Throughout my two years as a student, I have constantly heard complaints and desires for changes in the campus’ cafeteria, The Hickory Cafe.

The most common complaints involve the pricing, quality, and variety available in the cafeteria. There have been various changes to appease these concerns without good results. The overall student population’s main desire is a greater variety of healthier foods at a better price. Many students want the prices of our current items on our cafeteria’s menu to be lowered. There is a complication involved in this request.

I was able to find the answers about our current cafeteria situation by searching information and answers from Paul Nicolini, the manager of our cafeteria and Ryan Oliver, the committee chair of our SGA’s Cafe committee. These are the conclusions I inferred from my conversations with both parties.

Student Concern #1: Why can’t the food be offered at a lower price?

In our cafeteria, four chicken tenders with a small french fries and a small fountain drink will cost approximately eight dollars. Another item, such as the chicken wrap with a small bag of chips and a small fountain drink, will cost approximately five dollars and change.

While both these options seem like good combo ideas, the only problem with the combos are the prices are a bit expensive for a college student’s budget. A majority of college students would prefer food combos that cost under five dollars because every college student is on a strict financial budget, which means they want to get the most food out of their five bucks.

Many students want the prices of our current items on our cafeteria’s menu to be lowered. There is a complication involved in this request. The complication is the pricing on all the items on our menu is handled by a pricing committee in University Park that meet a couple times each year to allocate these prices. In order for the cafeteria’s items to be lowered permanently, students must contact the pricing committee members and be determined to endure a long process of bureaucracy for a change.

For time being, you can get a lower price on all the food on our cafeteria’s menu by using the Penn State LionCash system. Remember that chicken wrap combo I had mentioned before, well the price for that item lowers by one dollar, which is under five dollars. The LionCash system discounts ten percent off every food item in our cafeteria. This system is so easy to use.

Student Concern #2: For the price that we pay, why isn’t the food quality at high standards?

As previously stated above, the pricing on our items in the cafeteria is over priced for a college student’s budget. On top of the previous statement, the way our food is cooked or handled isn’t worth the price.

I have heard countless stories from some students that they have seen some unhygienic behaviors from our cafeteria’s staff. One example is an individual was looking around the cafeteria line for their preferred choice of food and they saw someone on the staff put cheese in a soup without gloves. Another example is a student bought ice cream from our new frozen food section and the ice cream was expired, which the student became sick from the expired ice cream. The last example is a student requested a wrap and the wrap fell apart on the grill. This led to the contents of the wrap to become partially burnt.

From any food customer’s point of view, these actions are completely unacceptable and unbelievable. How can the cafeteria expect to maintain custom-
Dear Readers of The Revolt,

In The Revolt’s history, the Letter from the Editor only occurred when a serious change is happening in our organization, but this letter is meant for a completely different purpose.

You must be wondering, “What is this purpose?”

Well, I wanted to share my excitement for our enjoyment of our range of articles featured in this issue. Basically, the main purpose of this letter is to express pride and admiration for my team’s products after such intense weeks before and after Spring Break.

My team and I thought this issue wouldn’t include such varying perspectives on the multiple issues occurring in and outside the campus, but it does. With that said, I would like to express my additional gratitude to the contributing writers, who volunteered their time to voice their views stated in their specific articles.

As a reader, I know you will relish the different information and opinions about important issues, such as The Hickory Court Café situation, the Ukraine situation, and the spring sports situation.

After this issue, you probably be waiting in anticipation for the next upcoming articles and I will say the next issues will be worth the wait.

Our next couple of issues will deal with social, campus-related, international, and social media-related topics that everyone is buzzing about nowadays. I don’t want to spill too much information, but keep your eyes open for the upcoming issues in April!

Thank you for your dedication and attention!

Christine Tenny
Editor-in-Chief of The Revolt

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KISS
A Home Away From Home

For the last four years, hundreds of children and their families have walked through the doors of the Wyoming Valley Mall in Wilkes-Barre. Some were there to shop, others where there to have a bite to eat in the food court, but a little over 500 of those families where there to drop their children off at KISS Theatre Company for rehearsal. KISS is a children’s theatre located in the old movie theatre in the mall. KISS stands for Kids Innovating Stage and Sound. KISS is a non-profit theatre for kids ages 4-18 to come and perform dozens of shows per year. It is a place where children can be themselves. There is no judgment or bullying.

KISS has been a safe haven for these kids and is often referred to as their second home.

