

# A Note From The Editor

## Welcome Back, My Friends, To The Show That Has Got To End Sometime

Well, here we are, all arrived at the beginning of Academic Year 1974-75. This year will for some of us be the culmination of the long and rocky road of education, for others it will be a voyage into uncharted waters, while for the rest, it's just another year.

My name is Jim Bollinger, and I'm the editor of this humble publication. Let mine be among the many voices welcoming back the seniors to what is their show this year. Let mine also be among the many voices extending a friendly, welcoming, and helpful hand to the new members of our campus (and in some cases, our University), the juniors. The Reader is here to serve you. If ever you need help or information, and you come to us, we'll do the best we can to help you out.

Now, as is unfortunately getting to be traditional these days, the C. C. Reader is again (and still) short of staff members. I am taking this time and space to invite, ask, and beg for any students who may be interested at all in helping us out to please come to our Organizational Meeting Monday, Oct. 7 at 3 p.m. in the Reader office (W110 - up the hall from Registration, and on the other side).

You don't have to be an Ed Poe or Bill Shakespeare to make it on our staff, and if you are, you'll be our first one. And remember, the benefits of working for the Reader are many and varied: you will have the opportunity of getting into sporting and other events (like the Impeachment Demonstration in D.C. last April) at our expense; you get to see your name in print (which should help re-inflate any deflated egos); academic credit for working on the paper can usually be arranged thru Independent Study; and, besides, it looks good on your record.

So, please, keep us and Oct. 7 in mind if you should ever think about joining anything on campus. And, to finish, I would like to wish all students good luck for this year and express my fondest hopes that all your individual shows have happy endings.

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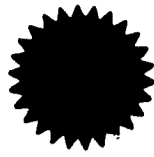


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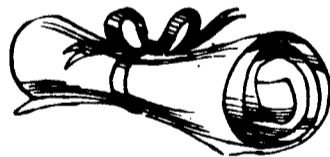
## MEADE HEIGHTS

by Meade Heights R.A.'s  
The residence living program of Meade Heights is one of the few of its kind in any school of higher learning. The life-style here gives the students the responsibility of performing household chores while pursuing their educational goals. The living accommodations combine the dormitory atmosphere of availability of fellow students in your curriculum with the unique privacy of a home, when undisturbed concentration is necessary.

The Meade Heights staff is made up of seven Resident Assistants and the Residence Living Coordinator. They are available to provide assistance for any type of problem or emergency which may arise.

The environment of the Heights affords the opportunity to the student to share experiences, problems, and knowledge with a diverse body of individuals. The activities in the Heights - Board of Governors and Coffee House meetings - fosters this type of interpersonal growth. Informal meetings of residents in the classroom, in the Coffee House, and at parties in the area are as important as the formally planned programs in helping to make growth occur.

Any ideas and suggestions to increase opportunities for further student involvement would not only be welcomed and appreciated by the Meade Heights staff, but would help make living there a more memorable experience for everyone.



## A View From The Other Side Of The Diploma

by Some Alumni

Life at Capitol is really what you think it is. It is friendly. It is lonely. It is loving. It is brutal. It is up and it is down. Some or all of these things can be found at any given point in time. What each of you sees depends upon your own eyesight.

Some people see the daily routine of going to classes, getting drunk, getting high, and going home. Meanwhile, others choose to look beyond hazes and mornings-after towards another form of personal fulfillment...group participation.

Neither option insures smiles all the way. Each approach to Capitol living carries its own merits. Each individual carries his own responsibility.

# Post Graduate Job Hunting Blues:

Some Thoughts on the Fall Term  
By Fred Prouser

A Job. Let's face it, that is what we're supposedly here at Capitol preparing for, unless you only subscribe to the notion that education makes a better person out of you. The 9 to 5 existence isn't far off and with the shape the Nation and economy is in right now, it's enough to make one reorder their priorities and lifestyle.

Chances are if you are in business or engineering, the opportunities for employment are considerably better than those in Social science, education or the humanities. A Bachelors degree just does not seem to have that magic appeal to employers as it once had. Along with your degree add a skill and some experience and then you just might find something, if your lucky.

Although many recent graduates have found jobs in their fields, others have not been so fortunate, working as clerks, typists, waiters, janitors --anything to maintain existence out in the real world.

Pass-Fail and "Mickey Mouse" courses just don't make it any more. Grades and the all important G.P.A. predominate today. Courses that provide practical experience should be emphasized as well as expansion of the student intern program, where instead of classes, experience is gained on the job in the students chosen field. Further emphasis should be placed on alerting students to the shifts in the job market, so they can get an idea of exactly which courses would aid them the most in securing a decent job at graduation.

We have been labeled the Self-Centered generation by TIME magazine, perhaps so. It isn't that we've lost our idealism, it still resides within, but so has the instinct for survival. In times like these, juggling the two is becoming increasingly more difficult.

For the time being, I'll just try to survive.

## Student Attitudes Today

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa., Sept. — It's going to be quiet on the nation's campuses, predict student leaders at The Pennsylvania State University where Fall Term classes began this week.

"I think students want a rest period," observes Diane M. Nottle, of Nazareth, a journalism major and editor of the Daily Collegian, the student newspaper.

"Students in college have faced Vietnam and Watergate; now they see a new and more calm era. I'm just concerned that this feeling of relief will cause them to ignore things they shouldn't ignore."

"There's no one pressing issue that could rally today's students," adds Thomas M. Sweitzer, a political science major from Lock Haven and president of the Organization of Town Independent Students (OTIS).

"Last year, a lot of energy was put behind the movement to get rid of Richard Nixon."

Indeed, political issues are far down on the priority list of most students, according to leaders interviewed.

"There's still a core group working with us, but other interest is hardly noticeable," reports Robert J. Brimont, of Pittsburg, a journalism major who is president of the College Young Democrats. "When we try to drum up interest, people turn the other way. It's kind of spooky."

While national and international issues are taking a back seat, the "academic sorts of things" are getting renewed attention, says Roger T. Richards, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, outgoing president of the Graduate Student Association. And the doctoral candidate in engineering acoustics predicts that mass demonstrations and protests are highly unlikely in the near future.

"Students' tactics have changed," he says. "On most campuses, students are working from the inside. We have a student on the Board of Trustees here, for example; in the early 1960s, you wouldn't have dreamt of such a thing happening."

Richards believes that, at least for graduate students, the financial problem is paramount. Too many graduate students, he believes, are finding the cost of living too high, in the light of diminishing fellowships and assistantships.

The president of the College of Business Administration Student Council, Kenneth A. Ortner, an accounting major from Jenkintown, concurs that local issues will muster most student attention this year. Such topics as curriculum reform and bicycle regulations will move to the front, he feels.

Changes in student attitudes have forced student leaders to change their leadership techniques, points out Tony Stemberger, president of Omicron Delta Kappa, men's leadership honorary, and past president pro-tempore of the Undergraduate Student Government.

"No longer can a student leader get cheers simply by criticizing the Vietnam War," says the political science and economics major from Centre Hall. "Student leaders must again have prime interest in traditional problems."

And while this academic year portends to be relatively calm, the 1975-76 school year could be different, forecasts Sweitzer.

"As we turn toward 1976, I see students ready to take part in the revival of confidence in America," he says. "Kids are really ready for the Bicentennial. I think the Spirit of '76 will be seen on campuses a lot more than people might expect."