plished. I mean, I know that I certainly never

But let's get back to Mr. Reagan - the man is

amazing. Look at what he has accomplished as

an individual. He's in his second term as presi-

dent of the most powerful and influential capital-

ist country in the world, he was the governor of

California for eons, and he has absolutely no

qualifications to have held either position. Un-

less, of course, his tenure as president of the

But this is America, remember — the Land of

Opportunity. In what other country can you go to

kinds of potato chips? In what other country can

you catch up on the day's sports activities at any

time and watch music videos 24 hours a day, if

interests of its people better than the United

States? What other country allows so many

I am truly grateful to this country for providing

you so desire? What other country serves the

supermarket and choose between 20 different

Screen Actors' Guild provided him with a knowl-

edge of economics, law, and foreign policy.

Who doesn't understand?

ton Post Monday.

"They (women) are not ... going to happening in human rights. Some women will, but most women — believe me, your the nerve to openly express them. readers for the most part if you took a poll — would rather read the human interest stuff of what happened," Regar said.

Generalizations like this have made the society

statement: "I don't think he meant for it to men want to concede," she said.

Unless you're summit-smiling President professionally and intellectually. Reagan, it would be rather difficult to Statements like those expressed by the misinterpret the remarks made by Chief of chief of staff and the president show an Staff Donald Regan in reference to women insulting, primitive view toward women, during an interview with the The Washing- and indicate a lack of support in the fight for

It is frightening that such regressive understand (missile) throw-weights or sentiments are held by a group of men who what is happening in Afghanistan or what is are controlling the welfare of this country. It is even more frightening that they have

It appears that the fight for equality will be hindered by the current administration, whose members seem to believe that women should resume more traditional roles in

Reagan administration unpopular among As former New York Congresswoman feminists, and rightly so. The chief of staff's Bella Abzug so aptly put it, Regan's remark comments are typical of the administra- was an insult to all women and was based on tion's attitude toward women, and reflect a men's fear of sharing power with the other

President Reagan fueled the fire by at- "Its not true that women don't care and tempting to defend Regan with this don't know. Women know a lot more than

be interpreted in that way at all. He was Whether or not women or men understand simply adding to that interest, that they had the issues facing the nation today, the time an interest in children and a human touch." has come for the leaders of this country to Children and a human touch? How sweet. face facts: the day of the "little woman" is Women today are facing great challenges rapidly ending.

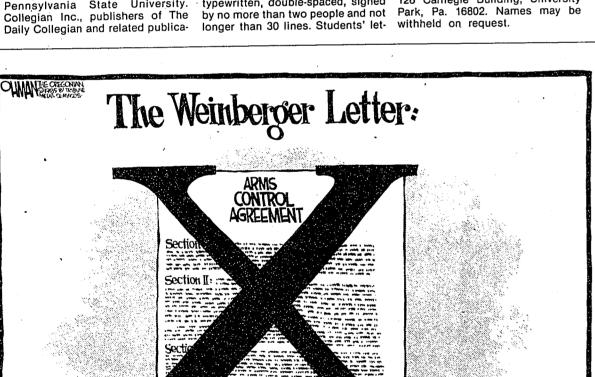
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Volleyball needed

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A recently published memo from the office of the successful era to an end. The Strategic Planning Committee of that office has recommended that the Penn State men's volleyball team become a zero support activity. This means that no more money will be given to the team to continue playing,

which basically makes the team defunct. school on the east coast to host the NCAA national opportunity to solve the problem. with nine of 14 players being either sophomores or grants-in-aid but losing their flexibility for longer travels. freshmen. The team not only promises great excitement

over their heads, how can they be expected to perform to after cutting expenses in all other possible ways, there their fullest potential? What is to become of these great athletes? What is to become of all of the future stars in our is produced that other cost cutting methods have been

this year, but also for many years to come.

Finally, what is to become of this great sport which brought this country a gold medal in the last Olympics? Penn State needs men's volleyball now and in the future! Eric Shope, assistant coach, PSU men's volleyball

Counterproductive

cerning the cuts in grants-in-aid to a number of varsity most selling time of the year, but what is Christmas? sports programs is distressing in several ways. ments of several of the coaches that none of them were will open up and we will see the true meaning of even brought into the discussions about financial cut- Christmas. backs. It sounds like the coaches found out about these

decisions from a letter in their mailboxes without even

being a part of the discussions of how to save money in the athletic budget.