On Wednesday, March 5th, KISS received a 90 day eviction notice from the Wyoming Valley Mall. It is understood that a restaurant will be replacing the theatre. The theatre currently has 3 rehearsal spaces, a theatre with a stage and over 200 seats, a costume room, a tech loft, and many storage spaces. It was the perfect place to call home. PREIT, the owners of the mall, are displacing over 500 children to put in yet another restaurant.

As one of the five staff members at KISS, I can tell you that this is not just a place where kids come to act. It is so much more than that. We have children with Down syndrome, autism, and many other disabilities attend our theatre. Kids who are “social rejects” at school come to KISS and finally find a place where they feel accepted. I have personally watched KISS change the lives of so many children. It is incredible to have a parent come to you in tears and thank you for changing their child's life. I don't know any restaurant that can do that.

In the last two weeks, our kids have written hundreds of letters to PREIT begging them not to take away their home. They started a Facebook page that got over 3,000 likes in three days. An Online petition was signed by over 3,500 people. The media has been contacting us left and right and businesses have been reaching out to help in any way they can. Someone even wrote a song pleading with PREIT to change their mind. PREIT decided they couldn't ignore this any longer. They offered KISS a much smaller space for double the rent. The KISS Board of Directors decided to decline the ridiculous offer.

Our fight is still not over. KISS is now looking for a new home. We are still trying to get word out about what is happening to these kids. We are rallying as much support as possible. If you want to help, please like our Facebook page Save KISS Children’s Theatre or follow us on twitter @ savekisstheatre.

KISS is a place where so many kids feel at home. Please help us save the children’s safe haven. At KISS, the kids come first, even in our name.

United As One: the children and volunteers of KISS rally against corporate greed

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The Adult Side: Jobs, Jobs, Jobs

In the previous issue of The REVOLT, I suggested that: "You can do it...there will be jobs." One has to ask: Is that credible? After all, it's a fantastical notion that anyone with any degree of certainty can predict the future. Just the same, professionals do that very thing all the time; predict the future.

So what is it, then, that makes me believe so many jobs (or money) will be out there for graduates? Baby boomers, as we may be aware, are the cohort of those born between 1946 and 1964 to their parents who secured the victory in WWII and Korea. During this period, the largest boom in American history, some 77 million babies were born; the peak coming in the year 1957, when babies were born at the rate of 11,781 per day or 8.18 per minute. Now, boomers are reaching retirement age daily at the same rate, with the first documented boomer doing so on January 1, 2011. By calculation, then, the last boomer will retire in 2029 with the peak coming in 2022. That is, over the next eight years, people will reach retirement age at the fastest pace in American history.

It is true, however, that people are living and working longer. Word on the street is that many who are eligible for retirement say that they won't because of the "economic" or "because my kids are still living with me." But is this just rhetoric? Perhaps... In 2010, ABC News published the results of a study by MetLife that was titled: Baby Boomers May Inherit $11.6 Trillion in Historic Transfer of Wealth. This does not mean, of course, that all boomers will inherit tons of money. However it does suggest that, generally speaking, boomers will inherit more than any previous generation. So maybe it is not that they can't retire; just that they just want to work longer. A common complaint among those putting off retirement is that ultra-low interest rates are affecting the length of time retirement money will last. While that is a valid argument, (it is true that today's low interest rates are hurting the earning power of retirement money). But, as I will show, Fox Business reports that retirement numbers are climbing. The real question is: even if people retire later, will that hurt the amount of wealth in the economy which will drive future jobs? Boston College study says no. The study shows that even if boomers retire later, their transferred wealth, an estimated 41 trillion, will only enter the economy slower. Boston College was out to prove that the 41 trillion was still a valid figure; naysayers were claiming that this figure was too high. But the study refuted that claim, stating that even 2% growth would sustain 41 trillion. The real amount of growth was an annual rate of 3.5%. So, the study concluded that: "The relevant question, we are pleased to conclude, is not whether $41 trillion will be transferred, but how much sooner the transfer of Wealth. This study shows that even if $41 trillion will be transferred, but how much sooner the transfer of Wealth? This study shows that even if $41 trillion will be transferred, but how much sooner the transfer of Wealth?

One of these hilarious individuals is Tim Chimock. The ULC certified ordained minister (ask for a business card) who drives a 1990 Chevrole s10 with a manul transmission, loves to make others laugh. A great time to make someone laugh is when they are in deep concentration, and Tim uses his sense of humor during a game of billiards.

Here are just a few of the many funny quotes that Mr. Chimock says during an average game of billiards:

"The bank is open today, just like 9am Monday morning"

"O! He aint got no pan-coke mix"

"Just a little kiss, don't follow her inside"

"Here we go, cuts for Bieber" often followed by: "You didn't cut enough for the Biebs"

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ers if their food isn't worth the price? The cafeteria staff need to be more attentive to their actions and the items they sell in their business.

