

Bi - Monthly Reader

The Reader announces that it will no longer be published once a week. It will be available every other Thursday. We have many reasons for the change.

To be Frank, the Reader Staff (consisting mostly of Frank and myself) are sick and tired of the lack of cooperation that we get from the student body. We have pleaded for help and have received very little. The only response has been criticism and complaint that we have missed a bit of news here and there. We can not tap everyone on the shoulder and ask them what is going on with their club or organization.

Another reason is that newsprint is getting harder and harder to secure. The price of printing a paper has gone up and is expected to increase in a few weeks. The Reader's budget will not last until next June is we continue to print once a week.

The move will also change the scope and purpose of the paper. We will not be able to publish the minutes of club meetings for they will be a week late. The paper will not be used as a trash can for news that no one else bothers to print.

We still need a staff. They will not have to meet a deadline for each week but will have an additional week to write and polish their works. We want researched and well planned articles. The Reader also wants to be a vehicle for students to publish any creative piece of writing. This includes short stories, cartoons, poetry, science fiction, essays, or any form of writing. We also want pictures, not of club meetings or guest speakers but any bit of creative photographic work one cares to submit.

The paper is the student's paper. Not the paper of a few, but of all the students. We want to encourage graduates as well as under-graduate students to publish their works in the C.C. Reader.

The paper goes to the community colleges in the areas as well as other Penn State campuses. We want them to know who we are and what we are thinking.

Any responses can be left in the C.C. Reader Office W-104 or call Frank (944-3078) or Charlie (944-3992).

Vacancies

There are several ways to make Capitol Campus a better place and we need the support of the students to do it. There are loads of committee positions open now which only take up a few hours each week. Students are especially needed for the Student Court. The Student Court cannot hold a hearing without full attendance. We're especially interested in juniors, and listen, it's a great

way to make new friends.

We also have openings on other committees such as selection screening, student affairs, hearing board, academic affairs, appeals board, and charter review. If you want to know more, come down to the S.G.A. office, W104. We'll give you all the details. Juniors, don't forget to vote in the Junior Senate Elections on October 25.

THINGS TO DO

by
John Bradford Langdon

October 27 signals the return of some 800,000 sportsmen to the cornfields and autumn woods for the opening day of small-game season. Although squirrels and grouse have been under fire for nearly two weeks, October 27 is the opening day for ringneck pheasant, quail and rabbit, which draw the greatest interest.

Ted Godshall of the Pennsylvania State Game Commission said, "We estimate that 1,100,000 hunting licenses will be sold this fall, and 75 to 80 per cent of those licensees will be in the field October 27."

With 800,000 or more excited hunters with loaded weapons in their hands, the need for safety is paramount. The enjoyment of hunting and "bagging the limit" can be throttled, if hunter-safety rules are not properly followed resulting in death or injury. Since 1958, a Hunter - Safety Program has been teaching new hunters the techniques of hunter - safety, under the direction of the Pennsylvania

State Game Commission, to help reduce the number of hunting accidents.

In 1968, a mandatory Hunter - Safety Program went into effect for all new licensees. This program has placed about 300,000 hunter - safety graduates into the field. The former program which was in existence from 1958 through 1968, produced the same number of graduates, but over a period of ten years. Most student hunters from Capitol Campus have gone through the safety program. It'd be great if you fellows reviewed the safety procedures and cautions of hunting to protect yourself and others.

Local hunting areas and state gamelands are available and can be found by doing some exploration and talking with farmers ahead of time. Pheasants, squirrels and rabbits are especially abundant in Central Pennsylvania. Quail are also in the area, but finding them involves knowing the area and some luck.



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Organizational News

Young Republicans

The Capitol Campus College Republican Club has joined with the Harrisburg Area Community College Republican Club and the Dauphin County Young Republican Organization to sponsor an "Indoor Rally" being held in the Dauphin room of the Holiday Inn Town Friday, October 26, starting at 7 p.m.

Albert S. Schmidt, Jr., candidate for Mayor of Harrisburg, will be the featured speaker. City candidates scheduled to attend are Paul Doutrich, Herbert Goldstein, Mrs. Mariam Menaker and Stanley Lawson.

County candidates in attendance will be Dr. Richard Fritchey, candidate for Coroner; Robert Farine, candidate for Prothonotary; and Germaine Bowman, candidate for Jury Commissioner.

All students are invited and urged to attend and meet the Dauphin County Republican candidates. Refreshments will be available and music will be provided at a reception following the rally.

The purpose of this affair is to "acquaint our citizens with our Republican candidates and to promote College and young Republican membership," said John S. Lencioni, a spokesman for the Republican youth groups.

Photo Club

If any members of the faculty wants to join the Photo Club, please contact Charlie at 944-3992 or leave your name in the Student Activities Office. The privilege for using the Darkroom and equipment is \$5.00 a term.

D.T.K.

Delta Tau Kappa, the international social science honor society, held its first meeting of the term on October 16, 1973. The purpose of the meeting was to organize activities for the year ahead.

Liz Hoffman, President of DTK, welcomed the members of DTK to the first meeting, and explained the current situation within DTK. Liz also noted that the constitution of DTK was once again active after being pulled out of suspension.

Elaine Parker, Vice-President of Activities, informed the club that she is in the process of organizing a seminar on the procedures of applying to a graduate school. This program is very important to those students interested in attending graduate school and will acquaint them with the procedures involved in applying. The program is scheduled for the first week in November. It was suggested that this program be taped on film and broadcasted to Meade Heights via the school's T.V. station. All agreed that this was a good idea and DTK will purchase a tape for this purpose.

