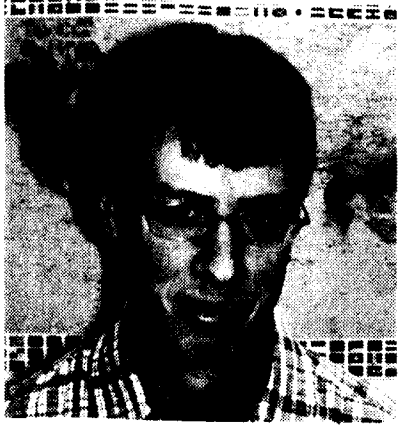


Steve Mayer spouts off Former pres. gives farewell



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thrills is perfect on any occasion and a sure-fire way to tug at your heartstrings. This is the perfect date movie for all ages.

But if you really want to impress your date on a lackluster summer night, then I recommend *Last Tango in Paris*, which stars the late, great Marlon Brando who longs for unattainable love in a riveting role of passion and romance. Trust me--your significant other will be impressed by your emotional side and your ability to convey your true feelings through the magic of cinema. Keep the margarine close at hand.

If movies are not your thing, then try music. David Bowie has just released a reissue of his classic album *David Live*--the first time on CD, and recorded live at the Tower in Philadelphia. Relive all the hip-shaking classics such as "Rebel Rebel," "1984," "Panic in Detroit," and "Suffragette City." Wham, bam, thank you, ma'am--indeed!

Also new to the Bowie catalogue is *Stage*, which was recorded live during the years that Bowie conceived the "Berlin Trilogy." Many of the songs featured are from his album *Low*, the first album of the series. Your spirit will be uplifted as the "Thin White Duke" serenades the audience and performs his more experimental, rollicking material that is sure to please any fan of Top-40 radio.

If you do not trust digital technology, which is

understandable, there is still hope. The albums are both available on vinyl for the true connoisseur. A good friend of mine is a vinyl aficionado and has proclaimed, and rightly so, that the analogue versions of the albums are "the way God and David intended it."

Finally, if you want to revel in the written word, try obtaining a copy of William S. Burroughs' *Naked Lunch*. Containing over 200 pages about psychosis, weird sex, junk addiction and bugs, it is the perfect book for anyone who has ever wanted to read a novel by a person loaded on smack. See why the Superior Court of Boston instituted a statewide ban on the book in the '60s. Highly quotable, it is sure to remedy those awkward moments of silence during this summer's family reunions.

Well, I hope everyone has a great summer and that my advice provides a blueprint for a good time, whether at the beach or the pristine waters of Gifford Pinchot State Park.

Since this is the last column of the year, I just want to let The Capital Times staff and editors know that I appreciate the opportunity to get involved in the school and share my opinions and views.

Also, a big "thank you" goes out to everyone who gave me feedback and advice on my articles.

Yours truly,
Steve Mayer



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Hello Penn State Harrisburg!

This will be my final column to you as I prepare for my summer internship. As of April 7, 2005 I am no longer your president. I want to thank everyone for their help with this year's Student Government; especially Dr. Widoff, who has assisted us in accomplishing many of our agendas, such as contract preparation for various programs and items. Within SGA, there were many individuals that made this year successful and accomplished the following goals:

- Jason's Woods trip
- Held various open forums
- Financed all clubs that requested money
- Adopted a new Constitution
- Reorganized the Senate
- Reestablished the

- Student Court
 - Strengthened the Executive Board
 - Held online elections (large turn-out)
 - Finals Food Week (free food for all students during finals week)
 - Soup Bowl 2005 (free soup for evening students)
 - Helped fund Spring Luau and Fall Fest
 - Come In From the Cold
 - Snow Ball (winter dance)
 - Supported Tsunami Relief Efforts
 - Held a faculty forum in the fall semester
 - Held a Town Hall Meeting in the spring semester
 - Met with administrators about student concerns
 - Met with students about concerns
 - Organized the Annual Awards Banquet
 - Supported the Women in Society Program
 - Held numerous movie nights (Collateral, Ray, and The Village)
 - Held weekly voting meetings, committee meetings, and caucus meetings
- As you can see we did a lot. It has been fun and stressful, but at the end of the day it was worth it all.
- Every leader has a good team,

and I was fortunate to have an excellent team. Altamese Kelley provided more events and activities for the student body; I am glad to have served with her. Maruja Rosario, who raised \$1,500.00 in fifteen minutes for children with cancer, is a gem.

