

Editorial

Inflation is the root of all financial evil. And inflation is the reason once again for the proposed \$70 room and board increase by President Reinhard. Last semester the Board of Trustees approved a \$35 increase for this semester because of sky-rocketing inflation. It is apparent that as inflation continues to increase, the administration continues to propose room and board increases.

We at the **Rocket** understand the reasons and the need to raise the cost of room and board for the next academic year, as Slippery Rock is not secluded from the ever-spiraling inflation this country has been facing. However, we cannot support such an increase because it will continue to diminish the number of students enrolling in this college in future years.

At one time, state colleges were structured for the working class families. We realize that many students here do not fall into this category, but if increases such as the one proposed (and the \$150 tuition increase, also effective next fall) continue to occur, the working class student may become an endangered species. Another factor in this problem is the failure of the government to increase the amount of financial aid available to students.

The Pennsylvania presidential primary is scheduled for Tuesday, April 22. We urge all students and faculty to think before voting and choose candidates who will attempt to curb inflation when elected. If inflation is minimized on the national level then perhaps college increases will finally reach a plateau.

On the local level, we urge students to voice opposition to the room and board increase to the Board of Trustees this morning from 10-11 and attend the Board's meeting at 1:30 p.m. in room 304 of Old Main. Your voice is needed.

Donna J. Ryan
Associate Editor

The **Rocket** welcomes letters from the college community. We reserve the right, however, to edit any letters submitted in order to protect ourselves as well as the writer from libel. Letters of extreme length are also

subject to editing.

Although we attempt to print all letters, space limitations in the paper, or of the other reasons mentioned may prevent this.

All letters must be signed, but names may be withheld upon request.

To the Editor:

This letter is brought to everyone's attention that some of the night managers are not working, but playing the Space Invaders. They seem to be caught up in mania of pretending to be Luke Skywalker or Darth Vader. I think if they want to play this wonderful implement of joy, they should do it on their own time. They

are getting paid to watch the Union not play games.

I wasn't going to mention any names, but what the hell. They are Bob Johnson, Grad. Asst. Ed Nixon, etc. I decided to stop at two because this paper has better things to do than print the names of college employees that are playing games instead of working.

Name Withheld
by Request

Rocket honored

The Pennsylvania College Press Association (PCPA) recently announced that the **Rocket** has received two awards in the association's press contest. Kathy Goeringer, **Rocket** sports editor, received a third place in the sports stories category and Goeringer

and Diane McSweeney, **Rocket** graphics editor, received a third place award in the photo spreads category. Goeringer and McSweeney will accept their awards at the PCPA convention set for this weekend at Carnegie Mellon University.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

During the campaigning involved in the recent Student Government elections, one of the presidential candidates stated in an interview with the **Rocket** that "he felt that the fraternities and sororities should not endorse any candidate running for the S.G. presidency. He explained that he felt the Greeks should primarily be concerned with social issues."

This candidate, Brian Bartsch, went on to win the presidential elections. I think that, since the Greeks make up the largest organized group of students on campus, it is time for Bartsch to understand just what we are concerned with.

Since he is only a freshman, I can partially understand why Bartsch doesn't know about the non-social aspects of Greek life. But since he is pledging Phi Sigma Epsilon Fraternity, I would think that he would know a little bit more about us than he presently knows.

Being a group comprised of over 600 students, the Greeks are very much concerned with the day-to-day aspects of student life: classes, financial aid, tuition,

student rights, the cafeteria problems, and administrative policies, to name only a few.

And, since each of these areas is in some way connected with Student Government, the Greeks are very much concerned with the quality of people we have running, or ruining, our lives.

In most all national fraternities and sororities affiliated with Slippery Rock State College, one of their main objectives is to promote academic excellence. This does not mean that all Greeks are striving for a 4.0, but there are statistics which prove that the average Greek QPA is usually above the institutional average. There are also statistics which prove that Greeks are more apt to remain in school than non-Greeks.

During the past year and a half, the Slippery Rock Greek System has done much to improve town-gown relations. Several fraternities and sororities, along with the Interfraternity Council, are active members of the Slippery Rock Area Development Association.

