

# Opinion

## Letters to the editor

### Outraged by Miseta's column

Dear editor,

I am writing in response to an article written by the very opinionated Ed Miseta published on October 4, 1989. Needless to say I was outraged at his observations.

Considering Ed's opinion of women, I can see why he would think women were dumb for dating him. Mr. Miseta failed to point out or see in general that not all men are like him. Many men are more than worth having as friends, as boyfriends, and even as husbands (Our mothers thought so for a while anyway).

His snide remarks about the quality of *People* magazine have some truth. But, Ed totally

discredited his theory of assigning intelligence levels with a person's choice of reading material. His admittance of reading *WWF* Magazine does this-assuming of course that Ed Miseta is an intelligent human-being.

The only response I can make concerning Roseanne is that many people enjoy her show, men and women.

Finally, I officially challenge Ed to a game of Trivial Pursuit. If Ed is intimidated by my challenge of a one-on-one match, I suggest a battle of the sexes two teams of three.

Sincerely  
Kaleen R. Hanby

### Tells writer to look for hobby

Dear editor,

Last week, I wrote a letter to commend Mark Owens on his hilarious article about women. Mr. Owens deserved credit for something that was an example of well-written and funny journalism. I did not agree with the anonymous girl who ripped it down.

This week I would definitely like to do the "ripping down" of Mr. Miseta's chauvinistic and utterly disgusting piece of "journalism" (if that's what you want to call it).

Eddie doesn't seem to know how to be a decent journalist. In order to have any substance for an article, a journalist has to present a little fact in what he's writing about. Eddie had none!

Unlike himself, not all men are "lying, conniving, cheating, and no-good-for-nothing animals" and the majority of girls do not choose his type.

Second of all, what facts does Eddie have to support his assumption that all women read *People* and watch "Roseanne"?

None! I'm also sure that the audiences of this magazine and television show consist of men also; intelligent men, unlike Eddie, who don't get cheap thrills out of *Hustler* and Cher videos.

As for Eddie's comments on where women should be and what they should be doing: Keep your opinions to yourself and pick another hobby if you can't write a decent article!

Christi Luden

### Mixed views on Behrend food

Dear editor,

I realize that lately there have been many complaints about the Wintergreen Cafeteria's exorbitant prices. I think that the people in charge there have a tough job, and I think that they have been doing it pretty well. The employees are for the most part pleasant, and (admit it) you can always find something appealing to eat. My complaint, however, has bothered me for such a long time that I have to get it off my chest.

I eat lunch in the Gorge three times a week. Every time I go in there, it takes me 45 minutes to get my food. Do I just have bad timing? Today, I piled in there along with about 150 other sweaty, irritable students at 1 pm. I waited in line for my salad, I waited in line for my chili, and I waited in line to pay (a lot of money) for my lunch. I finally got to sit down to eat at 1:30, while my friend was forced to wait another 20 minutes just for french fries.

I understand fully that those

people work hard to serve us, but I also understand that today's entire problem would have been circumvented if they could have opened that second cash register! I find it extremely hard to believe that there wasn't one available person to do that.

I don't understand what the big problem is. Is it that work-study students don't show up for work? Why is it that two registers are open when there are hardly any students waiting?

Don't get me wrong, I do notice the special services the Gorge provides. However, I do not eat in Dobbins Cafeteria, so the "special dinners" that they don't charge extra for don't affect me. I also did not comprehend Al Vogan's explanation of their raised prices. If Penn State is a non-profit organization, why do three percent of the Gorge's gross profits go to student services? I didn't vote for that. I say deduct that three percent from the price tag of a box of cereal.

Vail Weller

# LOVE ROB

## Back with new stuff

by Rob Prindle

People have asked me why I haven't been writing. It's simple. I haven't been writing because there has been nothing for me to write about. I mean nothing is going on. Everything is beautiful.

Is this some sort of cruel joke? I mean, all summer long I listened to NPR news and went crazy because I couldn't write about the terrible things that were happening. I'm talking about all those strange Supreme Court decisions. I'm talking about the rise and fall of the democratic movement in China. I'm talking about good, solid, tick-me-off news. And, because it was summer, I couldn't write about any of it.

