

Letters to the Editor

New Reader Editor

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The Death Of The Democratic Process?

On April 3, 1975, democracy at Capitol Campus died. A sad state of affairs, "a travesty" to say the least. An uncaring executive branch, a lax senate of misfits, an illiterate immoralistic election screening committee defunct in its duties and a student court diseased with incompetence made no attempt whatsoever to preserve the American Democratic Process. Thus it seems, according to the April 17 C.C. Reader issue to be another "disaster for the already all-too-shit-on Capitol Campus Students."

The Democratic Process as we see it is one of common sense and compromise. On April 3, 1975, the Student Government Association met with the expressed intentions of hearing and voting on the report submitted by the election screenings, a process inherent in a democratic government. A vicious debate ensued for approximately two hours. Executives, senators and newly elected representatives listened to the report and for the most part voiced their opinions. Common sense prevailed (regardless of petty bureaucratic, bourgeois technicalities) there was a definite discrepancy. To say that either presidential candidate won would be inconsistent with any rational logic due to the extenuating circumstances presented by the election screening committee, which was necessary to protect the common good.

Accusations have been made that the S.G.A. impeded the democratic process. The matter was seriously considered with caution by all members and a special election was our only equitable alternative. There was no discrepancy concerning the other offices. If this was the case, there is no doubt in our minds that a total re-election would have been necessary.

We as ex-members of the executive branch of the S.G.A. feel that a correct decision was formulated in good conscience and with complete assessment of the facts. The validity of the S.G.A.'s decision was challenged through the Student Court which consists of students who take their responsibilities seriously. The student court upheld the S.G.A. decision.

Politics often leads to misplaced emotions and opinions based on rumor and hearsay. The two of us are deeply saddened by the course of events and have not taken a single aspect lightly. Students must be collective if they are to be effective, misunderstanding in our own ranks can only lead to downfall. These problems are an outgrowth of our conditioning within this society, a factor which we must overcome if we are to succeed in affecting positive change.

M.M. ex-president, S.G.A.
R.H. ex-Vice-president, S.G.A.

Thanks!

C.C. READER

That was damn nice -- what you said about us in the last issue of the Reader!

Andy, Pat, John, Jr., Rutz and myself -- we ate that up, man --

But, then -- we're dealin' with good people, too!

The Tiltin' Hilton Bar

(in Highspires' biggest hotel)

Don Beard, MGR.



The Capitol Campus Reader

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The Reader Blew It!

I have several points on which I would like to express my opinion in regard to articles which appeared in your April 17, 1975 issue of the C.C. Reader. The first point is on the article "Elections Leave SGA Leaderless" by Sherry Lukosi. Apparently Sherry failed to make sure her facts were accurate. At NO time prior to the time an unofficial recount of the ballots had taken place did I state to Miss Bretherick what vote count criteria had been used by the Election/Screening Committee. In fact, according to the constitution, Miss Bretherick could only receive a re-count by an official written request which she never did. I feel Mr. Fey failed to use sound judgment in allowing Miss Bretherick to recount the ballots, valid or invalid, and that this was the beginning of a major development which should have been otherwise avoided.

My second point of dispute is in reference to the note from the editor entitled "The SGA Blew It!". I agree that the SGA was ultimately responsible for the lack of procedural guidelines by the Election/Screening Committee. I don't feel that the comment directed against the Student Standards Board was warranted. In the first place, the Student Standards Board is not a part of SGA as an operation thereof, and secondly, Mr. Bollinger was not present at the court hearing and, therefore, I feel justified in stating that Mr. Bollinger's comments were based entirely on hearsay and not on factual evidence. There were also other comments which were made by Mr. Bollinger when, in fact, Mr. Bollinger has no facts with which to back them up except hearsay. If they were true, it sure was not so presented and proven at the court hearing. I feel that the SGA could have done a better job in handling this matter, however, the people of the SGA are volunteering their time and services and at least show an interest in their school. I don't feel it is fair and equitable to deface the whole organization because of the irresponsibility of one or two people.

In conclusion, I want to state the C.C. Reader, therefore, BLEW IT! This has not been the first time either!! Therefore, in my opinion, I believe the C.C. Reader should begin looking at themselves once, and once they have perfected themselves, then let them knock down all the other organizations on this campus which are working so hard and really trying to do something good for the student body and for this campus.

Chief Justice-Student Standards Board
Allen Kerchner (not Alan Kirschner)

Parking Regulations Unjust

Dear Editor and Students,

We are writing this letter in reference to parking regulations on Capitol Campus.

We feel that the regulations imposed on students with Meade/Heights and dormitory parking stickers should entitle them the right to park their vehicles in the recreation and base gym parking areas. It is our opinion that these students deserve the right, because they are on-campus students and pay room and board along with their tuition. It does not seem fair that the students should pay 7.50 to use parking spaces in recreation areas on campus. These students are limited in their activities on campus as it is, and receiving a fine for parking in these areas is unjust and discouraging to a more fulfilling social life on campus.

THANK YOU!

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR CHESS CLUB MEMBERS

The Chess Club will hold a special emergency meeting next Wednesday, May 7, 1975 at 12:15 pm. At this meeting, the new officers for the 1975-76 school year will be elected. The positions to be filled are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. All members and interested students are urged to attend.

that of a true Editor, and not have to do all the stories herself. She intends to exercise her editorial judgment more extensively next year. (No more 'Tits & Ass'?)

In reply to a rumor currently circulating, Phyllis said that if the University should change Capitol's name, she would hold a contest to change the Reader's name, too. In absence of that, however, she means to keep the current moniker.

As part of her training, Phyllis will take over the Reader for the next issue. In order to indoctrinate her into her new job, she will control every phase of the paper's publication, from making assignments to layout. For the next two weeks, she will be the operating Editor-in-Chief.

Phyllis says she has not decided on her official staff for next year, except that the Photography Editor will probably be Mark Feldman, President-elect of the Photo Club.

Phyllis is not the first woman editor of the Reader; last year's first Reader editor was female. She is, however, the first Journalism major to hold the position.

Late Night Notes

Fred Prouser



Patterns in Luminance and Darkness.

Collegiate journalism at Capitol is struggling to survive. Beset with financial problems and an overworked staff, this writer feels that the student newspaper here at Capitol has even greater potential.

The multi-media journalism option should tie in with the student paper, as it offers practical experience in the day to day operation of a modern tabloid. We have the latest equipment in the expanding world of print communication. The availability of a computer typesetter, commonly known in the trade as cold type, offers a unique opportunity for next year's staff. The possibility of writing a story and setting it in type while the paper is being laid out is just mind boggling. What the computer typesetter offers this paper is immediacy. It also offers a taste of participatory journalism. Typography is just as important in a paper as content. This writer has found that by using different type faces, different moods can be given to stories.

What the computer typesetter also offers is trouble. As a sophisticated piece of machinery, it requires proper temperature controls. Presently, the typesetting room lacks such equipment. What is needed is an ordinary room air conditioner priced at about \$200 to keep a \$14,000 machine operating properly.

This week the computer stopped working, and as a result, the paper is coming to you one day late. One day may not seem important, but because we are late one day, important scholarship information has gone stale, and publicity for The Rites of Spring was threatened.

This late night notes column is devoid of questionable words. This writer does feel that it is obscene for an important piece of machinery to be jeopardized by lack of proper temperature controls. Also, perhaps the multi-media journalism option administrators will give some thought to utilizing the C.C. Reader as an open laboratory for collegiate journalism next year... an open laboratory where decisions on content and layout are directed by the students, with the advisors offering suggestions, not control.