

## Editorial

**A SAD STATE OF AFFAIRS**

On Monday night, a solemn man addressed the nation from the White House. As the facts become quite clear concerning Watergate, President Nixon accepted the resignations of his staffers John Erlichman and Bob Haldeman, Counsel John Dean and Atty. General Richard Kleindienst.

Nixon, in his "from the heart" speech stressed the integrity of the White House and how appalled he was at such a "senseless, illegal action." He referred to Erlichman and Haldeman as "two of the finest public servants it has been my privilege to know." Yet, those two fine servants are deeply involved in one of the saddest political scandals in history. And the President, who has known the men for years, entrusted his confidence during his administration to those who think the end justifies the means.

One would think that in this day and age the tactics of Boss

Tweed and the dishonor of Teapot Dome should be removed from political practice. With Watergate, the public trust of politicians, always suspect to begin with, has again regressed. In no manner, with this sad state of affairs, can conscientious Americans trust our chief executive, even though the guilty have been purged.

In his address, the President, acting as a dutiful parent, accepted the responsibility for the crimes of his political offspring. It is ironic that a group of men, who knew they would win last year's election anyway, would pull such a stupid action. Perhaps they had so much in the way of campaign funds that they had nothing else to do but conduct a spy raid.

I feel sorry for the President, but how long can he continue to fool the American People?

Four more years.

Robert W. Bonaker

**Ken's Kommunikator**

by Kenard Kendrick

**Church**

The majority of churches should be more involved today. With all the problems in the world, good spiritual guidance is needed. Too many churches have preached and done nothing else.

They are committing sin also by not performing the actions which they preach. I am not overly religious but I do see a need for a consideration of God's words. A church can serve as a leader of a community by helping people to cope with their problems and to realize God's words.

However, the church has become an institution befit with the problems of bureaucracy. I also think that since the church has failed to aid in solving the ills of society, it should make a commitment to do so instead of all the formality which the majority of churches perpetuate now.

The people involved in the church are also guilty. Those who are concerned are

outweighed by those who are not. These concerned ones are becoming constantly frustrated because of the indifferent attitude to their attempts to reform the church. These concerned souls shouldn't give up. The majority of the insensitive bureaucrats in churches should become aware because people make a church. A church will fall if the majority of people fall in this class of insensitivity.

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**Happiness**

What is happiness in a world of trouble?

Happiness has a different meaning to each person. Happiness can be viewed as the sum of all pleasurable experiences each person achieves. At the same time, a person must be able to deal with the world. While happiness can be the pleasurable experiences, it also involves being happy with oneself.

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**Hershey film Series has good movies**

The Student Assembly Film Series at the Hershey Medical Center for the spring term is in full swing. The Assembly presents full-length features every Saturday night at the Med Center auditorium, beginning at eight o'clock.

The movie for this Saturday, May 5, is "Anne of a Thousand Days" with Richard Burton. On May 12, the film is "Announced" and for May 19, Mia Farrow stars in "Rosemary's

Baby."

Students from Capitol are admitted for one dollar with a Penn State I.D. A date is freely admitted. A student season ticket can be purchased for two bucks and dates can get in free. Faculty season tickets cost \$5.

The hospital auditorium is located in the portion of the complex near the left-front entrance. Directions are given at the information desk.

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Dear Sir:

I read, in the April 26th issue of The Capitolist, with apprehension and wonder, two articles on the Meade Heights Board of Governors.

One expounding on its services to the students, the other a remarkable disservice to mankind.

The service article recalls to mind the bitter struggle between pet loving individuals who inhabit the Heights and the administration, to the point where the MHBOG has proposed a pet policy for the Heights, and according to the article, "as a living community, Meade Heights should provide a realistic setting to give the students a greater experience in living in such a community."

The other article, being very prominently displayed on the front page was the disservice to other students. All of a sudden, then, there is space in one of Penn State's housing areas not being utilized and there is an immediate need for housing for Penn State students from a different part-all of a sudden there are cries from this same compassionate organization, that the life styles of these proposed paramedics would differ from the Heights due, according to the article...."many of whom are married, former servicemen who will have a heavy study load"..... and that it would be unfair to move the paramedic into houses where three students currently reside.....and a "pleasant welcome" would be extremely unlikely....." due to the "family" makeup experienced by many of the Heights houses!

If the Heights area is all it is supposed to be a new experience in living in a "realistic setting," then I feel there are a number of pertinent facts that have not taken into account when the last "judgement" was passed by the MHBOG.

1. Are there not veteran students on campus that have "heavy work loads"? There are approximately 400 veteran students on this campus many of whom are engineers and many of whom live in the Heights.

2. Married veterans seem to be a curse on this campus. It seems they have committed gross social error as far as this campus is concerned (according to MHBOG) and that is simply loving another person. Has the thought occurred to anyone that perhaps this veteran cannot obtain his education due to the expense any other way than living in a dorm or campus house. Is this irrational thinking?

3. Is not this Meade Heights area supposed to be an experiment in community living. Why the sudden fear of experimentation? If we are going to experiment with a pet policy in the near future why not continue to experiment with

people-especially people who have been around a while and know more of what they want out of life and have set definite goals to achieve their wishes.

