

## Webster's needs sound location

When Webster's Bookstore Café packs up its store, shuts off its coffee brewer and closes its doors, the State College community will be losing a great small business and local hangout.

When Webster's announced its closing two weeks ago, there was a surge of support and love from the community, complete with Facebook groups and Webster's customer meetings.

But this small business is going to need more than just support from the community if it is going to open up and thrive at a new location. After financial issues will force the 128 S. Allen St. location to shut down at the end of July, Webster's needs to pull together and create a

new financial model that will help keep the new location, wherever it may be, afloat.

First, this small business should take advantage of all the help, financial and otherwise, the State College community has offered this past week.

The Downtown State College Improvement District, which promotes local businesses and activities in State College, has offered to help Webster's search for a new location that will fit its financial limits.

The new location should be within reasonable walking distance of campus so students can continue to enjoy all the things they love about Webster's atmosphere.

Downtown State College is a bustling area that can yield great profits if the store picks the right location.

Finally, the store should put more focus on the café part, selling coffee, tea and munchies. The café would create more revenue than the book side of business. Though many people enjoy browsing the old novels and lounging in the tattered armchairs, it doesn't produce much revenue.

With the help of the Improvement District and the continued emotional backing of the community, hopefully Webster's can find a space to call home, a place that the community can continue to enjoy, one latte and novel at a time.

## Webster's community help unfair to other defunct stores

Why does Webster's, a used book and free-trade coffee store get to be bailed out? City Lights Records and Mike's Video, a used record store and a used video store, respectively, are staples of a town like Happy Valley. Correction: were staples. So, what happened to these once-proud "morn and pop" stores? Well, the millennium happened. However unfortunate things may be, the fact of the matter is that people — principally students — simply don't rent videos or buy used vinyl records in State College as much as they used to, and they haven't for a while. It's a pain for me personally to see any family-owned business go bottom-up, especially a used-book store. But what I find even more jarring are those who wish to help keep the aviarce of one woman afloat. It's sad when a person can't pay rent. When they can't pay rent for multiple locations, that's just stupid.

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## South African vuvuzela equal to Penn State "We Are" cry

In regards to the July 13th letter "Towards advocating vuvuzelas disrespectful towards others," while I must admit that I'm not the biggest fan of vuvuzelas, the accusation it is just a "huckster's variation on a New Year's noisemaker" is woefully ignorant. It is especially so because you don't provide any evidence for your own argument. It's easy to play the ad-hominem card when you can't do your own research. Because a simple Google search on "FIFA president vuvuzela" will net you multiple sources confirming that the vuvuzela is indeed a symbol of South African heritage. You know, FIFA, the organization that runs international soccer. And direct from FIFA President Sepp Blatter: "I have always said that Africa has a different rhythm, a different sound. I don't see banning the music traditions of fans in their own country." That's right, vuvuzelas are to South Africa as singing is to European soccer as chants are to American football. Banning vuvuzelas is akin to banning the "We Are" chant at PSU football games.

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## Penn State within its rights to take unregistered bicycles

I can understand that some people may feel like they haven't been given enough notice before having their bikes confiscated, but I remember hearing the same whines from freshmen being caught off-guard by a due date not bolded on the syllabus or pounded into their heads by the professor. Get over it. The professors on campus baby the students enough, now you want police services to do it, too? Just because there hasn't been a 'bike just-up' in a couple of years doesn't give you the right to not register your bike. You should be thrilled the bikes that have been rotting away on the racks are being removed. I was displeased to find the registration website down, but I just rode my bike up to police services and had it fixed in 15 minutes. For students not at Penn State for the summer, the website wouldn't have helped you anyway because you would still need to put the sticker on your bike. Go reclaim it at the beginning of fall semester and hit the road. Here's to new beginnings, easier access to bike racks and lets go cut off another dilapidated bike.

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### Small World

When I think about all the places I've called "home" the last few years, I wonder why people don't think I'm bipolar. State College has obviously become my current home, more so than where I grew up. That's where my friends are, where I go to school and work and where I've had my greatest successes and failures.

