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## COMMENTS FROM THE EDITOR

By PETER STRELLA, EDITOR IN CHIEF

I would like to start by encouraging all students to vote in the SGA elections on March 30, 31, and April 1. The election table will be located in the main lobby of the Olmsted Building. For more information on the candidates, just take a glance over to your right to page three.

At the election table, you can also vote for a faculty member in your major for the Jordan Award. You are to vote for the professor who best utilizes effective teaching, enthusiasm and sincere interest in accomplishing results through teaching, and teaching excellence. I think it would be great if a lot of students participated in voting for this so we can show instructors that we notice their dedication.

I had originally intended to use the remainder of this space to explain some things about the election and the Jordan Award, but there is a problem: the Penn State server is down AGAIN and I can't access my e-mail unless I make a 40 minute round trip to my apartment. Once again, it's technology versus me and technology is sending me home crying to mother.

Over the course of my tenure as editor, there has been a lengthy battle between technology and yours truly, mainly the computers and scanners in this office. This has brought me to one conclusion: anyone who says that technology is progress needs to spend a day in my shoes. After two years in the Cap Times, I would kill to spend a day rubbing two sticks together to make fire.

If it's not the server being down, it's the scanner inexplicably cutting off the edges of my ads, or the brand new printer taking 20 minutes to print out an e-mail. Not to mention, how the computers freeze up five times a day, wasting countless minutes of valuable time. As a result, I have saved all of the Capital Times advertising revenue and put it towards a massive technology upgrade that will take place this summer.

The problem with technology is that I don't understand it. And when I call upon the experts to help, it seems like they don't fully understand it either. Technology is great when it works properly, but when it doesn't, it's a disaster.

I would love for some students who live on campus to write a letter to the editor about the server going down. It seems as though it always goes down on the weekends. For those of us who are on campus doing work on the weekends, these problems cut into the time we set aside for working on projects. It's a major inconvenience. I had to sleep in this office last September because the server wouldn't let me on to the computer and our deadline was the following morning. There has to be another way.

Anyway, our last issue for the semester comes out April 5. Our new editor will be Jodi Preisler, who I am sure will do an excellent job. You can see some of her work on the PSH journalism website *Capital Bytes*. Any inquiries about the newspaper after the April 5 issue should be addressed to her.

We will be putting out a summer issue that will remain on the stands until the first Fall 2004 issue comes out. We are going to print twice the amount of copies we normally do, so this is a great opportunity for campus clubs and organizations to advertise to the incoming freshmen who will be touring the campus throughout the summer.



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