

## EDITORIAL

## Apathy? What Else Is New?

For the first time since the Eisenhower years (which we don't remember anyway), all's quiet on the campus scene. Recent polls taken say that we are becoming apolitical. They say we didn't bother to register when the eighteen-year-old vote was passed. Magazines and newspapers devoted a great deal of space to the candidates we didn't work for in November.

This can't possibly be happening at Capitol Campus! Did Apathy sneak in while we were enjoying summer vacation? Did it sneak on Campus while we were in Philadelphia for Christmas? It couldn't happen in a college that was so involved during Spring term...could it? Where did the Spring enthusiasm for change go? What happened to all the ideas?

Apathy has destroyed the ideas, and the changes, and the involvement. Many students blame it on many different things. A Temple student said that students are so affected by the economy that it is hard enough to stay alive, let alone be activists. That's true. Most students at Capitol hold jobs that preclude time-consuming politics.

Many students who participated in the Strike are disillusioned by the entire political scene. They've worked so hard to bring peace in Viet Nam by organizing marches and rallies, that they are discouraged by our government's failure to take action.

But the great majority of students at Capitol who are apathetic and uninvolved, are that way because they are "into their own thing". They are concerned with their personal development, or their studies, or their relationships. At an informal discussion last week, I

## Faculty Committee Appointments

The following students have been appointed to Faculty Committees, it was announced today by SGA President Lee Levan. All students are urged to contact them if they have an interest or problem in any of the respective areas.

Academic, Admission, and Athletic Standards—Linda Chisick; Academic Affairs—Doe Perkowska; Bookstore—Alan Gallagher; Community Contacts—Tony Bernardi; Computer—John Seiler; Library—Renee DeTemple; Physical Plant—Rick Greenburg; Social—Cheryl Johnstonbaugh; Student Affairs—Joe Kowalski and Steve Wesley; and Tenure, Promotion, and Welfare—Greta Gibson and Kathy Malek. Also appointed was Louise Szollosy, as the student representative to all faculty meetings.

asked a friend about his political views. He answered "I'm an artist!" His sentiments speak for most of us at Capitol. We all consider ourselves something, and we leave politics to the politicians.

What a dangerous attitude! We must make the politics. We must express our views. We must let our voices be heard, especially now at the beginning of a new State Government! Someone here must organize an active campus team to end the war that has been going on far too long. Someone within the range of this newspaper must be disgusted with this apathy. And someone MUST end it.

But don't ask me to help...I'm a Lit major.

## THE COLUMN

## Hold Back the Pepto-Bismal!

by Terry Wimmer

If you would have been able to see this reporter on Sunday evening, January 10th, you would have found me writing this column aptly entitled "Bring on the Pepto-Bismal." But alas, our stomach and intestinal tracts may be saved.

Following the evening meal on January 10th, the crisis surrounding the Housing and Food Service finally snowballed into a confrontation between the students and HFS. A meeting between approximately 65 students, Blair Hefkin, manager of HFS, and James "Jerry" South, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs was held in Church Hall's second floor lounge to discuss the problems. Both the students and Hefkin made honest attempts in appraising the situation and we all went from the meeting with a hopeful feeling, cautious, but still hopeful that something would be done.

The following Friday, January 15, a six-page report outlining the various problems of HFS and containing seventy-one complaints filed by the students was presented to Hefkin. The report, written by this reporter with the assistance of Nancy Smith and Karen Beatty was well received by Hefkin.

As is the case with many reports, they are read and forgotten. Blair Hefkin though, has taken head of this one. Many students can tell that something has been done. But has there been an improvement or has Hefkin, in the words of Bill Winkler of 218 Church, "Just done away with some of the really bad things."

Time, as usual, will tell.

## Letters To The Editor:

Dear Editor:

One of the serious problems in college and university life today is the lack of attention to the personality needs of students. Suicide is the second most important cause of death on the campus, topped only by automobile accidents; but those who have studied the subject believe that half of the latter are "concealed suicides"; thus suicide actually leads the list. Dr. Howard A. Rusk of the New York University Medical Center collected estimates that 90,000 students will threaten suicide each year, one in ten will make the attempt, and that there will be 1,000 actual deaths resulting. Beyond this, he calculates that among six million students, "some 600,000 have emotional problems for which they need professional assistance." The National Institute of Mental Health finds that the "factor of human isolation and withdrawal" appears to be critical; and the colleges recognize the serious problem created by these "loners" and are trying to provide help but admit (in hundreds of letters to us from deans) that they do not have adequate solutions.

This waste of some of the nation's finest young people is intolerable. Since for every actual death, nearly a hundred have felt so desperate as to threaten it, much light could be thrown on the subject by learning what factors enabled the fortunate ones to work out their difficulties and keep going.

