

OPINIONS

From the editor's desk...

A thought for the holidays:

As we go about celebrating the great changes taking place in Eastern Europe, let's not forget that the greatest hypocrisy to democracy continues to wreak havoc on the Black people of South Africa. When will America get outraged enough to do what's necessary help free one of the most repressed citizenries on the face of this Earth?

Nathan Lee Gadsden
Editor in Chief

For a semester I have been blessed with the opportunity to work with an incredibly dedicated group of people within the *Capital Times* staff. In that time I witnessed the emergence of what I believe to be a quality newspaper, that I would hope the entire Penn State Harrisburg Community, past and present, can take pride in.

The fact that I've been approached by students with reactions to articles in the paper and received suggestions of ways we can still improve, is a challenge to take the paper to an even higher level next semester. To achieve this we need the support of both students and faculty.

What the *Capital Times* offers you is a voice in your education. It's up to you whether you are going to take hold of this opportunity to create changes, provide insight and challenge both faculty members and fellow students to take a point of view.

To be a true campus newspaper we need to represent all divisions of Penn State Harrisburg. The only way we can achieve this goal is by having contributors from all parts of the school. Therefore, to be counted, students must leave their wallflower mentality at the door and join the dance.

I also cannot stress enough how important it is for communications majors to write for the newspaper. Employers want to be able to see what you can do and if you don't have any clips to show them, I bet the person who gets the job will.

With that said, I'd like to wish you a happy and safe holiday season.

John J. Garvey, Editor in chief elect



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Well, that's all for this semester, so we're taking it to the slopes. See you in the spring.

Letters to the editor...

Our mistake

Editor's note: In the last issue of the *Capital Times*, a letter to the editor from Tom Miller was misquoted. The following is a correction.

Dear Editor,

In response to the abortion commentary published in the previous issue: The unborn woman should have the right to choose what she wants to do with her own body and not have someone else choose for her.

Tom Miller

As individual college students we are well aware of our own ever-present financial pressures. We're always feeling "broke". But we can never feel the trauma of devastation felt by those who lost everything in a matter of hours. In comparison, we have so much. By putting together the resources we could, we have been able to let these people in the Caribbean know who we care.

On behalf of the Hugo Disaster Relief Drive Committee and the International Affairs Association, I thank all of you who dug a little deeper to help others. Your kindness and generosity is truly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Cindy Vartenisian
President, I.A.A.

Thank you

Dear Editor,

This letter is to thank the Penn State Harrisburg community for the support they gave in aiding the victims of Hurricane Hugo. Through the personal donations of students, faculty and staff, and budget transfers by many of our campus organizations, we were able to send \$569.19 to the Red Cross. There is no greater sense of satisfaction than that which comes from giving to those who are in so great a need.

We all know the budgets for the clubs were substantially lower in most cases this semester and the donations to this drive had to come out of unrestricted funds. This meant the clubs who gave chose to make adjustments in their plans or work harder to earn more to meet their own needs.

He said it!

Dear Editor,

I have just read the Students Speak Out: What Do You Think article in the November 15 issue of the *Capital Times*.

Scott Alper, 22, General Humanities, is reported to have made the statement in commenting about a united Germany: "I can't worry about what happened with the holocaust."

If he was quoted accurately, he should be ashamed of himself. If he was not, the *Capital Times* should exercise great care in the words it attributes to people.

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Editor's note: Mr. Alper was quoted correctly.