

CAPITAL TIMES

From the Editor's Desk

First and foremost, I'd like to welcome everyone to Penn State Harrisburg. Whether this is your first or fifth semester here, by now I'm sure you're aware that your college experience is what you make of it. If you choose to go out and get involved, your time at PSH will be much more enjoyable than if you sit back and watch what goes on around you.

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Amy Fleagle and the staff of The Capital Times has chosen me as their editor for this semester. I'm a senior communications major from Waynesboro, Pa.

As for my qualifications to be editor - well, I'm the only one who would do it. Seriously though, I spent most of last semester looking over the shoulder of then-editor Cathy Nolan, writing, editing, typing and otherwise working on The Capital Times. Now the staff trusts me to guide them through this semester.

This shouldn't be a problem because of the great staff The Capital Times has. The assistant editor is Joy Maatman. Joy is also a communications major with talents for both public relations and journalism. J. Andrew Smith is the assistant editor in charge of layout and design. Jay transferred to PSH from Millersville this semester.

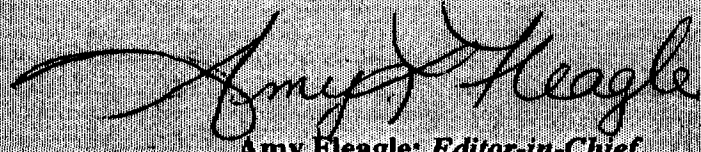
Tina Shearer is our advertising whiz. Not only is Tina a great advertising rep, she can hold her own when everyone else in the office is about to lose their sanity. Angie Groft and Danielle Hollister top the list of our reporters. These two seem to be able to track down a source from miles away and stay with it until they get the information they need.

Ali Princioglu, Joe Cawley, Michelle Dauberman and Steve Slater currently round out our staff. Hopefully our staff list will continue to grow.

Last but definitely not least, the adviser to The Capital Times is Dr. Beth Haller. She's the one who has the privilege of listening to our complaints and frustration. The good side to that is because of her support, she also shares in our successes (which I hope will greatly outnumber the failures this semester).

I'd like to take this opportunity to ask you to get involved in some activity at PSH. PSH has a lot to offer if you go after it. The Capital Times is always looking for people to get involved with the paper in any way, whether it be as a reporter, columnist or if you're business oriented maybe sales would be your thing.

If you're interested in helping with The Capital Times or have a story idea you think needs covered, please contact me at the office. The telephone number is 948-6440. If no one is in the office, leave a message on the voice mail and someone will get back to you. Remember this is your newspaper.



Amy Fleagle; Editor-in-Chief

By Frank Nieto

WATERWORLD

Waterworld is a movie that's advertised as being an action flick, but there sure seems to be a lot of non-action scenes. Ninety percent of the movie takes place on a boat where Kevin Costner, who's character doesn't have a name, sulks about while Jeanne Tripplehorn and Tina Marjano, who's character's name I couldn't remember because the film is so dull, get on his nerves. That's about an hour of really boring dialogue, which all means really nothing in the context of the picture. The basic storyline of the picture is that the world's polar caps melted and flooded the world. The survivors live on barges in the ocean and dream of getting to dryland, but doubt that there is any to be found. Costner is half man/fish who collects things to trade to others. On one of his trading stops he meets Tripplehorn and Marjano. While he's at this water city, Dennis Hopper and his gang of smokers, a group of pirates, raid the city. Costner, Tripplehorn and Marjano

Universal Pictures, running time: 131 minutes. Now Showing at United Artists Camp Hill & AMC Colonial Commons theatres

escape on Costner's boat. Hopper and his group set off after them because Marjano has a tattoo of a map leading to dryland on her back. This is when Costner spends about an hour on his ship doing basically nothing except boring the audience to death. When some action finally happens it's very disappointing, considering the amount of boring scenes that you've just put up with. This is the most expensive movie ever and frankly I don't understand where the costs went. It couldn't have been the sets, which look like Fred Sanford's backyard flooded, it couldn't have been the cast, only Costner demands a high salary, and it certainly couldn't have been on the script, which is worse than most B movie's. Many people have been comparing this movie to the Mad Max movies, which is a horrible insult because at least those pictures didn't put you to sleep. The only reason to see this movie is if you're suffering from insomnia.

I thought that I would hate this movie, considering that it was a G rated movie about a pig that wants to be a sheep dog, but I liked it, a lot.

This is a very funny movie. The animals have the coolest voices and the jokes are funny.

