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Absence will affect newsroom

When John Harvey, the Daily Collegian's news adviser for the last 12 years, completed his tenure last Wednesday, the newspaper lost a major part of its identity.

While Georgia Southern is gaining an incredible new director of student media, Penn State has lost an invaluable resource and hidden gem.

Without his deserved recognition, Harvey has spent every day working to improve the Collegian.

But he never forgot that the Collegian is a student-

run newspaper. He let us make our own mistakes and offered advice on how to improve.

His brutally honest, yet kind demeanor was exactly what we reporters, editors, photographers and designers needed throughout our Collegian careers, as we grew from novice candidates to seniors making our way into the job market. Harvey used his own experiences in journalism to teach reporters and we all benefited from it.

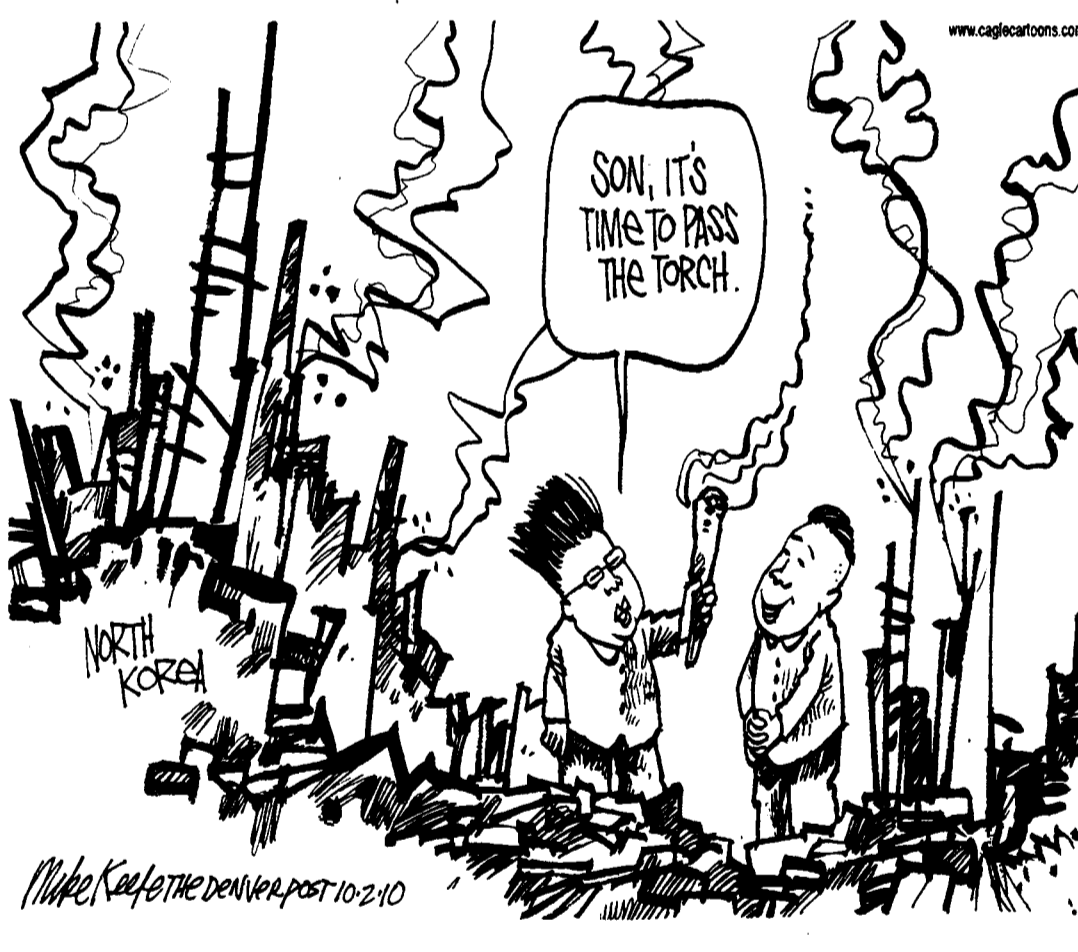
More was learned about

reporting and journalism in Harvey's one semester Collegian candidate class than in most university-taught classes.

In that one semester, students became reporters, and Harvey went from tough teacher to beloved mentor.

Those candidate classes and the Collegian as a whole will never be the same.

John Harvey will be missed in every corner of the newsroom, and his successor will have big shoes to fill.



October means fall fun for everyone

By Katie Sullivan

It is now October, and in my book, that means the official start of fall, which is by far the best season of the four. When I hear people moan and groan about the cool weather and grey-ish skies, I want to shake them and make them see how awesome fall in State College can be.

Sure, summer is great for swimming and playing on the beach, but when it gets too hot when I hear the 20th rendition of "Jingle Bells" on Nov. 31.

Spring just sucks. My feet get wet from slush and rain when I walk to class or a party. I get suckered into going to church by my parents for Easter.

Summer is so close, yet so far away.

Yes, fall is the way to go — weather that calls for a light jacket and your favorite, broken-in pair of jeans. The leaves are changing, making the Pennsylvania landscape a canvas of warm colors.

