

# Asking Around

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## Thank-You For That Early Present!

I love Christmas. I love the decorations, the cookies, the carols and the excited children standing starry-eyed staring at Santa in the mall. I love the giving and even, heaven forbid, the shopping. But I guess the part I like best is getting to see my whole family together at one time.

We all have a lot for which to be thankful. Many times throughout the year people do nice things for us, but how many times do we really take the time to say thank-you, and really mean it.

This leads me to my purpose, and gives me an opportunity to say thank-you for the early present I received this Christmas season. When I volunteered to take over the fallen *Capital Times* last summer, I knew nothing of running a newspaper, let alone laying it out.

A meeting was held the first week of school and people actually showed up to join the staff. Not only did they show up but every one there that day is still on the staff today.

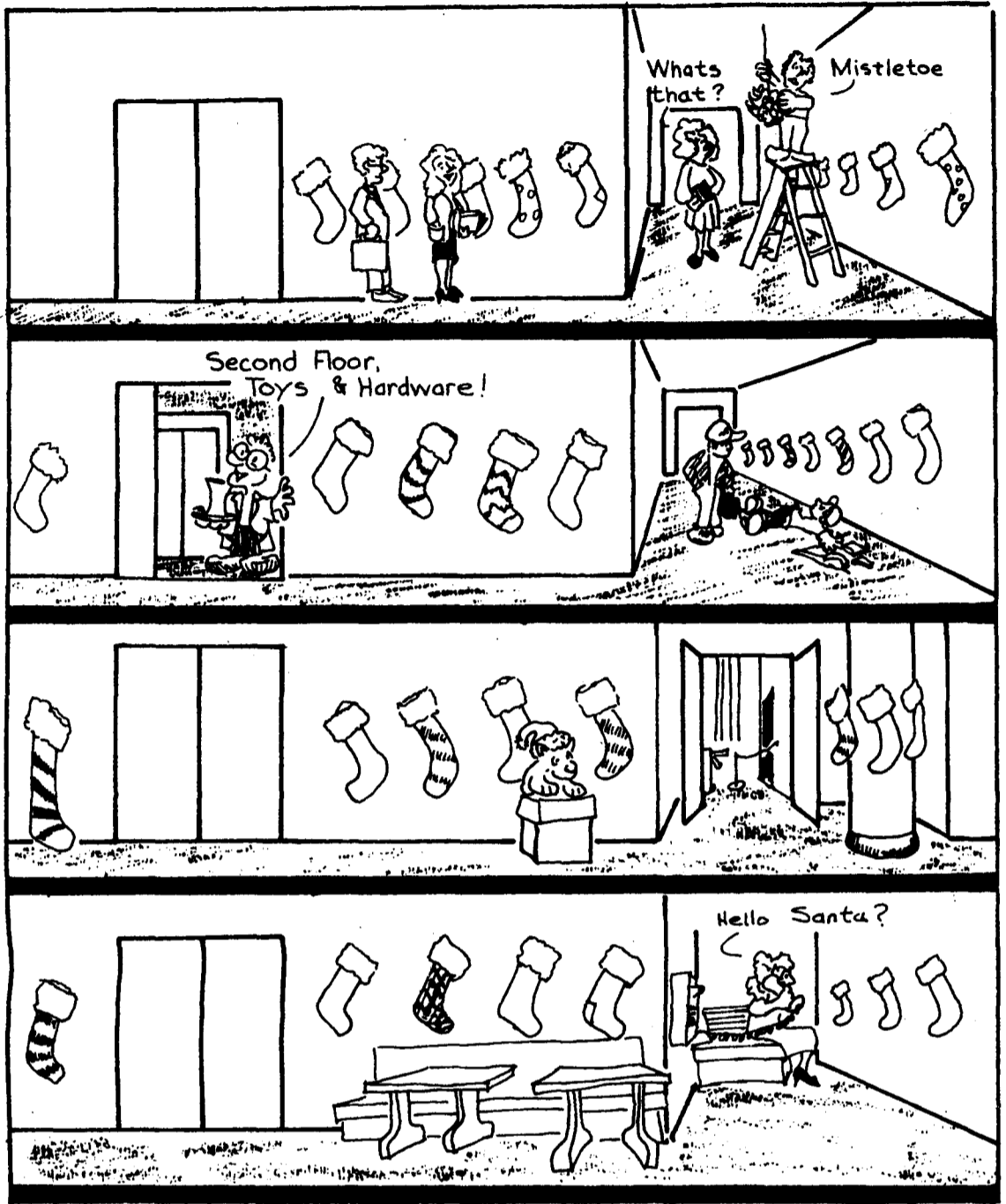
I received the gift of commitment from these people. They all carry full class loads, some work and some are parents, but when they said they would write a story for the next issue, or sell ads, or bill the advertisers or draw cartoons, or take pictures, they did it.

So to this super staff of hardworking people, I thank you for your interest and time. There is no better gift that you could have given me.

Giving a gift to someone should not be an obligation, but an opportunity to show how much that person means to you. It's not the gift itself that is important, but the thought behind it, right?

As a special request from your editor, I ask you to turn to the staff box on page two, and read the names of the people on the *Capital Times*. As your gift to them, take the time to seek them out and tell them how much you appreciate the work they are doing. They'll be pleased to hear from you.

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Kupec 12-86

Congratulations to our staff cartoonist, Joe Kupec. His work has been appearing at State College in the *Weekly Collegian* throughout this semester.



## What do you want for Christmas?

Photos by Sylvia Johnson  
Interviews by Al Pincus



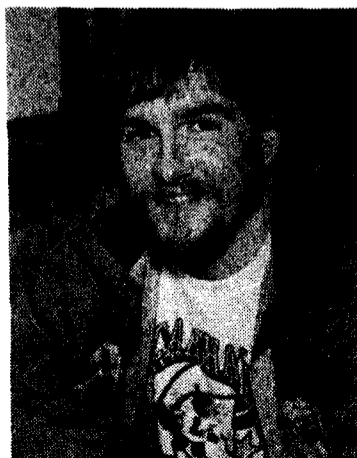
Jeanette Brinker  
SGA President  
Humanities

"I want books, Russian history or literature."



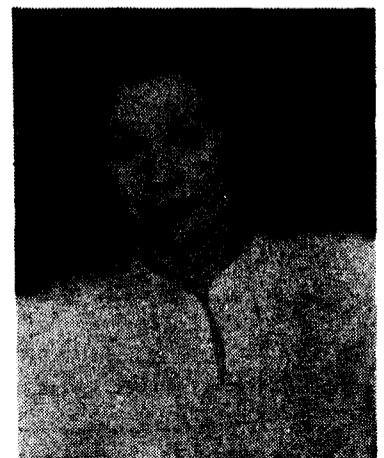
Margo Lally  
Management

"A new car and a job."



Randy Haldeman  
Engineering Technology

"I want Miami to kick Penn State's ass."



Kimberly McLaren  
Management

"None of that Joy to the World Stuff. I want a Mercedes and a full length lynx coat."