookstores have been bought out by the very same over-pricing company, Barnes & Noble.

When students need books and have only one place to buy them, that store can rape them for every penny the students have.

Are we students being controlled by a monopoly that renders us almost powerless?

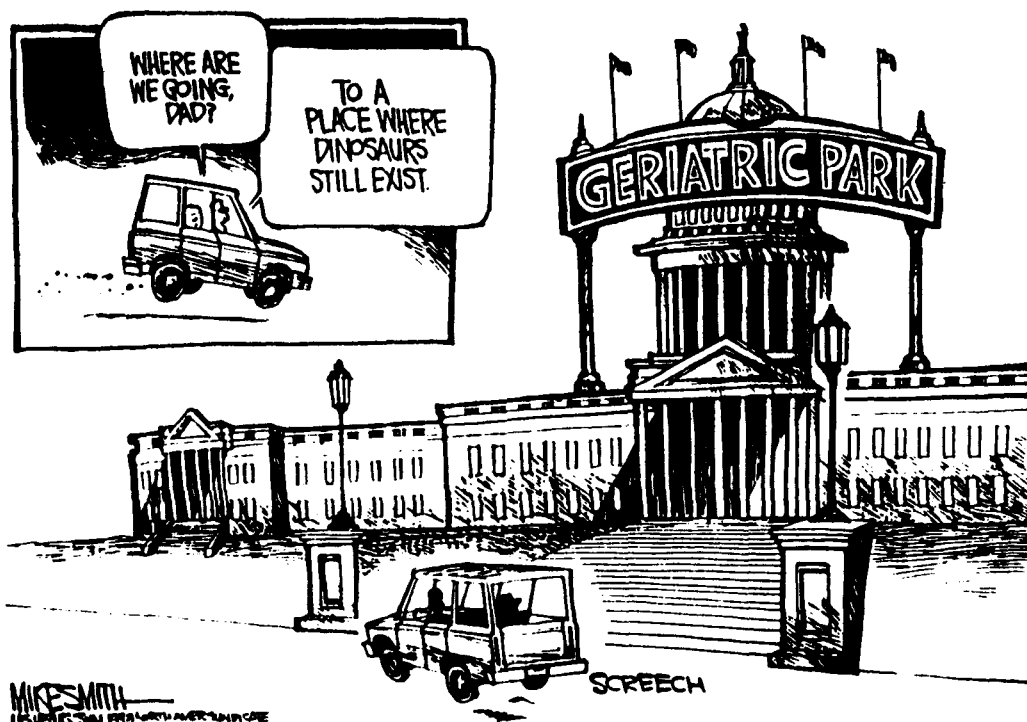
When we want to buy sneakers we can go to several stores and shop comparatively. Why can't we have the same freedom with our books?

To gain freedom we need to take action.

From the students, we need support.

From our alumni, we need help, both with finances and organization.

Together, we can make a difference to this campus and future students.



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