

Terrible power of terrorism hits home with phone call

Between the hours of 6 p.m. March 15 and 10 a.m. March 16, the Capital Times received an anonymous message from a male caller. He stated that he was glad about what happened in New York City and he hoped it would happen again. After scratching our heads and wondering if he could have been any more vague, we made what seemed to be the only connection--just days before, the World Trade Center was bombed in New York City.

Whether the message was real or fabricated, it was our first personal experience with international political terrorism beyond the television news. This one event, however magnanimous it was, brought to light the vulnerability of the United States to terrorist actions. However, it didn't enlighten people enough to realize that they are already facing terrorism everyday--terrorism of a different kind.

Urban terrorism insidiously attacks our country, undermining our ethics and value systems. Drugs and gang warfare intimidate the innocent people in communities, driving them to barricade themselves in their homes to feel safe. Violence is the means for fast easy money, and there's plenty of both to go around.

Terrorism has always been here. The United States isn't protected by an invisible power to ward off threats and violence. Terroristic acts aren't only the by-products of the United States' involvement in the Middle East. Terrorism is here now, in a more eye-opening form because there are foreigners attacking Americans. But, isn't it more frightening and intimidating when Americans terrorize Americans?

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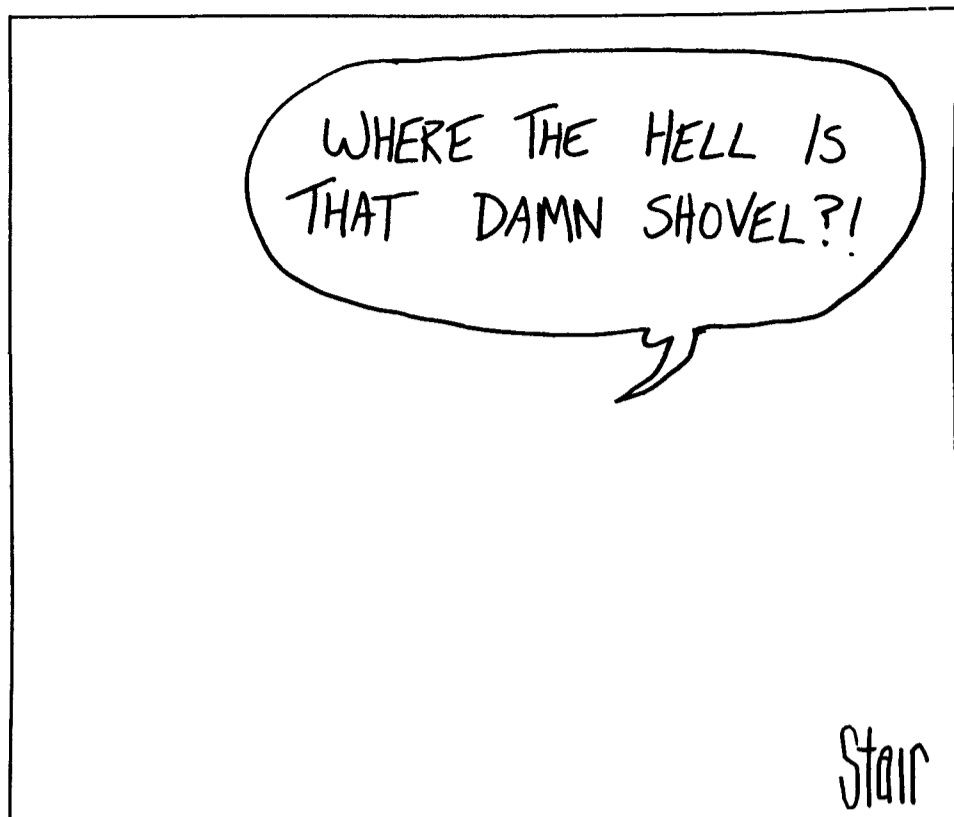
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A pictorial essay: How I spent the Blizzard of '93.

CORRECTION:

In the last issue, the article "The provost went to the chapel--and got married," stated that Provost and Dean Ruth Leventhal got married in a Middletown church. The article should have stated that she got married in the Historic B'nai Jacob Synagogue of Middletown.

Student apologizes for "Dick's" behavior

Dear Editor:

The thing that is causing me to write is the feeling that came over me when I read of Michele's experience at a party with a male student fictitiously called "Dick," in the Feb. 26 issue. I was saddened to hear of the way that he treated her. I cannot condone the behavior of this individual. What he did is wrong. Period. In defense, though, I would like to say that we are all not like "Dick." I'm sure that there are plenty of men on this campus who would agree with me that "Dick's" behavior was inexcusable. Intoxicated or otherwise, he does not express the general attitude of men towards women, at least I hope so anyway! I would hate to think that I am in the minority with my opinion.

I'm not quite sure why, but I feel as though I need to apologize for his behavior. Maybe it's because that if I don't, I'm not sure that anyone else will. She deserves an apology, though. That's for sure. It may not be my place to say so, but on my behalf and that of the entire male student body, I regret the actions of "Dick" and vigorously hope that it does not happen again..to Michele or anyone else.

I look forward to reading Michele's next column, and I hope that she has more pleasant experiences to write about in the meantime!

Sincerely
Larry
Loeper's BombShell Reader

Columnist's journalistic merit questioned

Dear Editor:

I find Michele Loeper's petty article, "Fees and 'flirtations': the big stink at PSH," to be completely lacking any creative journalism whatsoever! Come on, let's try to focus on something worthwhile for the student body to spend its time reading. Maybe she could investigate

scholarships, parking fees or new library acquisitions instead of boring the students with her own trivial, personal problems. Also, when did the Capital Times become Michele's personal little "ego booster?" I thought the purpose of the paper was to print relevant stories.

Paul Landis
A disgruntled reader

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