To mention one further

Grateful and optimistic

Dear Fellow Students:

A few short weeks away from being sworn into office, I am very thankful for the support I received in gaining the office of Student Government President. I was very pleased to see an attitude of general concern among students as my campaign took me from door to door.

I felt that all the students I talked to took time out to listen to what C.F.C. had to say. Then once more as they stood in line and voted for the candidate of their choice. This is very evident by the number of students that turned out to vote, over 1400, the largest in Slippery rock history.

The campaign trail taught me many valuable experiences. The first of which is, hard work will pay off. To be honest with you I thought the final tally would have been a lot closer. But you students put a lot of faith in me as well as my whole executive board.

To this I am very grateful. I am quite pleased to have overcome biased editorials and rumors that spread when anyone runs for public office. Again I've learned that Slippery Rock students do care, and do use the most powerful voice they have, the vote. Yes it was a lot of work, but I realize the work has yet to begin.

I have not come forth and made any extravagant promises. Those of you that I reached know what the C.F.C. platform is hoping to accomplish for the students. I do promise to have a more publicized administration so that the students can see what my administration is doing or not doing. I want to keep you informed on what's going on. If you agree or disagree on what Student Government is doing, you can come and see me.

Next year I will be looking for your concern about our college. Right now I feel I have it, I hope it will be

thing among the many that Greeks have done to improve town/gown relations, we have volunteered our services to the community at large whenever they need us.

So I ask you, Brian Bartsch, to reevaluate your impression of the Slippery Rock Greek System. You will be taking over Student Government from an administration which has done very little for the students, and you have in fact been supported by the president of this administration.

Because of this you will have to work damn hard to prove yourself to the students of Slippery Rock State College. I hope that because of your relative inexperience with college life, you have not falsely judged other students on this campus as you have the Greeks.

And remember, you now are also a Greek, so if you feel Greeks should be primarily concerned with social issues, then what are your primary concerns as one of us?

Michael S. Burk
Pres. Theta Chi Fraternity
Pres. Interfraternity Council

there next fall. I am very optimistic over the C.F.C. platform for next year. I could write pages on the strength and experience of my executive board, and the hard working attitude of the Senate. I owe this to you for voting the entire C.F.C. ticket into office.

If anyone has any suggestions or ideas for Slippery Rock Student Government, please come and see me. On the behalf of the C.F.C. executive board, we thank you. It doesn't matter how hard one works, without your votes we would have never gotten into office.

Sincerely,
Brian T. Bartsch
President - Elect
Student Government
Association, Inc.

Editor's Note: Concerning Mr. Bartsch's allegation of "biased editorials" we wish to remind the president-elect that editorials are meant to be used for the expression of an editor's opinion.

Defeated but not discouraged

To the Editor:

At this time I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to each and every student who supported my candidacy and helped out the Students United Now (S.U.N.) team in this year's Student Government elections. My best wishes go out to the newly elected members of Student Government.

In this year's election, I learned that many vote their resentment, not their appreciation and the average student does not vote for anything, but against something. Our opponents are enjoying the fruit of their well-earned work, and I am

not sure but that they are entitled to it, for it would seem, if we were to judge by the results, that they worked harder than we did. Their arguments must have been more convincing.

If you lie to people to get their money, that's fraud, but if you lie to get their vote, that's politics. So, it may serve as a comfort to us, in all calamities and afflictions, that he that loses anything and gets wisdom by it is a gainer by the loss, for bad luck sharpens ambition.

Real success is being big of heart, clean and broad of mind. It's being faithful to your friends. One who is

passionate and nasty, is generally honest; it is your cool dissembling hypocrites, of whom you should beware. I have seen many.

I do not believe that they have gained so great a victory because many of their supporters and campaign methods were questionable and their candidates unscrupulous; nor do I believe that the surest way to defeat is a platform of hard work and clean living. I still believe that the majority of students at this college that did not vote want these qualities in their Student Government representatives.

So I say to my friends and

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