If I could have a final plea to the campus, it would be to encourage the student body to GET ACTIVE! Join a club that is of interest to you. Be a part of something that not only make your resume look good, but also helps you to develop your leadership skills. I urge my fellow students to stand for something and not fall for anything. Get active and stand for something, don't fall for the status quo.

I will miss everyone; I only wish the best for you all. We all will miss working with the clubs, especially the clubs that are growing and are becoming more active on campus. Thank you and God bless Penn State!

The Capital Times would like to thank SGA President Rodney Horton for participating in an active campus discussion through our newspaper.

Welcome to the Circus



WARNING! This is a Sharon Furfaro original cartoon.

I thought I've give everyone a glimpse into the life of The Capital Times. It has been so much fun writing, editing, and drawing for the paper. As "resident artist" I thought it would be appropriate to immortalize the crew in ink.

And no, this is not an exaggeration. Just walk into the office and this is exactly what you will see, I swear.

I would like to thank everyone who has given me advice and feedback about my work, and also encourage any of you readers who express yourself with art - consider drawing for the paper.

The future leaves room for many more faces to make their mark in the office. Consider becoming one of these, um, interesting folks.

One last "thanks" to all who put up with my ranting and raving. It's not entirely bad to be opinionated sometimes... right?

Peace and God bless,
Sharon Furfaro

From a caterpillar to a rainbow butterfly

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The colors of the rainbow hang on a sign that tells about support for gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, and transgendered students at Penn State Harrisburg. The person who is behind those signs is J.D. Jistavis, no stranger to needing support. Jistavis is transgendered, which means he underwent surgery to become a male.

Jistavis began his life as a female; at least that is what his body appeared to be. In his mind, however, Jistavis had always been a boy. "I didn't want to play with dolls or house, but I did to conform. I wanted to be out getting dirty and playing war." Jistavis

dealt with the "brainwashing" in order to please his mother, who always wanted a girl.

When puberty rolled around, Jistavis held hope that his body would finally match his mind. However, he did not grow the male anatomy the way he had hoped. "You feel like your body's betrayed you," he said.

Jistavis continued to live life in a female's body, which started to seriously take a toll on his mind. Jistavis coined the phrase "mentally ill," to describe what was going on in his head and to his body. Because he was convinced he was male, his body stopped giving him the right hormones that he needed to keep his body healthy. So Jistavis finally decided to make a huge,

life-changing decision. "I had to be myself."

Waiting until the cultural stigma was that of a more "socially acceptable" society, he underwent a transformation in October 2004 that would forever rid him of his female body and make him the male he already was in his mind, since the other option would be to match the mind to the body. "It is easier to match the body

to the mind. I became healthy. I became much calmer, the brain functions better, and I became a normal person," he said with a smile on his face.

Jistavis went through a period of questioning during the process and afterwards as well. Jistavis tends to worry about how society will accept him. What he has found, however, is a society that for the most part does not mind that Jistavis is transgendered. Oftentimes, Jistavis' reaction is "What the



Photo by Maruja Rosario/Capital Times
J.D. Jistavis no longer feels 'mentally ill.'

is actively pursuing the reactivation of the Capital Lambda constitution, the club for gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, and transgendered students, faculty, and staff. However Jistavis is quick to point out that you can be a heterosexual and join the club. "Eleven out of 12 signatures are from heterosexuals, and are willing to be active members."

Jistavis came to The Capital Times to tell his story in order to erase rumors and help those that might be a little reserved about being as open as Jistavis. His advice to them is simple. "Be brave. Have some courage. Take a risk [because] you always have ignorant people. Find out for yourself that PSH is understanding."