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 now to take over next semester. 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 Editorial:

Are you enrolled in an education program? Do you enjoy working with children? Can you read? Mowrey Elementary is looking for students willing to read aloud to classes K-6. This is a great opportunity to get some classroom time in or just have some fun and reach out to the local community.

If you are interested, contact JenniferGearing (jeg213 @psu.edu) at the bookstore to sign up or get more information. Transportation to the school will be provided.

The Business Association of Mont Alto announces its meeting schedule for the month of November: Wed. 2 at 4pm, Wed. 9 at 3pm, Wed. 16 at 4pm, Wed. 30 at 4pm. Meetings are held in the Library on the second floor. Anyone interested is welcome to attend the meetings. Contact President Mark Burnett at mab630@psu.edu for more information.

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

Editorial: Variety Vs. Hunger: Which "Spice" Will Win Out?

Ian Wintermyer

Oh thank God there is only one place to eat in the middle of nowhere! And that the people running this lovely place have the decency and responsibility to look out for our needs more so than if they were in say... direct competition. That's why it's important to close at seven o'clock, the average time someone between the age of 15 and 22 is hungry for dinner, on Friday and Saturday. And I can tell you this is more than just a ploy to make you buy the "10% off items" to eat later because you'll starve... or is it?

Well, if you still don't know what I'm talking about, or you were smart enough to stock your own fridge, I'm referring to the Millstream.

In the event that you have to eat there day in and day out, it can, and will, become very bland and very tiresome. Sorry Kurt, but it's the fact of nature; humans don't sit content with monotones and dull everyday expectations. You sometimes really have to "wow" people with a new approach or setting. Repeating a calendar menu isn't exactly fun.

Ideally you can't please everyone... but where's the harm in trying? Oh wait, profit

margin, sorry. Okay then... put in a suggestion box, the winner that gets drawn will at least be happy.

I'm guessing you get a lot of feedback about the bad, but how often do the students give the Millstream feedback of what's good? I will attempt to give some good feedback as well.

Last week, I believe it was Deb, one of the cooks, had a demo station called Chicken Alfredo, which took me by surprise. I mistook it for restaurant or even home quality food. The taste was, simpl[y] put, delicious - even the sauce tasted different. Whatever they changed I hope it accidentally happens again. The chicken was solid and the noodles weren't sticking together, but instead tasted like noodles! I was pleasantly surprised; I'm giving this dish a 4/5. The meal was a highlight to an otherwise bland day.

Now on with the bad. I suggest people write in if they disagree or would like to add things to this list.

Selection, a word I hear every day, from "not enough" to "damn, wrong hours." It's almost as if the selection is not there. While, true, there are usually multiple options, such as the deli or the grill, it comes down to, "what haven t I already eaten 10 times this month." Choice, simply put, is not enough; there needs to be variety mixed in as well.

I do notice there's usually a "vegetarian" option which either consists of some fake looking meat stuff or actual vegetables. But what about something good? For example, there are almost always two different meat pizza options a day, yet I've never seen a "veggie lover's" pizza, or even just a plain mushroom pizza. Not to mention the grease dripping off the pepperoni onto the plain cheese "Little Charlie's" doesn't look too appealing heaped together.

I do look forward to the Millstream evolving into something the campus can truly show off as a worthy student focal point, on tours of perspective students?

If anyone has any issues they would like to see addressed, or a disagreement with my opinions please feel free to email me or the newspaper.

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