

Vehicle Registration Fees Discussed

by Skip Lewis

"Man, it's an outrage! I blow a ten-spot just to have the privilege of owning a car. \$7.50 is much too high to pay for vehicle registration. Where does all that money go? What does it go for?"

Have a familiar ring? I'm sure that if you own a car it does. At one time or another we've all heard or expounded ourselves on the "injustice" of paying such a high vehicle registration. The questions "Why \$7.50?" and "Where does all that money go?" have been around year after year. Let's see if we can put them somewhat to rest.

SGA President Lee Levan wrote to Director Colman Herpel asking the wheres, whats, and whys. Here from context is Mr. Herpel's reply.

"All vehicle use fees paid by Capitol students are credited to this campus for use when expansion, repair, or replacement of parking spaces and access roadways becomes necessary. No construction at any other campus is charged to Capitol. Should Capitol require an expenditure for parking improvements before its accumulated fund is sufficient to cover the costs, funds accumulated to the accounts of other campuses would be borrowed to finance Capitol. Currently Capitol's as yet unneeded funds are lent to other campuses for their construction. However, the accounting for these funds separates them clearly by source, and credits or debits each campus as the situation requires. Equitable treatment of present and future students at Capitol (and at the other University campuses) is best served by a uniform fee structure for vehicle use privileges (or for tuition charges, for that matter). If we should elect to change from the uniform fee principle, we might have, for example, Capitol with lower vehicle use charges and higher tuition charges next year, and then perhaps both higher vehicle use charges and higher tuition charges in a later year when parking facilities had to be improved."

President Levan also asked Mr. Herpel about the possibility of charging two vehicle registration fees. One fee for on-campus use and another for place of residence parking. This would allow a student to bring a car on campus and park it at his house for a lesser fee; but he would not be able to use it on campus. Mr. Herpel remarked, "that this proposal could be explored with the housing division to determine the effects on rentals and with the vehicle registrar to determine that administrative feasibility."

Over the summer, some new parking spaces were added to the already large parking lot in the back of the administration building. They were constructed because they were needed; and more spaces will be needed in the near future to accommodate the greater number of cars used by a growing number of day and night school students. Paving is costly; and although Capitol is now in the black as far as the credits and debits are concerned, it will be in the red for a much longer time.

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS

Chandler Wolf SGA Vice President

by Missy Rotondaro

Chandler Wolf, Vice President of the Student Government Association, is a man on the go.

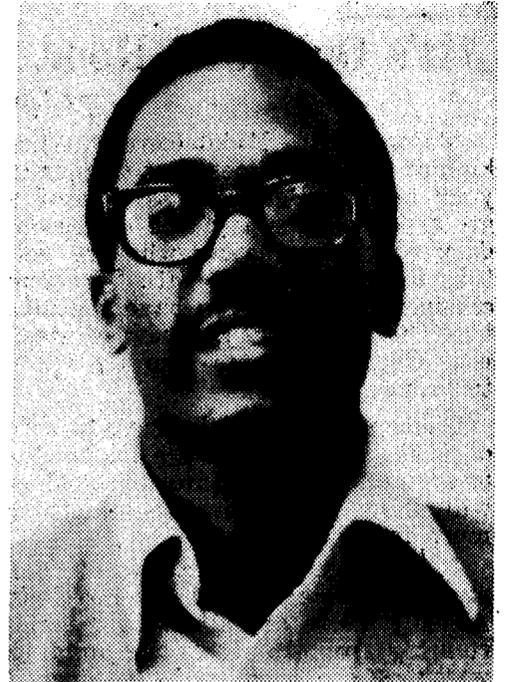
Chandler, born in North Philadelphia, attended Northeastern Christian Junior College in Villanova, Pa., where he received his Liberal Arts degree. He is presently enrolled in the Social Science curriculum taking Secondary Education as his option.

As I have said, Chandler is a man on the go. Most people probably do not have this impression because basically he is a very quiet, soft spoken individual. But Chandler does get things done. He ACTS, very discreetly, very cautiously to accomplish his goal. And things do get done.

Besides being Vice President of SGA, he is also a member of the Black Student Union, and is special assistant to Mr. Slygh, Director of Admissions. Also, last year, Chandler, along with Bill Jones, attended the March Against Repression in Atlanta, Georgia, sponsored by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. When he finds the time, Chandler enjoys writing poetry, stamp and coin collecting, painting, drawing, and sculpturing.

One of Chandler's main interests this year is his work at the Middletown Community Action Center. His particular function in the center is to sponsor and co-ordinate a black history program. This resulted after 36 black history students petitioned the school board of Middletown for black history courses, but were denied. Chandler then set up a discussion group at the center which meets every Monday night from seven to eight p.m. Parents may attend also, provided there is sufficient room to accommodate them at the center.

"Basically, the content of the pro-



Chandler Wolf—sponsor and coordinator of black studies program in Middletown.

gram" as disclosed by Chandler, deals with the social gut issues confronting the community. The center provides a place where the youth and the community can come together and talk. In this setting group interaction can take place. Working in this way, he is trying to organize the community in effectively bringing about changes within their own areas.

Other discussions at the center include black arts, poetry, African dance, black economics, and music of the black culture. Response on the part of the community has been favorable, Chandler stated.

Chandler has received some help from people such as Carol Simns, a student here at Capitol, who helped out with the African dancing. Dr. Lagrone has also contributed by lecturing at the center. Other help is needed and all volunteers are welcome. Anyone interested can contact Chandler either in the SGA office, at home, or anywhere else you can find this man on the go.

We Are The People!

by Richard Polun

There is a great deal of discussion and time devoted on this campus to the subject of apathy. Many people contend, at the risk of sounding repetitive, too many go home on weekends, and cannot get involved in political or social events.

On Wednesday, the 21st. of October at three o'clock p.m. Mr. Norval Reece came to speak at Capitol Campus. With him was Mr. Jerry Leib who is running for State Legislature in the 106th District. Both of these men have a special significance to the students at Capitol. Attention also should be paid to the fact that this was a Wednesday, not a weekend. Everybody was here, and aside from the Engineers, most of us did not have classes.

The problem I am concerning myself with here is apathy, and what we can do to control it. Why, two weeks before the election in which we will elect a new Governor, and an entire state legislature were only fifteen people interested enough to come and hear two important political speak-

ers?

The answer of course, is the fact that most of the students couldn't care less about the upcoming election. It was raining Wednesday and many people were too apathetic to get out of bed.

It was embarrassing to those fifteen people when the first thing that Mr. Reece mentioned was in reference to college apathy.

The unfortunate part of this whole situation is the fact that most of us I feel, see the need for change. Too many of us however, are wholly apathetic to really do something about altering the system. Whether the means for that alteration is through the political process, or other peace organizations is not really the issue. The issue is, will we get involved in some means for change? Many of us may have started on October 31st, and many on November 3rd. The majority may not, but they will eventually realize the system does not change by itself, the people must change it. We are the people.