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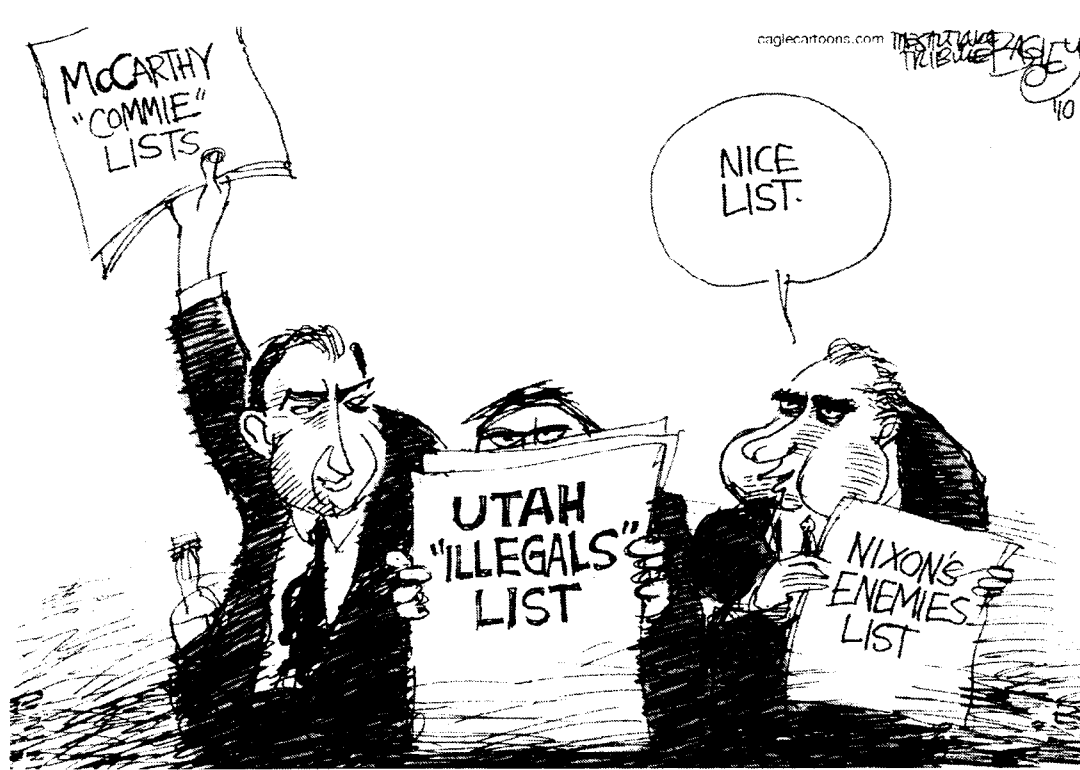
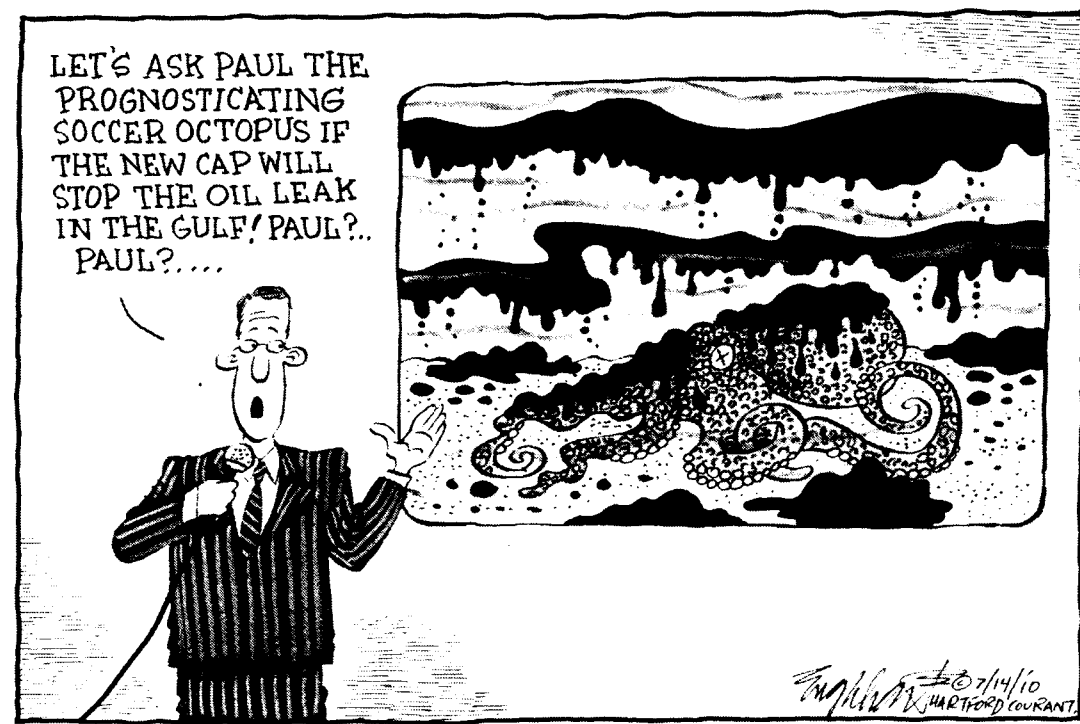
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## Redden not held back by wheelchair