BABE

Babe is a little pig that is taken from his family to be part of a carnival, where is the prize in a contest. The farmer that wins him plans for him to become a nice meal, but as the movie progresses discovers that Babe is a lot more valuable than that. Since he is so little Babe lives with the family's sheep dogs, who feel bad for him. Babe begins to idolize the mother of the family, Fly. When Fly's pups are sold she makes Babe her baby and begins

to teach him how to be a sheep dog. Along the way to becoming a sheep dog, Babe discovers a duck that wants to be a rooster, singing mice and a sinister cat.

Babe is called into duty as a sheep dog when farmer Hoggett's best sheep dog, Rex, gets hurt. Babe gets the sheep to do what he

wants by being nice to them, unlike Fly and Rex who threaten the sheep. The movie's special effects, used to match the animals' mouths to the words being spoken, are incredible. The action and fun never stop. I was pleasantly surprised to find that Babe is more than a kid's movie but one of the best movies of the year.

Universal Pictures, running time: 90 minutes. AMC Hampden Center, United Artists Colonial Park Mall & Hershey Lodge

Dear Nittany,

Did you ever wonder why guys say they will call, but they never do? Did you ever wonder why girls say they just want to be friends? Relationships...they suck. Plain and simple - if, people say they are blissfully happy, then they are lying.

You would think that at this college level which is semi-intellectual the relationship game-playing would be obsolete. But unfortunately, it's not Burger King - You can't have it your way!

This is the first official fall semester of Dear Nittany To refresh one's memory, it's an amateur advice column on life, love and dilemmas.

To be honest, the column was somewhat lame last semester. But it can only be as good as you - the readers. It's not like I'm asking for a monetary donation or a vital organ, just maybe a letter that shares a problem like how your roommate has an annoying boyfriend that sleeps over Monday, Wednesday and Friday who snores and drools in his sleep when he is drunk. Well, maybe you don't have a problem like that but possibly something similar...or NOT.

Anyway, feel free to spill your guts to "Dear Nittany" anytime of the day or night. You can drop an anonymous letter to "Dear Nittany in several ways: we have a mailbox in the Student Activities Office, as well as on our door, at W-341. And soon letters will be able to be sent via E-mail. Technology isn't it exciting?!

PSU mourns the loss of senior humanities student

By Jeff Wittmaier
Commentary

Over the summer, Penn State Harrisburg lost a truly special individual, Deborah A. Szustowicz.

Deb, 22, died on Sunday, June 11, at Hershey Medical Center, due to injuries suffered in a car accident. She was a passenger in a car that overturned while heading eastbound on Route 322 in Swatara Township. I do not wish to reflect on why the accident occurred, but rather remember Deb, a great person and a good friend. I had the pleasure of getting to know her not only as a student, but also as a person.

Deb was a bright, intelligent young woman, who quite often made the days bearable for me. She seemed to just brighten up a room when she walked into it.

She was a very funny and unique person who could really brighten up your day when you weren't feeling too well. She always had a great outlook on life and seemed to be in firm control of what she wanted to do.

Deb was a general humanities major and worked part-time at

General Electric of Central Pennsylvania.

When I first met her, I thought she seemed a little disinterested about school, but as I came to know her better I realized that she cared a lot about school and was very focused on doing well.

As I got to know her better I also understood that she was a very unique person. She was very understanding, she cared a lot about other people and always tried to be helpful.

Deb would have graduated this year and I am sure she would have made it in the real world and would have made a difference, but unfortunately her life was cut way too short. She will be greatly missed, but remembered for what she brought to Penn State Harrisburg.

When I learned of her death I wished I could have talked to her one last time. She had an influence on my life that she will never know about. PSU will never forget what Deb did for the school and what an influence she was.

Hopefully other students may learn from the one fatal mistake that she made at the end.