With the help of a friend who is vitally interested in this subject, the American Institute of Family Relations is carrying out a nationwide study of what is being done and what could and should be done. We need to hear from as many students and former students as possible who have faced such a crisis. What pulled them out of it? Was it aid furnished by the college or university? or other community organization? or by a friend? a religion? a reading? Just how did they save themselves?

We will not publish the names of any individuals or schools; the information will be handled statistically and anonymously. If you can call the attention of your readers to this study and ask for volunteers who will write their experiences to me "personal" at this address: The American Institute of Family Relations, 5287 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90027, it may contribute toward saving valuable lives.

We shall certainly be most grateful for any help you can give.

Cordially yours,

Paul Popenoe, Sc.D.—President

Dear Faculty:

All I have to offer...is encouragement. I hope it will be reassuring to learn that at least one irascible alumnus has had steady work since graduation last June. That should prove at least two things:

1. Graduates of Capitol Campus are NOT totally unemployable (despite some messianic tendencies).  
2. You must do something right.

Hoping to be of service in any way possible, I look forward to seeing Capitol Campus graduates in all facets of government. Perhaps, together we can make a difference.

If I'm not out of town or on the Hill, I can usually be found in Room 3H30, H.S. Civil Service Commission Building, 1900E Street NW, Washington, D.C. Phone 202-632-5598.

Send me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses, etc. Or come in person, we're surprisingly open-minded.

Harry A. Wolf

1970 Social Science Graduate

## Random Notes

## PUBLIC LECTURES ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Capitol Campus students, faculty, staff and the public are invited to attend four presentations in a series of public lectures. They are sponsored by the environmental committee.

The four lectures are offered on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. in Room E247, Capitol's Main Building. Part of each session is reserved for discussion. Attendance is free of charge. Associate Professor Ambrose Klien is in charge of the series.



PAUL HANEY—On Monday, Capitol was host to the "Voice of Apollo" from NASA, as part of the Artist Lecture Series. Here, Mr. Haney gets acquainted with our Nittany Lion.

## AROUND THE CAMPUS...

## Craft Work Shop To Begin

The Meade Heights Board of Governors is sponsoring a Craft Workshop. This is an excellent opportunity for people with creative potential to express themselves through the use of their hands, rather than just the use of their heads.

The work shop will handle such things as leather work, candle making, knitting, crocheting, painting, and clothes making. The first meeting of the workshop will be held on Wednesday, January 28th, at 7 p.m. in the Coffeehouse.

If you have an interest in learning crafts or in teaching others the skills, contact Peter

Dunn and attend the meeting. Tools and materials will be made available for the various crafts and also an outlet for the sale of finished products. If you cannot make the meeting call Pete at his home, 944-1089.

## Volunteers Needed

The Middletown Child Development Center conducted by the Dauphin County Child Care Service would like to open their center on February 15th. But we've got to help them! They need plenty of volunteers to help paint the building and sew aprons for the kids. People are needed to help with everything. It's located on the Olmsted Air Force Base, at the NCO Club.

HELP WANTED



CAPITOLIST STAFF

CONTACT:

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## ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

The Environmental Committee needs assistance from the student body and faculty to gather reference materials. If you have any ideas or materials, books, magazine articles, statistics, films, etc., please drop them off in the Environmental Committee Office in room E114, or at 823 B Nelson Drive. If no one is in the office, just walk in and drop the materials on the desk. Meetings of the Environmental Committee will be held weekly on Tuesday evenings at the coffeehouse in Meade Heights at 7 p.m. If you would like to do your part in the fight against environmental decay, the place to be is at the coffeehouse. Free coffee and fresh air will be served.

## ENVIRONMENTAL FILM LISTINGS...

## CLIP AND SAVE!

All films will be shown in the auditorium at 12 noon. Keep this schedule on the bulletin board: January 21—"Multiply and Subdue the Earth"; February 4—"What is Ecology"; "Problem With Water is People"; February 11—"The Third Pollution", "The River"; February 25—"Between the Tides", "Peace and Voices in the Wilderness"; March 4—"What Goes UP", "Green City"; and March 11—"A Nation of Spoilers", "Noisy Landscape", "Nuclear Radiation". Alternate showings are: Thursday following each of the above mentioned dates in room 211 at 7 p.m. Friday following each of the above mentioned dates in room W337 at 3:50 p.m.

The center plans a new concept in child day care. All children from a family will be there while their mother works, so they also need help with tutoring.

Miss Kendall and Mr. Shaffer are desperate for help. If you can spare a few hours, contact them at 238-9486.

## Open Pot

Every Thursday, the Student Affairs Office will sponsor a Coffee Hour—"The Open Coffee Pot". The coffee pot will be full from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m., every Thursday morning.

All students, faculty, and staff are invited for the free coffee and conversation in room W-101. Come in and rap, bitch, or just drink coffee.

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