Quality is very important to a successful business and this is needed in this situation.

Student Concern #3: Why isn't there a greater variety of foods in our cafeteria?

This concern is the most common among our student population for various reasons, but mainly for health reasons.

The students want to eat health worthy food that will make them full and not food guilty. If the students wanted fried foods, then the students wouldn't be complaining about a desire for healthy options and the students would just visit the multiple fast food joints in Dallas.

This desire also involves another complication and this complication involves a similar scenario as the first concern.

Our cafeteria is more than willing to offer healthier options to our students, such as a salad bar and a special menu, but the students need to buy what they want. There have been countless occasions where the cafe would order specially requested items for students, such as hummus and special drinks, but the students refuse to buy the items.

The cafeteria is business run through the business department of the Penn State system, which means the cafeteria doesn't receive any funding from the students tuition to buy the food or maintain the internal structure of the cafeteria. Basically, like any business, the cafeteria will only keep food items that sell and balance out sales with costs.

It is the students' responsibilities after asking for a change to follow through with the change, which means buying the items or informing others about a new change to the cafeteria.

In conclusion, I have analyzed the ongoing argument and concerns about the Hickory Court Cafe from a student's perspective with relative answers to how these issues can be solved. As a passionate population, we must address these concerns and make an effort to ensure permanent change.

As students, we have a desire to see change and gain our money's worth from the cafeteria, but weirdly, we don't have the same desire to persevere through the entire process of change.

The main ways students can be involved in this process of change is volunteering time to attend Ryan Oliver's Cafe meetings and discussing their experiences openly to our administration or campus leaders. If our cafeteria staff or our SGA students need you to fill out a survey, you need to complete the survey and disclose all honest, along with advice on how to improve the cafeteria's business.

As college students, we must stop whining about a need for change and take responsibility for our apathy by taking action with beginning the steps of change in regards to all the stated concerns about the cafeteria.

If you have any suggestions or concerns, email Paul Nicolini, the manager of The Hickory Court Cafe, at pjn2@psu.edu and Ryan Oliver, the chair of the Cafe committee, at res5053@psu.edu.

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We Thought We had Problems
The Crimea, Russia, the Ukraine and a Whole Lot More

As we all know, the Crimean, Ukrainian, Russian Crisis has left many around the world on edge
and the media is constantly monitoring the Crisis in that area of the world.

It has probably left some with questions like "What is the big deal with this Crimean?" "Why does Russia care so much?" "Where are these places located?"" Who knows the answers to these questions?" I do dear reader, and I am going to tell you them right now.

However, before I give you all the answers, we first must understand that this is an extremely complicated issue that extends back more than 100 years.

In order to understand the modern-day problem, we must first understand the history and its tiny bit of geography.

First off, the Ukraine is the second largest country located on the European continent between the European Union to its West and Russia to its East. Secondly, the Crimea is a peninsula which extends off the southern coast of the Ukraine into the Black sea.

The importance of these geographical locations we will come back to later in this article.

The Crimea peninsula was part of Russia since the early 18th century when it was conquered by Russia under Catherine the Great.

Fast forward to the end of World War I, Russia, was its very famous communist revolution and Ukraine enjoyed a brief period of independence. However, to be more accurate, "enjoyed" might not be quite the right word.

This is due to: in the early 1900s, the Ukraine found itself in an endless civil war between opposing factions that ranged from Poland to the USSR full of Nationalists and some real life Anarchists. It was all very complicated matter and not to mention very violent because around 1.5 million people died. Following that turmoil, the Ukraine finally joined the USSR and things started to become more stable for awhile. It was looking pretty good until our friend Joseph Stalin came along.

Under Stalin, as many as 10 million Ukrainians starved to death between 1932 and 1933 through Stalin's agricultural policies, which were not just idiotic, but evil. There was wide scale starvation in a country that is now considered Europe's bread basket. Then after World War II, our friend Stalin forcibly transplanted the Crimean's entire population, a highly riged election between two men, Viktor and Viktor. The pro-Russian Viktor Yanukovych was elected as the President of the Ukraine. The opposition leader Viktor Yuschenko led massive peaceful protests in Kiev that would be known as the Orange Revolution. On an interesting side note, that opposition leader Yushchenko was disfigured and years later in another election, declared free and fair by international observers, the Presidency of Ukraine was won by the aforementioned Russia friendly Viktor Yanukovych.