SPORTS

NFL season preview holds hope for Dallas comeback, new franchises

NFC WEST

- San Francisco 49ers** - The Niners won last year with the best offense in football and the best defense money could buy. This year the offense suffered a major blow when Ricky Walters went to the Eagles and the defense could have a worse departure if Deon Sanders decides to play elsewhere. The Niners will have Ricky Ervins, Derek Loville and Derek Moore, all of whom together aren't half the player Walters is, filling in at halfback. Someone named Marquez Pope will play CB if Deon doesn't sign. Suddenly the Niners don't look unbeatable anymore.
- New Orleans Saints** - Who would've thought that Jim Everett would become one of the best QB's in football again? The man slated to replace Joe Montana as the league's best suddenly looks like he may be able to (though I wouldn't bet on it). The Saints actually discovered an offense last year, just as their defense began to fall apart. The signing of CB Eric Allen from Philadelphia might be the best move of the past off-season.
- Atlanta Falcons** - New Orleans wasn't the only place where QB's came back from the dead. Atlanta saw their own resurrection when Jeff George became the type of player he looked like he would become in his rookie year in Indianapolis. Falcons fans will see plenty of excitement from both teams playing on Sundays when the Falcons score a touchdown the defense will come out and give one right back to their opponents.
- Carolina Panthers** - Carolina might turn out to be the best expansion team ever. They have a franchise quarterback in Kerry Collins, a solid runner in Barry Foster and three good receivers in WR's Don Beebe and Mark Carrier and TE Pete Metzelaers. The offensive line is better than a lot of established teams. The pass rush could be vicious with LB's Lamar Lathon and Darion Conner. The Panthers are closer to the playoffs than the Rams and Oilers.
- St. Louis Rams** - Rams just keep getting weaker. They have a talented QB in Chris Miller but a line that is unable to protect the guy. They have a great running back in Jerome Bettis but a line that is unable to open holes for him. So obviously the line is a major weakness, so what do the Rams do? They fail to resign their best lineman, Tom Newberry, and will replace him with Jesse James. Some jokes could be made with that one, but I'll spare the Rams. With Miller having only one quality wideout what do the Rams do? They let "Flipper" Anderson, one of the league's best deep threats, leave for Indy. Who do they replace him with? Alexander Wright, one of the league's fastest receivers but one who is unable to run routes properly and hold on to the ball.

NFC CENTRAL

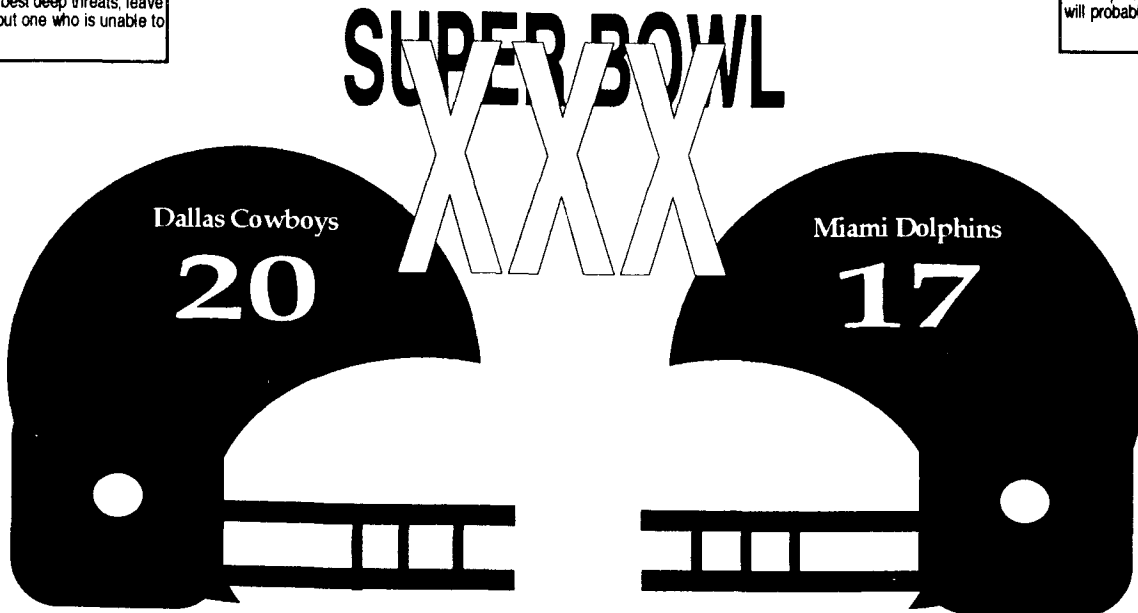
- Detroit Lions** - If Scott Mitchell, the high priced QB, performs anywhere near expectations the offense should be one of the league's best with WR's Herman Moore, Brett Perriman, Anthony Carter, Johnny Morton and Kez McCorvey and Barry Sanders in the backfield. The one thing keeping the defense from joining the offense from being one of the league's best is lack of a pass rusher, something the team hopes to remedy with the signing of DT Henry Thomas.
- Chicago Bears** - Last year the Bears' team MVP was their coach, Dave Wannstedt, who guided a team lacking in stars and took them to a division championship. This year Wannstedt will have more to work with on offense now that WR Michael Timson and RB Rashaan Salaam are on board. The Bears will have as usual one of the top defenses in football, but because of last year's success a tougher schedule which will keep them from another division title.
- Minnesota Vikings** - Kris Carter and Jake Reed, otherwise known as the Dynamic Duo, kept opponents up all night before games and should do so again. Warren Moon will have a better year than last year, where he was highly turnover prone. But the defense will be a major question mark now that Henry Thomas, Vencie Glenn and Anthony Parker are gone.
- Tampa Bay Buccaneers** - The Bucs have a good young team, with exciting players on both sides of the ball. The only thing keeping them from contending is that they traded the wrong quarterback when they traded Craig Erickson to the Colts instead of Trent Dilfer.
- Green Bay Packers** - When the ever optimistic Reggie White begins to doubt your chances of making the playoffs, you know something's wrong. The Packers have to be one of the least classy organizations in sports for releasing WR Sterling Sharpe, who in back to back years '93 and '94 set league records for receptions and hauled in 94 balls last year, while he was in the hospital recovering from an injury he suffered playing the year before. Sharpe will have the last laugh as the Pack falls flat on their faces this year.

