

Letters to the Editor

From Minnesota With Love

Editor:

This letter is in response to the "Sports Scoop" column appearing in your 14 May 1981, Volume 14, No. 4 issue. It is not meant to be complimentary in nature, and should be regarded as a professional's expert critical analysis of the so-called sports column which is stated as being the first official column from these authors. (And hopefully the last.)

To begin with, does the title "Sports Scoop: An Inside Look" mean that only indoor sports are covered in the column? Perhaps the "inside look" is meant in reference to taking a look inside the heads of the authors, which undoubtedly would be an exercise in futility for anyone searching for something other than vegetable matter. Enough of this, let's get into the real literary quality of the column.

The authors very conveniently list the Nittany Lion football schedule so that all interested fans may be informed as to who and where the Lions play. This is good information to have in a sports column, except for one small point. It's going to be one hell of a tough game for the Nittany Lions on October 3. Not to mention the chaos there will be in the stands, as fans try to figure out who is winning, the Lions, Tigers, or Owls. That's right, you jerks, the Nittany Lions are playing the Temple Owls on Oct 3, and hopefully only the Temple Owls. I have direct information from Joe that Missouri was dropped, and that the Lions will play Temple Oct. 3 in Beaver Stadium. Now, I realize that the authors may not have the latest line on the games, but this information was known amongst football fans a month before their column came out. So what's with this misinformation? Do you realize the pandemonium, rioting, looting, burning, and pillaging that will probably occur

because of such ignorance? All the Temple fans who read the C.C. Reader will never know that their team will be playing the Lions, and so they'll miss the game. If that's not bad enough, consider all the Missouri C.C. Reader subscribers who will journey by land, sea, and air to University Park, only to find out that their Tigers are not playing Penn State. Heaven forbid that the football teams themselves should be involved in this mix-up. Lions may end up playing the wrong team, both teams, or no team at all because of the stupidity of two crass C.C. Reader sports editors.

As if they hadn't ruined Penn State's football season enough, the authors then bring up the Lions' questionable loss to Alabama in the 1979 Sugar Bowl. Questionable? Yes, indeed. The third "unsuccessful" run of the "four consecutive unsuccessful running plays" was not all that unsuccessful. Films show that, although all of Matt Suhey did not cross the goal line, his arms and the football did. But, since Joe Paterno is a good competitor, (although he did argue with the refs at the time) he just passed it off as being a bad call and part of the game, and declined to comment further. The reason I make this point is not to condemn the authors for mentioning the game, but for their criticism of Coach Paterno's call, which in reality was a good one.

Their NHL prediction may be true, but I consider it blasphemy for even thinking--let alone printing--that anyone could beat the North Stars, (for one obvious reason) especially the scum of the NHL, the New York Islanders. (For readers of the C.C. Reader and the mentally deficient authors, the obvious reason is that the author of this letter is from Minnesota and remembers the MTM show.)

As to their claim of influence on a prominent publication, (namely, Time magazine) well, just keep on dreaming. To set the record straight, Time got the idea to put Billy Martin on its cover from the New York Times, which ran an

article about him over a week before their column.

Our campus sports column is acceptable, but I feel it belongs in its own little trivia page somewhere. I cannot dispute any of the statements about the Capitol Campus sports scene, mainly because I don't know about it and don't care to know about it. I didn't even know there was a Capitol Campus until the TMI accident, when we sent a reporter there to check on the effects on the nearby human population. I think that all the executives of Met-Ed should be sent to electric chairs (powered, of course, by their own company) for the horrible mess they made of Capitol Campus and its students. It is disgusting to all of us to have to look at such a waste.

As for this Bill Neil, whoever he is, I don't think they have the right to call him a dummy. I consider that libelous and slanderous. Besides, what is so dumb about waiting for your mother to call you, unless you enjoy paying long distance phone bills. A few years back, I tied my mother to the bumper of my '58 Dodge pickup and drove down the road at a high rate of speed. Don't worry though, I remembered to give her plenty of rope so she would drag and bounce far enough behind the truck for me to see her when I looked in the mirror. I drove about ten miles, to be sure that I had given her her "Last Rides," and that she wasn't kicking any more. What the hell, it was Mother's Day, right? Everybody's day must come, so hers did.

