

Physical assault, rape: they can happen to you

Penn State Harrisburg students were snapped out of their apathy as eyes throughout the Harrisburg area focused on their campus, hoping to witness the latest news of two reported assaults.

On Tuesday, October 26, media from across the Susquehanna Valley arrived on campus interviewing students on the recent report of a campus rape. For a single moment, Penn State Harrisburg was the center of attention--but for what?

Unfortunately, not its academic worth.

This media blitz seemed to overlook perhaps the single most important issue surrounding this unnerving hype - the victim's survival.

Perhaps the idea of rape is too much for the average person to comprehend. Perhaps the possibility of one individual approaching you, placing a gag inside your mouth, ripping your clothes off, and then proceeding to force himself onto you is incomprehensible to the sheltered person.

For this reason, this issue is dedicated to every woman or man who has ever experienced the trauma of rape, and designed for those who believe it could never happen.

Because public safety is an issue that concerns everyone, I'm encouraging you to read this issue carefully, listen to the concerns addressed, the recommendations made, and most importantly, never allow yourself, for one moment, to believe that it won't happen to you.

To the two victims of the recent attacks, and to the countless others who may remain silent across this troubled country of ours, I dedicate this issue to you; it is your strength that will guide us to peace.

Michele Loeper
editor-in-chief



READER REACTION

Student offers warning against unions

Dear Editor:

I am writing to you in response to an issue that was brought up in my labor relations class. It was brought to my attention that there is a group that is trying to establish a professional labor union here at Penn State Harrisburg. The reason I felt strongly enough to write you this letter is that I have personal experience with a unionized university.

In the Fall of 1990 I was enrolled at Temple University. That semester the teachers decided to strike. The reasons for their strike were not my real concern. My concern as a student at Temple was when were my teachers going to resume teaching. To make the situation worse, some teachers were conducting class and others were not. I

was responsible for the work in the two of my five courses where the teachers were holding lectures. I was forced to cross picket lines to go to class. This was an uncomfortable situation because I knew the teachers I was walking past. I was hoping that they wouldn't hold it against me when the strike was over.

The students were given the option to wait out the strike or withdraw for the semester. The strike lasted into October. I decided to withdraw and go home to work. I got a full refund for the semester but they could not refund my 15 weeks of lost time. The students who waited the strike out were forced in some cases to attend class all through Winter break and into January to finish the semester. In other cases the teachers cut six weeks out of the syllabus and ended class on time.

When I heard of the effort to unionize PSH I felt the students should be told what a union means to a college. With a union eventually, in my opinion, there will be a strike. It probably won't happen this year or even next year, but, I feel that in the future students at PSH will have a semester like I did at Temple. Additionally, unions tend to bring upper and lower end salaries closer together. This could be a deterrent to future business and engineering teachers, who could earn more money in the corporate sectors.

Sincerely,
Mark Ferraro
Business

Spring catalog an artistic masterpiece: \$1,000,000

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Dear Editor:

For all I know, ninety cents for a spring semester catalog is a good buy. And if you just take a moment to consider how much care actually went into the booklet, you will probably agree. First, behold the cover. Now here is a jacket that has far more to offer a discriminating eye than anything concocted by Remington, or Kooning, or Monet. Of course, at first, it may appear to you as simple, or drab, or

lifeless (or all of these), but it is, in truth, a work of art, an object of beauty, a narcissus of sorts. Its seemingly bare, artless, and unadorned style is so full of art, it is almost, I fear, overpowering. What is more remarkable, however, is the paper it is printed on. Take a moment to feel the paper between your fingers. It is, I suspect, of the highest quality. Its texture is not unlike that found in the Magna Carta, the Declaration of Independence, or the Communist Manifesto. What's more, if

you hold it close to your face and snuffle it, the scent hints strongly of Dead Sea Scroll. Yet in addition to the booklet's many esthetic qualities, which make it well worth the trifling ninety cents in itself, I find a booklet wholly and unselfishly contrived for our convenience. Moreover, it could be worse; they could charge us to park our cars. Be thankful. Amen.

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ANYONE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE FUN
IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

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Bad boy attitude plagues our society

E. Mikael Hein
Capital Times Columnist

Again it is time for me to get on my soap box and bark about the problems with the administration of this campus. Perhaps I should clarify things by aiming most of my frustration at the Community Relations Office and Dr. Levanthal.

I found it very interesting that this campus relies on a single page ditto for official news and information. Perhaps you have seen the real school paper called "This Week." Perhaps you were glued to every informative issue during the "accost" story.

Well, I was not. And popular student opinion seems to be that reporting an alleged crime has no business being stuck on a newsletter. A newsletter that usually contains no more than blurbs about when the next mime will be on campus.

I feel that it is outrageous that when the Provost Dr. Levanthal was reading the chronology of events at a recent

OUT IN THE OPEN

meeting in the CUB, she only referred to the efforts of "This Week" and the infamous "accost" flyer. Both of which are the products of our Community Relations Office.

When reminded that *The Capital Times* was responsible for getting the real information to students, our Provost responded by saying her office would have relayed the information anyway. Well I have to ask how...on a pink ditto?

Despite what Dr. Levanthal says, there is a conflict of interest between the

student-run paper and the administration. Clearly she does not take this paper seriously. She did not feel the need to include it in her chronology of events even though it was largely through this paper's efforts that students responded by contacting the media and demanding our administration to wake up.

Clearly the students of this institution have woken up.

Nearly everyone has seen the last *Capital Times*, and yet few seem to remember what bird cage they left "This Week" under. Not that "This Week" contained anything about the incident other than a warning of an "accost." Just think what a bombshell issue that little ditto would have been if it had! Maybe local papers and broadcast stations would be quoting "This Week" and praising the efforts of PSH administration. In short, maybe our Community Relations Office would be able to relate to the community.