NFC EAST

- Dallas Cowboys** - It's funny how a team goes from being a dynasty one year to just another playoff team the next. Consider that Emmitt Smith was injured for last year's NFC Championship game, yet still did a number on the vaunted San Francisco defense. Consider that after a horrible first quarter the Cowboys actually outplayed the World Champion Niners. A lot of people are counting the Cowboys out this year, saying they lost a lot of people and didn't add a whole lot this year. But the Cowboys were the deepest team in football the past three years, now those quality back-ups like FS Brock Marion and WR Kevin Williams will finally get the chance to start. The Cowboys won't be as good as they were two years ago, but then again neither will anybody else.
- Philadelphia Eagles** - Randall Cunningham has finally run out of chances to live up to his potential, if he doesn't come through with a big year that results in the team winning he'll be sent on his way to back-up QB land or worse, St. Louis. The Eagles have one of the best receiving combos in the league in WR's Calvin Williams and Fred Barnett. They also have a game breaking running back in former Bishop McDevitt product Ricky Walters. The Philadelphia offense won't be a problem, regardless of Cunningham, but the defense is a huge one filled with a lot of potential and past glories.
- Arizona Cardinals** - Buddy Ryan is a great coach, but he needs to think things through before acting on personnel matters. Ryan figured he would sign a top wide receiver and then trade for another. He also figured he would trade for a top quarterback. Expecting these things to happen, Buddy proceeded to dump Steve Burstein, Jim McMahon, Jay Schroeder, Gary Clark, Randall Hill and Ricky Proehl. The only one he got anything in return for was Proehl. Buddy just because you don't like the players doesn't mean that no one else does.
- New York Giants** - The Giants have the best running attack in football with Rodney Hampton, Herchel Walker and Tyrone Wheatley. They also have a good young quarterback in Dave Brown, but they don't have a top receiver. They also have a solid defense, but without a game breaker. The Giants should make the playoffs, but that's about it.
- Washington Redskins** - Heath Slater, Henry Elard and Michael Westbrook make up a good passing game. Terry Allen will help out a running attack that went from good to horrible last year. The defense should be good against the pass, but will probably be run to death. The Skins need defensive and offensive lines to seriously think about making the playoffs.

AFC PLAYOFF TEAMS

Miami - Indianapolis - New England
Pittsburgh - Cleveland



NFC PLAYOFF TEAMS

Dallas - Philadelphia - Arizona - Detroit
Chicago - San Francisco.

