

That's Beside The Point OR WILL YOU ANSWER THIS?

By Samantha Bower

Maybe it's because I have a cold, and haven't had much sleep lately, and generally, things have been on the rocks, but this is going to be a very bitchy article. So if you want to keep your sense of security and well-being, don't read this.

It all started with an incident that happened a few weeks ago on a Tuesday night.

Anyway, I guess it was the final straw for this camel's back. I was at the WZAP party and was having a great time, when I noticed that there was a commotion going on in the kitchen. I went in and found Heavi pulling the trash can full of punch back in the door. I asked him what he was doing. He told me some of the guys at the party had tried to take the whole can of stuff with them. So, o.k., I found out later that they were really wiped out that night. I'm not picking them out to slap their hands. What I'm trying to say is that this is not the only episode of this type on campus in the last few weeks.

I don't know how many times I've heard Capitol Campus called a commune or an ideal community, or as being different from the "world out there". Bullshit! You hear it in class all the time—"What am I going to do when I'm faced with the real world, how am I going to apply all my idealistic ideas to the non-responsive and sometimes hostile world I will be living in after graduation?" Well what I have to say to some of these people is—**BULLSHIT!** If you're so concerned with applying your idealistic life-style, why not start right here on campus? Stop stealing from your neighbor. By the way, how many of us even know the names of our next door neighbors? Right. Keep thinking, you'll remember them in a minute. Maybe this is a different kind of environment from that of non-college students. You could call it a closed community. But every type of person is here. The robber, the rapist, (don't laugh), the fanatic, the homosexual, the con artist, the intellectual snob, the bore, the neighborhood tease, you name it, we've got it. But how in God's name can you sit in class and say "Yeah, right right, very true", when someone is talking about ecology, and then turn around and throw your beer can on the ground the same night. I know they are there 'cause I tripped over one just last night.

Or how can you condemn someone for doing his job? If students could get the library to stay open when they needed it, why don't you do something about the other things that are bothering you. I think we have all lost track of the fact that there is a Student Government and it is composed of students. If something bugs you, find out where to go to get it reviewed and possibly corrected. Maybe it will take more time than you would desire, but at least when some of the things are changed, they stay changed. Don't wait until something gets so bad that someone gets hurt, physically or mentally, during the change. Do it now. Please don't sit at home and bitch, go out and do something. Or is this preparation for being an adult "out there", where things are complained about, but nothing is ever done? Make your choice now.

Something else, along the

ecological line. Earth day comes once a year, and a lot of people go out and do wonderful things for our campus environment. Then we drive across our lawns and undo everything in one fell swoop. What kind of hypocrits are we?

Thumper, the rabbit in "Bambi", said, "If you can't say something nice about somebody, don't say anything at all." There are some really great things going on on this campus. Some of the engineers are making a sundial for their project. That's great, since everyone will be able to enjoy the finished product. But some of these same people throw their garbage wherever they please. Is it just laziness or lack of thinking about our actions?

There is now a Committee for Women's Rights on campus. Fantastic. They are trying to discover some of the reasons for habits, and define if these actions are still relevant to their current standards of thinking. But what about all the girls that lead the guys on, drink their booze, smoke their dope, and then run back to their safe wombs at the end of the night. Or all the people that have boyfriends and girlfriends back home, but don't let that information be known? If that isn't some kind of dirty dealing, I don't know what is!

If we feel so compassionate towards humanity, why don't we smile at each other in the halls, and wish each other a good morning, or some small salutation? Why do the liberal arts people look down on the technological people and vice versa. Why do the straight-looking people sit in tight cliques in venderville? Why do the freaks? Why should there be an undercurrent beneath the friendly rivalry between the dorms and the Heights?

If you get bored studying or looking at your roommates, why don't you go to the Coffee House? Why not, because nobody goes there. We screamed for that big house, and now that we've got it, very few people have even been inside it. If we didn't want it, why did we fight so hard to get a bigger one?

As Gregg said, what the hell's happening here? He talked about people not paying to get into the dances. I personally walked up to about eight people who came in the back door at the Halloween dance and asked them if they had paid. They said no, but they weren't going to stay long. I said other people had paid to stay for ten minutes, so they should too. But they calmly ignored me and sat down and lit cigarettes. These same people have sponsored a dance and expected people to come and pay their money. What the hell?

But enough of that. Find Gregg's article from the issue before last if you are interested in more on that. There is an opinion being expressed on Capitol Campus that there is a disease going around called, and I quote, "lackanooky". But, there are approximately twenty-five, at a conservative estimate, girls sitting in the dorms and the Heights, who have not even been approached by a male. And yet I can hear complaints every day about the girls being stuck-up. How would you react if you felt like a non-datable reject. Never get a

phone call, never get an invitation to even study together. If you want your ashes hauled, at least make a start towards your goal. Maybe you might find yourself wanting more than a one night stand.

Now I've bitched. I've been bitching about you and me and everyone. I don't know what all the answers are. The answer in abstract is to apply your ideas about how the world should be, right here. Don't wait until you're out there. Start it right now. There are too many hypocritical things going on on this campus that are bugging a lot of people. Stop bitching and start acting. Put your ideas into action right now, or when you do finally get "out there", you'll get into the habit of saying—"it's too much trouble." Maybe it is a little more trouble, but so what?

There, I've bitched myself out.

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FROM YOUR FRIENDLY HEAD SHOP

As most students are aware, the Head Shop's Hot Line telephone service has been operating for over a year now at 944-1033. Types of calls during this time include requests for information on draft counseling, abortion referral, and locations of clinics for medical problems. There also have been calls for people who have had some kind of a drug problem at that particular time as well as those who simply wanted someone to talk to.

Members of the Head Shop have been working during the last few weeks to compile an even more extensive referral service in the areas of the draft, abortion information, and others. In addition those who operate the line have the most complete and up-to-date list of student's telephone numbers and addresses, for those who may not have a student directory readily available.

The most important news, however, is that there is now an additional line operated by the same Hot Line personnel for those in Middletown who might find it useful. This is the first step toward the eventual goal of opening a walk-in counseling and

referral center for the people of Middletown.

This goal is in keeping with the general idea of the Head Shop. Not only do they feel that they can help to promote better communication within the population of Capitol, but they hope to be a part in facilitating understanding and communication between the campus and its neighbors in the Middletown area.

In order to insure that they have an adequate background, the Head Shop has initiated plans for a training program for those who will staff the center.

The BSU of Capitol Campus is now working with the Head Shop to achieve this walk-in center. They have already given better insight into possible ways of dealing with racial relations. Also, members of the Black Student Union have indicated that they are willing to help staff the future center.

Although the BSU is only the first group of students other than the Head Shop who have expressed interest in this endeavor, there is optimism that more students who are willing to work will respond.

Graffiti

To live peacefully every day means you have no nationality, religion, dogma or authority. Peace means to love, to be kind; if you haven't that then you are responsible for all the confusion.

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