

Tenure travesty: Students—ultimate victims

At the close of last semester, I began to think about how I would handle my newly appointed position as Editor-in-Chief of *The Capital Times*. There were many questions and concerns that plagued my head. However, confident in my abilities as both a writer and team player, I accepted the challenge eagerly, knowing that the paper's truly experienced and helpful advisor, Dr. Parisi, would be standing by for guidance, and support.

Three short months later, my optimism collided with an unexpected and highly disappointing hurdle—Dr. Peter Parisi had resigned as Assistant Professor of Humanities and Communications, thereby leaving the *Capital Times*, and the Communications Department without a full-time journalism professor.

The *Capital Times* staff, without question, is disappointed and hurt by the decision of Provost Ruth Leventhal, and Associate Provost Ernest Dishner to deny Dr. Peter Parisi tenure.

Dr. Parisi not only provided students with the knowledge of what it takes to be a journalist, he also provided sound, objective advice to reporters of *The Capital Times*. His absence is a void that can not easily be filled.

The Capital Times is more than just a voice for Penn State Harrisburg students, it is also a practical medium for communication majors to receive experience in the field of journalism. Without a mentor to provide guidance and support these attributes will fall to the way-side.

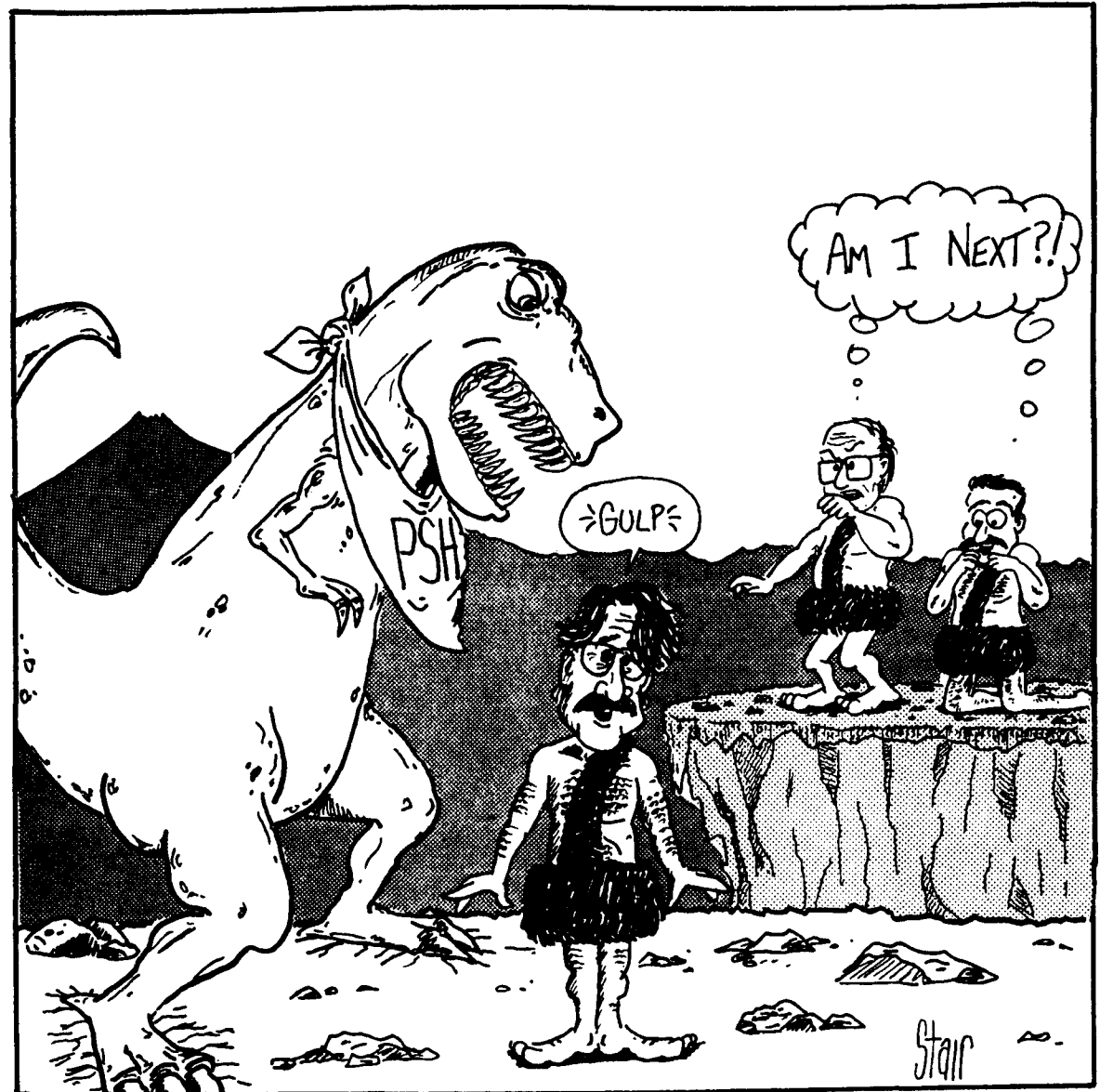
Because there is no immediate, full-time replacement for Dr. Parisi, we, as communication students, and clients of the Penn State system, are being denied the education we deserve.

There are two, count them, two full-time communication faculty members to instruct a growing population of communication students. It doesn't take a finance major to realize that there is a huge deficit in the Humanities Division. The communications program is on the verge of educational bankruptcy.

If this kind of educational negligence is being tolerated in the Humanities Division, students must realize that it could very well plague every academic division at Penn State Harrisburg.

As students, you deserve the best full-time faculty members your money can buy; *The Capital Times* can't do much to provide that. However, with the memory of Dr. Parisi's journalistic wisdom echoing in our ears, *The Capital Times* will do its best to provide you with honest, objective journalism, despite our lost mentor.

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