

Currently seeking writers

The Fourth Wall is seeking writers for all sections, including sports and arts & entertainment. We also need general writers on assignment and general article writers. There are openings for regular columns, such as a political column, humor column, advice column, and cartoons. All students are welcome regardless of major. Writers are not required to submit articles on a regular basis.

To make this paper successful, we need you to participate by writing in your opinions, concerns, and comments. Interested parties should send emails to fourthwall@psu.edu.

Future opening:

The Fourth Wall is currently looking for the next Editor-in-Chief for the 2006 year. Receive academic credit and gain hands-on experience. Start learning the process and programs this year to take over next Fall. Anyone interested should contact Danielle Ramsay at dar262@psu.edu.

Mission Statement

The Fourth Wall was established to provide a responsible forum for dialogue within the student community and for the free expression of considered ideas; to build community; to promote student involvement in activities and issues that have an impact on students' lives; and to disseminate information about campus activities, organizations and events. This is our chance, as students, to say what we really think.

Students wishing to place advertisements can submit them to fourthwall@psu.edu for consideration. This is a free service for students.

Announcements

The Business Association of Mont Alto announces its meeting schedule for the month of October: Wed. Oct. 5 and 19, 4pm 2nd floor Lib. Wed. Oct. 12 and 26, 3pm 2nd floor Lib. Anyone interested is welcome to attend the meetings. Contact President Mark Burnett at mab630@psu.edu for more information.

Hello! I hope that everyone is experiencing a good semester so far. As a reminder, I wanted to make you aware of our Advising Center. While I provide advising services for all DUS students, Ms. Beth Neisser, a faculty member here at MA, is also available to see students on a walk-in or appointment basis. Please keep in mind this service should NOT in any way replace regular advising you receive from your assigned faculty advisor.

The Advising Center is located in GS101. Please call 749-6056 to make an appointment. This semester, Ms. Neisser's hours are: Mondays 2-4pm & Thursdays 9-11am.

Just remember ~ it's never too early to start planning your future!!!! It's a WIN/WIN situation for you in many ways. First & foremost the services provided are free!!! Just keep reading below to realize just how much you can gain by utilizing the Advising Center:

Clarifying your educational goals; Developing an education plan; Planning strategies for your educational success; Referring you to college and community resources that will help you succeed; Selecting classes to fulfill your degree.

It's up to you to make that first step. The rewards are endless. Wishing you a successful semester,
Melanie Hepburn
Coordinator, Division of Undergraduate Studies

Newly formed **English Club** now open to all students. Planned activities include an essay contest for local elementary school, book discussion for local high school AP English class, Poe convention, and more. Anyone interested in literature, film, poetry, communications contact Danielle Ramsay at dar262@psu.edu

Congratulations to the following former Mont Alto students on winning elections with the Council of Commonwealth Student Governments:

George Conway, Vice President (2003-2004 Mont Alto VP)

Theodore Jackson, Chief of Staff (2003-2004 Mont Alto Treasurer)

Andrew Hess, Financial Manager (2004-2005 Mont Alto Treasurer)

Jim Vomero, Club Coordinator (2003-2004 Mont Alto President)

Tim Gaines, Southeast Caucus Director (2004-2005 Mont Alto CAMP Chair)

Joshua Klensing, IT Director, (2004-2005 Mont Alto VP)

Denise Kane, Public Relations Director

"The Fourth Wall" for the Fourth Estate

Prof. Kevin Boon

"The Fourth Wall" is a theatrical term referring to the imaginary wall between actors on a stage and an audience. The term refers to part of a proscenium theatre, one of three main theatre designs.

Most stages have historically been designed as arenas, thrust stages, or prosceniums. All three types refer to the relationship between a stage where performances occur and an audience. Arena theatres are comprised of stage surrounded on all sides by the audience. Theatre in the round is performed in an arena theatre. Thrust stage theatres use one wall as a backdrop to the performance and surround the stage on three sides with the audience.

A proscenium theatre positions an audience on only one side of the stage, leaving three walls to frame the performance. Nearly all modern theatres are designed this way, but the first permanent proscenium theatre was not built until 1618 when the Teatro Farnese was in the Palazzo della Pilotta.

The term "The Fourth Wall," which came into vogue just after the American Civil War, refers to more than the missing fourth wall that allows the audience to view the performance. The term implies a relationship between the drama and the audience, one that is unbroken by direct acknowledgement of the audience's presence. Prior to the American Civil War, it was common for actors to deliver speeches directly to the audience. In modern theatre this is referred to as "breaking the fourth wall."

Since the growth of motion pictures in the twentieth century, "The Fourth Wall" has come to signify an imaginary separation between audience and performance, or between those who observe and those who are observed. Performers act as if the fourth wall is not there, as if their actions cannot be seen, while an audience peers through the fourth wall at the action. This relationship marks the term's relevance as a name for a newspaper.

The strength of a news source in a free democracy is

The Fourth Wall

The Fourth Wall is the monthly student newspaper for the Mont Alto campus of The Pennsylvania State University. Letters to the Editor, comments, and queries may be addressed to Danielle Ramsay, Editor-in-Chief (dar262@psu.edu). Mail can be sent to The Fourth Wall, Campus Life Office, 1 Campus Dr., Pennsylvania State University Mont Alto, Mont Alto PA 17237.

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