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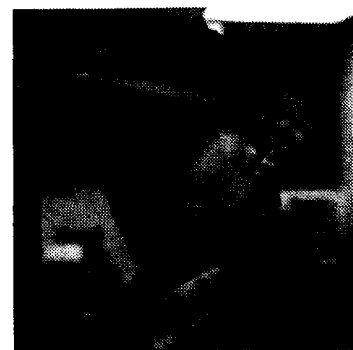
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COMMENTS FROM THE EDITOR

By PETER STRELLA, EDITOR IN CHIEF

Over winter break I happened to catch a TV advertisement for Penn State Harrisburg. It was amusing to say the least. It consisted of happy students doing fun academic-type stuff, which is the right idea, but all the shots were taken at University Park. The only part of the ad that related to Penn State Harrisburg was our logo, which was conveniently snuck in at the end. It was almost like they were trying to trick you into coming to Penn State Harrisburg. I understand this was probably done to save money, but we can do a little better than this.



This is where I am offering my services. I have come up with some slogan ideas so that we can create an ad campaign that shows what the Penn State Harrisburg experience is really like. Here's one: "Penn State Harrisburg: The only place in town where it's always ten degrees colder." The good thing about this slogan is that we can follow up on the weather theme quite easily. "Penn State Harrisburg: the only place where it's always 10 mph windier."

I also feel obligated to point out how dedicated to learning we are here at PSH. I think this one will help out. "Penn State Harrisburg: we take learning so seriously, we'll make you drive through a blizzard to get to class." With this one, though, I think we might want to leave out the part where we don't plow the parking lots very well, if at all.

But there's one I like a little bit more than the rest. I think some people forget that we have a national monument right in our own backyard. That's where this slogan comes in: "Penn State Harrisburg: bringing you closer to Three Mile Island during this time of terrorist threats." I think this one is a winner.

On second thought, maybe I should have gone to University Park.

Note: Don't look into this too much- the Editor actually enjoys attending school here.

On a more serious note, I want to take a moment to talk about PSH's THON Committee. College is a very self-serving way of life. We come here to advance ourselves. That is why it is refreshing to see some students reaching out to help others. THON is Penn State's 48-hour, no sitting, no sleeping dance marathon that raises money for kids with cancer. Since its inception in 1973, THON has raised over \$20 million for this cause, including \$3.6 million last year.

Jenn Milford is heading up the THON Committee this year and she is doing a wonderful job. They have already raised over \$1,300 in addition to the \$1,000 raised in the Penny War. They have another club night in the works, which is where students get into the Coyote Hardware Bar at a discounted rate and all proceeds benefit THON. The last club night, held this past November, raised over \$400. We all hope this one does as good if not better.

This year's THON will be held Feb. 20-22 starting at 7 p.m. in Recreation Hall at University Park. The dancers representing PSH are Anthony Strayer and Eric Haupt, so wish them luck in the halls if you see them. Anyone interesting in helping out can contact Jenn Milford at jlm520@psu.edu.

I will leave you with a quote from Milford that I really liked: "There are around 3,300 people on campus, not including faculty, and if each of you would give a dollar to help these children . . . THON would be that much richer and these kids would be that much healthier."

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