Now finally we are now at the present. In 2013 Yanukovych announced that the Ukraine would abandon an agreement to strengthen ties with the EU and it would instead be

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The Crimea is already an autonomous province with its own government. It has declared independence on March 6th from the Ukraine, ahead of a referendum on whether or not Crimea wants to split from the Ukraine and join the Russian Federation. Then on March 16th, residents of Crimea, up to 60% percent of whom are Russian, were given a choice of either joining Russia or opting for more autonomy from Ukraine under the 1992 constitution. The status quo, in which Crimea is a semi-autonomous region of Ukraine, was not an option. They voted overwhelmingly to join the Russia Federation. This seems easy until you figure that without the Ukraine's co-operation, which at the moment seems inconceivable, would make the transfer almost impossible.

Then, there is the problem that all the Crimea's water, electricity, and natural gas comes through the Ukraine, which makes any notion of independence or joining Russia even harder. So that's the whole situation in a nutshell, unless something has happened since I typed up this article and submitted it.

So there are two main narratives of these events. The first is, that is ineffective, but democratically elected politician was removed from power by a mob of protesters. The new un-elected parliament briefly passed a law saying that only the Ukrainian language is the official language of the country, even though many people in the country speak Russian as a primary language. Then this new government wants to become part of the European Union, which might bring NATO missiles to Russia's literal door step which is unacceptable to Russia.

Then, there is the second narrative that a tyrannical leader who ordered the murder of peaceful protesters was chased from power and replaced by a government that transitions
The Break Down

Olympic Re-Cap

As an American who likes sports, I was always intrigued by the Olympics, as most of us are. The Olympics at Sochi was an interesting event. There were looming rumors of terrorists, anti-gay laws, and ordinances. There was the Olympic ring from that represented America that never opened in the opening ceremony. Many hotels didn’t have clean water and some had faulty wiring. Many people ended up getting trapped in their hotel rooms. Stray dogs were also a problem during the games. For lack of a better phrase, let’s just say Sochi makes Detroit look like Atlantis.

Even with all the controversy at the games held in Sochi, the weather was in the mid-50s (which is not exactly ideal for winter Olympics) and the conditions of slopes, especially for skiers and snowboarders was sub-par at best.

The Americans finished with 28 medals, trailing behind were the Russians. There was some big exciting and disappointing surprises that Team USA gave us. First, we will dip into the disappointments. We will kick off the bad news part of this article with our failure to medal in men's hockey. We attained a silver medal in the sport at Vancouver, 2010. But with embarrassing losses to Canada and Finland, we did not medal in 2014. Also snowboarding superstar Shaun White did not medal in an event that he usually dominates, the half pipe snowboarding.

There are some good surprises from our country in the Olympics as well. Although men's hockey failed to medal, they beat Russia in a shootout that ended up being one of the most exciting events in Sochi. Then, there’s the story many Americans were following, and that was the story of Charlie White and Meryl Davis. The ice dancers have worked together for many years and knew the sport in and out. White and Davis gave America its first ever gold medal in ice dancing, which was one of the best performances in history. Since their gold medal performance, White and Davis had become huge stars showing up on late night television. Now, they are contestants on Dancing with The Stars. In conclusion, Sochi might not have been the most organized Olympic games in history, but there will be moments from Sochi that will be talked about in Olympic history for years to come.

Let the Madness Begin!

Want to win a billion dollars? Well with a perfect college basketball bracket, that is what the perfect prize from Quicken Loans, who is in partnership with Warren Buffett, will be.

That is correct folks, March Madness is here! There are 68 teams (including all the play in games) that will try to leave their mark on college basketball. They will try to take the NCAA championship. Florida is hoping to party like its 2007 (the last time they won it all), being the first overall seed in this year's bracket. Meanwhile, Louisville is trying to repeat their championship win last year despite their fourth seed in the Midwest portion of the bracket. Wichita State is out to prove they deserve being a first seed after an undefeated regular season (34-0). The Shockers could also become the first undefeated team to win a national title in men's basketball since Indiana in 1976. Virginia (28-6) and Arizona (30-4) round off the first seeds.

Doug McDermott, currently fifth on the men's college basketball all-time leading scorers list, will try to lead the third seeded Creighton Blue Jays to the championship game in Arlington, Texas on April 7th. There are usually upsets and "Cinderella" teams, or bracket busters. Last year was fifteenth seeded Florida Gulf Coast, which they made their run to the sweet 16. This year, who knows what'll happen! You will be able to see every game of the tournament broadcasted on these four networks: CBS, TNT, TBS, and truTV.

Let the Games Begin!

Springtime is here, and so is baseball. Teams began their spring training exercises in warmer parts of the country in mid-February: all in preparation for opening day.

