

Behind the Bench

Letters to the sports editor

Turn off your radio

In relation to your column article, "Pirates 'n Milo Won't be Missed," Mr. Dougherty, you should include yourself in the category of "biased announcing." A sports section of such small size should not be cluttered with the closed-minded reporting that this article exhibited. You should make better use of the space allotted to you, rather than disgusting readers with your whining on a subject that you regard as your own personal crusade.

As far as the way that Milo Hamilton calls a game, I find it quite fitting since the team he is covering is the Pirates. Such phrases as: "Come on Cobra, we needja now," "Captain Willie," and "our Bucs," are what I believe to be an intricate part of GOOD coverage of a Pirate game. If your own announcers don't pull for your team, they have no business covering your team! Announcers are supposed to keep fans interested and excited in and about their team. In doing so, Milo and Lanny may use terms that are biased toward the Pirates, but this is just part of their job to keep the fans 'up.' So Mr. Dougherty, if you're sick of "Piratemia," I suggest you do one of the following: 1. Use that thing called the off-switch on your radio. 2. Close your door to all Pirate fans and broadcasts from other rooms. 3. Hide in a closet with all your one-sided views!

David Hillner
8th-Political Science

Pirate column is 'puke'

Everyday I read 'news items' in the Collegian that raise my blood pressure. There's usually some inane story aimed at discrediting somebody or some group. I'm sick and tired of reading things like, 'Joe Paterno reminded me of Idi Amin,' and 'all you have to do is live near a typical Pittsburgh fan — obnoxious.' Who in hell is Pete Dougherty to write a hate story about Pittsburgh baseball fans and the announcers for KDKA?!?!? And where does the whole thing appear? . . . Page 7 of Tuesday's Collegian, as if it was news, when it really belonged on the editorial page where all other hate stories go! The editors of the Collegian should be shot for printing biased articles like that, or maybe they truly reflect the attitude of the paper. In case you guys hadn't noticed, half the people on campus think differently from Dougherty. Good sports reporting? 'PUKE.'

Ronald F. Strike
10th-Insurance and Real Estate

Milo adds life to game

Very few times do writers sink as low as Pete Dougherty has in expressing his views of Pirate Broadcasting. (Collegian, Oct. 3). Identifying yourself as a "Pirate Hater," and calling that an expanding legion of people should make any professional writer cringe with fear of catching such an illness. Name calling, generalizing, and putting players down just because their names begin with the letter O is poor writing at best.

Sure Milo Hamilton is biased towards the Pirates. Every home team announcer is biased toward the home team he/she represents, every fan is a fan, and they all show it. Milo's game commentary adds life to an otherwise slow sport — it keeps people interested who might otherwise turn the game off. I come from Pittsburgh and like the Pirates even though they show gross inconsistencies during every

season. But even if I were a staunch Phillies' fan, it would be my serious conviction that the likes of Pete D. never be allowed to write such trash again.

Eric Battenfield
11th-Recreation and Parks

Dougherty a Romper Roomer

Where do you come off criticizing Pirate broadcasters Milo Hamilton and Lanny Frattare and especially Pirate fans? Why instead don't you just admit that Pittsburgh has some very loyal baseball fans (along with its football fans) who enjoy announcers that share their enthusiasm? I consider myself a member of a very elite club — one that you will never be admitted to, hopefully.

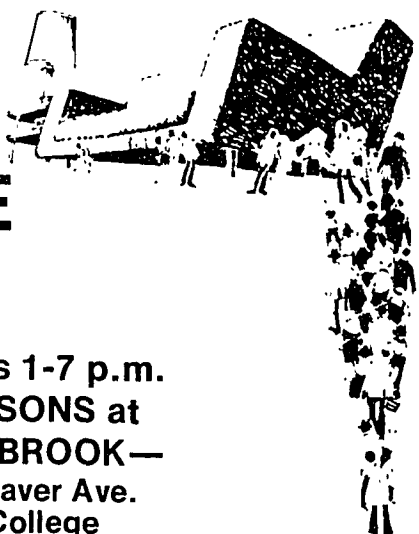
First of all, Milo is still one of the finest baseball announcers in baseball today. He has to play a partial role as cheerleader, because how else will people be motivated to get out to the "Lumber Yard?" (remember the Bucco's low attendance figure?). Also, Milo DID NOT invent "The Cobra" (come one, Prince wasn't fired TOO long ago). Have you been watching too much Romper Room not to remember that one, Pete? And who said you ever had to listen to the Pirate games? Romper Roomers should realize that most devices have a very important feature — the on-off switch — and should know how to operate such complicated things.

And secondly, what was ever wrong with rooting for the home team? It really burns when the Phillies beat out 'my' Buccos, but does that mean we must dampen our enthusiasm?

But let's cut the crap about things like this. Philly fans and Pittsburgh fans will always exist at this university, and I don't think we need articles like yours cutting up our loyalties. Think about it before you undertake such a project again.

