

## EDITORIAL

## WIMMER FOR PRESIDENT

One of the complaints heard around campus as SGA election-time draws near is: "It doesn't matter who I vote for...they're all the same!" On May 11, students at Capitol will be facing an election in which one presidential candidate does stand out above the rest, a candidate who is a little more involved...a little more concerned. That candidate is Terry Wimmer.

Terry's involvement during his junior year at Capitol has reflected his concern about all aspects of student government. His weekly column in the CAPITOLIST has dealt with national government and student politics. He was a member of the student senate, and is currently on the Resident Student Council. He is also a member of Delta Tau Kappa, the social science honor fraternity.

One of Terry's most important qualifications is that he is a student leader with a conscience. His voice was heard during the Nittany Screw Affair, he has taken an active personal interest in the problems of food and housing in the residence halls, and his current attack is the lack of student participation in the selection of the new Provost.

Terry's program includes many goals...and they all reflect the students' interest. He would like at least one seat for students on the Search Committee to convince the faculty council that students have been neglected too long. As SGA president, Terry would work closely with the Student Affairs Advisory Committee. He will build a new SGA, a responsive SGA, that will enhance student welfare on campus.

Terry believes that committees can accomplish things if there is enough student input. He plans to reactivate the Reporting Committee, and turn it into a public relations system...students would be better informed of what is happening at SGA, and around the campus. Terry also plans to ease some of the hassle on faculty committees by calling for student co-chairmanship, with full voting rights on all faculty committees dealing with academic affairs.

Terry has pledged his support to you...the student. He has pledged to listen to what you want...to enact what you want to see.

Help Terry work for the students at Capitol. Give him your vote on May 11. And after he's elected, give him your help.

## March On The Library?

by Tom Ogden

Depending upon your dedication to the fine art of research and/or the search for great reading pleasure, you may have run up against one of the biggest obstacles in our Super System that is Penn State—the Capitol Campus Library.

Granted the library staff is doing the best they can with a frustrating system? What other campus can boast of having students fill out those funny little cards with our names, addresses, classification, number, shoe size...? I guess after a while it's not so bad, unless you have to take out a book.

Our periodical room is also very impressive...looking. But have you tried to find a magazine lately? Apparently the Campus does not believe that anything happened in magazines

prior to 1965.

The check-out system is broken into two parts, however: this signing for the books in blood, and then the Inquisition. Certainly briefcases must be checked, but when one merely walks in the room to return a book? Dedicated devils, eh?

The following steps are recommended for a successful boycott of the library:

(1) Don't take out any books. If you must, certainly not more than one, or you'll die of old age before the cards are filled out.

(2) Don't even try to do research or find a magazine.

(3) If you must go into the library, go nude and carry no books. Give 'em a thrill as they search you for stolen microfilms.

(4) Above all, find another library!

## SUPPOSE THEY GAVE A WAR...

BUT suppose they gave an ELECTION and nobody came!

There are about 1,000 students on campus, let's say. O.K., scratch one-half of them who couldn't be bothered to vote even if it were to close down the University. (Don't laugh; it almost happened once!) That leaves five hundred dedicated (?) students. Subtract another half who forget which day the voting is. (Hey, Lee, what's that date again?) That leaves two hundred and fifty. Drop off one-half who never find the room to vote, wherever it may be (the secret of the century, at the time of this writing), leaving a total of one-hundred-fifty who will eventually make it to the polls. Drop off that twenty-five for those smart alecks who write in "Spiro Agnew," "Mr. Provost,"

"Rock-Picker" or the like; and we are left with one hundred students who will vote.

Speaking from a mouth of experience (ahem) last year's S.G.A. President at the Berks Campus, P.S.U., won by a clear plurality of seventeen whole votes. The Veep was a shoe-in with a three vote lead. Get ready; cliché coming: Who says your vote doesn't count?

I'm certain my figures are a bit conservative. I was a Goldwater fan. Then, too, I probably counted wrong. I'm not a math major. But I do urge you all—wherever the election is to be, whenever it is, and whatever it's for—to vote.

Suppose they gave that election and EVERYBODY came!

(They'd shit; that's what!)

## The Right To Editorial Endorsement

Few will argue that the rights and responsibilities of any communications medium are complex. The debate arises when attempts are made to define them. With the elections for Student Government Offices at hand, the position of THE CAPITOLIST should be reiterated.

First and foremost is the duty to urge all students to take every opportunity to become informed on the candidates' platforms. It may be a hackneyed statement, but it still holds that unless you are aware of "the issues" and express your opinion through voting, you have no right to bitch about what is wrong. It is too convenient to say that one vote won't make any difference, or to rationalize that "they're all alike anyway." Maybe just this once, there are a few sincere individuals who have the students' interests in mind. Maybe a greater concern and involvement by the student population will force the office seekers to keep those interests in mind, even after the elections.

In recognition of its responsibility to present "all the news that fits," THE CAPITOLIST has published interviews with all of the S.G.A. presidential candidates.

## PEACE VS. PATIENCE

by Roger L. Hawkins

I am sure there was no doubt in anyone's mind by the tremendous turnout to the Peace March on April 24, that the American people are sick and tired of the Vietnam war. They are sick of the ugliness that has been brought on by it.

The price of peace to the American people is by no means an unattainable goal. Bring the troops home now, try to save lives instead of killing more. These are prevalent cries today.

For the American people have had to pay quite heavily for this war. Americans have had to suffer such deficits as: unemployment, inflation, poor housing, urban blight, pollution, personal exploitation and rising taxes.