AFC WEST

- Oakland Raiders** - The Raiders will finally move into the late '90's with their new controlled passing attack, it's about time somebody had enough guts to tell Al Davis they were other passes beside the deep post pattern. The defense should return to its old dominance now that the offense will be on the field more than three plays a series.
- San Diego Chargers** - The Chargers kept their strong points intact, a major achievement in the free agency era, and improved their one true weak point the safety position. They added Shaun Gayle to play strong safety and Bo Orlando, a very underrated player in Houston, to play free safety. The Chargers should be solid, but may suffer from post-Super Bowl trauma.
- Denver Broncos** - Denver will benefit greatly from the mishaps in Seattle and Kansas City more than any other team. The Broncos signed a lot of name players who are past their prime to play defense, with one exception LB Dante Jones who the Bears let go for some reason. Michael Dean Perry will help out at team dinners but that's about it. Strong safety Steve Atwater may wind up playing every position on defense.
- Seattle Seahawks** - A few months ago Seattle looked like they were up and coming team, then they hired Dennis "I didn't do it" Erickson to coach the team and Brian Blades became involved in a murder investigation. The Seahawks seem to have a different player, or coach, arrested for drinking and driving every week.
- Kansas City Chiefs** - The good news for Chiefs fans is that they have a whole bunch of superstar players on their team. The bad news is that most of them are close to retiring. The Chiefs front office must have been out golfing the past few years or something. How could not have been grooming a young quarterback to take over for Joe Montana, it's not as if they didn't know he was old.

AFC CENTRAL

- Pittsburgh Steelers** - The Steelers continue to be most people's pick to represent the AFC in the Super Bowl, but they didn't do it last year with a better team. They lost their top receiver when TE Eric Green went to Miami. Neil O'Donnell is a mediocre quarterback at best. They may have to rely on their top notch defense to score points, but it does say something when your best offensive unit is your defense.
- Cleveland Browns** - The Browns have a top defense led by FS Eric Turner and LB's Pepper Johnson and Carl Banks and a great corp of receivers with WR's Andre Rison, Michael Jackson and Derrick Alexander. Cleveland also will have a tough running game with Leroy Hoard, Lorenzo White and a healthy Tommy Vardell. So why am I picking them to finish third? Two words: Vinny Testaverde. Vinny continues to be one of the worst quarterbacks in the league, including third stringers. As long as Cleveland has Testaverde under center they will continue to disappoint.
- Cincinnati Bengals** - Go ahead laugh, but the Bengals had one of the most impressive offenses in football in the second half of last year once QB Jeff Blake won the starting job. WR's Darnay Scott and Carl Pickens are the league's best young receiving tandem and the team finally have a running attack with number one pick Ki-Jana Carter in the fold. The defense looked weak last year but should improve with experience.
- Houston Oilers** - The Oilers went from one of the AFC's best teams in 1994 to the worst in '95. They won't be making a return to the playoffs for at least three years, when number one pick Steve McNair is expected to take over at quarterback. Houston spent the past two off seasons dumping some of their best players. This year will be one large training camp as coaches will spend the time trying to figure out who will start on next year's team.
- Jacksonville Jaguars** - The Jags might be able to make a playoff run quicker than the Oilers with the amount of young talent they have. Look for big years from WR Desmond Howard, RB James Stewart, DT Kelvin Pritchett and CB Vinnie Clark.

AFC EAST

- Miami Dolphins** - The Dolphins realized that they had one of the most powerful offenses in football, but when injuries hit the last few years there was a lack of depth that kept them from the Super Bowl. To correct this problem, the Dolphins went out and signed WR Gary Clark and Randall Hill to back up C.J. McDuffie and Irving Fryar, signed TE Eric Green and DE Steve Emtman and traded for DE Trace Armstrong and CB Terrell Buckley.
- Indianapolis Colts** - The Colts have the best runner in the AFC in Marshall Faulk, who should be even better now that Indianapolis have a passing game with new QB Craig Erickson and WR "Flipper" Anderson. The defense should be solid, despite the loss of former first round pick Steve Emtman, if healthy.
- New England Patriots** - The Patriots will continue to rely on QB Drew Bledsoe, maybe even more this season because they lost their top wideout (Michael Timson) and didn't get anyone to replace him. The signing of RB Dave Meggett will help out the passing attack more than the running attack due to Meggett's inability to take punishment. The defense will remain a big question mark with no proven pass rusher and a mediocre backfield.
- Buffalo Bills** - Thurman Thomas, Andre Reed and Jim Kelly will carry the offense with little help from anyone else. Should Kelly Reed or Thomas get injured Buffalo will be dead in the water.
- New York Jets** - The Jets look more like an expansion team than Jacksonville or Carolina does, firing a coach that lost the last five games of the year and then hiring Rich Kotite, who guided the Eagles to seven straight losses to end the year. They also traded Rob Moore, a Pro Bowl player and their only proven wide receiver, released their top rusher, lost their two top offensive linemen, and failed to get a quarterback. A 4-12 season might be wishful thinking.