

# The Capitol Campus Reader

## Reader Wins Six Awards

by Rebecca Rebok

Collegiate journalism at Capitol Campus collected some medals to pin on its chest at the annual awards meeting of the Press Association of Commonwealth Campuses by taking second place in the number of first-place awards.

The C.C. Reader won two first-place trophies in the publications division.

The trophy for "Most Improved Newspaper" was accepted by Editor-in-Chief Jim Bollinger. He said he improved the Reader this year by experimenting with graphics, photography and various layout techniques in an effort to make the paper an innovative and effective publication.

The Reader's emphasis on photography was rewarded with a first-place trophy for the "Best Photography" of all the commonwealth campuses. Fred Prouser is this year's Associate and Photography Editor.

The individual awards division was dominated by Reader staff members who captured top awards in four of the eight categories.

Assistant Editor Phyllis Schaeffer won the "Best News Story" award for her



The award-winning Reader staff. C-R: Fred Prouser, Photo Ed; Phyllis Schaeffer, Assistant Editor; Jim Bollinger, Editor-in-Chief; Doug Gibboney, former Associate Editor.

Photo by DeLong

article on the Casino Night coverage controversy.

Schaeffer, a ninth-term junior, was cited for her reporting on the charges and counter-charges concerning the Reader's story about the belly dancer at the Las Vegas-type event.

The student chairman of the program filed a complaint with the Media Board claiming the Reader's coverage was in "bad taste." The editors complained that the Round Table copies of the issue were removed without

prior consultation.

Former Associate Editor Doug Gibboney took the top award in the feature article category.

Gibboney's prize-winning article was an interview with Dr. Michael Barton which detailed the associate professor's experiences in the Peace Corps and the Air Force, and his daily trek from Philadelphia to Capitol Campus.

The highest individual photography award went to Cathy Wert for her photo of



Frank Harnraft, President of the Press Association of Commonwealth Campuses, speaks before a group of PSU Branch Campus newspaper persons assembled for the annual Awards Banquet.

Photo by Prouser

an outhouse which was featured on the cover of the Jan. 17 issue. Wert is a freelance photographer for Hershey Estates and a 12th term social science major.

Former advertising manager Ken Hession won the second place award in advertising for his design in the keggar ads which appeared in several issues.

Bollinger says, "As the Reader gets older, the Reader gets better." The Press Association awards lend support to his view.

### Tarnhelm Reception

A reception to introduce the 1975 edition of Tarnhelm will be held this afternoon from 3 to 5 in the Galier, Lounge. A poetry reading will be conducted between 3:30 and 4. All interested students, faculty and staff are invited to attend. Tarnhelm will be distributed at this time.

## Are Course Evaluations Valid? Faculty Members Disagree

by Phyllis Schaeffer

Course evaluations, those forms completed by students at the end of the term, play an important role in the life of Capitol professors.

Interviews with five undergraduate program heads and one program representative revealed these evaluations are used as one criteria to measure teaching effectiveness for promotion, tenure and annual faculty review.

Mixed opinion was voiced, however, on the adequacy of the form itself and its interpretation.

According to Day Starkey, an education psychology professor, both the reliability and the validity of the form are questionable.

She says, "In order to be a good measuring instrument, the evaluation needs to have two to three times more questions." The form used at Capitol has 10 questions.

She also says the number of people completing the form is important for obtaining statistically valid data.

Dean Wolf, on the other hand, is aware of this argument for more questions, but feels, "You can never get a form to satisfy everyone." He believes the evaluation form now in use can be developed into an effective tool and says, "It is better than an assumption without evaluation."

Marilyn Luke of Instructional Services said the

completed evaluations are sent to University Park for computerization and are returned to the professors in a computer print-out form along with the student comments.

Many professors, however, cannot interpret the computer data according to Dr. Miller, education program head; Dr. Richman, social science program head; and Dr. Tischler,

### Parking Fines Go To SGA Treasury

by Bob Bennett

The money collected from on-campus traffic violations didn't pay for Mr. Paul's new Honda 450.

The recent concern of students to know the final resting place of money collected from their traffic violations has prompted the C.C. Reader to investigate this matter.

The money collected from all fines goes into the SGA's Funds For Allocation. This fund exists to assist organizations which run out of money.

To get money from this fund, an organization must get approval from the SGA's financial committee. When making this decision, the financial committee takes into account the amount needed and the past performance of the organization, according to SGA President Scott Deardorff.

The amount of money collected by the security force is considerable. The total amount of fines for the winter term alone amounted to \$862.75. By multiplying this amount by three, it comes out to \$2,600 per academic year, which is about 16% of the total SGA's budget.

The money collected from the parking stickers is quite a different matter. This money goes directly to University Park.

The student security does not use any of the traffic violation money for its expenses. Their salaries, supplies and uniform costs are met by University Park.

For those who are interested, the traffic violation report is available to students. It can be found either in the Student Affairs Office or the Security Office.

The report shows, among other things, the amount of fines issued, the amount collected, excused violations and the amount of faculty-staff violations.

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Luke, who has only been at Capitol since December, says she intends to set up instructions for interpreting the data when she learns herself.

All the program heads agreed the time lag for obtaining the evaluation information is too long. The results are not yet back from the winter term.

Dr. Frey, representing Dr. Lee (business and administration program head), said, "The student comments are the most useful, and we should be able to get those back immediately."

Although professors are not required to turn the evaluations in to their program heads, they generally do according to the program heads.

Dr. Miller and Dr. Tischler said some measure of teaching effectiveness must be submitted if the forms are not used.

The Math-Science Department apparently leads the others in attempting to obtain, as Program Head Dr. Murty says, a sincerely motivated response from students.

He says completion of the forms on the last day of class produces a constrained response and the students feel forced to do them.

His department tried giving cont. on pg. 7 see "Course Ratings"

### Tuition Rally

On Friday the SGA is holding a rally to voice our opinion to the state legislature against raising tuition. Come out and voice your opinion at the rally starting at 11:00 a.m. at the rear of the Main Building.

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### HACC'S Pool Hours

Due to a lack of information at press time, the hours that the HACC pool is available to Capitol students were not complete as printed in the last issue of the Reader. Besides the hours published, the pool is also open two evenings a week and on Sunday.

The hours should read:  
Tues. & Thurs. 12-2; & 7-9 pm  
Friday 12-1 pm  
Sunday 2-4 pm