The season opener will feature the Los Angeles Dodgers and Arizona Diamondbacks in Sydney, Australia on Saturday, March 22nd. The rest of the teams season openers will be played on March 30th and 31st.

The defending World Series Champion Boston Red Sox will open their season in Baltimore as they take on the Orioles on March 31st. The Phillies will also begin their season on the road as they will take on the Rangers in Texas on the 31st. The Pirates will play on their home field in Pittsburgh on the 31st as well against the Chicago Cubs.

Important days to remember in baseball for the 2014 season are: Jackie Robinson Day on April 15th, the All Star Game in Minneapolis, Minnesota on July 15th, and the first day of the playoffs on September 30th.

Penn State Wilkes-Barre Baseball Schedule

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Happy Open Season Baseball Fans!
A Haunting With Ryan: Jim Thorpe Jail

Marijuana has been illegal in one form or another since 1937. The reason marijuana became illegal is because it can be used for many things, including but not limited to: paper production, cloth, rope, and as a component of paint. These two products could have potentially cut into the market share of William Randolph Hurst and the corporation DuPont. Hurst had a large stock interest in logging, refining wood into paper, and he just so happened to own a newspaper empire. Hurst began running “strongly” worded articles on “marijuana” (a term he coined) which had a Mexican sound to the word. He also called it the “Mexican killer weed.” The politics and propaganda of the time created an environment in which the “Marijuana Tax Act of 1937” passed through Congress. Marijuana should never have been made illegal. Times have changed, but the law has not. The Controlled Substance Act of 1970 set up five “schedules” or classes of drugs. The first and most severe is where marijuana was placed. It should not have been placed there, for it does not meet the criteria. Marijuana drug arrests are common. But people of color are disproportionately arrested. America could save billions of dollars in law enforcement and corrections spending by legalizing marijuana.

The health benefits of marijuana use were also recognized by panoply of ancient cultures. Marijuana use has been found in almost every major culture since time immemorial. The Chinese, Egyptians, Indians, Iranians, Greeks, Romans, and those in the early Arabian world all were found to have used marijuana or products of hemp since the beginning of their histories. “The Chinese Emperor Fu His (ca. 2900 BC), whom the Chinese credit with bringing civilization to China, seems to have made reference to Ma, the Chinese word for Cannabis, noting that Can-

nabis was very popular medicine that possessed both yin and yang” (pro-con.org). This was the first recorded use in China of cannabis for its medical effectiveness. Use of the hemp fibers in China dates back much earlier. “Archaeologists discovered an ancient village in China, containing the earliest known record of the use of the cannabis plant. This village dates back over 10,000 years to the Stone Age. Amongst the debris of this village, archaeologists found small pots with patterns of twist-
ed hemp fiber decorating them” (http://www.parl.gc.ca). Hemp fiber is very useful for making rope as well as cloth. This infers that the plant was popular for its physical properties before its psychoactive effects.

The psychoactive effects of cannabis also have been used as an entheogen, or a substance used for its effects on the mind but in a reli-
gious context. The anointing oil of the Old Testament (and new) was made from cannabis oil. “So, did Jesus use cannabis?” I think so. The word Christ does mean ‘the anointed one’ and Ben-
nett contends that Christ was anointed with chisum, cannabis-based oil, that caused his spiritual visions. The ancient recipe for this oil, recorded in Exodus, in-
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Hemp was very important to the economy of colonial America. “Amer-
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Hemp fiber can be used to make very effective mildew resistant rope superior to most other fibers, including polyester.

Chronically Illegal Hemp and the History of American Usage

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erately competed with their new product line. “Some parties have argued that the aim of the Act was to reduce the size of the hemp industry” [3][4][5] largely as an effort of businessmen Andrew Mellon, Randolph Hearst, and the Du Pont family[3][5]. With the in-
vention of the decorticator, hemp became a very cheap substitute for the paper pulp that was used in the newspa-

Hemp fiber can be used to make very effective mildew resistant rope superior to most other fibers, including polyester.

Chronically Illegal Hemp and the History of American Usage

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nently worth the ride! Not only is Jim Thorpe one of the more picturesque parts of the state but it also houses one of the most haunted jails in the country. The old Mach Chunk jail (Jim Thorpe was originally named Mach Chunk) was hanged, he left his hand print on the cell wall, it still showed up! I’ve been to the jail myself and never have I felt so secluded with a sudden overwhelming uneasiness, especially after going down through the dungeons. A lot of dark energy is still trapped in this jail, and whether or not you go for the hauntings in town, Jim Thorpe is still worth the ride! By Ryan Sotelo

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Copyright: Forever and a Day

Copyright may be the next hot topic in Congress in the next few years. There has been talk to reform copyright recently among members of Congress. To understand this debate, one needs to understand the history and effects of copyright.