Another activity suggested for DTK concerns an informal get-together where students get a chance to acquaint themselves with various faculty members. Members of the faculty will informally "tell a little" about themselves, and then a rap session will follow where students will direct any questions they desire to the faculty member.

It was also noted that Agnes Green, the newly appointed Organizational Co-ordinator of Student Activities, will attend the next DTK meeting and give a brief talk.

O.K. all you DTK members, take note - the next DTK meeting is scheduled for NOVEMBER 6 -- see you there !!!



past president of the ABA; William Spann, former chairman of the House of Delegates, and Burton Young, past president of the Florida Bar.

RECENT LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Oregon has become the first state to remove the criminal penalties for the private possession and use of marijuana. Governor Tom McCall signed into law in July legislation reclassifying possession of up to one ounce of marijuana as a "violation" with a maximum penalty of a \$100 fine. Under the new law, which becomes effective October 5, the offender receives no criminal record.

Texas has taken a giant step towards decriminalizing marijuana possession and use. The Texas penalty for marijuana smoking was the harshest in the country, calling for a sentence for two years to life imprisonment. The new Texas law reduces private possession to a low misdemeanor classification, providing for a jail term from 0 to 6 months and/or a fine up to \$1,000 for possession of up to two ounces of marijuana. More than 700 persons are presently incarcerated in Texas prisons for marijuana possession, serving an average sentence of 9½ years. The new law will entitle many prisoners to be freed, and hundreds of others to have their sentences significantly reduced.

The National Conference of Commissioners of Uniform State Laws has called for removal of all criminal penalties for possession and non-profit transfers of small amounts of marijuana. Future uniform statutes promulgated by the Commissioners to the State legislatures will contain measures that decriminalize marijuana use. The proposal won a 2 to 1 vote of a national conference of lawyers, judges, law professors and state officials who met to plan model legislation.

The Colorado legislature recently held public hearings on a measure which would legalize the sale of marijuana to adults through existing liquor outlets. The plan called for a tax of \$6 per ounce which would be earmarked for the state's old age pension fund. This was the first time a state legislature has considered the potential to minimize abuse through marijuana control and raise state revenue by substituting a state system of distribution for the current illegal market.

In the United States Congress, Senator Jacob Javits (R-NY) and Harold Hughes (D-Iowa) re-introduced in the 93rd Congress a bill to remove the criminal penalties from federal law for the private possession and use of marijuana. A companion measure was introduced in the House by Representatives Edward Koch (D-NY). The bills are designed to implement the recommendations of the President's Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse. Identical bills died last year in Committee, but the Senate bill is expected to be considered later this year in connection with hearings on legislation introduced by Senator John McClellan (D-Ark) to revise the federal criminal code.

SUMMARY UPDATE

According to figures released by the Marijuana Commission, over 26 million Americans have smoked marijuana, an increase of 8% over last year. This represents 16% of the adult population and two-thirds of all college students. More than 200,000 persons were arrested for marijuana possession last year. Since 1965, marijuana - related arrests have increased more than 1000%.

LETTERS

To the Helpful

I would like to thank Mr. Dressler and all administrators, faculty, staff, and students who were helpful in so many ways before, during and after my stay in the Hershey Medical Center.

Having the assignments made available to me through your help and that of Drs. Hartzler, McKenna, and Lee helped me to minimize the amount of make-up work I will have to do.

The help of the resident assistance and other students was not only appreciated but enabled me to reach the medical center in time to undergo surgery before my appendix could rupture. I was pleasantly surprised to learn that Bernie Rafferty, resident assistant on duty at the time of my illness, along with Pat Byrne, Mike Slygh, and Mary Ann Mitchell waited at the Medical Center until my parents arrived at about 4 a.m. after a three hour drive. Brad Langdon, resident assistant on my floor, also visited me in the hospital.

I deeply appreciate all the kindness that was shown in so many ways and in particular commend the resident assistants for a job well done.

Most sincerely,
Steve Hergenrother

* Announcements *

We apologize for the omission of Dr. Nancy Tischler's name from the Student Handbook (73-74). Students Affairs Staff.

Any Student who did not receive a copy of POLICIES AND RULES FOR STUDENTS, 1973-74, during registration should pick up a copy in the Student Affairs Office, W-103.

B. V. R.

The Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors, Mr. James Day, will be in the Counseling Center on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. from now until the Christmas vacation.

This is a change from Mondays at 11. Each student receiving B.U.R. Assistance is required to see Mr. Day twice a term.

A Second Chance

If you could not get the money together nor the time to get your picture taken, the yearbook staff will give you a second chance. Portraits for the yearbook will be taken again in January. You will get only one more chance to so save for your \$3.00 sitting fee or ask Santa to lend it to you.

Crosswalk 1

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Are you looking for something to do tonight? If you are, the Head Shop is inviting you to a party Thursday, October 25th at 9:00. The location is the Peoples' Park across from the Middle Earth Coffee House on Kirtland Ave., in Meade Heights.

There are no scheduled events planned. We will have a few campfires burning in the park and some local musical talent performing in the Coffee House.

We are not charging admission or making any predictions as to what will happen. Nothing more than people meeting people outside under the stars and around the fire. The only thing we are advising is that you bring a blanket (and whatever else you would like) to help keep you warm.

Hope to see you there.
