

## From the Desk of the Editor

Since the Oct. 10, 1996, issue of the Capital Times hit the campus newsstands, some significant things have happened that I hope will affect the future of this publication.

I realize, many of you, who were here last year might start groaning, "Oh no, what is the "Cap" Times controversy this year?"

Actually, I'm not writing to bring attention to controversy. Rather, I am reporting and celebrating cooperation. This is the "gratitude" column.

This year, the student newspaper and student government association (SGA) have been working together to find ways to provide basic funding that is necessary for this paper to survive.

Together, we have agreed that a student paper, by its very nature and function on a college campus,

should not be classified as a "club." Therefore, we have been classified a service to the Penn State Harrisburg (PSH) community as the voice of the student body under the SGA constitution.

The SGA officers have also enlisted their help this year to find a resolution to the Capital Times funding concerns - permanently.

To those who were instrumental in assisting the Capital Times through this transition: SGA officers: Frank, Liane, and Tarik; Dr. Holtzman, (and Wanda); and of course the Capital Times adviser, Dr. Hoffman, THANK YOU!

I must also acknowledge the gratitude of the Capital Times staff for the undying support of former adviser, Beth Haller, and former co-editors Tina Shearer and Danielle Hollister.

As this is my first

semester as editor, I must also note the support this paper has received campus-wide from students, faculty, and staff. The contributions, story leads, follow-up phone calls, the compliments, and yes, even the criticism have not gone unnoticed and are certainly appreciated.

There is still a lot of work to be done, however, and many improvements yet to be made, as we strive to fulfill our commitment to serve the PSH student body.

The staff continues to grow - but we still have room for you! There is still a need for reporters, a copy editor(s), and advertising staff. No experience is necessary, just a desire to earn a wealth of experience. The Capital Times phone number is (717) 948-6440.

Jody L. Jacobs  
Editor

## Alumnus addresses issue of SGA president's Penn State Pride Nieves drinks Coke, not Pepsi

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter to express my dismay at the lack of school spirit displayed by the current student population at Penn State. What do I mean? Well, I am referring to the student attendance, or lack thereof, at the Penn State-Iowa football game on Oct. 19, 1996. Large portions of the student sections of the stadium were empty throughout the game. After halftime, about a third of the students that did show up for the game left and never returned, leaving an even larger void in the stadium.

To further enhance my dismay, the people that were in the north end zone, where my seats were located, did not fare much better. Many did not show up for the game and many more left at halftime, never to return. Through idle conversation I learned that many of the people in this section were from Penn State - Harrisburg. To make matters even more depressing, I learned that the person sit-

ting next to me, who left at halftime never to return, was non other than FRANK NIEVES - PRESIDENT SGA - PENN STATE HARRISBURG. If the officers of the student government cannot find it in their hearts to stay throughout the whole game, what can we expect from the rest of the student body? I guess I answered my own question because we saw what happens - the students desert the team en masse. Can you imagine how the players must have felt when they looked up into the stands and saw that many of their fellow students deserted them? All this because of a little, ice cold, wind driven, rain, snow and hail. What a bunch of WIMPS!

Now that I have further harassed the students of Penn State, and Frank Nieves in particular, I would like to state my real reason for writing this letter. I want to thank Penn State - Harrisburg for the opportunity to see the Penn State - Iowa football game. For many reasons, none the least

of which is that my daughter Liane is still a student at Penn State - Harrisburg, I cannot afford season tickets. Thanks to the generosity of Penn State - Harrisburg, I was able to return to my Alma Mater and take in the Penn State-Iowa football game. (It's just too bad we didn't win.) For that I am forever grateful to the students, faculty and administration of Penn State Harrisburg. Your campus may be small but you still have a very big Penn State heart.

Gregory J. Bankos Sr. '66  
Acctg

Ps. I did stay for the whole game. I am writing this letter from my hospital bed while I am recovering from double pneumonia. Just kidding. However, I did stay for the whole game, I have Penn State blue blood - Penn State positive.

By the way, after the football game, Frank was also observed drinking a Coke, not a Pepsi.

## Student asks Lions Den to give vegetarians the "special" treatment

Debbi Malek

Who wouldn't jump at the chance to save money on a necessary service? Students, faculty and staff can subscribe to meal plans which can save them 10% of the cost of meals. There's just one problem.

As a vegetarian, I'm usually not able to take advantage of the specials, which are almost exclusively meat meals.

I spoke with the food services manager about this problem. I recommended that he choose a standard vegetarian substitute for the specials, so he could extend this money saving advantage to those students who don't eat meat.

The manager seemed to like the idea. I asked him to call me once he had investigated it more thoroughly to determine cost effectiveness. He never called. I

approached him on two subsequent occasions to remind him that I, and other vegetarian students, were awaiting this program.

