

Editorial

One rape a minute. Ninety-three new rape victims a day. Over 525,000 rapes a year. Strangers, acquaintances, boyfriends, husbands. As Colleen Kelley said, the difference between the beautiful act of making love and the heinous crime of rape is the simple word "no". When a woman says "no", she means it and no sexual relations should follow.

Although a woman's body language may show otherwise, her spoken word must be taken as what she truly wants and what she means. Sometimes in the heat of the moment, the man may not take into account what she says, and that may lead to regrettable results.

In one instant of pleasure, the assailant puts the victim through a lifetime of hell. The victims have to tell their families, the police, and an investigator (if the victim wants to prosecute). The victim gets degraded when they have the hospital rape exam (this include pictures of the victim's body), and have to have their life put under a magnifying glass. Not only can a man destroy a woman's self-esteem, but the possibilities of spreading disease are multiplied. Most assailants have to realize that rape is not an act of sex, but an act of violence.



Letter to the editors

No controversy

I realize you are possibly hard-pressed for real news on a campus as quiet as Penn State-Behrend, but must your claimed "3000 readers" put up with half-hearted columns, the purpose of which seems to be only to incite controversy that didn't otherwise exist? I cite Matt Duddy's column of two weeks ago as the worst in a series begun last semester by Mr. Festa (may his pen rest in peace!) Perhaps this silliness began before that. If it did, I thankfully hadn't noticed.

These columns are beginning to take on the air of a bad talk show where the host has to shout and scream both sides of an argument, repeatedly play devil's advocate and spit out comments unrelated to even the topic of his forum in an attempt to stir up a little emotion in the audience.

Sometimes controversial columns can bring out otherwise "hidden" topics that no one would otherwise discuss. I recognize that articles like that may well be necessary, but

please end the patronizing nonsense you've been feeding us!

If you have something to print that you feel strong about - print it! But, I have yet to see a so-called "controversial" column in this paper in which the author himself is convinced of his own argument!

I'm tired of "controversy for controversy's sake!"

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From the hip

The winds of spring have struck again.

With the fresh breeze comes a new beginning. The grass grows back (even in Erie), the trees turn green and most importantly, the *boys of summer* return for six months of the greatest soap opera that could ever be created.

Snap. At 1:35 on Monday, Orioles pitcher Rick Sutcliffe took the mound and hurled the ball to catcher Chris Hoiles, and baseball '93 was upon us.

Baseball is more than a sport. In this great melting pot of a country, baseball is one of the only things we can proudly call our own.

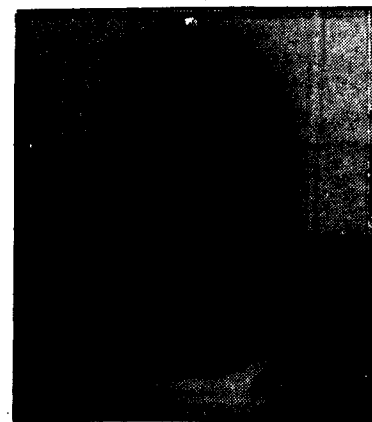
It has seen World War I and II, the Great Depression, the revolution of the 1960's, and like the first tulip of spring, baseball keeps coming back for more.

Opening day is my favorite holiday. (Well besides Christmas and National Pizza Awareness Week).

All of the teams have a fresh start and everyone is in first place, including my beloved Phillies.

Opening day is the time to dream. It is the day to truly believe that this is the year your team will win its division. The year your team will win it all.

Unfortunately, my team has not been doing much winning in recent years, but once again, I believe that this is the year.



Matthew D. Cissne

I am sick of losing seasons and long winters of despair. I am sick of seeing players like John Wockenfuss, Juan Samuel, Steve

Jeltz and all the other Phillies who had been billed as talented stars while the hated Mets, Cardinals and Pirates were collecting division titles like they were gold plated Easter eggs.

This year will be different. I know it will be. It has to be.

The Pirates have lost Barry Bonds. The Mets are over the hill and St. Louis is no threat.

This is the Phillies year. And if it is not, then there will always be another season.

Just as soon as that ole tulip blooms.

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