

## Editor's Comments

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Nothing rings in the Christmas season like Thanksgiving. Is anyone else bothered by society's need to celebrate each holiday before the previous holiday has even occurred?

I think I start celebrating Christmas around December 22 or maybe even later. There is no need to plan that far ahead. It's not just holidays either. When was the last time you could buy a bathing suit in August? God forbid we sell summer clothes when winter is just around the corner.

I made sure to thoroughly enjoy Thanksgiving this year (never mind the Christmas tree in the room.) I don't know about the rest of you, but I am still stuffed and happy from my delicious dinner. There is just something about eating a huge meal of turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, corn and cranberry sauce that makes me want to do it all over again later that evening after a long nap on the couch in front of a football game. It was great. I even resisted taking advantage of the great Black Friday deals in protest of predated the holiday season.

I want to take this time to thank all the professors who have been good sports about letting my curious, unsystematic, and sometimes a little wild reporters invade their privacy and probe into their lives, writing down each detail and publishing it for all to see. The professor spotlight section is very important to me. When I created the feature section, my intent was to give the students a chance to peak into the real lives of their professors, to put a human face on those teaching them Algebra, C++, or English class. I appreciate all those who participated in the experiment that is the 'prof spot' and I guarantee there will be more to follow.

Now, I have had some complaints about me wearing shoes lately, but damn it's

cold outside. My good friend Augie Bravo thought I should mention the fact that I have gone against my own footwear rules. I haven't given up yet, but I just got new shoes and I think I should be allowed to wear them without ridicule. I've seen you diehards out there still sporting the sandal, sans socks. Good for you. In fact, I thank you for setting a good example for others to follow. So what if you catch the flu, as I did a few weeks ago (which had nothing to do with not wearing shoes.) In conclusion, the next issue, which we decided to do at the last minute, will sadly and gladly be my last. As I graduate in a few weeks I will be entering the workforce and the Penn State alumni association, you all will be left here reading editor's comments from someone else and where I'm going I won't need shoes, ever!

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When Thursday, Nov. 3, hit, room TL-118 was deserted. Any club member who missed the sign in Olmsted indicating the room change for the SGA meeting can be assured it was the only meeting which deviated from the usual schedule. Anyone who did get thrown off by the vacant room, however, need not worry, because the meeting was uneventful.

There was further discussion regarding the Amendments to the SGA's constitution. The voting on these Amendments was tabled to the Nov. 10 meeting.

Following the serious discussion were some fun activities. Finals food was discussed again- food which would be provided by the SGA during finals week since many students don't have time to cook for themselves. The

selection will include meals, snacks, and beverages.

The meeting was then adjourned by President Mike Edwards.

For all the excitement the previous meeting lacked, the Nov. 10 meeting presented twice the amount. The meeting time was pushed back to 1 p.m. due to a Marine Birthday Party, held in honor of the birth of the U.S. Marines. The SGA members wanted to push their meeting back in order to celebrate and honor our Marines.

Once the roll of the senate was called, two representatives from Kappa Delta Phi stood to make a request to the senate. This request included a reallocation of funds for \$325. Their reasoning included their undeniably growing membership rate- it is the largest it has been in 15 years on our campus.

The advisors then took the floor, reminding the senate of the Color Me Mine night on campus. For all

students who are unaware, on Tuesday, Nov. 15, this event will be held in the Community Center at 9:30 p.m. As its name implies, it is an arts and crafts night where students can paint ceramics; however, there will be a limited number of ceramic items, so anyone interested should show up early to ensure an entertaining time.

The various student committees then commented. On Nov. 28 and 29, THON will be playing a video to raise student awareness from 12:15 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. It was stated that the video is "guaranteed to make you cry."

SGA senators participated in "canning" last weekend at Walmart to raise money

The SGA will be holding a candy sale beginning November 14th. This candy will include both candy bars and lollipops as a way of raising funds for the SGA.

Once the committees discussed their various enjoyable upcoming

events, it was time to discuss the Amendments... again. After an extremely lengthy discussion about changes in each Amendment and the exact words which should be used, it was proposed that the senate vote on the first two Amendments. These first two Amendments were approved, and the last two were tabled to the next week's meeting.