We are more than half way through the semester, and still no change from the Lion's Den.

Perhaps Food Services needs to hear from more of us before they will make this seemingly simple yet effective change.

## Movie Review

### The Chamber: student suggests seeing the matinee or reading the book

Nicole Lynn Meck  
Staff Reporter

In the movie, *The Chamber*, Chris O'Donnell plays Adam Hall, an attorney who volunteers to represent a client, Sam Cahall played by Gene Hackman.

It happens that Hall is the grandson of Cahall and has twenty-eight days to save him from the gas chamber for a crime Cahall admits that he did.

This the longest twenty-eight days in a movie, I have ever sat through.

O'Donnell changes the expression - smirk - only twice. I have seen better acting in local elementary schools, and would suggest O'Donnell enroll in acting classes. Whatever he was paid was too much.

When Cahall tells Hall, "You couldn't save a turkey from Thanksgiving," you know he is right.

Hackman's performance is good, but is over shadowed by O'Donnell's lack of skill.

Faye Dunaway plays Lee Bowen, Cahall's daughter. Dunaway's character is a socialite who has buried her past but when O'Donnell works on her father's appeal, it opens all her old wounds. A very convincing character performance by Dunaway.

Throughout the movie Nora Stark, played by Lela Rochan is assigned to help O'Donnell (actually she is to spy on him). Stark is the assistant to Governor McAllister, David Marshall Grant.

Grant put in a fine



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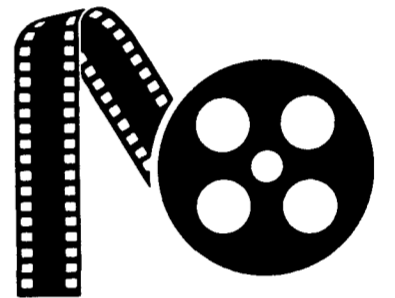
In *The Chamber*, Gene Hackman portrays white supremacist Sam Cahall, sentenced to die in the Mississippi gas chamber for the 1967 bombing murders of two small children.

performance of a politician who you know is going to only look out for his interests.

A welcome surprise is Bo Jackson. Yes, "the" sports figure. Jackson plays Sgt. Packer, a death row guard. Bo knows acting.

The movie is good, but it is a little difficult to sit through with O'Donnell's performance.

If you don't have anything else better - catch the matinee. It's not worth full price. Of course, you could always read the book!



## Student says his dining experience wasn't "Hersheypark happy"

Christopher R. Stotz  
Staff Reporter

Hershey's new Chocolate Town Cafe provides a disappointing dining experience. It is conveniently located in Hershey's Chocolate World and is only a short walk to the gates of the world famous Hersheypark. They should have opened a restaurant that would impress the visitors that come from the more worldly cities of Philadelphia, Baltimore and New York. But, they didn't.

The outside of the Chocolate Town Cafe is cute. It is very colorful and upbeat with bright pinks, blues and yellow dominating the facade.

At the entrance, what could be a lively atmosphere turns into a major let down. The inside of this establishment is like any other food court in any local shopping mall. There is nothing unique about it.

Both times I have eaten there, the restaurant has been playing slow country music. Where is the upbeat Hershey Chocolate song? Where is the happy music that should get people motivated and enthusiastic about being in the sweetest place on earth? And, there are large televisions above the sundae bar that have the volume turned off so you can hear the horrible country music. What is the point?

My first server was a very personable and courteous young man. And, he had a sense of humor that

heightened the chances of saving a bad time.

However, on my second visit, I was served by a miserable female who acted as though she had better things to do. Very disappointing. It wasn't the famous Hershey hospitality that is found at other Hershey resort locations.

The rude service wouldn't have been so bad if the meal was worth waiting for. I would have giving the Chocolate Town Cafe the benefit of the doubt if the food had been good. It wasn't. It was cold and was no better than something gotten at a local Friendly's. Unfortunately, the prices weren't as inexpensive as Friendly's. The quality of the food is nowhere worth the amount you are charged. Again, I was very disappointed.

All in all, what could have been a really unique and clever idea with hard work and organized planning turned into a nightmare that shouldn't be included in what is to be the Hershey experience that people all over the world are hearing so much about.

Hershey should be embarrassed to open such a shameless establishment and think that it might be successful. It's inconvenient hours (11 a.m. - 6 p.m. on weekdays) may be an indication that they aren't receiving the big business that they had hoped for. Hmmm. I wonder why?

My advice: Go to Applebee's. It's only two miles west of Chocolate World on Hersheypark Drive and you get much better service and food for the price.



Hersheypark's Chocolate Town Cafe

photo by Christopher Stotz