

# Opinion & Review

## Editorial

### Cut the Bitchin' and Moanin'

By James Foltz

I have never heard so much complaining from a single group of students in all of my life. There has been so much whining and moaning over the re-scheduling of classes during the common hour and even more whining and moaning over the double work load which the teachers have dumped onto the students.

Whine, whine, whine.

Moan, moan, moan.

All of it is unnecessary. All of the griping over those issues shows a lot of ungratefulness. We were given our Spring Break. Not one single day of it was taken away.

Did anyone complain about that?

Students should be kissing the feet of and doing acts of worship to those in charge of handling the mess for a job well done. The people in charge did their best to keep the semester from ending late. They pretty much succeeded in doing so, too. We only have a handful of extra days tacked onto the semester.

But students are complaining about that too.

Yet we all received a pretty good deal. We missed how many weeks of school because of inclement weather? How many days of Spring Break were lost? How many extra days were tacked on?

People, stop complaining! The numbers add up in our favor!

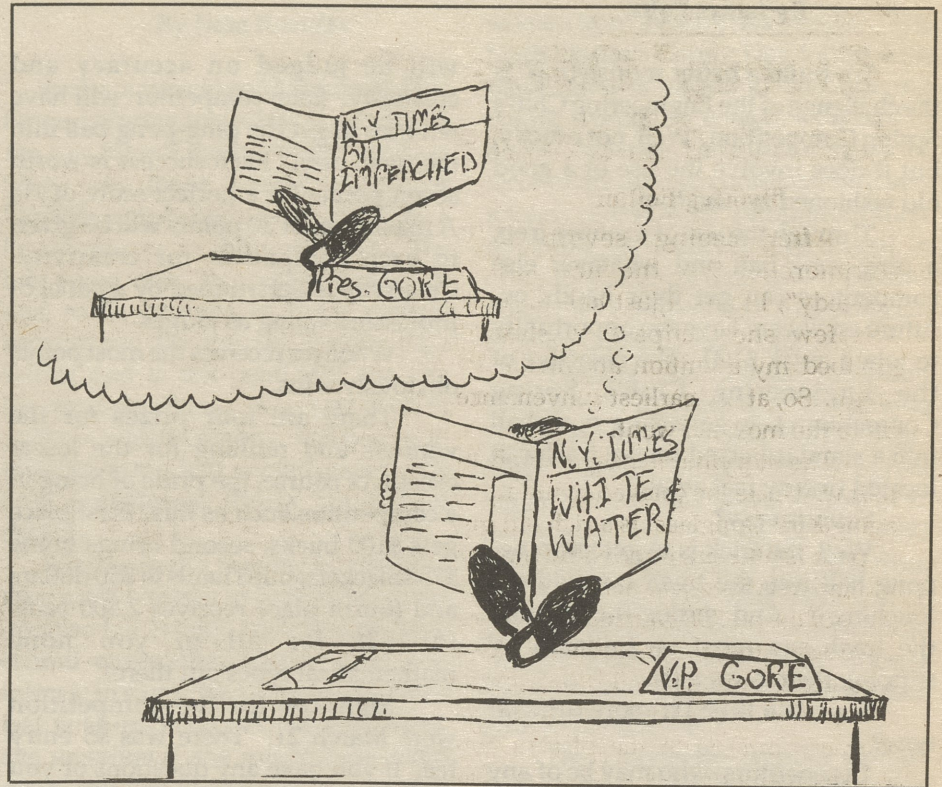
There also have been an awful lot of complaints spewing from students' mouths about the extra work load that they're receiving. Well, let me offer a humble apology for the teachers. I am so sorry that they care.

I'm sorry that the teachers have chosen to give you every dime's worth of your education. I'm sorry that the teachers chose to make sure that you are given enough education to prepare yourself for the following semester.

Do you actually think that teachers are giving you extra work for their own health?

Let's use a little bit of common sense, okay?