The origin of copyright law takes us back to 1710 with Queen Anne, the Monarch who had just overseen the Unification of England and Scotland into Great Britain. Also, on her busy royal schedule was the Statute of Anne, the very first copyright law. It gave authors control over who could make copies of their books or build on their work for a limited time of 28 years. Seventy-seven years later, the Framers of the Constitution thought the Statute of Anne was a good idea, and copied and pasted it into their own Constitution, giving Congress the power: “To promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited Times to Authors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings.” Basically, copyright is a contract between authors and society: if you promise to make more stuff, we promise not to copy or build on it for 28 years after the work is published.

Here’s an example from the modern day: let’s say you’re trying to be a director and you’re looking for a project to get started. Percy Jackson is a story you would love to remake. But since Rick Riordan published “The Lightning Thief” in the U.S. in 2005, it still has copyright protection, so you can’t use it. Instead you need to find something from a long, long time ago, like, for example: Star Wars: A New Hope. George Lucas released Star Wars: A New Hope in 1977. That’s more than 28 years ago, so great! Get filming! Alas, no. While Star Wars should have lost copyright protection in 2005, it’s actually copyrighted until 2027! That’s 95 years after publication, not 28. So you may be asking why does the copyright last for ages?

Well, as long as there has been copyright, it has authors arguing that it is too short. And perhaps, they are right. How’s a poor guy like Lucas supposed to turn a profit in the mere 28 years between 1977 and 2007? After all, there was only the first theatrical release of A New Hope, then the theatrical re-release in 1978 and again in 1979 and 1981 and 1982. There also was the 1982 VHS and Betamax releases, the 1984 broadcast television release, the 1985 Laser disc release, the 1989 widescreen Laser disc release, the 1990 VHS re-release, the 1992 widescreen VHS release, the 1993 Laserdisc re-release, 1995 VHS re-re-release, the 1997 special edition theatrical release, the 1997 VHS special edition release and the 2004 DVD release. And now you, dear reader, come along and want to make your own version of Star Wars: a New Hope? For shame! That’s like stealing food right out of poor, George Lucas’ mouth.

Four times Congress has agreed with authors that the length of copyright is too short to turn a profit and so extended it: First in 1831 from 28 years to 42 years, then in 1909 to 56 years, in 1976 to the lifetime of the author plus 50 years, and in 1998 to the life time of the author plus 70 years. That’s a great deal for authors who have already made stuff, but does it really help society get more movies and books?

It is hard to imagine, for example, that J.K. Rowling, while living on benefits in Scotland, was busy doing the math and would not have written Harry Potter if the copyright protection was just for her whole life and not an additional seven decades thereafter. Because, exactly who needs incentives after they are dead? Death has literally no incentives in the whole universe which can motivate you to write one more book or screen play. Because you are dead. If you are the kind of person who is only motivated by plans that unravel after your eventual demise, you are either amazingly brilliant or deranged. But to what end?

So what if every kindergartner’s finger paintings are protected by copyright for 75 years? Why does it matter?

It matters because the main beneficiaries of copyright after death are not the authors, or society, but companies, companies like Disney. Remember all the good old Disney movies from your younger years? They all came from works no longer under copyright protection at the time. The whole of the Disney Empire and all the animation magic that it produces only exists because there was copyright free work for Walt Disney to rework and update. Now just imagine if copyright lasted for an unlimited amount of time, all of those Disney movies from Snow White and Hercules to Lion King and Alice in Wonderland, would never have been created because Disney would not have the right to use the characters, worlds, and concepts from any of those works. He would most likely find himself in court over copyright infringement charges.

However the corporate, Walt-less Disney was the big pusher of the 1998 life plus 70 years copyright extension. It made sure that no one could make more popular versions of their movies in the same way they made a more popular version of Beauty and the Beast. This near-infinite control subverts the whole purpose of copyright, which is to promote the creation of more books and movies for society to enjoy, not to give companies the power to stop people from making new creative works based on the efforts on their long-dead founders. New directors and authors need the freedom to take what came before to remake and remix. And they should be able to use creative material from their own lifetime to do so, not just be limited to the work of previous generations.