By Matt Fortuna

**M**AGGIE Redden doesn't feel sorry for herself, doesn't ask, "Why me?" and doesn't let her disability hold her back.

Confined to a wheelchair for most of her life, Redden doesn't know anything else.

The 2007 Penn State graduate was adopted at age 2 after having contracted polio at 1, and she's been running ever since.

Not from the hand she was dealt, but toward her goals.

"I always tell people, 'Maybe at first you'll see my wheelchair,' Redden said, "but once you get to know me and talk to me, you'll quickly forget about it."

Instead, they will see all she has done in 25 years, and that is going to be the hard part to forget.

"When I was in preschool, one of the staff people there suggested I tried out wheelchair racing because I had a lot of energy," she said.

Redden has been competing in the Junior National Wheelchair Championships ever since, from her high school Holy Family Academy in New Jersey, where she made the Junior

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Maggie Redden  
U.S. Paralympics track team member



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National team that went to Australia, to Penn State, where she took part in the Ability Athletics program.

In between, Redden was an Olympic torchbearer and a Miss New Jersey finalist. She won two silver medals in the 2007 Parapan American Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

But none of that compared to the thrill Redden felt when taking a certain phone call in June 2008. The voice on the other end told her she qualified for the United States Beijing Paralympics track team.

"That was absolutely amazing," Redden said. "Ever since I was about 14, like in high school, I knew that was something I wanted to achieve. So at the trials that year, about two years prior to that, I was training really hard. And when I actually got the call, I didn't believe it at first."

Redden recently came across a contest [NikeWomen.com](http://NikeWomen.com) was holding to become its next field reporter. Her entry, a 1,000-word blog post, was chosen among the top 100. From there, she filmed a two-minute video that netted her in the top 30.

"I was really excited," Redden

said, despite not being one of the five finalists Nike named three weeks ago. "It's Nike, so I'm sure there were thousands of entries, so making the top 30 was a real accomplishment. I was happy. To win would have been nice — that was the goal — but I'm proud."

THIS is, after all, a former THON moraler.

You know, the ones who support the struggling dancers every February, urging them to keep up through the grind of 46 straight hours of activity.

Redden says there's too much to experience for her to hold back. She says she's found a way to do everything she's wanted, and she feels it's all been worth it.

"I don't really think of myself as an inspiration," Redden said. "I just go about my daily business. It's nice to do stuff that people will look up to, because there have been people I looked up to. It's nice, but I don't think about it."

The rest of us sure do.

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