This semester has been rough on everyone, but the head honchos in charge of smoothing out the academic road leading toward the end of the semester are doing a fine job. Instead of complaining about them, just be glad that they aren't employed by PennDOT or else the academic road would be filled with many more pot holes.



## Letters to the Editor

### 'A Modest Reply'

To the Editor:

The editorial "A 'Modest' Proposal For Delco" by Martyna Sliwiska, which appeared in the March 4 issue of *The Lion's Eye*, prompts me to respond.

The editorial dismisses the snow removal efforts of the campus maintenance department as lacking since, the writer states, "Because of the great piles of dirty, hardened snow, many of the parking spots are useless." She further blames the maintenance crew for the piles of snow and ice blocking the view at the intersection of 352 and Yearsley Mill Road, and for the gaping potholes on Yearsley Mill at the campus entrance.

The very first thought that comes to mind is "Where in the parking lots should they have put the snow?" Considering the volume of snow this winter, and the sub-freezing temperatures turning it into glaciers in between snowstorms, the lots are fairly clear. Has the writer been to the mall lately? The snow piles there take up parking spots, too. What about in your own neighborhood? Snow piles all over, right? That's the way it is during a winter that has dumped almost two feet of snow on us in eight weeks.

Regarding the two other complaints about 352 and Yearsley Mill Road, I would have assumed that a Penn State student would know that Penn State employees do not handle snow removal or pothole repair on state and country roads and highways. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, or PennDOT, is responsible for that job, not the maintenance crew from Penn State Delaware County Campus.

Those mounds of snow which are so annoying to the writer were created by the maintenance guys who came in each and every day to plow while students stayed home. These guys were called in to work in the middle of the night to scrape, salt, and plow the campus roads, pathways, and lots, while the snow was still coming down, so the lots would be clear by the time we all came back to campus. Some of them were out on the roads testing road conditions so campus

administrators could make the most informed decision on closing-and this is going on at 2 in the morning at the height of the storm, while everyone else is warm and cozy in bed. They don't get to go home when the sun comes up on those days, either. They stay and handle their regular everyday duties for the remainder of the day.

The ill-informed writer of this editorial piece has done a disservice to a group of staff who have handled a tough job in an efficient manner. It's been a rotten winter-for everyone. Instead of complaining about the amount of snow in the parking lots, let's get together as a campus community and give credit where it is due. And let's keep our perspective about things over which we have little control.

Most of all, let's keep our sense of humor-sooner or later, it's gotta stop snowing and warm up again!

Very truly yours,  
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### Thanks For the Fun

To the Editor:

I would like to thank Ms. Connie Kirker, the Student Government, the Multicultural Association, Faculty and Staff and especially Ms. Kathy Shorter, on behalf of the third grade class from Toby Farms Elementary School. The third graders recently visited here March 17 for the Multicultural Luncheon. In the short time I have been with these children as a teaching assistant to Ms. Bonita Davis, our friendship has grown. The excitement and enjoyment they felt meant a lot to me, and I appreciate the spontaneity of friendship extended to the children by all those involved. These kids need to know that there are alternatives in their lives. Hopefully this trip to our campus will plant the seeds of change. Future events are planned on our campus, and I look forward to participating in them with the children. Again, thank you all.

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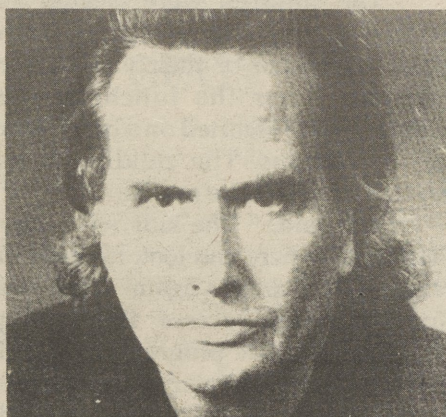
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