Hot apple cider from the farmer's market abounds and I find myself eating more and more, stretching my stomach in preparation for the celebration at the end of that fall season, Thanksgiving (my favorite holiday of all time... aside from St. Patrick's day, of course.)

Here in State College, the start of the fall season also means Homecoming — a week-long celebration that includes concerts, parades and football games. Who doesn't love to head out to College Ave. with their roommates and cheering on the floats as they drive by?

Homecoming is not only fun, but also a chance for students, alumni and employees to celebrate Penn State tradition and come together to show a little extra school spirit.

It's a time for students especially to revel in the fact that they chose Penn State over any other place they could have gone to college.

State College autumn also means Halloween, a big deal for

not just college students, but residents as well. Not only does Halloween give students an excuse to dress questionably and party like there's no tomorrow, it's a chance for the younger, costumed kids to parade through town and show off their alter-ego during State Colleges Halloween Costume Parade. It's a chance to get some free candy while parents and students watch and smile as they recall the fun of a childhood Halloween.

Bottom line is this: Not only are Penn State and State College beautiful at this time of year, they envelop a sense of community. Fall in State College is more than just football and Halloween, it's about coming together to celebrate traditions and have a good time.

So when you find yourself dogging on the cool weather or thinking how you can't wait for winter break, zip up your jacket a little more, warm your hands in your pockets and look at the leaves.

Admire the beauty and think about how many good times are coming up during another fantastic fall in State College.

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PSU should divulge on energy

Few students are probably aware that the Penn State University Park campus will soon have to reevaluate or replace the campus coal power plant. Though this impending decision will affect the energy future of this campus for years to come, President Spanier, the Board of Trustees and the university at large have been resistant to making this process transparent and open to students. Multiple energy reports concerning the viability of renewable energy have been suppressed, despite requests for their release by members of environmental clubs on campus. Our school needs to stop keeping students in the dark on their plans for Penn State's energy future.

Though the Board of Trustees have discussed the future installation of a natural gas plant on campus, it is clear that this remains another fossil fuel — contributing to global warming as well as damaging Pennsylvania's water supply through its extraction process. President Spanier, the Board of Trustees and the university need to release all information concerning the energy future of Penn State, and begin an open process toward a plan for a 100 percent transition to renewable and sustainable energy on campus.

Braden Crooks
senior-landscape architecture
Greenpeace representative for EcoAction

Arena will benefit Penn State

In response to the Sept. 27 letter, "Philanthropy squandered on sport," Mr. Spiegler must have a lot of time on his hands, as he writes many letters to Pittsburgh area newspapers. You are full of opinions, sir, but seem quick to squash the opinion and generosity of the Pegulas and others. What they have done for the university is multi-faceted. It makes Penn State a more marketable school for both athletic and academic reasons. The new hockey status is the focus, but their donation also creates scholarships — not to fund a "violent sport," but to make the athletes great students as well. They will have to work twice as hard to retain their scholarship.

The arena will serve not only the teams, but educational and kinesiology classes and interns, the community, charity and figure skating events. The arena also enriches the economy and athletes' lives in many ways as well as creates jobs. So, this hardly qualifies as "contributing nothing to society."

Jamie Jividen
Class of 2009

blog lines

SNAP, CRACKLE, POP 'Glee' goes Britney

First it was Madonna, then Britney. Glee loves devoting episodes at a time to the biggest stars.

It's proven to be worth it 2/2 times. I cried inside — just a little bit — when this episode premiered while I was busy with THON-related activities. But I jumped at the chance yesterday while sitting in the HUB-Robeson Center during my break with little to accomplish. I plugged in my earbuds and let the music take me.

I loved the plot of the story, discussing how there's a little bit of Britney (a good part) in all of us. And the Britney/Brittany (the dumb blonde) plot was genius. I wondered if they'd been planning for this episode since the beginning. How else would they know to name her Brittany S. Pierce.

So funny and so witty. The music was phenomenal. I'd say Artie's cover was the biggest surprise and the New Directions' cover of "Toxic" was shockingly sensual. But both, needless to say, were fabulous. I also really enjoyed the spot-on re-creations of Spears' music videos and the few short, hilarious cameos she made.

So smart and so delicious. That being said, I loved the pink elephant of the episode: the cover of Paramore's "The Only Exception." I'd say Rachel's voice was a bit too powerful and showtune-y for the song, maybe Tina would have been a better fit...

Lindsay Cryer
Music reporter

FOOTBLOG

The losing streak

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Different year, same result: a loss to Iowa.

But unlike the Lions' last two losses to the Hawkeyes, this one was never really in doubt.

A slow start allowed Iowa to jump out to a 17-point lead, and despite the Lions moving the ball later, they couldn't punch it in the endzone.

Penn State's final drive of the first half and opening drive of the second half both stalled within the five-yard line, and the Lions only totaled three points on those two chances. After some confusion about the clock, the Lions had to settle for a field goal to close the opening half, and quarterback Rob Bolden was stopped inches short on 4th-and-goal early in the third quarter.

Bolden went 20-for-37 for 212 yards and an interception, but he struggled early on with moving the offense. Ricky Stanzi came out firing, going 16-for-22 for 227 yards and a touchdown, and Hawkeyes receiver Marvin McNutt had five of those catches for 93 yards...

Andrew J. Cassavell
Football reporter

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