At the end of the century, George Lucas wrought upon civilization a new word: “anticipointment”. The tremendous let-down that was the lazy, bland and soulless new trilogy. George Lucas was completely within his right to make those movies into the sterile toy-marketing vehicles they were. He owned Darth Vader and could tell the origin story as he wished. But imagine for
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In 1869, one of the worst mining disasters in history occurred just outside of Plymouth, PA. Plymouth is about twenty minutes from campus. It is known by a lot of the students and faculty. But what isn’t known by most of them is the mine fire that trapped and swept away 110 lives, including a child and two rescuers. Avondale prompted numerous safety and health regulations to be updated (about time right?) for the miners of that era. Snagged underground is this energy that has erupted from the mine fire. It caused a cave-in and entrapment of the dozens of men and children.

The site has since been abandoned, but a memory and memorial remain. The tunnel where over a hundred bodies were taken out still remains as well but it has since been filled in with dirt. However, a small hole is still visible that blows out freezing cold air all year long and other buildings remain that can be explored. It is a chilling site (literally) that is secluded and unknown by a lot of people in the area today. If you’re into ghost hunting that involves some sentimentality, Avondale is the place for you.

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Ukraine towards free and fair elections with the Russians’ response to invade the Ukraine.

It is important to understand both these narratives and the historical context that gives us an understanding on what pulls between Western Europe and Russia in the Ukraine. It is not a totally new idea. After all, the world “Ukraine” literally itself means “borderland” because for centuries, it has centuries acted as the border between West and East. What the Ukraine needs is stability, decades of stability, so that it can grow to have its own identity and to be able to have relationships with both the European Union or Russia without being controlled by either.

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The Most Interesting Woman At Penn State Wilkes-Barre:
Rosier Rectangle

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ings. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury and the wealthiest man in America, had invested heavily in the Du Pont families new synthetic fiber, nylon, which was also being outcompeted by hemp" (Princeton.edu). This corrupt bargain between industry and government precipitated the situation we are in today. The sensationalism of drug use reported in papers of the day was merely a ruse to corner the market on rope, cloth, and paper. William Randolph Hearst is a yellow-bellied yellow journalist. As was quoted earlier, Hearst had "extensive" timber holdings. Hemp makes a more durable, longer lasting paper than wood pulp. According to Purdue University, "The oldest surviving paper is over 2,000 years of age, from China, and was made from hemp fiber (Fleming and Clarke 1998). Hemp paper is useful for specialty applications such as currency and cigarette papers where strength is needed. The bast fiber is of greatest interest to the pulp and paper industry because of its superior strength properties compared to wood" (purdue.edu). The reason we have no infrastructure to produce a cost effective hemp paper is because of this, the illegalization of marijuana and hemp. "In Europe, decortication/refining machines are available that can produce 10 t/hour of hemp fiber suitable for such pulp use. North American capacity for hemp pulp production and value-added processing is much more limited than that of Europe, and this industry is negligible in North America" (purdue.edu). Technology was developed to make the separation of hemp fibers much more cost effective, and this technology took the form of decortication machines. In order to understand the next two quotes one must know what hurds are. "However, the short, bulky fibers found in the inner part of the plant (hurds) can also be used to make cheaper grades of paper, apparently without greatly affecting quality of the printing surface" (purdue.edu). "Scavezzatrice meccanica - Zilender. This machine was made in Germany in 1890. One has been kept by the Museo della Civiltà Contadina, San Marino Di Bentivoglio, Bologna, Italy. This museum grows and rets hemp as part of their living history exhibit. This machine is still able to break hemp but shoots hurds in all directions. Schlichten greatly improved upon this work" (hempology.org). Schlichten wanted to make wood paper obsolete; it was his dream to prevent deforestation. "Schlichten planted 100 acres of hemp and some other experimental crops. By August 1917, the hemp crop, almost ready to harvest, was such a bumper crop that it received national attention. Feature film companies, including Hearst, showed footages of the 14-foot tall plants in their weekly newsreels. With the US entering WWI, newspapers began facing rising prices because of a short-age of wood pulp and were desperate for an alternative. Schlichten knew he had the answer with the mountains of hurds his machine created and at a fraction of the cost of wood pulp" (innvisita.com). Hearst obviously knew about the potential of hemp to replace his preferred material for paper, wood pulp. This led to his involvement in the lobbying for the passage of The Marihuana Tax act of 1937. William Randolph Hearst completely eliminated his competition to bolster his bottom line, and he did so at the great expense of the American people.

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By Yosemite Sam

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I don't alway use pictures on exams but when I do they are usually awkward in a lizardly way

She wears Camo in a Professional Way

She often jokes about a reptile dysfunction.

