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COMMENTS FROM THE EDITOR

By STACY DEANGELO, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



Being as this is the last Editor's Comments I will get to pen, there are some issues I would like to address. The first being the current situations not only at Penn State Harrisburg but also in the PSU system as a whole. You all know about the tuition increase, I am sure most of you have felt that swift kick in the ass when your semester bills came this year. Well, get ready for another increase in the coming semesters. Some students have decided to take matters into their own hands and speak up against the increase. On April 7, members of the SGA and CCSG (Council of Commonwealth Student Governments) attended the Rally in the Rotunda (issue 15 vol. 43 of The Capital Times). The turnout was rather low due to weather conditions. However, the sparse attendance was also due to lack of publicity, a problem PSH clubs and offices constantly face. Students who read the article in the last issue of the Capital Times decided to take matters into their own hands and are planning their own rally in hopes to gain more support. Be sure to look for flyers and announcements in the coming weeks.

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Something else many students may be familiar with is the heavily stressed Internet piracy laws that have been instituted by PSU. Mass e-mails have been sent out and violation warnings appear every time you log into a PSH computer. Do not ignore these warnings. More than a hundred Penn State students from various campuses (including University Park) have been arrested and fined for violating these laws and downloading music, movies, etc. When it comes down to it, it is cheaper to just buy the CD or DVD than risk getting arrested, kicked out of school, or fined hundreds of dollars or more.

Now on to the sentimental part of my final comments. It saddens me to say that my job here is done. My stint as Editor in Chief of The Capital Times has come to an end. I must say that it has been a sometimes bumpy journey, especially at first, but hey, I was and still am learning. I have heard more compliments recently and it makes me feel that my time and effort was not in vain. One student approached me at a party and told me that the paper has greatly improved since last year and that he still has the first issue from fall (you know, the one with the beer bottles). You have no idea what little things like that can do to make you forget all of the negative comments and criticism that are thrown at you in a position such as this.

Now it is Pete's turn. Slowly but surely I have been letting Pete take control of the operation so he can keep on improving the paper. The Capital Times is always a work in progress and it has taken many fine editors and staff members to get it to where it is now. I have complete faith that Pete will carry on the tradition of excellence that the Captimes has come to expect from itself. We put more pressure on ourselves than the readers ever could.

I know that being a member of The Capital Times has been an almost life-altering experience. I have learned many skills that I hope prove useful after I graduate in May. Throughout this experience I have learned to look at things very differently and have learned to deal with many different situations. I have been faced with ridicule and praise, complications and long nights. I have learned that sleep is overrated and good friends are like life support.

As glad as I am to have my degree and to officially become a member of "the real world", I will miss all of you here at Penn State Harrisburg. I wish you all the best of luck. Now I am going to leave you with one last somewhat profound thought: Lewis Carroll once wrote. "At least I know who I was when I got up this morning, but I think I must have been changed several times since then." I have changed in many ways just by being a part of the Penn State community. I am no longer the scared, naive, relatively antisocial, lost little girl I was 4 years ago. I have become my own person and a student leader here at PSH. I have all of those who have supported and my staff and me along the way to thank. --- Stacy D.

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