

Letters to The Editor

Wumke Keeps His Word

Editor:

I goofed. Yes, I know it's hard to believe, but ole Leonard screwed up royally in his last letter. In that journalistic mess-terpiece I stated that northern pike, muskellunge, and walleye season opened two Saturdays ago. WRONG! It opened last Saturday. Them good old boys at the Fish Commission pulled a fast one on me by switching from the traditional opening on the first Saturday of May. Just goes to show that a good writer should double-check his facts. I hope my error didn't get anyone into trouble. If it did, please contact Harry H. Moyer and he'll arrange to have my social manager mix you a few drinks to kill the pain of the citation.

Finally, the moment has arrived which you have all been waiting for with baited breath. As promised last issue, I now present my provocative appraisal of this year's SGA. In the interest of simplification, I will base my evaluation on the achievement of stated platform objectives which former President Rosenberger made in the April 24, 1980 issue of the C.C. Reader. (How was that for some fancy Penn State bureaucratic lingo? I bet I'll make a good Director of Student Affairs someday!) Some may argue that this is not a fair way of examining SGA accomplishments, but the hell with you! I'm the one who writes these damn letters. Without further ado (platform quotes of Rosanne Rosenberger in bold face):

1. honor roll--"I feel that having an honor roll might help let the students know that their efforts and fine achievements don't go unnoticed."

A job well done! Several SGA and Student Court officials aided the Provost's Advisory Committee on Student Welfare in persuading Dr. Gross to reinstate a Dean's list at Capitol Campus. What better way to establish a "university presence in south-central Pennsylvania," huh Teddy?

2. C.C. Reader input--"I'd like to see a program implemented to involve students who are taking any type of journalism. They could be required to submit input into the paper."

Well, boys and girls, independent studies always have been available for academic work related to the C.C. Reader. Not many people have ever taken advantage of them because of all the hassles involved, but at least this year they were better publicized through SGA efforts. As for required input by journalism students, such a plan met with very limited success fall term and so was not continued thereafter. In my unbiased opinion, I think the C.C. Reader should remain as independent of any outside influence (i.e. journalism and multi-media people who are working for required credits) as possible. After all, isn't that what freedom of the press is all about anyway?

3. Re-allocation of funds from funct clubs--"I think this money should be allocated to the benefit of the other clubs."

I already congratulated you'uns for doing this in one of my earlier letters. So 'nuff said, okay?

4. Core course offerings--"I feel it would be to the benefit of many students if core courses were offered every term or at least two terms per year."

Although I know they tried, SGA sort of ran up against a brick wall on this one. Administrative decisions determine

course offerings. There just isn't enough faculty and/or money in the budget to offer these courses many more times than they already are. It should be noted, however, that several engineering core courses are indeed being offered more frequently now than they had been in the past. If we want more courses to be offered, we have three options: 1) pay higher tuition (surely, you jest!); 2) tell Capitol Hill to raise Pa. income taxes by another .2 percent or so (unrealistic with a republican administration); or 3) put up with quarry-sized potholes on the interstates!

5. rewriting of the constitution--"I would like to see the document restructured to facilitate changes that occur and to make it more efficient and viable."

It came to pass. Just the other week, our new constitution was adopted by the students. The only thing that remains to be done to make it official is to have it ratified by members of the Constitutional Revision Committee (that means those boneheads have to sign it.) If they dont, some wise guy might decide to invoke Article 20, Section 1 on SGA. (Chief Justice may suspend operations of SGA...)

6. student involvement--"I am confident that the SGA can gain input from students so as to accommodate every one's tastes in student activities."

Incidentally, my tastes during student activities run from Genny to Miller to Molson. Be that as it may, though, I think there is more involvement than last year. For example, approximately 85% of the student organizations attended one or both of the Student Leadership conference held during Fall and Winter terms. One might even go so far as to say "Leadership of registered and unregistered student organizations provided initiative to their membership for active student participation in activities that directly affected the campus community." I love it.

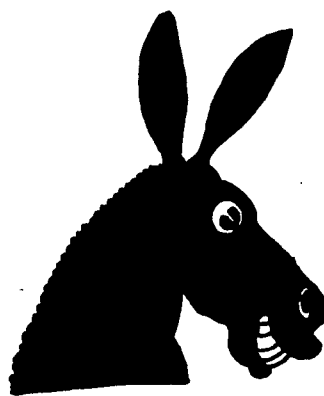
7. renovation of Vendorville--"Vendorville is an area of much student activity. Hopefully, it can be made into a more attractive student area."

