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## Take a moment to simplify

"Live simply so that others may simply live" is a thought that guides me.

I use it often to remind myself that my actions affect others.

In America, where we consume so freely (we are 5 percent of the world's population and consume 20 percent of the world's resources), it is hard to remember that others do not live so comfortably.

Half of my family lives very simply out of necessity in West Africa. I often think of them before I make a purchase and ask myself if the money I am considering spending should rather be given to them.

It is a graphic reminder for me.

Not everyone has such a reminder, so how can we keep "others" in our thoughts?

People other than those who live within our personal circles of awareness as well as the ecosystems we live within can be positively affected by our small decisions to make our lives simpler and to consume less.

I suggest we pause often in our day-to-day

lives to appreciate all we have and then a bit further to see how we can simplify lives so that others may simply live.

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## Trustee should do the math

In response to the Associated Press story "Penn State trustees hope sanctions softened" (CDT, Thursday), trustee Joel Myers described board critics as "a vocal minority that are extremely disappointed, discouraged."

"I think the outspoken people do not represent the Penn State community," Myers said. "And I think it's important all of us to get behind coach (Bill) O'Brien get behind the university. Divisions don't help."

If there is solely a minority of disappointed alumni, why did a survey by the Penn State Alumni Association in January find that only 18 percent think board actions were mostly/all correct and a greater 20 percent think they were mostly/all wrong?

Fifty-six percent thought some actions were correct, some wrong.

Therefore, potentially, 82 percent think the board did something wrong in some