

Opinion

Letter to the editor

There's more to college than getting a good job

Hi, I wish there were letters to the editor(s) published in the *Lion's Eye*. There are always some discussion-provoking items to explore together as a community.

One headline that struck my eye was the caption under the career day photo, which said: "Hopeful students mingle with potential employers at last Thursday's job fair, pursuing the ultimate purpose of college: to get a job."

I'm glad we have a job fair and I think getting a job is a highly significant matter for most students. However, I resist considering getting a job the "ultimate purpose of college." There is always Burger King and they don't require any type of education as far as I know.

It is true that getting a good job generally requires a college education, so it is significant for that purpose. However, it is also important for developing the critical thinking skills useful for being a good citizen, a good family member, and someone who is an intelligent member of a culture. There is a personal gain to be had from being college educated that transcends the workplace.

Even if you never worked a day in your life, a college education would greatly enhance your chances of having a rich and rewarding life.

Mary Gergen

Professor of Psychology & Women's Studies

Letter from the editor

Look how far we've come

It's amazing to think that so much has been accomplished in such a little amount of time. Only a year ago, Sarah Gallatig and I first took over the *Lion's Eye* with all of our ideas on paper, and not yet concrete.

In that year, we have done so much that we are proud of. We got the *Lion's Eye* club up and successfully running. We increased our publication from once a month to every three weeks, or six times a semester. We dealt with ethical issues that our paper had never dealt with before. We reorganized the paper to include an editorial board and drafted a constitution to give us guidelines and something to fall back on. We even have a new office with a new computer and new software. It has been an extremely successful year for the *Lion's Eye* and the future looks brighter than ever.

It has been such a pleasure serving this community of Penn State Delaware County as editor-in-chief of a paper that I am confident to say is the best paper in all of the Commonwealth College of Penn State. Thank you for picking us up and reading us this year. Good luck with finals and have a wonderful summer!

— Jennifer Rufo

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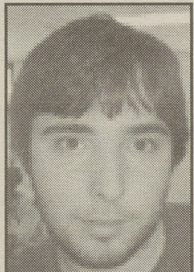
People Poll

Staff writer Dan Delaney asked:
Where will you be in one month?



Working at Franklin Mills.

Kelvin Byard
Business



Hanging out with my friends who are home from their schools.

Steve Darbes
Undecided



Here, I'm taking summer classes and working at the gym.

Mike DeLuca
Business



Sea Isle City; working and tanning.

Stephanie McNamara
Biology



Here, taking summer classes.

Susan Ndukwu
Chemistry



Disney World!

Lina Taing
Business

OK, let's take this complaint, and yours, and get 'em solved

I'm sick and tired of getting the runaround on campus from various offices. Whether it is a simple request for an e-mail, or for filing some paperwork, the offices I've dealt with in the Main building these past two weeks do just that — they made me run around to all the other offices.

I don't know if the staff members on campus have already started their summer vacations, or whether they're just in need of some R&R, but I know that I am a student who is in need of some service here.

Some people just seem unwilling to help. And the thing that surprised me the most is that some of the staff know who I am. I have attended this campus for four years. I have worked in the bookstore, and I'm editor of the *Lion's Eye*, so these people know me by name and face. Yet, they still send me away to offices I've already been to and I just end up retracing my steps.

I hope that whatever is in the water here at Penn State Delaware County certainly gets out of the systems of those people in the offices.

Maybe it is just a summertime thing, but I think that's a shame. I think that not only should the faculty be enthusiastic about their jobs and when dealing with students, but also the staff. Granted, sometimes students can be difficult to deal with. But that is no excuse.

Part of reflecting Penn State as a nice campus to attend is good public relations among everyone.

Not all offices on campus have horrible customer service, understand. The entire staff of Computer Services has never given me a problem.

Even the Advising Center, under scrutiny by most students, has helped me out significantly. Student Life always helps me out with a question or last-minute crisis. Thank you Diane Shorter and Dale Soring! Their presence on campus is a breath of fresh air.

Staffers on this campus should follow their example and sunny attitudes.

Yet, a few bad apples can ruin the bunch.

I know other students are frustrated, too. I constantly hear complaints about this or that office, yet the sad fact is that most students only complain — and nothing else.

People here should band together and make the changes they want so desperately to happen. You want the new entrance to be completed? Rally about it or something. You want food back in the bookstore? Petition it, heckle for it.

You want pool tables in the Lion's Den again? Nurse on campus? Have a legitimate problem with your professor?

Be honest and professional on the student evaluation forms at the end of the semester.

The important thing is to let your voices be heard.

Use the resources you have available to you, such as the *Lion's Eye*, Student Government and the fact that you pay to attend classes here.

I'm tired of everyone always complaining and not doing a damn thing to fix anything.

I'm making a start by complaining in this column. It's up to you to make the changes. It's up to you to get those staffers to treat you as a human being.



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