

OP-ED

More Letters

promotes student activities and cultural programs, and introduces some of the "characters" who make life at Capital memorable. The last issue of the *Capital Times* did all those things well.

The layout, photographs, coverage of campus events, reviews, sport stories, even the documentation of "Harv's" hole-in-one were first rate. I did smile at the caption in the "Photos" section that had Shanell R. Woods flipping over some poor "abnormal psyche."

I hope that everyone who reads this issue realizes what an outstanding job you and your staff have done. The *Capital Times* deserves the respect and support of all the Penn State Harrisburg community.

William J. Mahar
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Dear Editor:

I just finished reading the Sept. 13 issue of the *Capital Times* and I wanted to write to you immediately before I put it off and forgot about it. As a former editor of the *Capital Times*, I just had to tell you how impressed I am with your paper. The stories are interesting, the coverage good, the layout professional and the number of pages excellent. You have done a fine job

pulling it all together this early in the semester. Keep up the good work and congratulations to your staff.

Jan Travers
Class of '86

Too much military

Dear Editor:

I refer to the article "Thunderbirds highlight ..." in your last edition of the *Capital Times*.

Probably, the International Airshow is an event worth writing about. But is it necessary to do this in such a glorifying way? The show seems to be only a promotion of the public image of the U.S. Airforce. One can see the B1, F16s, and AS-W15 (what ever that is), with all their loops, rolls, and any kind of formations. "High performance," "best precision tactical bomber," "graceful," "military tactical demonstrations," and a "Bomb Burst maneuver" are all talked about.

I wonder what all that has to do with entertainment. It's obviously just a preparation for war. It's bad enough that we have all that stuff, but here, the population gets accustomed to all kinds of military devices. Those who are proud of the Army should go there, but don't bother the rest of the world with their "toys".

What's the good of it, if you tell us about the Thunderbird officers'

handshaking in schools and hospitals or money that goes to the American Cancer Society. That's hanky panky. For these funds, for which the airshow charges you, could benefit hundreds of projects. Even the entrance fee won't cover the costs!

There is no reflection on the pollution through noise, exhaust gases, etc. by the Army even without airshows. And finally there is no memory of 80 people who had to burn gruesome during an American airshow in Ramstein, West Germany, last year.

To put it into Nathan Lee Gadsden's words, "take time to think, and act." It should be all our duties to gain for the completion of the conversion from Olmsted Airbase to Penn State University / Harrisburg International Airport. No military aircraft is necessary in Middletown!

Roland B. Borchmann

Clean up your act!!!

Dear Editor:

I am addressing this letter to the entire student body. I think the students should be made aware of the incompetence representing us. You may think incompetence is a harsh word to use, but if you would have attended the Student Government Association's open

forum, you would probably agree with my judgement.

The chaos began when Nathan Gadsden simply requested that SGA and the Finance Committee give him and other club presidents a written budget for the school year. This budget would include SGA's expected revenues. That's all, nothing more! The Finance Committee (the students who allocate money to the clubs) couldn't grasp this concept. Instead of listening to what Mr. Gadsden had to say, they kept insisting that he was asking for money that SGA didn't have. This argument went on for a half-hour, until finally I interjected and explained to the Finance Committee that he was only asking for a written budget, not money.

The Finance Committee's excuse for their inadequate reasoning was that they are not business majors. Well, I am not a business major either, but I took time to listen to Mr. Gadsden and I understood what he was talking about.

This letter is not written to bash any member of SGA or the Finance Committee, it is written to tell you to get your act together. You are here to represent us, so it is high time that you started listening to us.

Penny McDonald

Students speak out: What do you think?

Jenny Cahill
Capital Times Staff

Students were asked the following questions concerning the abortion issue: How do you feel about the Supreme Court's decision to make abortion a state issue? Do you consider the abortion issue an important factor for casting your vote in the next year's gubernatorial election in Pennsylvania (Barbara Hafer, pro-choice vs. Governor Casey, pro-life)? What are your personal feelings about the abortion issue?

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Sharon Toussaint, Communications, age 20

Supreme Court's - "On the constitutional level, the states should make the decision weather to be pro-choice or to deny the right (to an abortion) to women."

Election- "It's (abortion) an important issue because it deals with who you are and how they are going to treat you personally."

Personal feelings - I am pro-choice because I want the option to say I am pro-life.

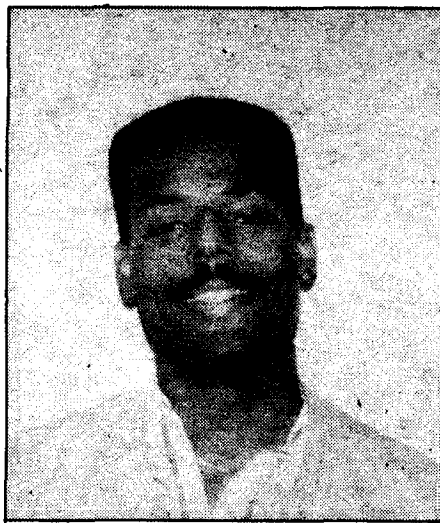


Kurt Enck, graduate student, education, 27

Supreme Court - I think it's a good! Our supreme court has more important things to worry about.

Election- I'll vote republican regardless of the issue.

Personal feelings - I think it's (abortion) killing in a very elementary form. It's like killing a little part of myself.



Jesse J. Lonon, Finance, age 32

Supreme Court - "I think it was wise. Now the balls back in our court."

Election- "It gives you a feel for what the candidates stand for and which groups they represent."

Personal feelings - Personally I have mixed emotions. I don't believe in abortion but there are certain cases that it should be allowed."



Janice Brougher, Communications, age 20

Supreme Court - "I think its better. The state can adress their own people."

Election - "I was a non-voter but I am registering for this semester to vote pro-choice."

Personal feelings - "I feel that a women has the prerogative to do what she wants with her own body. It must be a very hard decision to make but I would want to know that I had the right to choose!"