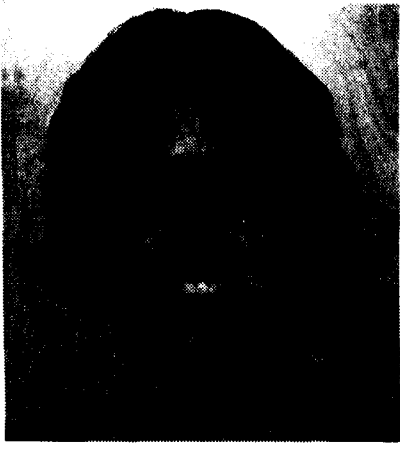


Editor's Comments

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I left here at 3:30 this morning half asleep and stressed to the max, but here it is the last issue of the semester. I am going to start this week's comments by doing a little dance to celebrate my last issue EVER! While I am sad to be leaving Penn State Harrisburg, I know that my time here is over. The late nights working on the paper have been fun, but it is time to enter the real world. Ha, yeah right, I think I'll try Grad school just so I don't have to look for a job.

To those of you who think you might want to work on the paper I say to you, it will be the experience of a lifetime. There are good people working with us and the skills you could learn are priceless, and free I might add. Now that I am done dancing around my little office I have an announcement to make...Shhh, listen up kids...I have chosen my successor, the next Cap Times editor. After much deliberation and soliloquizing I have decided that your new editor in chief will be Ashley Lockard. I know Ash will be a great editor and she might even spell your name right the next time you appear in the paper.

I would like to take this space to apologize to those students who were involved or may have read the story we printed last issue about cultures on campus. It was not the intention of the writer or the Cap Times staff to misrepresent any of the diverse cultural groups on campus.

The article was meant to give a look into the diversity of our campus and in doing so some were offended, misquoted and misrepresented. I would especially like to apologize to Aiyana Taylor for these mistakes and thank her for bringing the issues to our attention.

Next on the list is my academy speech...I would like to thank some people that have been helpful, understanding, and enjoyable during my last two and a half years (yes two and a half, ha ha). The fist person, or people I should say, is the extraordinary staff of the Student Activities office for putting up with all my craziness and lending a hand whenever they could. I want to thank the Student Activity Fee committee members who have given me the financial support the Cap Times needed. Rodney Horton, last year's SGA president, was a huge help and a friend, thank you Rodney. Also Pete Stella, my predecessor, thank you for all your help to get me rolling last year and lending a hand throughout.

To my incredible staff: you guys are great, yes even the ones who give me a headache. You're here for the meetings and sometimes turn in stories on time, but most of all you guys make me laugh. Both my staff from last year and this year have become my family, friends, and main source of entertainment all in one. Now get in the box!

I also want to thank all of my professors who have shared their knowledge and taught me so much about life and learning. I loved every minute of my classes, well most of them, and if my parents would keep paying my tuition I would stay forever.

Thank You!

But I'll miss you most of all Scarecrow, I mean Peter Kareithi. You have been trying to kill me for the past two years and I'm still alive, so HA! Now you have to help me find a job... Thank you for all that you have taught me, and all that you have done for me and all the stress and headaches you bestowed upon me. I enjoyed every minute of it (except when you hired that really bad hit man and I lost an ear, just kidding). Couldn't have done it without you, you're the best!

In addition I would like to thank all those who actually pick up the newspaper and read it. It is the readership that keeps us going into the late hours of the morning causing me to lock myself out of the building at 3 a.m. without shoes and sleep on the couch in the office to be in class in the morning.

I wish you all good luck in your next semester and in your futures. Enjoy the rest of your time here at PSH.

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thing about living on a farm is that you have to come up with your own activities for fun because everyone is so far away," said Shoup. He said that he would make hydrogen gas for fun as a child. Now he lives in Palmyra, Pa., and his past-times include playing on the computer and seeing his three grandchildren.

In his CD player one would typically find jazz and classical music. "I have nothing in it right now, though, because I'm repairing the stereo system in my speakers," he said.

So what's this electrical engineering professor's favorite food? Well, his answer was definitely not a typical one, like chicken, pizza or pasta. Instead he replied cherry pie. But it can't be just any cherry pie. "I like good cherry pie," he said. "There is a difference." And what's considered to be 'good' cherry pie? Well, that's a question one would have to ask

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Ah, the sound of a gavel calling for order. This is a sound the senators of the SGA got to hear for the first time in a long time at the start of their December 1st meeting. The pounding was unfamiliar to the senators because SGA President Michael Edwards actually lost the gavel for several weeks.

Once roll was taken of the senators, the meeting began. Two computer technicians stood to explain Penn State Harrisburg's new wireless system. PSH is officially the first and only campus to have ubiquitous wireless. Our new system enables students to have wireless access outdoors and replicate that signal inside buildings. University Park has the same service, but does not have outdoor access. When students visit University Park, they have to make sure that the signal they get says "Penn State." At our campus, PSH, we do not have that problem. Students must install the software to access the system. To authenticate this, go to <http://www/work.psu.edu/access/vpn>. The SSID is "pennstate". Any students with questions regarding the software may contact Mr. Dabis Camero through email at dec11@psu.edu or by phone (717) 948-6446.