One more piece of constructive criticism. The sports column devotes a whole paragraph to this Harry Moyer. In the paragraph, the authors claim that Harry Moyer had no journalistic experience. After reading this paper, I don't doubt it. In two questions, I believe there are mistakes. The second question should read, "Did you care to know that there really is someone named Harry H. Moyer?" In the third question, I think the word "well" should be omitted. As for the fourth and fifth questions, if Harry is an engineer, I would think that he would drive a train, not a Pinto.

In closing, I will say that I'm looking forward to your next issue, in which the El Candido Worm Race will be covered. This event is precisely the C.C. Reader sports column's speed. Even if the race isn't covered, this letter will be in the paper, thus making it a worthwhile publication.

Lou Grunt
The Trib

P.S. To paraphrase a quote, Remember, know matter how; you eat it. It's still dorm food?

We Faired Well

Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank many students and staff who volunteered their time and energies to making this year's Health Fair a success. My special thanks to the members of Phi Beta Lambda, who co-sponsored the fair. You were not only responsible workers who did whatever was required whenever needed, but you also displayed an enthusiasm that was greatly appreciated. I would also like to say thank you to P.B.L. Advisor Kathy Laverty for her many contributions, particularly her artistic flair in the design of the handouts, posters, and the Middletown Square banner. I look forward to working with all of you next year.

Thanks also to the following:

- G. Emslie and his crew of balloon blowers.

- All the clowns--I hope you enjoyed yourselves as much as everyone enjoyed you. You certainly added color to the fair. Speaking of color, I hope it will some day wear off.

- Betty VanShura, Earlette Slaughter, Kathy Branigan for making clown suits, and Joanne Meinsler for making the trim.

- Kathy and Lois of Student Activities for varied contributions.

- Student volunteers at the State Health Center.

- Those who spent their Saturday working on the large banner.

- The C.C. Reader and the Campus Relations Office for the publicity.

- The maintenance crew for set up. You've all made this year's fair an enjoyable experience. Thanks once again.

Jean H. Kresge, R.N.

Wumke Takes a Turn For The Verse

Editor:

It's been real. Congratulations, seniors! You've actually made it. Although it's very trite and unoriginal, I can't think of anything else to say. So I wish you the very best, 'cause anyone who makes it through this place deserves at least that. It was real nice to know you or know of you. I'm sure that you all left an impression on my life, and I hope my words have left at least a little bit of a mark on at least a couple of you.

The smallmouth bass are biting in the river down at Falmouth (below TMI). Crayfish-colored lures, spinners, and minnows are your best bet. Trout fishing success has been sporadic at best for ole' Leonard this spring. Think I'll stick to bass, 'cause May and June are probably about the best time of the year to catch them. So much for fishin'.

It's been a really good--no, a GREAT year--here at C.C. in the heart of beautiful South-central Pennsylvania. We've shared a few drinks, a few laughs, a couple problems; but in the end, we've all come through. And we're better for it.

I would also like to congratulate you juniors for making it through the year. My associates and I hope to see most of you back in September. We'll even buy you a few down at Thirsty's.

I don't like long good-byes, so I'll end with a verse from a poem that a very dear friend of mine wrote last year at graduation:

"... And so my friends, as this year ends and now it's time to part, I hope you read this little creed and keep it in your heart. Please do not alter and never falter in striving for these ends; Just hold that smile and stay awhile, and be the best of friends."

That's it. See you seniors at graduation. I'll be the guy with the hat. I'll see some others at the concert to end all concerts on June 20 in the City of Brotherly Love. And as for the rest of you survivors, until next fall, I remain

LEONARD WUMKE

P.S. It's been real.



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