

Letters to the Editor

Show Some Restraint

It was called "Campus Rip Off! \$30,000 a year give away. The Capitol Campus Republican Club questions the \$7.50 per term parking fee."

Big deal! Most students do more than question it-- they resent it! And rightly so. A \$7.50 per term parking fee is ridiculous by any school's standards. We're all agreed on that. But it seems to me the interests of the Capitol Campus Republican Club could be better served by sticking to campaign issues rather than trying to drum up support for their organization by taking a popular stand on an unpopular issue.

If the Club is so concerned with this problem why aren't they actively pursuing this matter at the S.G.A. and administrative levels?

I spoke with one club

member on Monday (Oct. 9) who said he felt this was a service his organization was performing. A service?! Telling people what they already know? If they really want to perform a service for the students of this campus they can start by trying to explain the terrible policies and corruption of the last four years.

they can start by actively arguing and debating the issues of this campaign with the students and with the members of the Young Democrats. Perhaps some type of debate could be arranged between clubs. But we don't need the Capitol Campus Republicans' "concern" for the students of Capitol Campus to mask the lack of concern in the Nixon Administration for all people.

Karl Salmon

Graffiti Ruins Exhibit

Nancy Colnes, Student Activities coordinator at Capitol Campus, has notified us of an extremely distressing occurrence. It appears that one of the silk-screen art graphics displayed in the Gallery Lounge during the first week of classes was mutilated.

The exhibit was provided by the IndoChina Peace Campaign and had several long drawings which depicted the plight of the Vietnamese in the War. One of the silk-screens had some words scribbled over one part of it; thus, ruining that drawing. The drawing was an integral part of the exhibit, and its destruction in turn negates the intrinsic value of the entire exhibit. In other words, some little baby with a pen ruined an entire exhibit from future showing.

The exhibit has since been removed from the Gallery Lounge in preparation for another one beginning next week. But what can we expect to happen to this one. The possibility looms that if one can be damaged so can the next one. So what are we going to do.

Are we going to deprive others of art appreciation in an exhibit by not presenting any more shows? This may happen if such destruction occurs again. I hope that one sadist with a pen is not going to continue to destroy objects which do not belong to him, thus hurting all of us. It is sad that one person who has an emotional problem can affect other people's enjoyment in our lives. It is our hope that such a situation does not happen again.

Let Your Voice Be Heard'

TODAY, the Student Affairs Committee will stage an open forum in the Auditorium. The session will begin at 12 Noon.

Topics to be discussed include drop-add procedures, registration practices, grading, course offerings and other areas of academic concern. There is also considerable time for any student problems to be discussed.

The Student Affairs Committee has been established to consider student opinions and refer any possible action to the Capitol Faculty Council. Although its duties center on student academic problems, in the past the committee has been involved in other areas as well.

Faculty members of the group include Prof. Bill Mahar, chairman, Dr. Joanna Sullivan, Prof. Clem Gilpin, and campus counselor, Marian Kreiger. The Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. John Grimm, is an ex-officio member. Student representatives on the committee include student government President Mike Dini, Marilyn Levin and Robert Bonaker.

HUMANITIES PROGRAM TO MEET

This coming Tuesday, October 17, there will be an important meeting of the Humanities curriculum in the auditorium during the 3rd period.

All members of the Humanities faculty, as well as students in the program, are urged to attend this meeting. Some of the topics to be discussed include the degree change controversy, course offerings, and other developments in the program.

If you have any questions, answers, or suggestions that you want to make known be sure to attend this meeting. It's important to the interests of all who are a part of Humanities.

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The Hot Line Now Operating

The Hot Line - Capitol's own all night telephone counseling service began operation on Monday evening, October 9, at 8:00 p.m. The Hot Line is available to any Capitol Campus Community member from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. any evening, on such personal problems as: drugs, the draft, problem pregnancy, school, anxiety, depression, roommate conflicts, and general information. Need someone to talk to? Call the Hot Line - dial 944-1033.

The Hot Line is staffed by members of the Capitol Campus Head Shop. Hot Line volunteers are trained to handle emergencies and referrals. They are people who are committed to help you, or just to talk. All calls are kept anonymous and confidential.

This is Hot Line's third year. We hope as in the past that it will be a successful aid to you. If you would like to become a Hot Line volunteer, attend any Head Shop meeting on Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the New Birth - 946A Kirtland Avenue, Meade Heights.

