# opinions

#### editorial opinion

### Help wanted: volunteer

in Action on Campus – a newly formed volunteers in times of economic crisis. group designed to link student volunteers Personal satisfaction is another legiti-

Inc., who have a YVA program in their own one. organization, if an on-campus office could For many years, University students be set.up.

For a number of years, student leaders Now individuals have a place to turn make a different kind of contribution. If teers are needed. enough students participate in the program, The idea is an excellent one, and after have done for the community.

Becoming a volunteer is simply a way of court. showing that students do care about the The time is now for Penn State students to area we live and recreate in. Students who show they can do more than study and care about the future of State College and party. The State College-University comwant to help make a difference should take munity needs the support of individuals who this opportunity to get involved.

In almost every town across the country, easy.

University students who wish to contrib- volunteers help citizens in many different ute their time and talent to the State Col- ways. Health care organizations, drug rehalege-University community now have the bilitation centers, fire departments, recrechance to do so through Young Volunteers ational centers and schools sorely need

with volunteer jobs in the community. mate reason to volunteer in the community. The idea to set up this service originated Knowing you have played a part in helping with Andy Mozenter, assistant director of State College prosper can be satisfying even student organizations and program devel- without the monetary awards. Helping a opment. YVA on Campus is an outreach child learn to read or bringing a smile to the program of On Drugs, Inc. of State College. face of a hospital patient is the kind of Mozenter asked the people at On Drugs, experience that should be shared by every-

have searched for ways to help the people of About one year and a lot of organization State College, to give their free time and later, Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity, help a worthy cause. And for many years, Gamma Sigma Sigma service sorority and fraternity and sorority philanthropies have the Circle K service organization have been the only successful attempts. But banded together to man YVA on Campus. these activities are large scale.

have pushed to have their opinions heard in where they can find the right place to direct community decisions to protect students' their energies. YVA on Campus has cominterests. Now students have a chance to piled a list of over 40 agencies where volun-

students will have a legitimate answer some tough work by many campus and when borough officials ask what students town officials the volunteer agency is now a reality. The ball is now in the students'

care, and YVA on Campus is now making it

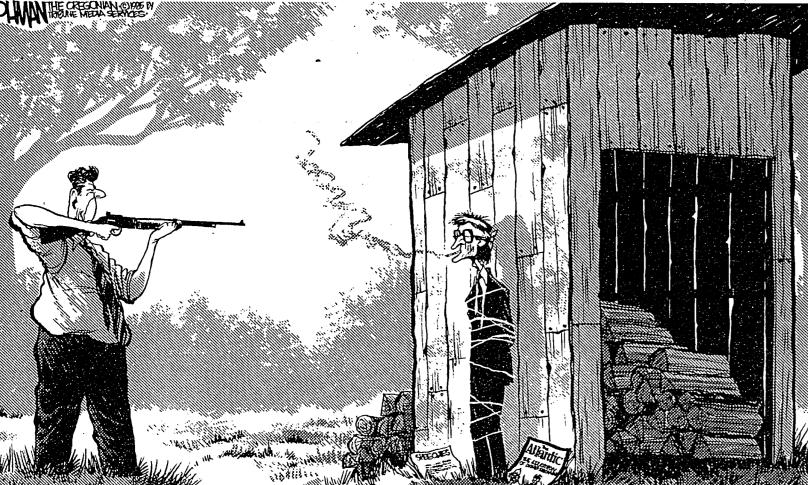
**JOKE** ...TO END ALL THIS NEGATIVE MEDIA COVERAGE, WE'RE GOING BACK TO OUR ORIGINAL FORMULA,

#### reader opinion

#### Difference of opinion

As someone who attended the Paul Erdos lecture, I feel I difference between proteges and prodigy? must write to correct several glaring errors in your I have been reading the Collegian for a long time and article about it. First, Dr. Erdos did not claim that "any this editorial staff has missed more blatant errors in student today can do better than Newton or Euclid," but spelling, grammar, syntax than I have ever seen. These that any graduate student could with the implication that errors occur not just inside articles, but in headlines as the graduate student was studying math. Also, Erdos did well. I am not able to be an observer of all the events not attribute, "Genius is 99 percent perspiration and one which the Collegian covers, but I shudder to think that percent inspiration," to Einstein as you (and The Centre other articles have as many conceptual errors as this one Daily Times) said he did, but to Edison (the correct did. source of the quotation.) Finally, Erdos did not mention Over the years, the Collegian has been recognized as anything about "proteges," but did talk about "prodi- one of the best college newspapers in the country. Howevgies.'

think that Erdos believes any student could do better other college newspapers. mathematics than Newton? Did they really think that Erdos believes that Einstein said, "Genius is . . ." or did



David Stockmans last trip to the woodshed

## **Neurotics:**

It's not easy being obsessed with grades, classes, relationships and friends all at the same time

My boyfriend took me to see Woody Al- lots of practice before you're good enough when the directions say define, the profes- and the discussion is over, they will forget If you are lucky enough to be the one close len's Annie Hall the other night. Af- for people to actually recognize you as sor means - give the definition of a word. about it. Not true for neurotic people. No, friend of a neurotic person, never go to movie while eating ice cream.

