

Letters to the Editor

Wumke's Welcomed Welcome

Editor:

Welcome to Penn State Capitol Campus, all you junior-type persons. Glad to see you again, all you returnees (only one more year in this joint!). Wumke here at your service once again.

To anyone new around here, allow me to introduce myself. My name is LEONARD WUMKE (all capitals, no middle name or initial). In the spring of 1980, I was an unsuccessful candidate for SGA President. The person who defeated me by only a few hundred votes, Roseanne Rosenberger, went on to become one of the best damn student leaders this campus ever had. Since my loss I have become a watchdog over SGA and general campus activities. I criticize, I praise, I make suggestions. Besides campus stuff, I like to talk about bars, sports, the outdoors, and interesting things to see and do here in beautiful, historic south-central Pennsylvania. But enough of tooting my own horn. Let's get down to the business at hand.

Bass fishing in the Susquehanna is very good at this writing. Small, minnow-type lures seem to be the favorite bait. While I won't divulge my favorite spot, I will mention that the stretch of river above the Pennsylvania Fish Commission's Falmouth Access Area is an excellent location. To get to Falmouth, proceed south on Rte. 441 about two or three miles below the TMI observation tower. Watch for a sign on the right in the woods. Falmouth is also a nice area for hiking and photography.

Looking for a good night club in the area? Country Roads, just outside of Hummelstown, features live entertainment six nights a week (not Tuesdays). To get there, take Rte. 230 east from campus. Hang a left at Vine Street in Middletown (Nissley Motors). Stay on that road. Country Roads is just before you get to the Rte. 322 interchange on the left side of the road.

On to SGA. This year's president, Roberta Bronson, and her crew have a tough act to follow. Last year's officers and representatives accomplished most of their stated goals. But I am confident that Roberta will do well. (She finished as second runner-up in the state Dairy Princess Pageant, you know.) Here, in brief, are some of Ms. Bronson's objectives taken from her campaign platform. I will keep you posted on how well they're carried out.

- Improvements in academic advising.
- Increased use of Student Center.
- Fair distribution of SGA funds to chartered clubs.
- Installation of student mailboxes in Main Building.
- Additional typewriters for student use in Main Building.
- Suggestion box to submit student ideas to SGA.

I've heard through the grapevine that work has already been started toward eventual installation of student mailboxes. SGA is trying now to appropriate the necessary funds. Keep up the good work, senators and officers.

I was glad to see that the dead bush at the new campus entrance sign was replaced by a new, green one prior to the start of fall term. Livens things up a bit around here, you know. I also noticed that the dorms have been largely repainted on the inside. Maybe that Mr. Williams isn't as bad as I thought he was.

By the way, I welcome any written comment, responsible or irresponsible, on anything I happen to write. It makes me feel important, i.e., fuels the old ego.

Special footnote to Provost Gross: Thanks for mentioning me at the Leadership Conference. Wumke just might be anywhere you are. Know what I mean? I've got to run now--there's beer to be drunk. Until next I am with you again, I remain

LEONARD WUMKE

Leonard Gets A Letter, Too

Mr. Leonard Wumke:

Thanks for your greetings. It's good to know that you're returning to your role as the conscience of Capitol Campus. I'll look forward to learning from your letters.

Theodore L. Gross
Provost and Dean

Committee Commended

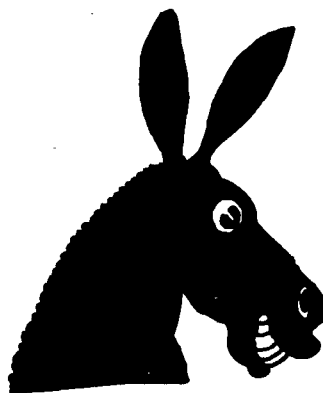
Editor:

This year's orientation for new students was very successful. It is evident that the Orientation Committee, chaired by Tish Whalen, made a significant contribution to Sunday's events. Committee members--identifiable by bright gold T-shirts that read "Ask Me"--were available throughout the day to answer questions about the campus or orientation. The enthusiasm expressed by these people encouraged new and returning Capitol students to become acquainted and begin the year in a positive way. I appreciate the committee's participation and dedication.

James D. South
Director, Student Affairs



R.A. Tina Sterba is surprised by photographer Steve Myers at Stone Valley.



Ask A Stupid Question...

By Bill Neil And Dave Caruso

Dear Sirs:

I am a big movie fan. Recently I saw the current hit "Arthur." Although this movie had a good plot and wonderful cast, I believe that its success can be attributed mainly to its great theme song.

I feel that this has been the case with many recent films. Do you agree with me?

A big flick fan

Dear flick fan:

We feel privileged to hear from "a big movie fan." You see, we thought your type had been replaced by air conditioners long ago.

Yes, we wholeheartedly endorse your theory concerning the theme songs. In fact, there have been many cases in which lesser movies became popular only because of their songs. Why, just last summer we saw "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre." What would have happened to that flick if it weren't for its famous theme song, "The First Time Ever I Sawed Your Face"?

Dear Dynamic Duo:

Why does the mold on my socks in the corner of my room glow in the dark?

Just Wonders Me

Dear Wonders:

Because if it glowed in the light, fool, nobody would notice.

Dear Bill and Dave:

Why does Joe Paterno--who always wears white socks because he doesn't have the intelligence to match colored ones--insist on running up the score when he knows that the Nittany Lion can't count that high to do his pushups?

Bob Antonini
Happy Valley Correspondent

Dear Bobby Socks:

Glad to see you're back in touch with the big C.C. again this year! Hope you had an enjoyable summer away from Happy Valley.

Though it is not our place to question Mr. Paterno's intelligence, we do question his choice of apparel. After all, it takes a lot of guts to stand in front of 80,000 people each week (to say nothing of an occasional national television audience) wearing pants better suited for clam digging. Add to this the Coke bottle glasses and the legendary blue windbreaker--which reflects about as much pizzazz as his offensive game plan--and it becomes obvious that Joe has less in common with Liberace than not knowing how to play a piano.

As to running up the score, we know some good midget teams that are capable of running up the score against the likes of Cincinnati, Boston College, and the other collegiate pigskin powerhouses who make up the bulk of the PSU schedule.

Surfs up, Joe!

Dear Bill and Dave,

What do you do for cockroaches?

Pestered in Meade Heights

Dear Pestered:

If they were your normal, everyday cockroaches, we would suggest a strong insecticide such as D-Con or Roach Hotel.

However, since the little buggers you speak of are the infamous Meade Heights cockroaches, you may as well buy a saddle and ride them to class.

Gentlemen:

Who is Leonard Wumke really? I heard he was drafted by the Phillies to play shortstop for Larry Bowa next year.

Papa Joe

Dear P.J.:

You are apparently under the delusion that Leonard Wumke is not a real person. Citing Exhibit A, which is no more than six inches away from this sentence: He is a watchdog over SGA and general campus activities. He criticizes. He praises. He makes suggestions. He likes to talk about bars. He likes to talk about the outdoors. He likes to talk about interesting things to see and do in beautiful, historic south-central Pennsylvania.

And most of all, he likes to see stooges like you sitting around wasting your time trying to figure out who he is.

By the way, he was drafted by the Phillies, but he was cut three days into spring training. Don't worry, though, there'll always be a place for him on the New York Mets.

We hope you all had a great summer. To quote Dandy Don Meredith, "The party's over!" As you settle into your routine, please keep us in mind. We're always in the market for some good stupid questions, and we try to answer all that we get. So, let's show everyone just how stupid we can be when we put our minds to it!