

### Penn State rewarding

To the Editor (or, more specifically, to Mike Rodman):  
 Before writing your lengthy column of bitches against Penn State, you should have first researched the possible answers to your gripes. Although the Bachelor of Philosophy degree program may be one solution, there are other points to consider.

You cut down Penn State because of the lack of independence offered, yet you are asserting your own independence by working out your own degree program, an option open to anyone who wants it. Another way for a student in Liberal Arts to be independent is to become his own adviser after his third term—that is, he can choose his own courses and sign all no. 2 cards and other forms which require an adviser's signature. It also means that the student takes all responsibility for seeing that degree requirements are fulfilled.

You don't seem to like the idea of taking "cake" courses to fulfill degree requirements. You don't have to take such courses unless YOU want them.

You bemoan general requirements as being "glorified high school." The question to ask here is this: did you come here for a degree or a job? If the reason you are in college is the

latter, I suggest you leave quickly. With the job market becoming overcrowded every day, especially in journalism, a degree is no guarantee of a job. Anyone who works in the media will tell you that the key to a job is experience, not a diploma. In few cases, if any, will a prospective employer turn down an experienced journalist for someone with a degree.

If you came to Penn State for a degree, the reason I came, then you'll have to put up with a few terms of aggravation and some boring courses before you can get to the "good stuff," i.e. your area of interest. Requirements here aren't much different from those you'll find at any other college, and they give you a well-rounded background beyond that of high school. If you pick the right courses to fulfill these requirements, you may actually find yourself enjoying them!

About journalism: your writing style is generally quite good although at times overly sarcastic. However, your punctuation and grammar need work, so don't dismiss requirements as unnecessary just yet. You say that you have never taken a college-level journalism course: well, you're in for a few unpleasant surprises. Some courses, particularly the basics, can be extremely disheartening. However, if you can stick it out through these, your work will be rewarded. Be patient; have faith in yourself.

# Behind The Bench

You have a long time to go before you graduate. Don't let your left-over high school ideals turn you off just yet; contrary to popular belief, a Penn State education can be extremely rewarding.

Jan Matthew  
7th-journ & theatre

### Rodman offensive

To the Editor:  
 This letter is in response to Mike Rodman's final journalistic attempt in Wednesday's sports section. I found it offensive on several levels.

What kind of education did Mike come to Penn State for? There's much to be said for experiential learning but he boasts that he's never taken a college level journalism course and then proceeds to grammatically mangle his next arrogant statement.

Space in the sports section is at a premium? Then why his column? Why not a picture of women's racquetball instead of the shot of a few local Flyers fans which ran in the paper that same day?

As a man, I take issue with the utilitarian use of the term "gals" in sportswriting, and in particular, the insolence which Mike displays when he addresses concerned women as "jock-gals."

Your Mack truck egg shows, Mike. You imply that you are well-rounded, independent, and know where you are going. Maybe so, but the sports pages of a "top collegiate newspaper" are not the place for you to parade.

And by the way, Mike, you can take your terrific social life, arrogant attitudes towards women, and total lack of social consciousness, and, "if you can manage to twist your body in such a fashion".....

Daniel Berger  
6th-animal science

### 'Leaving' unjustified

To the Editor:  
 By what stretch of editorial good judgment can Mr. Rodman justify his huge farewell of May 14? If he wishes to be the best sportswriter in the world, perhaps he should get a job on a commercial paper and scrap his college education. On the other hand, Mr. Rodman may need a more rounded education because he borders on drowning in egocentrism.

The space used for Mr. Rodman's arrogant, self-indulgent piece of drivel might have been better used to report sports club news. He cannot justify a picture for women's racquetball, but there is room enough to show Flyer fans in a local apartment.

The remark made to the woman racquetball player is unwarranted and exposes Mr. Rodman for what he is: a bigoted wart of limited intellectual and emotional stature.

Bon voyage, Mike!

Gerald Moore  
Boalsburg, Pa.

### Women coverage needed

To the Editor:  
 Mike Rodman, in his Wednesday, May 14 editorial, "Why I may leave Penn State," complains of women students' desiring more coverage of women's sports events. Supposedly, females' wanting more coverage is unjustified, for "women's sports just don't get the readership that men's sports do."

Perhaps more people read about men's sports events. Continual reporting keeps the reader reading since he or she is able to "follow" the activities of a particular team or club. Maybe printing one isolated article or picture of the women's racquetball club would be a waste of space, but if its activities (or any women's sports activities) were constantly reported on (and this does not mean every day or even every week) readership of women's sports articles, indeed interest in women's sports might increase.

Mr. Rodman states that he thinks "it's great that women are participating in sports, everybody should." One way to get people participating in sports is to make the activities visible. Having a picture of the woman's racquetball club's practice might not have been such a bad idea. I never knew such a club existed. How is one to become involved if one doesn't know a club or team exists?

"Jockgals" do not want adequate Collegian coverage for the mere purpose of displaying their feminine physical feats or asserting their equality to men, but rather to stimulate the kind of support, excitement and participation in women's sports as exists in men's sports.

Diane Kushner, Chairperson,  
 Status of Women Committee of Association  
 for Women Students

Ed's note: there is a misconception here which should be cleared up. The Bachelor of Philosophy program isn't open to everyone. It is open only to third, fourth and fifth term students. In addition you must prove to a committee that your program cannot be fulfilled by one now in existence.

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