When the computer technicians had finished, the meeting transformed from a tea party to

a circus. The president of the Graduate Student Association, Monica Minter, stood before the senate and asked them to at least spare a little money to fund activities directed towards graduate students. She asked President Edwards if he knew the percentage of graduate students enrolled at PSH, and he insisted he did. She then asked him before the senate to state those percentages. Edwards had to then admit that he "doesn't know the exact percentages." Minter then brought up the points that most graduate students work during the day and attend evening classes, the student activities the SGA helps to fund separate graduate students from the rest of the student body. The graduate students don't attend these events because they can't, not because they don't want to. Also, Minter explained that graduate students are too mature and focused to enjoy things such as Stuff a Plush and Color Me Mine. She told how they asked both the SGA and the SAF for funds before and was rejected twice with no explanation from either organization. All the graduate students were asking for was a fair amount of money to go towards their student activities.

The SGA members seemed to lack concern and only commented on Minter's points in attempts to defend both themselves and the SAF, President Edwards snuck across the room and began whispering to the members of the

Student Court. When Edwards returned to his stand, and the room quieted, the Student Court spoke.

Former American President, Bill Clinton needs not feel alone, because now there is another president, SGA President Mike Edwards, whose head is on the chopping block. The Student Court presented the room with a briefing stating the impeachment of Edwards as the SGA president. Two members of the SGA, members Augustine Bravo and Paul Fogel, and two members of the Student Court were randomly selected to decide whether a vote should be held for this impeachment. It was made clear that there will be no changes in the SGA regardless of the final decision.

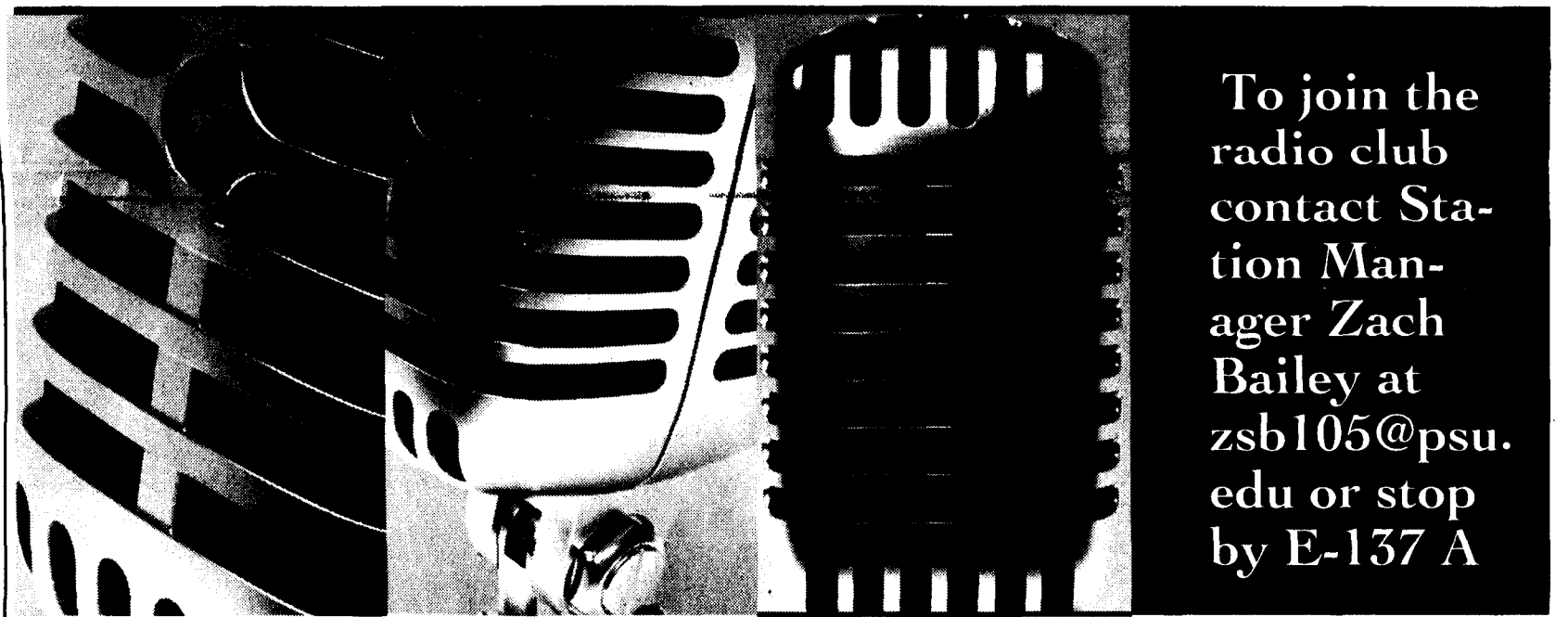
After this, a few of the different student groups made announcements during which President Edwards crept back over to the corner to whisper more with the representatives of the Student Court. Edwards was not the only one having his own secret conversation. Minter crept over to where the SGA advisors were sitting to further establish her case. Minter and one of the advisors looked to have a heated whispered discussion on one side of the room as Edwards and the Student Court were whispering on the other side, and the SGA meeting still carried on.

