

## Ask Mr. Foster

I want to say a few words about teaching.

I'm always amazed when people, usually older people, say that the country is going down the drain. That the youth of today is less responsible than the last generation and the gloom and doom that will follow when these people have positions of power. I think Socrates quoted those of his time saying the same thing.

Teachers do not say this. It is an honor for me to stand before a class and attempt to pass on some of what I have learned in my lifetime. There are those moments when we all learn from each other. And that look when a new thought comes to mind, when you can tell you are reaching them. It is as exhilarating as any downhill or free fall.

Teaching is different from any other job I have ever had (and I have had numerous jobs). It is a calling. You do not do it for the money, especially as a part-timer. Your reward is measured more than in dollars. It is a Johnny Appleseed factor, but instead of trees you are sowing ideas and concepts. You are taking part in the creation of the future and it is an awesome responsibility.

I really like and enjoy my students. All of those individual personalities. I wonder why they take a given class (especially when it is not required). I think a good teacher is more than someone who just discusses the text and then gives quizzes. A good teacher can be asked for directions in more than just a class, but approaches to that time frame with all the variables. The future.

Our society has allowed the college degree to become the minimum credential in a lot of areas and I'm not sure it is a good idea. We issue credits, but a good teacher assists in creating thinkers.

As I look at fellow faculty, 90 percent of them feel as I do. They are dedicated professionals. My perspective comes from being able to view similar departments at the same time. I teach communications classes at Penn State/Harrisburg, Shippensburg and Elizabethtown. There is a common thread at these institutions. The students really do come first, these people view education as a sacred trust, something that carries us from here to there.

I guess my point is that I am proud to be doing what I am doing and that the future is in good hands.

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If you haven't caught the most recent offering at Harrisburg Community Theatre you are missing a gem. It is a Woody Allen comedy, "Play it Again, Sam." Particularly strong is Les Zeiders as Bogart. Zeiders brings the screen idol to life better than most and the sharp dialogue as he coaches Allan Felix (played by Craig Stouffer) is a pleasure to experience.

I read the review of this play by Tony Perry of the Sunday-Patriot News who was less than complementary of the work. Frankly, I don't know where that paper gets its reviewers. Sharon Johnson is not a mainstream movie-goer and Perry writes like he just started going to live performances a month ago. Get someone who enjoys more than the heavy stuff. They can't all be Fanny and Alexander or The Crucible.

Play It Again, Sam runs through April 12 and you can make reservations by calling HCT at 238-7381.

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This is one of those things you should clip and put in your wallet. It is the only wise thing that Calvin Coolidge ever said and I rediscovered it in Inquirer Magazine last Sunday. "Persistence. Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination are omnipotent.

Is that true, or what.

By Alan Foster

## ASM to Host Forum on Software Piracy and Computer Fraud

By Kathleen Riley-King

Penn State at Harrisburg's student chapter of ASM (Association for Systems Management) invites everyone on campus to attend a forum on software piracy and computer fraud in educational institutions. A video will be shown, and someone from the administration will speak on the university's position on the subject. The forum will be held later this month. The date of the forum will be posted on the calendar outside the Computer Center.

## Camilli On Sports

By Mike Camilli

The college basketball season ended with a bang last Monday as Indiana edged Syracuse by one point. Even though Syracuse lost, they played an exceptional game with an all-star performance by the young freshman from Michigan, Derrick Coleman. But the most spectacular performance was by Bobby Knight, who didn't lose his temper the entire game.

On the regional level, the Capital Campus basketball team (12-11 for the regular season) took third place in post-season conference action. Brian Gauger was named "Coach of the Year" by the conference after leading the team to its best season since the mid-1970s.

The campus baseball team is off to a fantastic start with a record of 10-1. The team is led by tri-captains Greg Kindeg (catcher), Frank Popp (short stop, pitcher), and Brian Ritz (first base). The team's victories include a

spectacular extra-innings win against St. Mary's in Maryland. The team is coached by Ron Melchiorre.

Well, the professional basketball season will soon be coming to a close. A lot of people have been asking me who's going to win the NBA Championship. The answer is the Detroit Pistons in seven games over the Lakers. Now picking the Stanley Cup winner is tougher, but I'm going to say it will be the Red Wings over the Flyers in six. And as long as I'm giving out predictions, for the World Series it will be the Tigers over the Phillies, despite the Lance Parrish trade.

For all you runners, the Mid-dletown Lions' four-mile run is coming up on April 11. The race starts at the Londonderry fire hall at 9:00 a.m.

And, finally, this week's "Sportsman of the Week" goes to Hulk Hogan, who slammed and pinned the 7' 4", 565 lb. Andre the Giant. Whether it's fixed or not, that's some kind of feat.

## Las Vegas Nite To Be Held At Penn State

Las Vegas Nite will be held at Penn State, Harrisburg on Thursday, April 16 from 6:00 to 9:00 in the CUB.

There will be 14 exciting gambling tables (black jack, roulette wheel, dice wheel, etc.), food, mock drinks, entertainment and many fabulous prizes! The prize auction will be held at 9:00 PM. Admission is \$2.50. Tickets will be available at the door.

The event is sponsored by the following student groups on campus: Circle K, Beta Chi Business Club, The Capital Marketing Club, Pi Sigma Chi and WNDR Radio Club. All proceeds will benefit the Tri-County United Way. So come on out and support a worthy cause and have some fun at the same time! Las Vegas Nite is open to the public.

## XGI Spring Blood Drive

Since 1968 the Chi Gamma Iota Fraternity (XGI) has maintained a donor group membership with the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank. The membership was established for the benefit of the Capital College community, which includes students, faculty, and staff. To remain a member donor organization, a quota for donations must be met each year. Now is your chance to help us meet the quota for 1987. The XGI's are sponsoring a Spring Blood Drive in cooperation with the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank. The CPBB will arrive Wednesday, April 15, to take donations from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Gallery Lounge. The XGI's will supply refreshments. If you have given before, we thank you and ask you to give again. If not, please consider doing so to help continue a long-standing tradition.

\$60.00 PER HUNDRED PAID for remailing letters from home! Send self-addressed, stamped envelope for information/application. Associates, Box 95B, Roselle, NJ 07203.

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