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EDITORIAL Right Some Wrongs

As all of us have probably known, but now have a more vivid awareness; something can be amusing to one person that is certainly not so to another.

The above sentence has been written in reference to last week's April Fools' edition of this paper. We are really, really, sorry if you didn't enjoy it. Really.

And now you'll probably expect this piece to launch into some reflections on the responsibility of college newspaper people, after all, when this very same subject was dealt with last year in an editorial the writer won a prize.

Responsible to whom? We have signed no contracts binding us to the edicts of "good taste." The people who work here have no form of compensation other than seeing their names in print, as if that were any compensation at all.

Being somewhat established, after two terms and 18 issues, an editorial decision was made. And that decision said that the staff would have some fun putting together an insanity, April Fool's, no-holds barred, edition of the paper.

If this sounds somewhat selfish, as one letter to the editor would have you believe, it sure is. It is meant to be. If you haven't learned by now compensation does not come to people like pleasant weather, or good luck, or other forms of chance. Good things come to those who take them. And we took them last week. We had fun putting that paper together.

And now, for someone who has offered nothing to help in the production of 18 papers to come along and say that that was an irresponsible, in poor taste, effort is someone who you listen to, for that is unavoidable, but you do not hear. The, "in one ear and out the other," cliché applies.

To be able to say "last week," or "this week's paper," is a big step compared to the previous year's paper which was published every two weeks containing old news. Whether anyone is aware of this is a doubtful proposition. So little concern is shown by the Multi-Media people of this school that the paper is truly independently published by the students, but not by Multi-Media students. Not one member of that option is on the staff. Maybe newspapers aren't considered as a valid Multi-Media form.

Turning your attention now to a particularly troublesome article, since most of the above has been said in the editorials before, that seemed to be the pinnacle of what is meant by "poor taste," was namely the "Exclusive Karen Quinlan Interview."

Where, all of a sudden, did all the screaming humanists, come from? It is inconceivable that there are so many of you. Karen Quinlan saw it necessary, or advantageous, to mix barbituates with alcohol; a particularly wholopping combination. What have you humanists done to prevent this from taking place? Karen Quinlan is not the only chemist to be aware of the effect such a combination produces. It is also not a big step from benny's and booze to heroin. And you all know there are plenty of junkies in the world. What have you done to prevent people from feeling that they need drugs to cope. Instead you claim "poor taste." It's much easier to talk isn't it?

Further, Karen Quinlan's parents pulled the plug. We did not. Her parents, her mother and father, in effect said, "You're a vegetable, you should die."

There are plenty of abject conditions in the world. Maybe those of you who are interested in righting the wrongs of the world should incorporate kinetic energy rather than potential through the words you speak.

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Bread And Butter Continued

funding will continue over the next few years amounting to several billion dollars. More than 100 graduates of our program are spread over many areas of pollution control with the majority in design engineering firms, but many others in federal, state and regional agencies, industry, and actual treatment plants.

Dr. Charles Cole is one of the major professors in the program. Cole came to the Capitol Campus from the DuPont Co. where his last assignment was as a Research Environmentalist at the Experimental station in Wilmington, Del. While at the DuPont Co. Cole began his research work on hydrogen peroxide application to solve water pollution problems, the work for which he is best known professionally. He feels himself to be inquisitive, and can be precise when necessary, which lends itself to good research.

However, Cole also recognizes public needs and is completely in agreement with the applied approach of engineering technology here at Capitol Campus; research and technology need not exclude each other, he said. Prior to being at the Experimental Station, Cole had worked at three other locations of DuPont in various engineering capaci-

ties. His educational background including a BS in chemical engineering from Penn State and a M.S. and PhD in environmental sciences from Rutgers makes him a natural for the pollution control field.

A chemical engineering background includes knowledge of the unit processes so important to modern day waste treatment and the environmental sciences background supplies Cole with insight into the environmental impact of man's debris. He attributes his good fortune of being in the water pollution control field today to advice from his brother and a lot of encouragement from his wife. Going back to graduate school with a wife and two children to support was not easy. He has found that this current field of work satisfies his need for creativity, and his love for the outdoor environment, including past times of fishing, hunting, skiing and gardening.

Dr. Cole in cooperation with Dr. Blatt and Prof. Anderson has received a NSF Instructional Scientific Equipment Grant. This grant, the first ever awarded to Penn State has provided funds for equipment to begin setting up an Analytical Instrument Lab and a Water Unit Operations Lab. The instrument lab will provide the capability here at Capitol

Campus to train students with the sophisticated instruments that they may be using after graduation.

The first instrument obtained was an Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer. This instrument has the capability of detecting minute amounts of metal in materials, a need so important to protecting humans and animals from toxic metals in our food chain. Other instruments are arriving daily, quickly crowd the small lab that has been set aside for their use.

The Water Unit Operations Lab will be one of the first of its kind in the country. Cole is borrowing the unit-op lab concept from his chemical engineering education and applying it to water and wastewater treatment. The students will have the opportunity to learn concepts of design and operation by actually carrying out experiments on this reduced size equipment including sand and trickling filters etc.

He is currently worrying where all this equipment will be placed, but plans to have at least part of it in operation during the spring term. His students are holding their breath and noses in anticipation.

Charles Cole
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The above equipment was obtained as part of the Wastewater Treatment Pilot Plant.

Worn By Annette Funicello

Dear Editor,

In the interest of remaining in step with the times I have brought to the attention of the creator of the C. C. Reader's 'Hot Loin' (with absolutely no results) the aspects of its displayed endowment; a matter which deeply concerns my innermost personal reflections.

As the weeks proceed the 'Hot Loin' continues to model the same bikini which probably had been worn by Annette

Funicello about 15 years ago. This is but a minor problem as compared to the more pressing issue at hand: the bust size of the 'Hot Loin'. With its present size the 'Hot Loin' chest could possibly be used by the Meade Heights maintenance crew to repair, say, a shed. I need not mention that Capitol Campus has by far had its share of small busts (take it any way you'd like). Need we be continuously

reminded of this horrendous catastrophe with the passing of each weekly issue?

Let us hope not, and may we look forward to seeing a marked increase in the bust size of our beloved 'Hot Loin', and who knows? Perhaps some of the female students may decide to follow suit!

Rick F.
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