Dave Shrensky
4th-Speech Communications

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Commonplace Theatre, Casablanca, 7 and 9 p.m., Room 112 Kern.
Sports: soccer, vs. Rhode Island, 7 p.m., Jeffrey Field.
Members Night at the Museum, Friends of the Museum Annual Meeting (members only), 8 p.m., Museum of Art.
University Theatre, Samuel Beckett, Waiting for Godot, student preview, 8 p.m., The Pavilion Theatre.
Meetings:
Equestrian Team, 7 p.m., Room 119 Boucke.
Episcopal Student Assn., 7:30 p.m., Room 308 Boucke.
P.S.O.C. Ski Division, 7:30 p.m., Room 10 Sparks.
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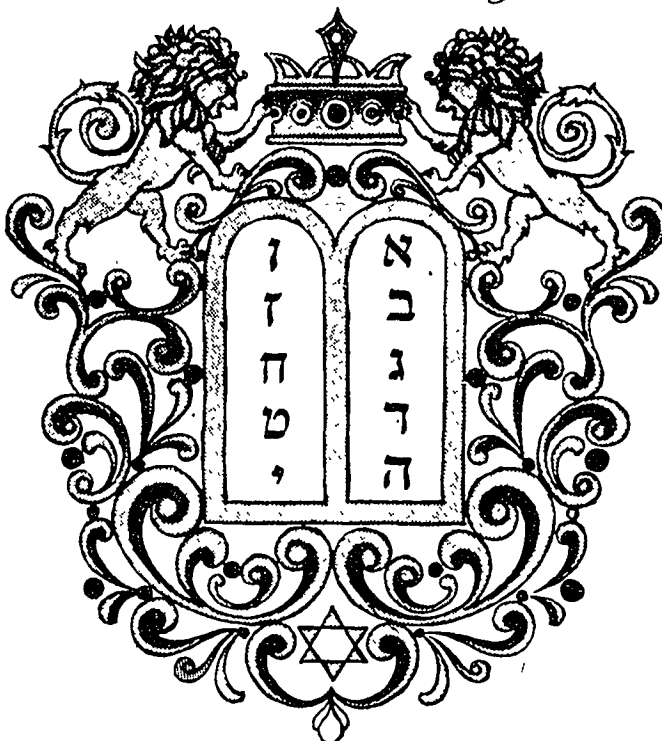


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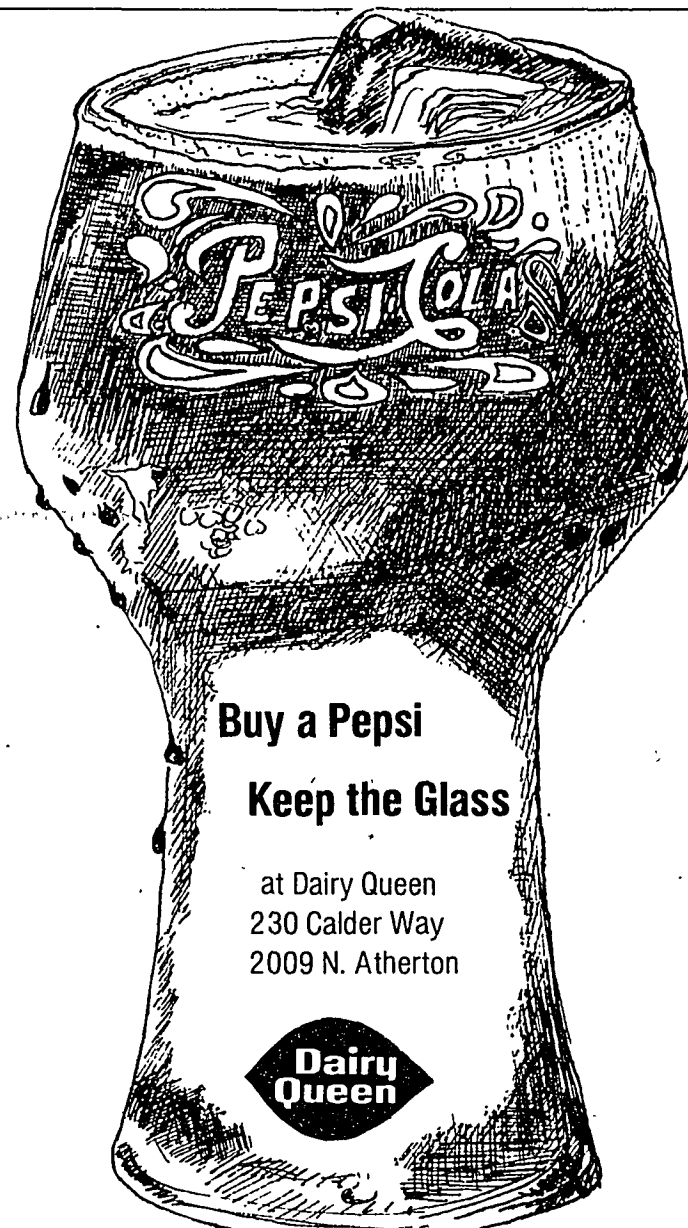
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