Great job! A good SGA must be most unselfish. They must realize that they'll never see the fruits of many of their labors. Vendorville exemplifies this attitude in our outgoing SGA. I believe Rosanne was most responsible for getting Provost Eddy (head honcho University dude) to see the value of a renovation. He reciprocated her enthusiasm by making sure that \$140,000 was allocated to this project.

And there you have it (pant, pant!)

Who says politicians make idle promises they can't keep? I promised last spring that I would monitor Student Government performance, and so I have. Miss Bronson and staff may expect the same treatment next year. Congratulations to President Rosanne, Secretary Michelle, Treasurer "Johnny Fatz," and, yes, even you Vice-President Dave. I ask no thanks nor expect any, but only that you remember, I remain

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Ask A Stupid Question...

By Bill Neil And Dave Caruso

Messrs. Neil and Caruso,

How many strawberries are there at Strawberry Square in Harrisburg?
Southern York County Grower

Dear S.Y.C.G.,

What a jam you got us into!

In the interest of better serving the campus community, we journeyed to the picturesque place in question to come up with an answer.

Our first count resulted in a total of 28,375,419 berries. A second count revealed only 28,375,418.

Saints preserve us!

By the way, the reason that we didn't have a third--and deciding--count is that the job is too tedious. If only someone would find a strawberry shortcut...

Gentlemen:

How many people know how to get to the Bat Cave?

Police Chief Gordon

Dear Copper,

How many bats know how to get to the People Place?

Better yet, how many chiroptera know your home address? We only ask this because we were wondering how the attendance will be at their reunion, held annually in your belfry.

Like Wow Man,

Like what kinds of drugs should I do before, during, and after exams, man?

Smokey the Bong

Dear Smokey,

If you have to Kram for a damn X-am, Sam, Damn! That's mean to need the drug scene, man. Our advice is to stick with Kaffeine and the Koffee bean. Like wow, man!

Dear Sirs,

In light of the recent assassination attempt on President Reagan, and the resulting injuries to White House Press Secretary James Brady and two officers of the law--men who unselfishly sacrificed their well-being for the leader of our great nation--please give me your opinion of such courageous individuals.

Shell Shocked

Dear Shell Shocked,

We hereby commend the two officers of the law who performed their duties to the utmost degree of excellence.

As for the unfortunate Jim Brady, if he had half a mind, he'd quit the job tomorrow.

Dear Bill & Dave,

Pray tell me, dear sirs, what is the difference between a Keggar and a party? There seems to be much confusion on this issue, and I am sore afraid that I will ask Ms. Branigan for the wrong thing when I reserve the Student Center.

Genny Miller

Dear Genny,

A Keggar is chaos revolving around havoc; a party is havoc revolving around chaos.

Good luck in acquiring the Student Center for your festivities. We heard that many students have reservations about distinguishing between the two.

Gentlemen:

As your readers should well know by now, I am no great fan of University Park. In fact, I am thoroughly disenchanted with what they try to pass off as a "learning institution." Who are they trying to kid?

Why, it takes me half a day to get from my first morning class to the next one, and that's my short walk. Come to think of it, it takes Greg Luzinski less time to round the bases.

When they built this joint, why did they make it so damn vast? I mean, I heard of "from sea to shining sea," but this is ridiculous!

Bob Antonini

Happy Valley Correspondent

Dear Bobby,

Funny that you should complain about the enormity of UP. Quite to the contrary, we here many people complain that it's not big enough, referring to it as a "half-vast" operation.

Dear Bill and Dave,

Why does Pat Murphy insist on living in the 60's, while everyone else is living in the 80's?

An alumnus

Dear alum,

We don't mean to confuse you, but according to Murphy's Second Law of Thermodynamics: "Confusion is always increasing in society. Only if someone or something works extremely hard can this confusion be reduced to order in a limited region. Nevertheless, this effort will still result in an increase in the total confusion of society at large."

Judging by the questions we've received so far, there's a good deal of stupidity on this campus. Please keep them coming. You can drop off any questions you may have at the C.C. READER Office or give them to one of us. Your help is greatly appreciated.