Second, although the continuance of a varsity sport should not be completely judged by how successful it i (we don't need the "win at all cost" mentality!), it certainly appears penny-wise but pound-foolish to slap programs that obviously have been successful.

What is the purpose of all that effort if your reward is a unishment? And finally, while I happen to believe that Penn State volleyball has been a leader in the sport for athletic budgets are too large and agree with the intention many years. The team was begun here in 1969 by Dr. Tom to trim costs, is cutting the grants-in-aid the only way to Tait, who is still head coach. In 1976, the team won the reduce expenditures? Why didn't the administrators pose United States Volleyball Association's National the question of "how can we cut back X number of Championship. In 1982, Penn State became the first dollars" to the coaching staffs and at/least give them an

championships and the team that year responded by I am sure that the coaches are not unaware of the being the first and only east coast team to get to the finals. financial difficulties and I am also sure that given their This year Penn State is once again the site of the NCAA collective brains, there are some other alternatives to Championships and the team is also a potential national cutting back grants-in-aid. For example, what about the champion. This year's Nittany Lions are a young team travel budgets? Let the teams have the choice of keeping

I hope in the wisdom of the people who make decisions about athletic team funding that they will see that However, with the prospect of termination hanging tampering with grants-in-aid is the wrong strategy. If, still needs to be more cuts then so be it. But until evidence used, I think the present approach is counterproductive. Dennis Roberts, associate professor of educational

Too soon

I'm writing about Christmas too soon. It's upsetting to see our beloved stores in the U.S.A. selling Christmas The recent news from the Athletic Department con- items so soon just for the sake of money. Christmas is the Christmas is Jesus Christ coming to earth to seek and to First, one gets the distinct impression from the com-

Garry Fischer

More Items:

Since the urge to write coherently evades me, sit back and watch my mind fall to pieces

Item: Stereotyping individuals is a travesty! How can we be so damned insensitive? What gives us the right to slap labels I say this because last week, someone put an "Inspected by 58" label on my forehead.

I really don't like being labeled.



Catholic / ex-junky poet who wrote, "Life is so easy when you're pretty and 16 / Just make sure that your underwear is clean." I'm an Irish-Catholic / ex-golfer columnist. Am I a paradox or a hypocrite?

Item: For everyone who just has to know, I get my ideas from a Salvation Army box in the Acme parking lot. Satisfied?

audience to the stage and place his hands on fin', Serfin' U.S.A. the afflicted part of the person's body. Why, I saw him heal a man's broken wrist! I sat and wondered how he'd handle someone with syphilis.

Item: Are women on campus dressing like Madonna or observing Hindu holy days? Is this the latest rage in Calcutta?

Item: I am not cynical. My underwear is

oo tight. That's all.

Item: Knee jerks of any political persuasion infuriate me. Reasoning is a lost art. Many of my friends are liberal; when I state my oppostion to abortion, they treat me like a Nazi on Donahue. Likewise, my onservative friends call me a wimp for my stand against nuclear arms. Humanity is heading for the bargain bins

Item: What's the main difference between a small-town Christian who knows God exists and a big-city atheist who knows there is no God? About a hundred miles

Saturday. He would call a member of the Monongahela way / Everybody's gone ser-pickles.

> Item: Writing is procreation; reading is creation. You want to compliment me? Call

Item: Young men like to talk loud, and piece of great writing is a person who they don't care who hears them. It's embarsqueezes a tube of toothpaste at the middle. rassing when my friends insult someone in that person's presence. They always say they're just being honest and call me a wearing underwear on the outside of your hypocrite for chastising them. In my personal life, I'd rather be a nice hypocrite clothes. Next year, it will be turning them than an honest ass. People have enough problems without overhearing my opinion

Item: Call me naive, but I think BDR classes are beneficial to students later in life, especially if they end up being game-

Item: Over 20,000 people were killed in Colombia last week by a gigantic mudslide. None were Americans. Next item.

an entire religion over a few personal objec-

tions. I'm not the type who throws away a does it alone.

Item: Some readers complain that I write I'm just a kooky guy with a vision. I've reached a point in my life where watching the morning sky for an hour gets me off more than any drug ever could. I don't take the sky for granted anymore, but I don't Item: I don't see the point in disregarding necessarily want answers from it. Life is longer than we're lead to believe; no one

claustrophobic in a Fotomat booth.

Cocoa Puffs as by a smooth piece of writing.