She's seen the Lizard of Oz... Twice
THON
The Reason
Why We DANCE

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THON weekend was one of the best weekends of my life. My feet didn't hurt, but rather my cheeks because I could not stop smiling. It was incredible being a part of something so big. It was truly an honor being able to represent PS-WB along with Isaura! I loved every minute of it! I loved seeing all the kids having the time of their lives! I loved dancing in a tutu! I loved the cape my moraler made me has became famous, like it's Hunger Games! I loved seeing our committee members dancing and having fun in the stands, along with I loved always knowing my best friend was there. Seriously, Laura never left! But what I truly loved was that I was able to help make a bunch of kids smile! THON weekend is their weekend and I hope all those little guys enjoyed winning in our epic water gun wars we had! I also hope that my little friend had the time of her life dancing on the stage during Go Go Gadget, because I know I did! I'm just so blown away by how united we as a university, we came together to dance for a cure. I only hope that I get to be there when we celebrate the cure for cancer because I know our efforts helped make the cure possible!

- Nicole Wiesner
Music Royalty

We are the keynote generation in the digital music era and the main devices we use are apple products, such as iPhone and iPod. The place we “legally” should all go to get this music is iTunes. These are the most download-ed songs in the history of iTunes.

1. “I Gotta Feeling” by Black Eyed Peas
2. “Poker Face” by Lady Gaga
3. “Boom Boom Pow” by Black Eyed Peas
4. “I’m Yours” by Jason Mraz
5. “Viva la Vida” by Coldplay
6. “Just Dance” by Lady Gaga & Colby O’Dona-
7. “Low” (feat. T-Pain) by Flo Rida
8. “Love Story” by Taylor Swift
9. “Bleeding Love” by Leona Lewis
10. “Tik Tok” by Ke$ha
11. “Disturbia” by Rihanna
12. “So What” by P!nk
13. “I Kissed a Girl” by Katy Perry
14. “Single Ladies (Put a Ring On It)” by Be-yoncé
15. “Hot N Cold” by Katy Perry
16. “Stronger” by Kanye West
17. “Live Your Life” (feat. Rihanna) by T.I.
18. “Hey There Delilah” by Plain White T’s
19. “Right Round” by Flo Rida
20. “Party In the U.S.A.” by Miley Cyrus
21. “Don’t Stop Believin’” by Journey
22. “Bad Romance” by Lady Gaga
23. “Use Somebody” by Kings of Leon
24. “Fireflies” by Owl City
25. “How to Save a Life” by The Fray

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the moment, if copyright still worked as Queen Anne first intended. In 2011, the whole original Star Wars trilogy—all its artwork, its characters, its music—would have left copyright protection and been available to aspiring young directors/writers to build upon and make their own versions of. There would have been a treasure trove of new Star Wars stories for fans to enjoy.

But alas, as long as the current copyright laws remain as they are, no living person will ever get to tell a Percy Jackson story, or a Harry Potter Story, or a Darth Vader Story, or a Hobbit Story, or any other story that matters to them, that the author or, when they are dead, their company, disagrees with.

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Dear Educators,

When I say educators I mean all of you, from middle school to high school to our own illustrious professors at University. We at “The REVOLT!” are writers, word smiths, tellers of tales and truths but before we are any of those things we are students. Students who are trying to overcome a multitude of distractions and financial instabilities just like everyone else. And we, “The REVOLT!”, as students want to apologize to you for all the time we handed in our work late. We’ve all done it to you, handed in that paper one or four weeks past when you told us it was do and we want to thank you. Thank you for understanding that we are easily distracted. Thank you for giving us that extension because you realize how stressful college can be. And because we appreciate and respect your work as much as we do we want to be up front with you. This is what we were doing when we should have been working on your essays...

20 Things We Did Instead of Writing an Essay

1. Take a two hour power nap.
2. Socialize with your neighbor.
3. Talk about Greek Mythology and the philosophy of life.
4. Go to the Gym for like an hour.
5. Creep on people through social media.
6. Watch a marathon of Disney movies. (NO SHAME)
7. Cook a three course meal. (Something other people would eat...)
8. Harass friends who are doing homework.
9. Did I mention talk for another hour or so about nothing?
10. Take a shower because that will help you think up new ideas.

11. Canoodle in the Student Commons with some attractive people.
12. Write a poem about writing and essay.
13. Come up with an extravagant reason why your paper isn’t in on time.
14. Listen to some good music.
15. Clean your bedroom.

16. Wash the dishes and clean the kitchen.
17. “Borrow” a friend’s Sheep.
18. Play cards against Humanity.
19. Play Candy Crush on my phone.
20. Go to bed because now it is obviously too late to write this essay.

Sincerely,

THE REVOLT
“The further a society drifts from the truth the more it will hate those who spark it.”
- George Orwell