Once the different committee heads were done making their announcements, Steven Drake

read a statement asking the court to consider him for the position of a senator. Drake's concentration is in the School of Business, but when Augustine Bravo of the senate asked Drake both where the School of Business is located and who the director of it is, he hesitated and admitted to not knowing who the director is. Various members of the senate asked him other interview type questions to screen him for the position. Drake was then sent into the hall as the senate both discussed his application and voted. The vote came back with 4 "no" and 3 "yes" votes, preventing Drake from joining the senate.

As a member of the Graduate Student Association raised her hand for Public Comment, which seemed to be forgotten in the commotion of the meeting, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. As President Edwards pounded the long lost gavel to end the debacle, the member called out to Edwards asking if they could take the floor. Edwards replied, "No, there was a motion to adjourn." Facing the possibility of never conducting another, Edwards was sure quick to end what may have been his last SGA meeting.

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him in person. While cherry pie is his favorite food, water is his favorite drink. "I also like wine and orange juice but my favorite is water," Shoup said.

Besides being a professor, Shoup is also the internship coordinator for the School of Information Science and Technology. He also works with students for an externship in which he schedules field trips to various companies and plants for engineering students in their first year seminar classes. "It's good because they get insight on various fields during the externship," said Shoup. In addition, he attends all the routine school board meetings and is a part of the Faculty Advising Center for Academic Computing. In this organization, he offers advice to students in information systems and computers and there is a lot of networking involved. "It's technology based with academic business for the university," he said.

Shoup said that he enjoys

working with students because they come up with wonderful ideas. He didn't hesitate to say, "Sometimes I learn things from them." But it did take him a while to come with what the least part of his job is. He finally replied, "I really don't like grading reports. I get frustrated with people who can't write." On the other hand, he does enjoy it when he sees graduates who are doing well after working at a job for a while. "It's very satisfying," said Shoup. And because of this satisfaction, among many other things, his goal seems to be unfolding right in front of him. "My goal in life is for people to say 'he did his best'," said Shoup, smiling.

His favorite traveled spots include Sweden and Alberta, Canada. Some other favorites are Jasper National Park, Yellowstone National Park and Lake Louise. "I've really liked many of the places that I've traveled to so it's kind of difficult to pick just one," he said.

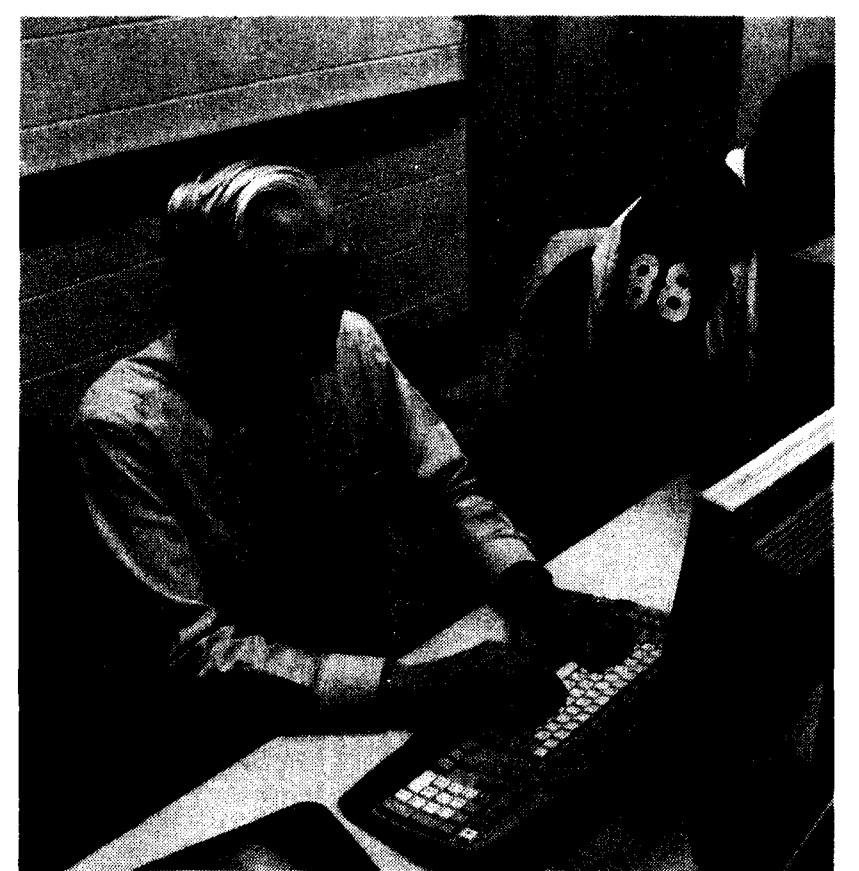


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Dr. Shoup works on an assignment next to one of his students..

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