

# Opinion & Review

## Editorial:

### Those @#\* Printers!

By James Foltz

I just finished printing out an editorial about how lousy the stinking printers are in the library. I was just sitting at the Macintosh (you know, the ones with the really teeny monitors which allow you to see almost all of your paper) hitting the command button to print.

Guess what?

The printer, #1 to be exact, literally ripped, chewed and spit out the paper. Ironic, eh?

Well, I thought I might share my entire editorial with you anyway. It doesn't end at the italics.

"I command you," I bellow out in the fiercest and deepest voice I had. "I command you, worthless computer of the Apple! I command you to PRINT!"

So in humbleness Mac sends a messenger to the local printer, #1 or #2. The message is to print.

With a little bit of whining and arguing the printer begins to initiate a plan.

No, not to print, but rather to frustrate me.

The printer begins to gobble up the paper which it is being force fed. It begins to twist, rip and tear the paper which passes through it until finally I utter a curse aloud and turn it off. What exits from the printer is a mangled mess of what was supposed to be an assignment needed to be handed in...

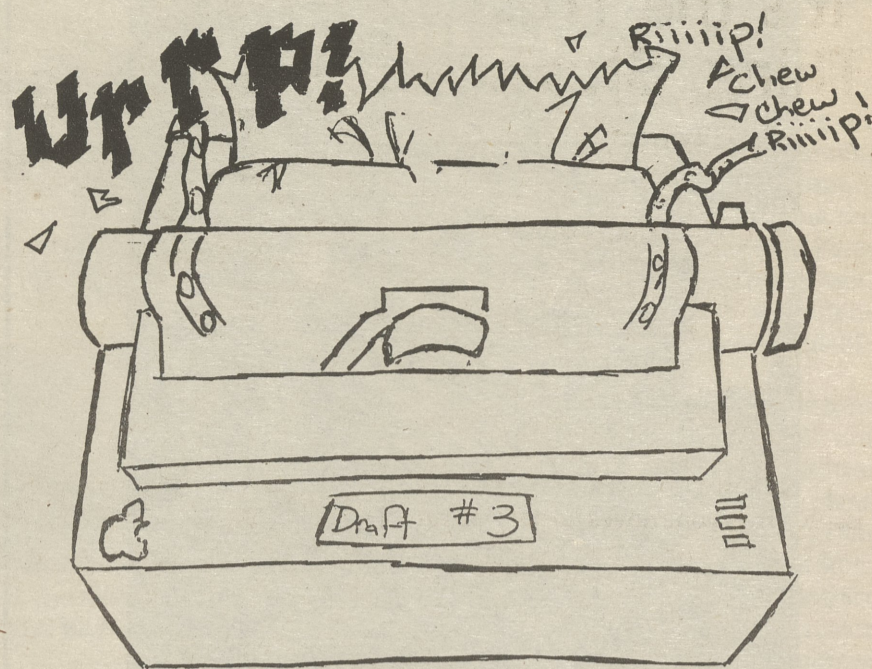
Do me a favor and take a look at the tuition bill which is in your possession and which you have diligently paid. Go ahead, read it. It included an extra couple of bucks which everyone must pay. Do you see it? It is a computer fee. A \$35 computer fee, I might add. I'll make an assumption that the computer fee is to pay for the use of the computers.

That's cool. I could live with paying 70 bucks a year to use the computer equipment. That's if, of course, it worked properly. Problem is, it doesn't. The printers are constantly jamming, and I mean, constantly. I am usually at the computers four or five times a week and they jam at least, at the very least, twice a week.

I figure, if Penn State were to take all of the money which was received for the Computer Fee and use it for that purpose, then there should not be a problem. Let's imagine only 100 students attend Penn State Delco. Now, they're paying \$70 a year in computer fees. \$70 times 100 is \$7,000.

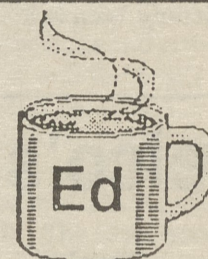
I think that there should be enough money to buy better quality printers. Laser printers would be great, and they rarely jam. Sure the cartridges cost more money, but it is not as if the money is not there.

You rip out another long sheet of paper as the printer belches. I guess you're getting your money's worth in wasted paper.



## THE FRONT DESK

by Ed Tomezsko  
Campus Executive Officer



I was talking recently to one of *The Lion's Eye* reporters and discussing the value of experience on the resume. "Experience is important" was the conclusion reached by our conversation.

On a totally different subject, yet a subject abstractly related to experience, we also discussed the opportunities which we have created on campus for students to work - for pay - with faculty and staff on projects of mutual interest. Opportunity to work with faculty on a publishable research project is a very valuable student experience. While I think every one knows about this work opportunity, the reporter did not hear of this until recently.

I keep thinking that these student opportunities are being promoted. Then how is it that this program of work is not known to the vast majority of our students? The moral of this story relates to the gap between reality and perception.

This newspaper is a truly important part of the campus communications network. It is student controlled and operated. Students make editorial policy. It is a place where perception and reality should meet. *The Lion's Eye* provides valuable experience AND this experience becomes a line on your resume.

We'll try again. The first ten (10) students who return this completed coupon to my office, 111C Main Building will get a \$5.00 gift certificate for the bookstore.

This campus could be better if: \_\_\_\_\_

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The year is almost over and quite a year it was. Snow, I remember snow. Ice, I remember ice. Spring flowers, I remember Spring flowers; they'll be blooming any time now.

The year has again sped by and a lot of good things happened. I will name only two names - Amy McCarthy and Jodi DelRossi - but you all know that many, many students, faculty, and staff contribute to the success of the campus. These two leaders continued the long-standing tradition of excellence in leading the Student Government Association. In the course of this year, both Presidents and their staffs helped the campus absolutely by providing student perspective to the campus strategic plan and the campus budget. I am personally and professionally grateful for the work of the SGA. These students make life on this campus better and they gain leadership experience - there's that word again.

Thanks go to the editor and staff of *The Lion's Eye* for without this paper, you would live in a controlled information environment. More thanks go to the Athletic Director, the coaches, and most importantly, to the athletes who give a lot to this campus in terms of prestige and honor. You make me proud of us!

Thanks go to the John Terrell and John Baffoe-Bonnie who are this year's Outstanding Teachers, for without them and the other faculty and staff, we would not have you the outstanding students.

Finally, to all of the students who excelled in the academic life of the University, you are the true purpose of the University. How well you do adds significantly to the value of Penn State. I am very proud of you.

Here's the point: this has been a good, snowy year. Each of us has gained experience, and if we did it right, we gained important experience through participation in the many lives of this campus. All the best over the Summer! Thank you for your help!

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