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Letters to the Editor

Leonard Talks Turkey

Editor:

Here I am with yet another attempt at talking turkey. Excuse me for that feeble attempt at humor. I've been busy all day blowing up those giant animal balloons for that Thanksgiving Day Parade and it is making me quite light-headed. But I guess that's better than being air-headed. Oh, yeah! I'm LEONARD WUMKE joining you for coffee (coke?) break once again.

Speaking of gobblers, ole' LEONARD missed his chance at one in the mountains of beautiful South-central Pennsylvania a few days ago. So now I have to score one of those "Margarine Magic" monstrosities at the Giant. Butter Ball birds can be budget breakers, you know.

One of my sources informs me that the Autumn Buzz Committee received a very nice letter from the "Polka Knights" who performed at our Oktoberfest (or whatever it was called). The Knights were so pleased with our college kids that night and had such a helluva good time they actually want to make a one night stand here again someday. They were just spitting nickels! It seems they had been concerned about being ridiculed during their performance, but we showed 'em just what regular guys (and girls) we are.

Speaking of festivals, wasn't that a lovely "party" for Capitol's 15th birthday we had last Tuesday night? Isn't it just a little ironic that while Tuesday night Keggars were outlawed in the spring of 1979, one high university official was heard to remark at this affair that "We should have a party like this every Tuesday"? Not that I'm complaining, mind you. It just seems funny there's such a broad difference between "parties with beverages" and "beer parties," i.e., Keggars. Incidentally, I was there, Dr. Ted. I was the guy with my hand wrapped around the plastic cup of beverage.

I was pleased to hear that Residence Living is having a mega-successful year so far. That means nothing's getting broken and nobody's getting physically hurt (much). You campus-dwellers are to be commended, especially the fine staff of Resident Assistants always ready to assist residents.

Now I must assume my role as conscience of Capitol Campus. It seems that the Office of Campus Relations is racking its collective brain to think of a good reason to harass C.C. alumni during its second annual Phon-a-thon fundraising drive. Last year they came up with a new entrance sign. Maybe this year it will be a new exit sign right behind the entrance sign. During the current economic downslide, I, for one, think we should spare our graduates this aggravation until we can come up with a better reason for begging. What do y'all think? Or don't you care? Let me know.

In case I don't talk to you 'before finals, good luck in them. And if you stop down at Thirsty's after you're all done, maybe one of my associates will buy you a cold one. Then again, maybe he won't. Either way, be assured that I remain
LEONARD WUMKE

***Editor's Note:** The letter from the Polka Knights to which Mr. Wumke refers was sent to John Pellechia, the Assistant Coordinator of the Residence Living Program. Since it is a reflection on the entire student body, we have reprinted it so that everyone may enjoy it. See next letter.

A Happy Note of Thanks

Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to comment about our engagement to play the Oktoberfest at the Student Center of Capitol Campus on October 17, 1981.

When we arrived and saw only six people, we were told that the night before there had been a packed house, so not to expect much of a turnout. Well, As you know, it was a full house and everyone seemed to have a very good time. I was impressed with the interest shown by about 80 students who volunteered to learn the polka as soon as the instructor called for participants. In truth, we did not know what to expect from the students, and we anticipated many requests for rock & roll, disco, etc. Also, we were expecting catcalls or some kind of disrespect. None of this happened, as the students were really well-behaved and quite courteous at all times. As crowded as the room was, there was no difficulty in moving about for food and drink or to go to the restroom. The response to our music was terrific, and we sure appreciated it.

I also want to commend the people who helped clean up after the dance. Before we were packed up, all the decorations were down, and the floor was being swept and mopped as we were leaving. We also had assistance in carrying our equipment in and out. Everyone acted as adults and I want to thank them for it. Most times you only hear about the wrongs done and never the good things. I would be very proud and happy to play any time to your group. Thanks for having us and thanks for the nice evening.

Frank Tittiger
The Polka Knights

What's Going On Here?

Editor:

I know that this part of the paper is used for gripes, and by all means this is one. My co-sports editor and roommate Darrell Reider and have been subjected to a lot of harassment due to what we have printed in the paper. Darrell and I are the sports editors, and the entire sports staff. We both carry a full 12 credit schedule like all "full-timers" and in addition to that, we are both involved in other activities. Darrell is the Chief Justice of the Student Court, and I am Music Director for WNDR.

