

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK...

SEE YOU ALL LATER.

I cannot say that this fall was the easiest semester in my life. I could go on about how the Capital Times has faced staff problems, computer problems, deadline problems, and a host of other obstacles. But I won't. I could say that I am tired of endless beaurocratic procedures. But I won't. I'm not going to complain to those who already know what they have done. I am instead going to focus on the fact that the Capital Times is still here. And I consider this a tremendous accomplishment. What you see in this issue is the culmination of endless hours of work. There almost was not another issue at all.

More on my mind, however, is the fact that I am set to graduate in a few weeks. Four and a half years of work is finally about to come to an end. And again I am on a threshold, wondering which way to turn.

I have a lot of hopes for PSH's future. I hope that PSH gets their library, that more students opt to live on campus, and more people get involved in making their college experience what it really should be.

And, of course, I hope someone takes over the Capital Times. This may come as a shock to you, but the paper is in for some changes. Due to the increased problems of an all-volunteer, non-paid, staff, I am leaving PSH with a paper without an editor.

The future of the paper is unknown. Chances are, it may become a lab paper rather than a club. It may also become a requirement for communications students. At this point, however, nobody really knows.

Such is the future that the students of PSH always seem to see for PSH. The SGA can't even seem to keep it's own executive board together. Many clubs and programs end up dwindling for lack of involvement. And so many students do nothing about it but watch. I am sick of hearing about the problems of commuter campuses. If you willingly decided it was important for you to attend college, then it is time for you to take the responsibility for your commitment to education. This is not McDonald's folks. If you really think it's o.k. to buy your education at a drive-through window, never going in, then you have no right to be here.

I hear non-stop complaining about so many aspects of campus life. But, as I have discovered, few students seem to understand that they can make a difference. Even worse, many students are just plain scared of failing. Well, when are you going to get a better opportunity to try? Isn't college about exploration? This campus is here for you. What you make of it is what you will get out of it. If you don't like something, work to change it. Believe it or not, you can.

As for myself, I am proud of my involvement in this campus. I know I have helped to shape some things for the future. While I wish the future of this paper would be more clear, I know that I have managed to bring something back from the dead. And I know that one of you can do the same thing.

So for those of you remaining here, I wish you luck. I challenge you to make something more of this campus. The framework is in place. What you learn beyond the information in your midterms and finals is what really counts. Read between the lines. Facts are useless if you don't know what to do with them.

A plea for common sense.

To the Editor:

My Cousin

Mary Carol suffered with a neuromuscular disease during most of her life. Advances in her condition caused her to progress from a wheelchair, to a walker, and finally to crutches. All the while she managed to attend college on a full-time basis and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in social work (top of her class).

Mary believed in helping others...She got a job, and for the first time in her life, she felt that she was really doing what she wanted to do.

Two days later, on December 23, 1981, while running an errand to the grocery store for her mother, she was killed by a drunk driver. She was one block from her home. The drunk ran a red light and hit her car head on, breaking her neck. It took a long time to get her body out of the wreckage. The coroner said she never knew what hit her.

Mary Carol was 26 years old. She was robbed of a promising future by a person who didn't care about his own - and she paid the price for his decision. He did some time in prison, but at least he has his life and he still has choices.

Don't be stupid. It could happen to someone you love. It could happen to you. Don't drink and drive. The decision you make doesn't just touch upon you

Name withheld by request.

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Annual Toy Drive



The annual toy drive for terminally ill children is underway. Please bring you new, unwrapped toy to one of the many collection boxes located throughout the Olmsted Building. Toys are being collected for infants and toddlers along with a few teenage boys.

Also accepting monetary donations.

Gifts will be delivered to the Hershey Medical Center December 1 by members of the XGI Club and the Nittany Lion. For more information, contact Frank Divonzo, Toy Drive Coordinator.

Does the Times lean to the Left?

Dear Editor,

We are writing to comment on the turn The Capital Times has taken this year. In this, we are referring to the very liberal slant which the paper has taken. It seems to have become a personal forum for homosexuals and other radical activist groups who share similar views, and our purpose is not to discriminate against them. However, the voices of others need to be heard as well, even if they do not share the same beliefs. You have an obligation to do this as newspaper publishers.

With the exception of a few, we have found that our professors generally seem to care and are more than willing to help students with or without an appointment. Month after month, however, all that we read are complaints about this, that, and the other thing. We, as a few, are very happy with the treatment that we have received when registering, and have had no problems getting questions answered when needed. We are not claiming to be happy with everything at PSH, but we believe that you should give credit to such people rather than bashing everything. It would be nice to read a campus newspaper full of news about campus events and other relevant news stories rather than one (or a few) person's personal views and political leanings. It is getting very tiring, and some changes would be appreciated. All that you have accomplished this year is to alienate us and other students from participating in what could be a valuable learning experience for all, not a select few.

On Thursday, October 6, for example, a Humanities open forum was held in the Gallery Lounge. At this forum, students and faculty discussed many important issues concerning the Humanities department. Although the meeting led to many positive results, no newspaper reporters were present. In short, if other students who could not attend learn anything about the meeting, it will not be in the newspaper (unless this letter convinces them to write one).

Although it is partly the newspaper's job to criticize PSH for its faults and express minority opinion, this is not the extent of what the paper should do. It is the newspaper's job to express the opinions of all, not just a few. The newspaper should also contain positive articles rather than merely "bashing" the campus.

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