

Opinion

Editorial...

See John. See John go to middle school. See John leave school and smoke a joint. Scary story. You bet. A new survey found that drug use is on the rise for kids as young as 13. The survey found that youngsters are smoking marijuana, using cocaine and crack, taking LSD pills and sniffing glue and air fresheners. The study of 500,000 students found that 26% of eighth graders drink alcohol; 16% of eighth graders smoke cigarettes; 4% of eighth graders smoke marijuana; and 0.7% of eighth graders use cocaine. These numbers are staggering. The study found that drugs are easier to obtain and fewer eighth graders condemn the use of them since the study was last conducted. Our country needs to get serious about our drug problem. We are sending billions and billions of dollars overseas to help the oppressed in other nations, while our children are killing themselves. We need better education. Our nation's young needs to learn that drugs are evil and so are those who deal them. John deserves better.



From The Hip

This sucks, this sucks, this really sucks.

Somehow, I got stuck with writing this. I have no idea where I'm going with this. Like I really had an idea where I was going with my last "From the Hip."

The thing I can say is that my first year of college has been a year of ups and downs, rights and lefts, and a lot of sports articles for this paper.

I have to thank my sports editors, Matt and Keith, for making my articles look correct. I have to thank Arnel for the great photos that take up the space near my articles. (I'm now wiping the Charmin from my nose).

I also have to thank the women's softball team for winning so many games, they make writing so much easier.

In all seriousness, this may be kind of funny. Considering the conversation here is revolving around "Mr. Wiggly", "The Jolly Roger" and "Hooters", how can I not think of something to write about.

What I have found out about the staff, the one that's here Wednesday, is that it is a staff of deep, loyal integrity. Yeah, right and I'm going to be rooting for Philly teams someday.

I think the reason I'm writing this is because I don't want Arnel to take all the credit for a "From the Hip" this week.

Right now my mind is blank, but I have to keep writing so the Sundance Kid doesn't get all of the credit.

I have to give him some credit. He gave me a ride home for Easter, but I quickly retract that for how nervous he made me before I met my girlfriend's family. He's lucky that I let him bum around me.

The thing that I'm trying to stay away from is the deep, personal story that sometimes appears in this spot and bores me to death when I read it.

I don't know why I'm always complaining, I guess it's the southern (Pennsylvania) boy in me.

This is getting frustrating and hectic. For one thing, I can't think of something to write and another thing, the paper doesn't look like it'll be finished for a while. I think I'll be gone before that.

To wrap it up, I wish the softball team luck today against Buff. State, so I can write another easy article. Arnel, my FTH is finished before yours. HA! HA!

Joe Mottillo
Collegian Staff

My dream is to open a Hard Rock Cafe in the Strip District in Pittsburgh. Like you couldn't tell if you've ever seen the license plate on the front of the van I drive: HRD RK CAFE. It'll be the first Hard Rock Cafe in the United States to have its own dance floor with a lighting system to rival anything ever produced by George Lucas' Industrial Light and Magic studio. There will be a large screen TV in the place so that many of my patrons can watch the Pirates beat the Phillies and Mets repeatedly, the Pens annihilate the Rangers on a regular basis, and the Steelers win the AFC Central year after year. Mr. Stocker, you'll have to add a new wall to your den.

Now that I know that Joe has completed his From The Hip, there are several things that I would like to say. Julie & Sue, thanks for all the fun we've had so far this semester. Mrs. Mottillo, don't worry about Joe, if he has learned from the mistakes that I made my freshman year, he'll go far. Mrs. Rosenblum, I hope you liked the photo I took of Hugh several weeks ago. Joe and Steve, how can you stand living in that glorified cubicle that I used to live in? Cia & Pam, I'll miss you guys in the Fall. Greg, we're listening to the techno remix of Speed Racer. Dinky, a/k/a Greg Kristen, how come I've made numerous visits to Fantastic Sam's without having my hair butchered?

Time for a Pens cheer: Ho! Just had to insert that since Matt's from Philly.

Arnel Balcita
Collegian Photo Coordinator

... As we last saw, Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid were seen riding into the Erie night. (Insert sneeze here!)

From The Hip ...the sequel

Okay, so here I am again writing my second From the Hip. Half the reason that I am writing this is because I don't want Joe taking all the credit for writing one of these things for this week.

I guess it would also be a cheesy move if I mentioned names of people that would appreciate seeing their names in print, such as: Nicole Gialanella, Kimberly Porter, Erik Bielata, David Shields, Julie Stocker, Sue Mazur, Jim Serafin, Yesho Atil, Joe Mycka, Shirley Climpson, Rich Fiordo, Shannon & Val @ State College, Joe Mottillo, Missy Rosenblum, Missy Davis, and Hal "Fric-n-Fracture" Coffey.

There are several things that I still haven't figured out since I came to Erie three years ago. Why do Erie drivers insist on making left turns across traffic after the light has been red for at least 10 seconds? Why do Erie "convenience" stores close at midnight? Why don't Erie radio stations, attention JET-FM, play songs like No Limit by 2 Unlimited or The Hitman by AB Logic? My favorite, but now defunct, Pittsburgh radio station MixJamz 100.7fm always played stuff like that. Heck even B-94 plays the extended version of Rhythm Is A Dancer by Snap.

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