What we write in our columns, is what we feel is important enough. A couple of weeks ago, when intramural football was just getting under way, some of the players argued that they were getting no press coverage. My rebuttal to that was, if "God" had wanted more intramural football coverage, he would of given me a staff!

During the next couple of weeks, when I would name some students in my column, that particular student would come back to me all "ticked-off." If a student can't take it all in fun, then his sense of humor has much to be desired. But in the United States Constitution

Caf Gaffe

In another landmark (literally) decision to perpetuate anonymity and mediocrity on Capitol Campus, Provost and Dean Dr. Theodore Gross has selected the name "The Lion's Den" for the newly remodeled Vendorville cafeteria area.

"The Lion's Den" is one of the several names among the 260 submitted which could be used to name a cafeteria, lounge, or restroom on any of Penn. State's many campuses.

What would have been wrong with selecting a name which contained "Capitol" or "C.C."? More than 30 names in this category were submitted and any one of them would be a small step toward emphasizing the unique place of Capitol Campus among the educational monolith that is The Pennsylvania State University.

Oh well. No sense fuming about a decision well made. I guess I'll just shuffle down to Vendorville (Oops!, "The Lion's Den") and have a nice milkshake. Hold the flavoring; I like mine plain.

--Neil Gussman

Capitol 500

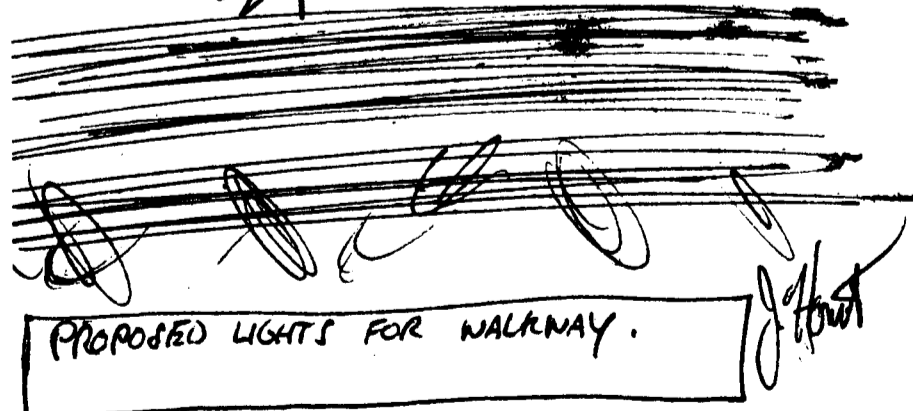
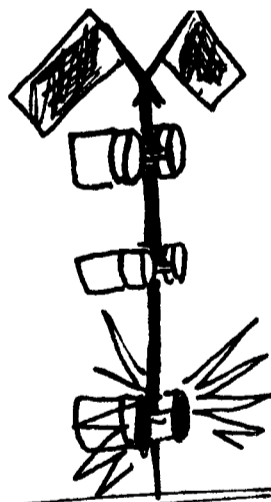
Responding to student and faculty expressions of concern, the Office of Safety and Student Services has announced that approximately \$500 will be spent for the installation of 20 signs to be erected at the pedestrian crosswalks around campus. The cost includes the signs themselves, the stakes, and the installation fee.

This is all well and good, and the Office is to be commended for its efforts to protect the well-being of Capitol's many peripatetic students.

What is deplorable, however, are the motorists who fail to acknowledge the pedestrian crossing signs which are already clearly painted at the appropriate places on the campus' roads. These thoughtless drivers speed around the place with maniacal tendencies which would surely be admired at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Indeed, many of these crazies are so hell-bent on getting out of here that a herd of elephants ambling across the road directly in their line-of-escape would fail to slow them down.

Unquestionably, the \$500 spent for the new signs is a sound investment. But it is also an unnecessary investment if the motorists around here would only drive with the common sense that should be expected of college students.

--William J. Neil



First Amendment gives writers such as the Sports Editors "freedom of the press." We are not trying to inferiorate anyone, just trying to please everyone. Trying to please certain intramural bowling teams and certain intramural football teams (shall remain nameless) is like telling Alexander Haig it's not his turn to run the country, yet.

So, in conclusion, to the students who enjoy our sports column, I commend you. But to those very few people who seem to thrive on antagonizing everyone, "Cut us a break"! If we were only meant to please you... write about the New York Yankees and Boston Bruins.
Kevin Spiegel