

# OP-ED

## Ancient campus envelopes to receive stamp of approval

They are humble, unsung heroes of university business.

Silent and uncomplaining, they get stuffed, scribbled on, tossed, lugged, torn open--and ignored.

But now their moment of glory and recognition has come.

No longer will inter-departmental mail envelopes labor in ignominious obscurity thanks to Faculty Council and a casual suggestion over a lunch table.

As part of the college's 25th anniversary celebration, the Council is sponsoring a contest to find and honor the oldest campus mail envelope, said James R. Hudson, Council chairperson.

"Their history is interesting," Hudson said. "They circulate and travel--to University Park, to the

Commonwealth Campuses. A lot get stuck in the back of a drawer."

Fifteen envelopes have been nominated so far, Hudson said. And judging from their faded exteriors and the addresses to faculty and administrators long gone, they are a competitive field.

But more entries are welcome from faculty, staff and students, Hudson said.

The contest deadline is April 10. Entries should be mailed (in an inter-departmental mail envelope) to Faculty Council Contest, W-151, Olmsted.

"Be sure to include your name and address," Hudson said.

The nominator of the most venerable envelope wins \$25 worth of Penn State memorabilia, Hudson said. Second prize wins "less memorabilia." Third prize gets "even less

memorabilia." (The prizes translate into \$25, \$15 and \$10 gift certificates to the campus book store, Hudson explained.)

To pick the winners, a selection committee will scrutinize such evidence as ancient names on the envelopes--they have space for as many as 60-- and outdated office addresses, Hudson said.

The contest to honor oft-handled envelopes was born in an off-handed comment.

Hudson said he was eating lunch in the Lion's Den, a well-worn inter-departmental envelope in his hand.

"I started reading the names, and I said, 'Gosh, who remembers Micha Dordevic?'" (Mihailo "Micha" Dordevic, professor emeritus of humanities and literature, came to campus in 1969 and retired in 1985.)

Associate Provost Ernest Dishner, who was sitting at the table, suggested holding a contest for the oldest envelope.

"He said it in jest," Hudson recalled, "but I thought it was a terrific morale idea."

The selection committee is made up of faculty and staff with enough years of service to determine the antiquity of envelopes, Hudson said.

Members of the committee and the years they came to campus are: Robert J. Brown, associate professor of finance (1969); Nettie Garver, secretary (1972); Christopher K. McKenna, associate professor of management science (1971); Carolyn A. Miller, associate librarian (1969); and Stanley N. Miller, professor of social science and education (1966).

## Baseball, hot dogs, apple pie and Jockey shorts

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With the 1991 baseball season less than three weeks away, it's always nice to write a story that can only be appreciated by us die-hard fans who are full of statistics, baseball metaphors and more statistics.

Baseball has taken a beating in the last couple of years as many feel it has turned into a game of greedy owners and

players who care very little about the common fan sitting in the bleachers. But aside from the scandals and hot-shot players with exuberant contracts, this spring came one man who attempted to do what no other has done in the game.

James Alvin Palmer, #22, the 3-time Cy Young Award winner and winningest pitcher in the history of the Baltimore Orioles, attempted to become the first player in the game to mount a comeback after being enshrined

in the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Palmer, at the ripe-old age of 45 (and in better shape than most), fell short of his bid last week after suffering a torn hamstring, forcing himself back into the broadcast booth and more "pitching" of JOCKEY underwear.

He made a brief appearance in a grapefruit exhibition game against the Boston Red Sox, and fared pretty well for a guy who hasn't pitched in an official game in eight years.

Palmer, aside from losing some

noticeable zip on his fastball, still resembled the high-kicking right hander from the days of McNally, Cuellar, Belanger, Blair, Powell, and the Robinson boys.

Palmer's comeback was not about money. It was a success story about a guy who truly loves the game.

It is a game where little boys grow up wanting to be like their baseball heroes, and heroes long to be little boys again.

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have gone in and done this in October, but we first had to get the nation behind us."

A member of the on-campus fraternity for veterans (XGI'S) known to most as T.Z., said he is glad to see the war end so quickly.

"The important thing is that we came out winners," he said. "America is backing them up now [[troops] but I wonder how long the euphoria about winning the war will last."

T.Z. said the soldiers in the current crisis deserve a long-lived thank you by the American public. If not, they will begin to ask as many did in Vietnam, "what did I do it for?"

T.Z. noted that among the sacrifices, troops had to give up their jobs, pay cuts and some even lost their jobs. He added that many of the troops now face financial problems and are forced to move in with parents or relatives.

Woodworth agreed with T.Z. and said that despite the fact that many will be without jobs, there are those who were not volunteers that are often forgotten.

"There are guys that are away from their families for six months at a time," he said. "There are families that are on food stamps not because they want to be, but because they are forced to, due to low military pay."

Woodworth said that many Vietnam veterans have been living this way for the past 10-20 years, and should not be forgotten during the hometown celebrations.

Joanna Klain, the Philadelphia printmaker whose art is currently on exhibit in the Gallery Lounge will be giving a gallery talk on Wed. March 20. Look for a review of the exhibit in the April 5 edition of the *Capital Times*.

### CAMP COUNSELORS WANTED

Positions available for students interested in providing a summer of recreation for blind and visually handicapped children and adults. Beacon Lodge, located in Central Pennsylvania, is seeking camp counselors for summer camping program beginning May 26 and ending August 21. In addition to General Counselors, there is a need for a WSI, Canoeing Instructor, Archery Instructor, Crafts Instructor, Nature Specialist, and Nurses and Lifeguards. The summer offers a well-rounded program of activities from bowling to overnight canoe trips down the Juniata River. To request an application and/or additional information, write:

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