Anyone can learn to do that. Behind every

Item: Paranoia is a bed-wetting child

with his first electric blanket; it is also a

for size: a spiritual quest is like a taco making it is half the fun. Item: Writing in a smooth, professional

Item: False humility is worse than true style has nothing to do with talent. The backs of cereal boxes are well-written. I'm vanity.

Item: Birth of a Nation. Citizen Kane. Casablanca. Death Wish 3. Mark my words. Item: Bar maids in State College and proctologists have much in common.

one day Christianity will be absolutely justified by science. "Pish," I fumed, "it will be absolutely justified by physical education." Divine Aerobics. Dig it.

Item: Being in the public eye is a strange experience. Attractive nubiles I don't even know throw themselves on me. (My job is so tough!) I've never been a sexual object, and about religion too much. What can I say? I'll never try out a few linking verbs with the subjects. Sometimes I wish I weren't so small-town

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opinions

Look deeper

On Christian Responsibility: I am disturbed and saddened by Mark Parrish's letter on Wednesday, Nov. 4, concerning what he perceives as John Orr's "antagonism, bitter- ment is that balanced argument (pro ness, and hatred towards God." I am disturbed because Mr. Parrish may have overlooked John's fairness, but broadminded responsisensitive column on pain and vulnerability last week ("Feet in the Door"), and is still remembering Orr's very

bothered me. too). If anything, Mike, there may be tive columns for you to fling verses of but until then we must not alienate condemnation at. More importantly, I am saddened

evil and shun it publically in such a self-righteous way. I am reminded of a preacher outside of Willard Building some weeks PSU heart ago, standing on a platform with a cross, proclaiming the "fact" that he was the only one there who would

I realize that there is a strong element of judgment in what I am saying, but my sadness over this letter comes from my being a Christian who realized almost too late that "be ye not of this world" does not thony Mandia, to sit up in bed. This

judgment of others. I do not agree with everything John says, and if I felt less responsible about conscientious writing, I would artificial hearts was the obstruction do my best to blow Michael Moyer out · of the blood vessels going in and out of of this paper, but we are not called as the heart. However, the PSU heart people (Christians or not) to respond did not cause any blood clotting. As I feel John Orr did last week, I

It is ironic that John's article was that a Christian like Mark Parrish

As a writing teacher, I might have been satisfied had Mr. Parrish at least supported his judgment with evidence from John's articles. The point I am trying to make to

my students these days about arguand con) can only help an argument because it demonstrates not only But I am afraid that the sad charac-

teristic of many Christian responses to society are of the variety we hear from the steps of Willard. Christians will not, God willing, more in Bill Repsher's wildly invenalways be a minority in this world, ourselves with unloving intolerance

from a world we are called to serve, because you feel it is your right or humbly. prerogative as a Christian to identify David Swain, graduate-English

Life expectancy has increased tremendously in the last 75 years. This is due to the technological advances in medicine including the application of electronics to medicine.

PSU's experimental pneumatic heart is an example of the role of electronics in medicine. The heart enabled the patient, Anmean self-elevation through was because the Penn State heart automatically adjusted to the increased blood flow demands. A major problem with the other

pneumatic heart must be considered believe we are to respond sensitively a success. I believe this and similar and deeply to the issues that touch us accomplishments will eventually let artificial heart patients lead normal

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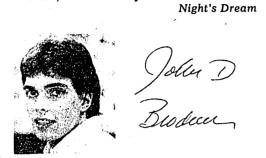
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Robin Watts, freshman-liberal arts

Ron and me:

Two dreamers as close as John-Boy and his grandpa

And those things do best please me That befall preposterously. - Puck, from Shakespeare's A Midsummer



think that if I have one personality trait that I can say I'm proud of, it's my ability to laugh at president," I reply. "He's the biggest dreamer myself. And believe me, I've had lots of practice. around and it got him a big white house to live in In my 22-and-a-half years, I've dug many holes of for a while. He dreams of balancing a trillionembarrassment from which the only escape was dollar budget - now that's dreaming." I can

And all of that practice has paid off. I don't of imagination and reason sometimes differ even mind being laughed at by other people now. slightly. would have had a better chance holding back a international diplomacy.