It is no wonder that people are boiling over. While the government can spend billions of dollars in Vietnam, the domestic problems reach an all-time high. The government fails to listen. It fails to reach a compromise with its own people. America has grown impatient because its government has stopped listening.

Patience, I wonder if the American people have given it any thought. The people can stop war just as the people in Montgomery stopped discrimination on buses in 1955 by boycotting the transit company. But we now need 100% cooperation.

The people are angry enough now to take matters into their own hands. Now don't get me wrong, I am not advocating violence. I am only suggesting peaceful assertion of the people's beliefs by a complete boycott of the Vietnam War.

If the people's convictions are as strong as they seemed on Saturday, then they can still maintain their peaceful commission and fuck the system at the same time. Understand!

Chances are running out, patience is running out, and at the rate things are going, people will be running out. What do you say people? End the war in the name of peace.

In addition, the editor has endorsed that presidential candidate who is deemed to have both the best qualifications and platform. Some may argue that since there is only one newspaper on campus, THE CAPITOLIST is introducing a prejudice into the elections. Students should realize that this publication has the same right as any individual to express a viewpoint on any issue. To agree or disagree is the privilege of each student.

## As The Association Turns

by Missy Rotondaro

Let me begin by taking you to "SGA" and meeting our little family. We start off with President Lee Levan, bright, young, honest, and hardworking. Next Vice-President Chandler Wolf, dedicated and ambitious. Our Recording Secretary is Sue Ferrence and our Treasurer is Lucian Cross. Both are willing to try.

And here come our Senior Senators, Amy Neuman, Eric Murray, Bill Ducassoux, Kathy Wilson, Bernie Schonbach, John Fanelly, Steve Forman, and Chips Frank.

It starts off a fine, well meaning family. But one day Treasurer Lucian Cross resigns and the race is on. Lucian is replaced by Patty Patterson. "Oh what a tangled web we weave when first we practice to deceive."

Election time and we have some new members in our little family. Newly elected Junior Senators are Terry Wimmer, Vicki Ward, Ed Miceli, Neil Madonick, Tom Black, Frank Dulisse, Lenny Thompson and Steve Wesley.

Unusual things begin to happen.

We start losing people, no one comes anymore. Junior Senator Terry Wimmer resigns and Steve Wesley leaves his business seat to take over the Treasurer job because Patty is student teaching? Senior Senators Bill Ducassoux and Steve Forman are recalled and voted out of the Senate. John Fanelly graduates and leaves.

Then comes a special election and who enters our family but Gary Gold, replacing Steve Wesley, Dave Stacks, replacing Terry Wimmer and Russ Matthews as Treasurer, taking Steve Wesley's place because Steve never really was the official Treasurer?

And then Sue Ferrence resigns and Missy Rotondaro enters the SGA family as Recording Secretary. And of course Mary Lovelick is Corresponding Secretary.

Then Bill Freeman, Missy D'Alessandro and Alan Gallagher replace John Fanelly, Steve Forman and Bill Ducassoux. Have you followed up to this point?

Is it any wonder SGA was in such a hum? Really now, SGA spent so much time recalling, replacing and holding elections that there was no time to "represent".

PLEASE, don't let this happen again. Don't let SGA become a soap opera with new people and new problems every week. Don't insult yourself. On May 11th, for once vote seriously, as if your life depended on it.

## Letters To The Editor:

Dear College Editor:

The most important anti-war offensive ever attempted is being organized for the end of April and the first week in May. For the first time in American history, the anti-war movement is attempting to use the force of massive, non-violent action to confront the power of the war-makers. Our plans call for disruption of governmental operations in Washington, D.C. and a national moratorium. Unfortunately, the national media has blacked out information on this offensive and distorted the rest. Our only hope is that you can convey to students on your campus the importance of what we have planned.

Many of the people who came to Washington for the peace march April 24 have remained behind to begin an intensive People's Lobby. We are urging government workers to join us in our actions the first week in May, to strike against the government and protest the war. This coming weekend, May 1st and 2nd, there will be a massive assembly in Washington at which Ralph Abernathy, Benjamin Spock and Cesar Chavez will speak, Tim Harding, Arlo Guthrie and Johnny Winter will perform, and workshops will be held to prepare everyone for participation in non-violent direct action. People should proceed directly to Washington Monument that weekend, permits have been secured.

On Monday, May 3, we will begin massive, non-violent disruption of the war-machine throughout Washington, focusing on Monday at the Pentagon, on Tuesday at the Justice Department. On Wednesday, May 5, there will be a national moratorium on business as usual, coupled with student strikes in the high schools and colleges around the country. In Washington D.C., we will shut down the entire governmental operation of the city, culminating in non-violent civil disobedience at the Capitol Building.

President Nixon has made it clear that he has no intention of ending U.S. involvement in the war. On April 16 he told the country that Americans would remain until the Thieu regime was sufficiently stable to be self-sufficient, i.e. for the next decade at least. And he promised continued Air Force bombings and Army operations.

Nixon knows that the majority oppose the war, but he thinks that this sentiment can be manipulated into controllable channels in mass marches and electoral activity. We must create the conditions under which Nixon is forced to end the war. We are therefore asking all students who recognize the power of massive, non-violent action to join us in Washington: come by May 2nd and spend three days demonstrating the depth of our opposition to the continuing murder in Southeast Asia. For those who cannot come to Washington, that commitment must be directed to organizing for the nationwide moratorium and work stoppage on May 5th.

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