Then school started and the most important thing happening in the world is "Al Vogan, assistant director of food services, saves Behrend from the danger of Jolt Cola." (Yeah, like the coffee that the Gorge sells doesn't contain caffeine.)

Everywhere I looked, nothing was happening. People don't read this column to hear about good things. If you look at my picture do you expect to see a column about flowers and volunteers planting trees and helping old people? No.

People want slash. One of the last columns I wrote before my short vacation was so positive that I almost threw up. I wrote about just how great Erie was and, although I honestly believe that Erie is a fine place to live, who the hell cares? This is not "Good Morning America" or *Newsweek* magazine.

I was all set to stay on vacation this week also. I mean, all these wonderful things have been happening and I have been walking around campus smiling and whistling and I had absolutely nothing to talk about. The Russians visited the States a few weeks ago and they loved us. No more weapons, just fishing and camping. Can you believe that? Then just a few days ago the communist leaders of Hungary decided that they didn't want to be communists anymore. They want democracy. And not only that but Hungary also decided to open their border to any unhappy East Germans who happened to want to take a short hike to the west.

Yes, it's true, the absolute worst thing happening in the world is...oh no...we can't burn American flags anymore. I think that it is very important for America to allow rebellion, but that isn't exactly earth-shaking is it? If asbestos flags are the worst news, then I've got to think that the world isn't in that bad of shape.

So, you can imagine my bittersweet response to yesterday's biggest news. I picked up a *USA Today* (or *McNews*, if you prefer) and what did I see right on the front page? A color photo of "Media mogul John Kluge." Apparently, he is the richest person in the USA. The man is worth \$5.2 billion and the *USA Today* has the gall to glorify this paragon of gluttony. That really sucks (the guy is just rich enough that he probably won't sue me, right?). Sure, I was happy to see I had a column to write, but the picture of that smiling fool made me physically sick.

What kind of a screwed-up world do we live in anyway? We glorify a guy who is worth more than most countries. That makes about as much sense as sending money to Jim and Tammy Bakker. I do not doubt that old, ugly John Kluge (Media Mogul-at-large) has a reason to smile. What I question is why the heck anyone would want to see his type of greed displayed. I could never understand America's great admiration for the uncontrollably wealthy. I could never understand getting off on life styles of the rich and famous.

This has got to be some sort of masochism. Every year *Forbes* magazine comes out with their



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400 richest people in America, and every year it makes front page news and every year I hear the same conversations. "Wow did you see that rich list, wow. What would it be like? I can't even imagine, but god it must be great." Great? Shouldn't this make people vomit?

Is this man helping the world? It can't be healthy for a country to have a man like Media Mogul John Kluge holding \$5.2 billion. I think that there is definitely a limit to how rich one person should be. Just listen to the way this stud lives. He has a 45-room house that *Town and Country* magazine called "the grandest estate built in America since the 1920's." Somehow he manages to fit that house on a mere 600 acres. Of course if he gets bored he could always hunt on his 800-acre game preserve where he employs three gamekeepers whose main job is to shoot hawks and owls and neighborhood dogs in order to protect the game until Kluge decides to shoot it.

Vile greed when you consider there are a lot of really hungry people in the world. Vile greed when you consider how many people in this country work 40 hours a week and cannot afford health insurance or decent housing. Yeah, go ahead, tell me one more damn reason to keep the minimum wage at its ridiculously low level.

How rich do people have to be? How many people pay for greedy Media Mogul John Kluge's \$5.2 billion? A comedian once said that earning the minimum wage means that if your boss could pay you less, he would. I think that if John Kluge had his way he would toss us a quarter as he points at the soap and tells us all to bend over and pick it up.

Editor's Note: Mr. Kluge's attorneys should bear in mind that Mr. Prindle has very little property of monetary value, and has very little potential for earning money. Hence, any legal action you may be contemplating against him on your client's behalf would likely prove fruitless and unprofitable. Give it up.