



## Separating fact, fiction on higher ed

Rick Santorum may have given us some insight into the reason so many Republicans are reducing funds for state-supported universities. He claimed that students at these schools get "indoctrinated" with liberal ideas.

When I went to college to become a civil engineer, I was not indoctrinated in anything, but I did learn how to separate fact from fiction.

For example, after 12 years of Bush tax cuts, it is obvious that they don't create jobs. If they did, we would be at full employment. All those cuts did was increase the wealth of the 1 percent at the expense of the 99 percent.

We should, instead, be ensuring that every smart kid gets a higher education by giving them grants, based on need, so that we don't waste their potential.

**Ken Foster**, Columbia

## It's time for Joe Pitts to go

In regards to your recent article regarding the honorable Joe Pitts, our representative to the U.S. House, I'd like to offer an opinion.

Go home, Joe. Spend time with your family or get a hobby. You won't have to worry about how to spend the \$659,000 in your re-election fund. You can spend some time figuring out how to spend your multiple pensions funded mostly by the citizens of southcentral Pennsylvania.

I know you think Washington can't operate without you, but that's what Bob Walker thought. too.

This letter could go on but I have to compose one about Rep. Mike Sturla, with some thoughts I may share.

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## Mother Earth

Like an egg, Mother Earth faithfully circles the sun while we humans break down mountains for coal, explode nuclear bombs miles deep within, spill chemicals into the air and streams and so on.

If she should crack, do you suppose we would get a peep out of her?

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