Housing Shortage Eased

The on-campus housing situation has changed considerably in the last two weeks, and I would like to share this with your readers.

The Residence Halls opened on September 17 with thirty-two "staging" rooms (7 female, 25 male.) As explained in September 18 issue of The Capitolist, "staging" means three students in a double room on a temporary basis. By September 27, all twenty-five of the males in temporary spaces had been moved to permanent assignments in double rooms where vacancies existed due to withdrawals and moves to Meade Heights. At this time, four females are still staging, but I expect that they will all have permanent assignments in another week.

On September 17, forty-one males and nine females were on

Round Table Returned

THE ROUNDTABLE IS BACK, THE ROUNDTABLE IS BACK... was the cry on Monday, October 2 as the blessed piece of furniture was returned to its natural habitat.

To many of us in the Capitol Community, the Roundtable is more than a large piece of lumber. It represents the joy, the sadness, the friendliness, the loneliness--all of the feelings which reflect our lives at the campus. It also serves as a communications center, a meeting point if you wish, of our college. So many of us have effectively used the Roundtable. THE CAPITOLIST utilizes it as a central distribution place. HOT LIONS and Activities Calendars as well as other literature of interest to the campus are placed on its glossy top.

The Roundtable has held a special meaning for many of us. We are glad to see it back. It is now present for our new juniors to learn to love and appreciate its atmosphere.

Certainly the area is a gathering place and there is bound to be some noise coming from its environs. But the noise doesn't come from the table being there. What little noise there may be happens during breaks between classes. The front foyer is not dirty because the Roundtable is present, but because a large number of people pass through the area on any given day.

Nevertheless, those of us who especially missed the Roundtable while it was gone and are ecstatic to see it back pledge to keep the area reasonably clean and quiet.

We thank those who were instrumental in the return of the Roundtable, notably Sam Randazzo, Mike Dini, and many others. We appreciate the fact that Mr. George Dressler and Provost Robert McDermott had the sensitivity, the sensibility, and the decency to ensure its restoration.

Robert W. Bonaker

the waiting list to move from the Residence Halls to Meade Heights when space became available. By September 27, there were fifteen males and four female vacancies in Meade Heights. The Residence Living Staff contacted thirty-seven males on the waiting list to fill these fifteen vacancies. Sixteen of those contacted chose to remain in the Residence Halls and six had withdrawn from the University or had cancelled their Housing Contracts. Eight females from the waiting list were contacted to fill the four female openings. Four chose to remain in the Residence Hall and one is awaiting placement. Students still on the waiting list have a good chance of being placed in Meade Heights within the next two weeks.

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Student Affairs

The Youth Vote

The new youth vote represents one of the most significant social and political reforms of modern American history. More and more of our public institutions, policies, and national debates are decisively influenced by our growing numbers of young people. But until now, this influence has not been felt in the most dramatic exercise of public opinion - the power to vote for the officials who run our federal, state, and local governments.

It would be a tragedy if the potential influence of young people through the vote were left untouched and untried because of indifference of a casual attitude toward registering to vote, or voting. For years, young people have been arguing forcefully, and persuasively for the right to help select office-holders.

I sponsored an 18-year-old vote as early as 1967 and have continually supported this proposal. It would be a senseless waste to ignore this opportunity, particularly in a national election, now that young people have earned their right to participate.

Politics has become more issue-oriented. Through national debates on vital issues and through the intensified exposure of radio and television, the issues and a candidates position on those issues, have become the

most important factor at the voting booths, not just who has endorsed a candidate or what party the candidate belongs to. Voters no longer depend on organized groups, or political parties, to make up their mind on election day. Today, the voter is more independent-minded.

Just as I believe an office-holder must weigh issues carefully, and vote his conscience and beliefs, so must the voter make his choice on issues and performance. Therefore, I am glad to see issue-oriented politics evolve in our country. It is a healthy and constructive development.

In view of these issue-oriented trends, however, it is even more important for young people to take advantage of the right to vote. Every vote will be counted equally, and if young people do not vote, their views on issues, and their support for elected officials who share their views on those issues, will not be influenced in any election.

Register to vote -- and then vote. Find out early what the procedures are for absentee ballots, if that is necessary, and make sure you meet all application and filing deadlines. It's your future that's at stake. VOTE!

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U.S. Senate

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