

Letters To The Editor

WUMKE Pops The Question

Editor:

And now for the contest you've all been waiting for with bated breath—the Second Annual LEONARD WUMKE Teddy Bear and Duck Bath Contest! The rules are as follows: All current students of Capitol Campus are eligible to win; Entries are due at the C.C. Reader Office (W-129) by February 21st; Entries must contain language of reasonably good taste; Winner will receive a case of Yuengling Beer. What do I have to do to win, you ask? Very simple. Come up with the best interpretation (in my impartial judgment) of the following anecdote:

Once upon a time, a Teddy Bear and a Duck were taking a bath together. The Teddy Bear said to the Duck, "Pass me the soap," and the Duck said, "What do you think I am—a radio?"

So there you have it. Slide your entry under the office door by Feb. 28th for your chance to win. Now, on to less serious topics.

If any of you aspiring photographers out there are looking for interesting subject matter, check out some of the really neat ice structures on the banks of our very own Susquehanna River. The most impressive jams I've seen are next to the Boro of Royalton (the first town south of Middletown on Rte. 441).

Looking for something to do this weekend? The Eastern Sports and Outdoor Show is taking place at the Farm Show Building on Cameron Street in Harrisburg. Exhibitors come from all over the country so you can scope out the latest in hunting, fishing, camping, and other outdoor equipment.

I'm glad to hear SGA is working on designing a Commuter Center in the Main Building. It should greatly enhance communications with those people who make up the greatest percentage of our student body, the people who drive here every day. If work on this one project is started this year, SGA will have accomplished something worthwhile.

Well, boys and girls, it's time for ole' LEONARD to score some sleep. There are mega finals to take and parties to attend before term's end. Don't forget about the Teddy Bear and Duck Bath Contest. Until bears talk to ducks, I remain

LEONARD WUMKE

Cruelty To Animals?

Editor:

As a loyal fan and member of the Zoo (third floor Wisberg Hall), I feel it is my obligation to voice the opinion of many of us who feel it is unfair the way the C.C. Reader has been treating us.

After winning the Autumn Buzz Volleyball Tournament, there were an incredible two sentences congratulating us! Later in the Fall Term the Zoo won the interdorm football tournament, shutting out our first two opponents and outscoring all of the teams by a total of 58 points to 12! For this we received absolutely no recognition from the C.C. Reader.

By reading the back page of the last issue of your paper, anyone can see that the Zoo is once again dominating other teams. Our basketball team is 2-0, our volleyball team is 1-0, and our bowling team is 8-0!

Never again will there be a team at this campus which can say it has never lost an athletic event to any other team. I think it is about time the C.C. Reader realizes that the Zoo is a truly great floor and gives us the recognition we rightly earned and deserve!

Name Withheld upon request

•Editor's Note: Since this letter was submitted, the Zoo, representing the upper quarters of the AAA certified Wisberg Estates, lost two consecutive intramural games. The five-man bowling squad (actually the top bowler resides in the neighboring complex) dropped the final match last Wednesday night. Then, one week ago in a battle of the unbeaten, Fubar downed the beasts. So much for Capitol Campus history.

Goodness Gracious!

Editor:

I have been an avid reader of the Philadelphia Journal ever since its inception in 1977 and I thoroughly enjoyed Mr. William Neil's editorial entitled "Goodbye to a Friend" in your last issue.

This editorial brought back memories of when a group of my friends and I would gather round and enjoy reading the bizarre (and I mean bizarre!) headlines that the Journal would print.

The Journal had a real flair for the absurd. I believe that the editors would sift through AP and UPI news stories, searching for that one radically absurd, gory article. I loved it! It was a nice change from the New York Times.

Your editorial should touch the hearts of anyone who has ever been connected with a newspaper. When writing for a newspaper, no matter how large or small it is, it's sad to see a fellow newspaper suffer such an unfortunate death.

Mr. Neil has captured the essence of what the Philadelphia Journal was in an honest and well written editorial.

Thanks.

C. Wagner

A Shot At The Coach

Editor:

This is in response to statements made in a column entitled "The Coach" appearing in the January 28 issue of the C.C. Reader.

In one paragraph of that column sub-titled "Another Non-Sport," The Coach asks what kind of human being would traipse through the woods, just waiting for a chance to gun down a defenseless animal. I don't really know, Coach, what kind of human being would do that, for that is not hunting. But I do know what kind of a person can be a hunter. A Scoutmaster can be a hunter. A church lector and choir member can be a hunter. A resident assistant can be a hunter. An organizer of a campus fraternal organization can be a hunter. A sports editor of this very paper can be a hunter. A person who just likes to help other people can be a hunter. For you see, Coach, I either was, or am currently, all of those things. And I have always been—and hope to always be—a hunter.