I must admit that I was a humorous sight, with something right by trying to achieve peace in cupped behind his head, his feet on his desk, and noises with each step I took. But hey, it was that madness. rich and famous. If only I could dance. The key to success, then, is not what you know, achieved similar personal success based on the

nor is it who you know. It's not even having belief that peace needs to be guarded by missiles John Brodeur is a senior majoring in English and enough money to buy success. Though I can't that can turn the planet Earth into an ashtray on a columnist for The Daily Collegian.

success is possessing the ability to laugh at admire those guys for what they've accom-

I feel almost as close to Ron as John-Boy

Walton felt to his grandpa. And it's all because

Let's look at one of the most successful men in would have devised such a unique solution to the world, a man who has more to laugh at in finding world peace. I guess I think too simplistihimself than even I. Let's look at a man with cally for this world of complexity. whom I feel an almost familial bond. Let's look at our president, Ron Reagan. The man, like me, is laughed at all the time.

Ron and I both know what it's like to be laughed at. People laugh at me because I'm an idealist and an optimist. They tell me that nothing and no one can change what is, so accept it. And then they laugh. "You're a dreamer," they say. I take it as a compliment. "Just look at our

to blush and climb my way out on a ladder of really identify with that kind of thinking. Ron and I have some minor differences, of course. But those differences serve as reminders ripped the seat of my pants in front of 35 other that he and I are only human. We each know that pubescent eighth-graders, and laughter saved we have physical limitations, but that our imagime a few weeks ago when I tripped up the stairs nations are limitless. Ron and I both try to to the dining hall. I befell preposterously, indeed. imagine a world living in peace, but our methods

A few weeks ago, I got caught in an ersatz I believe the world can achieve peace in a typhoon, and by the time I made it from the simple way — with self-awareness, communicathat Ron Reagan is grateful to this country for Greyhound station to my home in East Halls, I tion, and mutual respect. On the other hand, Ron, the same reasons. That's just another reason looked like a 6-foot-2, 165-pound sponge. When I being the enigmatic thinker and ultra-dreamer finally found shelter from the downpour, I was that he is, believes that peace must be achieved spotted by a strange woman who found it impos- by threatening these human aspects with high- power in everything he has done. And it is his sible to keep from laughing. In fact, I think she tech weapons and less-than-completely-honest

water droplets running down the length of my such a complex, confusing and paradoxical way. his dog Lucky by his side, and he's thinking about nose, and my pants making those squishing Maybe there really is a method to his apparent kind of embarrassment that made Gene Kelly And he's certainly not alone in his thinking. There are men all over the world who have

me with the opportunity to earn a quality education and for creating a standard of living that no other country can claim to have. And I'm sure

divergent opinions to be expressed?

He has reached the pinnacle of success and ability to laugh at himself that got him where he is today. I'm willing to bet that, right now, Ron is But it's a complex world — maybe Ron is doing sitting in that oblong office of his, with his hands those embarrassing days when he starred in Bmovies opposite Bonzo, the chimp . . . and now he's the president.

I'll bet he's having a good laugh. I know I am

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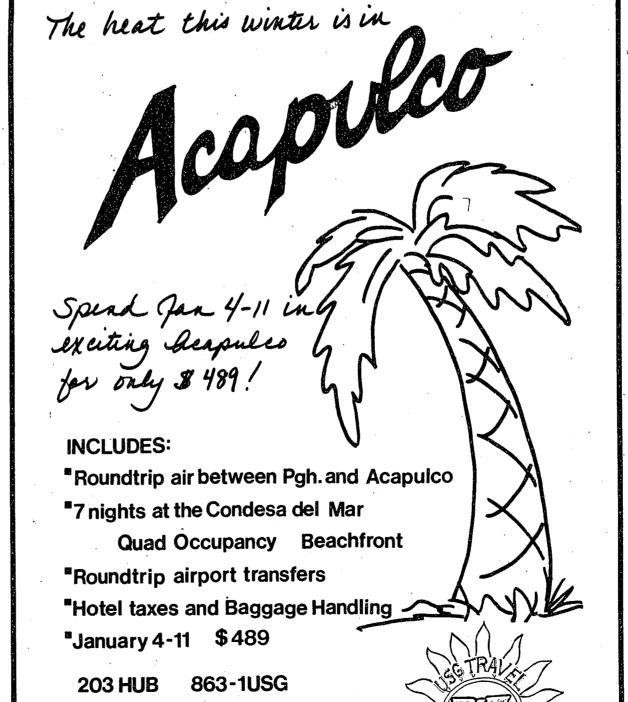


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