4. I don't know of anyone living at present, three to a house who has complained about the paramedics that will be filling the vacancies we must all honestly admit we expected sooner or later. I don't know, because I didn't take a survey of the three member households. But I also know, as one occupant of a three member household, that I was not contacted in anyway by the MHBOG or anyone else in support of this last resolution that was handed down. I think they acted on their own initiative, instead of the feelings that they represent.

5. In applying for the position of resident assistant. The Questionnaire asked pointed questions as to how the applicant would use his talents to better the living experience. I do hope that the screening committee takes a close hard look at the applicants this year to find people willing to help others to adjust to this life.

In reality, it doesn't take much to adjust except that you be understanding, willing to accept change, be respectful of the needs of others and be willing to discuss problems.

After all, isn't this what life really is all about? Experimentation, change, acceptance, respect?

Aren't we training in this institution for the real world, to better adjust & fit in with others or is this just a put on-a waste of time: I sincerely hope not!

I think the Paramedical students have a larger and clearer picture of life due to a large part because they have spent 4 years in some branch of the military which tends to mature an individuals outlook on life-at least that was my experience.

But the military is lacking in many respects and these Paramedics have apparently found the military only a stepping stone of life's experience and have consequently set other goals regarding their futures.

Will we here at Penn State have anything to do with an attempt at denying these 13 individuals one of their basic needs in order that they may pursue their goals in life.

I vote to give these medical students a chance and I hope that I have the support of the Meade Heights residents as well.

Dennis Burd  
Note-others I have talked with agree with me and have either signed their own names or have asked me to do so!

John Buck  
John Schmel  
Bob Stimmel  
Tony Lombardozzi  
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**Change  
for  
Survival**

To The Editor,

The heading of an article in the April 26 "Capitolist" puzzled me somewhat. "Capitol Grad gets Good Job."

Is this so unusual? If so, why? It has been my understanding that an institution of higher education should provide some, if not all, of the essential knowledge necessary to get a good job in the field chosen by the student. Granted, there is an overabundance of manpower in some fields, but not to the extent that Capitol Campus should be heralded because one student got a good job.

If indeed Capitol Campus is to be praised for this achievement, there is something wrong. Is Capitol Campus preparing us for the labor force? I think not.

When registration time arrives, students who must work while attending Capitol find that they cannot schedule their required courses because they are only offered in one time slot per semester. And if they are lucky enough to find a class offered when they are not working, 75% of the time it is closed.

The irony of the matter is that without the students, the campus would be non-existent. It seems that the campus should accommodate the student, rather than fight him.

Some may feel that I see only one side of the issue. I feel that it is time for the administration to look at OUR side.

Perhaps they are not presently willing to change certain aspects of the curriculum, et.al., but sometimes, change is necessary for survival.

Anne Polivka Rosen

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**Grad  
Thesis  
Presentation**

Editor,

The public defense of Miss Mary K. Hartman's thesis for an M.A. degree in Humanities will be held on Tuesday, May 8, at 7:30 p.m. in Room E202. The thesis is entitled "Diaghilev, Stravinsky, and the Ballets Russes."

The meeting is open to all interested persons. A copy of the thesis will be available for inspection in W161 from May 1.

Mihailo Dordevic  
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**CHI GAMMA IOTA NEWS**

by Bob Chaapel

Last month, April 10 thru 13, marked the 6th Annual National Association of Collegiate Veterans (NAVC) Convention. This years convention held in Phoenix, Arizona, was perhaps the most important in NAVC's short history.

Since its inception, NAVC's objectives have been to enrich and fulfill the student veteran's college career; to encourage good fellowship among all student veterans; and to assist in whatever way possible to make the student veteran's college life successful.

In attempting to enrich the student veteran's academic, social, and economic conditions, NAVC has been instrumental in the passage of new G.I. Bill Benefits and in establishing the guidelines for the Cranston Amendment.

The main speaker at this

year's convention was Senator Vance Hartke, Chairman of the Senate Committee of Veterans' Affairs. In his talk Senator Hartke said that the present Administration "was not fulfilling its obligation to our nations veterans." The Senator cited the continued failure by the Administration to spend monies appropriated last year for veterans' Cost of Instruction Grants (the so-called Cranston Amendment) to schools which recruit and assist educationally disadvantaged veterans.

Noting that the vast majority of young Americans drafted served honorably whatever their personal opinion concerning the war in Vietnam, Hartke said, "while you obeyed the law by serving your country, key officials of the Administration are regularly breaking laws requiring assistance to veterans." While acknowledging that

budget limits must be met, the Senior Senator from Indiana pointed out that a smaller portion of the federal tax dollar is being spent on veterans' benefits and services today than was spent ten years ago despite the addition of six million Vietnam-Era veterans to our population. Hartke said that the budget cuts must be made elsewhere and suggested to the young veterans that there should be "no amnesty for officials of this Administration until they have performed their duty."

NOTE: The Chi Gamma Iota Fraternity of the Capitol Campus was the first veterans organization in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to join the National Association of Collegiate Veterans. The XGI's are also a member of the Pennsylvania Association of Collegiate Veterans.

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