When The Coach writes that "Hunting is not a sport," he is partially correct. For many of us who hunt, it is much more than a sport. It is a traditional way of life which many from rural areas have followed since adolescence and which we intend to follow the rest of our lives. I will not defend hunting, since it needs no defense. The human race has hunted in some shape or form since its origin. Of course, the main difference is that now hunting is considered a privilege rather than a necessity. But the fact remains that hunting is a perfectly human thing to do.

No, Coach, I do not need hunting to prove my manhood. I prove it in my writing by choosing not to categorize broad groups of people as "bad" or "good." And I prove it by talking and writing only on things in which I possess knowledge. While everyone is entitled to his or her personal opinion, when it comes to columns in a newspaper, I agree with Mr. Pellett's letter which appeared in the January 28 issue. Mr. Pellett stated that if you're going to have an official column, you'd better have facts rather than emotions to back yourself up.

Recalling the thousands of words I have written for this paper, and the hundreds of hours of personal time I have put into it, I don't mind saying that I feel more than a little hurt and betrayed that the present editors even allowed this type of libelous attack on my person (and other hunters) to appear. It does indeed lower the integrity of this publication.

I sincerely hope this type of yellow journalism will not be permitted in the future.

Very truly yours,

Anthony D. Gladfelter

1979-80 Sports Editor, C.C. Reader

•Editor's Note: We admit that the Coach's assessment of hunting was a little exaggerated and perhaps oversimplified. However, the column was written facetiously, and no offense was intended. (A little indignation, perhaps, but certainly no offense!)

As to Mr. Gladfelter's expression of dissatisfaction that the article was even allowed to be printed in the first place, we offer the following explanation: The remarks in no way constitute "a libelous attack" on anyone. Under the Law of Fair Comment and Criticism (Hoeppner v. Dunkirk Pr. Co., 254 N.Y. 95), The Coach was entirely within his journalistic rights. Quoting the Law, "Everyone has a right to comment on matters of public interest and concern, provided they do so fairly and with an honest purpose. Such comments or criticism are not libelous, however severe in their terms, unless they are written maliciously." Knowing the benevolent character who is The Coach, we assure you that the remarks in question were NOT written maliciously. So you see, The Coach's remarks are no more libelous than are your allegations of "yellow journalism" tendencies being practiced in the Reader.

We think that you yourself are a bit unfair when you question The Coach's knowledge of his subject. It is our firm belief that The Coach knows more about sports than you—or we, for that matter—can ever hope to.

Thank you for offering your opinion on this matter; we assure you that The Coach will do likewise in his next column. Right, Coach?

PLAY TIME

"The Belle of Amherst," a play based on the life of Emily Dickinson, will be presented on Friday and Saturday, February 19 and 20 at 8 p.m. in the Student Center. Theresa L. Guerrisi, a graduate student in the humanities division, will present this one-woman theater production as a completion of her studies for a Master of Arts in Humanities degree.

Admission is free and the public is cordially invited to attend. For more information, contact the Campus Relations Office at 948-6000.

A FIRM APPOINTMENT

Trustees of the Pennsylvania State University recently appointed the architectural firm of Hayes, Large, Suckling, and Fruth, of Altoona and Harrisburg to design the proposed science and technology laboratory building at Capitol Campus. The appointment came after the trustees heard the report and recommendations of the University's architect/engineer selection subcommittee.

News Briefs

EVERY CLUB AFFECTED

The SGA has recently passed two resolutions that will affect every club on campus. The first requires all clubs to submit to the Finance Committee a "tentative" proposed budget for funds remaining in restricted accounts. The deadline for this submission is March 1, 1982.

The second resolution will affect all clubs as it is a procedure for requesting funds from the SGA. Any club requesting additional funds is now required to submit the proposal to the SGA treasurer before Wednesday of the week prior to making the actual proposal to the SGA. After the proposal is made and a Finance Committee recommendation is given, the SGA will have one week to make a decision regarding the proposal before voting. This procedure is effective February 15, 1982.

If there are any questions about these two resolutions, please feel free to contact SGA Treasurer Karen Kurek.

HEART MONTH

February is Heart Month. Do something nice for the one you love—Learn C.P.R.

Classes in Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation are being taught by the Health Service. Contact the nurses in W-102 for either day or evening classes. There is no charge.

LION'S DEN OPEN UNTIL 8 P.M.

Th Lion's Den will remain open until 8:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday on a temporary basis.

If there is enough business to make the experiment worthwhile, the late hours will be continued permanently. So far, the amount of business conducted in the evening has been sufficient.

ON THE WALL

Leo Burnette and Melvin Durden are local black artists who are exhibiting their works of art in the Gallery Lounge. Leo Burnette's media is pastels, mixed media and pen & ink. Melvin Durden's media is pen & ink.

MEDICAL HISTORY FORMS

If you know (or have any doubt) that you have not turned in your Medical History Forms to the Health Service Office, please contact the nurse immediately to correct this matter.

Failure to comply could result in a hold being placed on your ability to register, so act today!