"I think it was a good movie," I said, "but they were both so ....'' I stammered. searching for the right word. "So neurotic?" he asked. I nodded. "Yeah, but it was happens that they have to miss a class, they so far fetched, that it was funny. No one can will call the professor and make sure they possibly be that neurotic." He began to are still on good terms with him or her. laugh, "Sure they can, have you ever looked in the mirror?

ulation, I'd like to point out a few things professor questions like, "What are your about neurotic people that non-neurotic tests like?" and "What was the assignment people tend to overlook. First of all, it's not again?" Neurotic people will ask many easy being a neurotic person. You non-neu- questions during an exam. This is becauses about their relationships in a calm, mature they are all together, the neurotic needs to rotic people think that we neurotics were they think they are answering the questions manner. They will present their argument, be in control. He cannot be left out of any Stacy Brill is a senior majoring in English

non-neurotic person

Grades are the first thing that neurotic people worry about. I'm not talking about the normal, oh my, it's the 13th week of the semester and I only have one more chance in a relationship. And not only that, they to pull up my F in accounting worries. I'm expect their mates to know exactly when talking about the first week grading plans. Neurotic people will, after the first week of a normal time, like while they are lying on about their mates immediately. Then they classes, sit down and figure out what their the couch together staring into each other's know where they stand. If you want to cumulative average will be if they get the eyes. No, it will happen at the strangest worst possible grade in each class. They will hardly ever miss a class, and if it That brings me to the next topic: neurotics in the classroom. Neurotics will write anymore." By the end of the rollercoaster Neurotic? I thought. Maybe I am. And as down everything, and I mean everything a recognized member of the neurotic pop- the professor says. They will often ask the

candidate for "The Annie Hall Club." In is because non-neurotics aren't trained to They will then draw their own conclusions case you were wondering, here are some think the same way as neurotics. They outstanding characteristics of an above won't get uptight over the slightest thing - conducive to a good relationship. Their poor

cold toward them one day. The same act

would drive neurotic people crazy. Neurotic people need a lot of reassurance they need to be reassured. It's usually not at times — like while they are on a rollercoaster at an amusement park. All of a sudden, the neurotic people get, well they get, sort of . . neurotic. "My hair is all messed up," they will think to themselves, "and he won't look at me. He probably doesn't like me hair was messed up in the wind. This results

thing is fine between them, only to be greeted by a cold stare the next morning. They can't figure out what is wrong, mainly because nothing is wrong. As usual, the neurotic created a problem out of nothing. The last point about relationships is this: neurotic people need to know everything torture your neurotic mate, tell him you can't become emotionally involved, or that you don't want to talk to him about your feelings. They will spend the duration of the relationship trying to change you, mainly because it's better for their well being.

Neurotic people can only have one close friend at a time. Any more than that and ride, they have themselves convinced that they feel closed in. Let's say for example, a the relationship is over - all because their neurotic has three close friends. If they all get together and don't include him, forget it. in the rest of the evening being a total drag. He will automatically think they are conborn this way. Well, you're wrong. It takes wrong — and they need reassurance that then discuss it. After both sides are given, inside joke or he thinks he is the butt of it.

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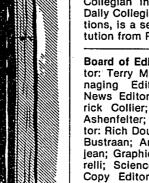
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they not know who said it? (Maybe The Centre Daily Times was their source.) Did they really not know the

er. I am afraid that unless the editorial staff starts doing Who were the editors of this article? Did they really its job, it will quickly deteriorate to the low level of many

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terwords, we exchanged thoughts about the neurotic human being. Sometimes it's hard Relationships between non-neurotics and while they are trying to fall asleep, they will fraternity parties with him. He will drive to admit to yourself that you too may be a neurotics are doomed to fail. Basically this rehash the entire conversation verbatim. you crazy while trying to dress for the party. Odds are, he will wear an outfit very based on their own conversation. This is not similiar to yours. This is so he doesn't stand out in a crowd. Neurotics are also afraid to average neurotic person, as compared to a it doesn't bother them if their mate is acting mates leave their house feeling like every- be left alone at parties. Be prepared to spend your whole night standing around wishing you could somehow get rid of this neurotic leech.

When trying to get rid of leeches, keep in mind that the worst thing that can happen is for non-neurotics to be cornered in a room with neurotic people. Non-neurotic people can smoke or drink without a care in the world. Not true for the neurotics. Half of them won't touch anything illegal for fear of being caught. The remaining ones will, indeed, engage in the use of mind-altering substances but at the same time, they will make sure everyone in the room knows about it.

So there you have it. If you found yourself relating to any of these situations, welcome to the world of neurotics. Oh, and one final note: a neurotic person will spend hours worrying if anyone will read her column.

and a columnist for The Daily Collegian.

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