There should be much to recount after the next meeting including some details affecting the club members of all clubs on campus. Hopefully, the SGA will have all the kinks worked out of their Amendments by then.

For more information on how to get involved with PSH's Student Government Association, contact Michael Edwards at mle5000@psu.edu.

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second quarter gave the Lions a 17-0 halftime advantage, after Robinson threw a screen pass to Hunt that he took for 22 yards, before Robby himself ran 33 yards for the longest TD run of his career.

Finally, after Michigan State had closed the gap to 24-14 late in the third quarter, Hunt and Robinson ground out a 64-yard drive for Penn State's clinching touchdown with less than five minutes left in the game.

In fact, 61 of Hunt's 89 rushing yards came in the fourth quarter and made him the 10th runner in Penn State history to gain more than 1,000 yards in a season. (Five Lions have two 1,000-yard seasons.)

Robinson became the first Nittany Lion ever to pass for more than 2,000 yards and run for more than 500 in a season. He raised his school record season total offense to 2,882 yards. His 2,097 passing yards this fall places him eighth on the all-time season list, just behind Wally Richardson (1995) and just ahead of

John Hufnagel (1972).

Using wins in the last two games of the 2004 season as a springboard, this year's team maintained its focus throughout the fall, and despite the heart-breaking last second loss at Michigan, kept its eyes on the prize.

That prize was presented by Conference Commissioner Jim Delaney, who delivered the Big Ten Championship Trophy to the Lions' locker room underneath Spartan Stadium. And a further reward will be the 32nd bowl trip for a squad coached by the man who is the all-time leader in bowl victories with 20 in 12 different locales.

Thousands of Penn State fans are eager to follow and watch one more time this team that has crafted such an inspiring season.

For the glory



## PSH prof teaches around the world

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by now, Winch and his family took full advantage of their time overseas to visit the surrounding countries, including China. They also spent two summers in Australia. Winch remembers his daughter eating fish eyeballs while they resided in Singapore. He also developed a love of spicy food, especially fish head curry. He described it by saying "it is this great big fish head" as he held his hands out to show the immense size of the head.

Three years later, Winch returned to the states to teach at Penn State Harrisburg. He has been teaching at PSH for over five years now and is up for tenure this coming school year. Preparing his portfolio for the tenure board has been taking up a majority of his time.

"I like the students. They're a lot of fun," said Winch, describing the best part of the job. He described the campus

community as 'a good mix,' and added that the advantage of being a professor is learning from the students. "We have some interesting people for students," Winch said sometimes he feels as if he learns more from his students then they do from him. He also enjoys advising his students and helping them decide what to do with their lives, as he puts it.

The worst part of the job: Grading. "I agonize over grading," said Winch. "I hate to give someone a C." He recently spent over an hour on each student's paper for his Media Law and Ethics class.

At PSH, Winch teaches Photography, Media Law and Ethics, Media Criticism and Theory and a few other courses from time to time. He is also the advisor for the photo club.

Winch is the author of Handbook for Visual Journalists and Mapping the Cultural Space of Journalism: How journalists distinguish news

from entertainment. He has also written a plethora of articles, papers, and parts of books. He is currently working on a third book dealing with the media's depiction of bin Laden.

Just last fall, Winch was given devastating news of a diagnosis of prostate cancer. Surgery quickly followed, leaving his classes at PSH to be taught by a number of colleagues and substitutes. Now a cancer survivor, Winch is back to his happy-go-lucky self, however, it was a very scary time for him and his family.

Winch can often be found on the water in his sailboat on the Chesapeake Bay or hanging out at his cottage in Maine. "It's in the middle of nowhere. It's great. The nearest Wal-mart is three hours away," said Winch. The cottage was a recent purchase and he said it needs a lot of work. The ever-handy Winch is up to the challenge. He has been taking in the scenery and taking pictures when on

vacation. He plans to sail his boat up to Maine next summer.

His latest project is a hand made Eskimo style kayak.

So if you see a professor walking around with khakis and a camera, recognize him as the ever-traveling, photo-snapping, cancer-surviving, happy-go-lucky Dr. Samuel Winch and pose for a photograph so that it too can be featured in his office.



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**Dr. Samuel Winch, in his usual pose behind the camera.**

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