

Some Of The 1974-75 C.C. Reader

The Evolution Of The C.C. Reader

Student newspapers at Capitol Campus have had a short, but colorful life. Capitol Campus began its life as a University in 1966. The first student newspaper appeared on January 19, 1967 as a bunch of mimeographed sheets stapled together. It was called the Roundtable and it was "organized on a strictly independent basis", meaning it had no real affiliation with the Campus and very little money with which to operate. It had no regular printing schedule, and it appeared infrequently (the second issue is dated April 24, '67).

The Roundtable was replaced early in 1968 by another mimeographed paper called the VOX. The reason for the demise of the Roundtable, from what we can gather from our available records, was a dispute over its editorial policy. The VOX was initiated as an alternative to the Roundtable, and replaced it in February of '68.

The VOX, more conservative than its predecessor, met an obscure end sometime later in 1968. On Sept. 20, '68, concurrent with the beginning of the school year, Capitol students published their first bona-fide newspaper. It was a four-page tabloid tagged "Help Wanted".

In April of 1969, Help Wanted was replaced by another tabloid entitled the "Campus Cap". The Cap was apparently a continuation of its predecessor, except that it had a new staff and a more acceptable name.

The Cap gave way, in October of 1969, to the Capitolist. The Capitolist was a landmark in Capitol journalism. It appeared soon after Capitol Campus was given the right to award degrees independent of University Park, and its founders possessed a sense of a kind of destiny. They intended to create a tabloid worthy of the name 'newspaper'. Apparently, they had something, since the Capitolist was (and still is, in terms of age) the most durable student newspaper ever produced at Capitol Campus. It began as a bi-weekly (becoming the first really regular student paper at Capitol), and later switched to weekly publication.

In the fall of '73, the old Capitolist was renamed the Capitol Campus Reader. The first issue appeared Sept. 26 under a new format and the co-editorship of Frank DeSantis and Charlie Holeczy. The first couple of issues appeared on a weekly basis, but lack of staff and copy soon forced the paper into bi-weekly publication. This year, under the editorship of yours truly, the C.C. Reader is appearing as a weekly, and is incorporating some of the various newsletters and press-releases as regular features in the paper. The staff is still small (consisting of only ten "full-time" members), and the paper is continuing to accept staff-members and articles and news from the students-at-large in a continuing effort to better serve the Capitol Campus community.

— J. S. B.

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Capitol's Opening Day Figures

MIDDLETOWN, PA.—The largest enrollment in the history of Penn State-Capitol Campus ushered in the fall term on October 2nd. Over 2200 students are now attending the university at Middletown as it opened its doors for its ninth season. Penn State-Capitol Campus is the only upper division college of the Pennsylvania State University complex. The University offers bachelors degrees in Business Administration, Education, Engineering Technology, Humanities, Mathematical Science and Social Science; it offers masters degrees in Administration, American Studies, Education, Engineering Science, Humanities, Psycho-social Science, Public Administration and Regional Planning.

Of the 2200 enrollment, 1550 will be undergraduate and 650 will be graduate students. Both undergraduate and graduate students registered on Monday, September 30th and Tuesday, October 1st. The excellent faculty led by Dr. George D. Wolf, Dean of Faculty, is comprised of 150 talented and scholarly persons

and will be on hand to welcome and guide the student body for this year.

A four day orientation for new students was held starting September 28th. Agnes Green, student affairs coordinator, has arranged ceremonies and programs which will acquaint the student with the University and with the facilities available at the campus. A jazz concert, a dance social, a picnic and the premier of the movies series were some of the special events.

Dr. Robert E. McDermott, provost of the University held a reception at the Hershey Convention Center on Friday evening, September 27th. A brunch for new faculty was held at the University on Tuesday, September 24th.

The launching of the academic year officially took place on the 8th of October with a convocation featuring one of Time Magazine's leading journalists, Hugh Sidey. Mr. Sidey gave the Convocation address at 11:00 in the morning. An open forum at 2:00 in the University's auditorium found Mr. Sidey discussing in depth his views of the nation.

New Faculty Advisor For C.C. Reader



Mrs. Betty Thorne, C. C. Reader Faculty Advisor.

by Phyllis Schaeffer

Dr. Betty Thorne is the new faculty advisor for the C.C. Reader. Dr. Thorne, who prefers to be called Mrs. Thorne or Betty, is a Statistics professor in the Administration and Business program.

Mrs. Thorne came to Capitol Campus last year from Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind. where she taught for five years.

Originally from western Pennsylvania, Mrs. Thorne received her undergraduate degree from Geneva College in Beaver Falls. She received her master's and doctor's degrees from Indiana University.

Mrs. Thorne's special professional interests are probability and statistics.

Her husband, Jim, is also a member of the Capitol Campus "family". He is the Director of Registration and Records.

When asked for her comments on her new role as faculty advisor, Mrs. Thorne replied: "This is a means of communication with students, a way of getting to know them outside the classroom". She also views the C.C. Reader as a vital means of communication for all at Capitol Campus.

The C.C. Reader staff welcomes Mrs. Thorne.



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.



Dr. Robert McDermott, Provost of the University [l] presents Lynn Musser a certificate on achieving a perfect 4.0 average while at Capitol Campus during recent Fall Term commencement exercises held at the Middletown Area High School.

photo by Prouser

Pennsylvania State University-Capitol Campus conferred degrees to 94 students, Saturday, December 21. The fall term commencement ceremonies were held at the Middletown Area High School.

Bachelor degrees were awarded to 69 students and master degrees were bestowed on 25 students. The Master degrees were earned in Administration, American Studies, Elementary Education, Engineering, Humanities, Public Administration, and Regional Planning. The Bachelor degrees were earned in Business Administration, Elementary Education, Humanities, Mathematical Science, Social Science, CIVIL Engineering, Electrical Design, and Mechanical Design Engineering Technology.

Dr. George D. Wolf, dean of the faculty, spoke to the graduates. The theme of his remarks came from Robert Frost's poem "The

Road Not Taken." Dr. Wolf pointed out that even in an urbanized, technological society, a person can make a choice for "the less traveled road. The choices are not only vocational ones," Dr. Wolf stated, "but about the kind of person you will be."

Two graduating seniors were honored for attaining a 4.0 average. Lynn A. Musser and Sarko O. Keosheyian, bot graduate in Mathematical Science and both from Harrisburg, were the honored scholars.

Dr. Robert E. McDermott provost of Penn State-Capitol Campus, presided at the graduation. He was assisted in conferring the degrees by Harry R. Ulrich, a member of the Board of Trustees. Dr. James B. Bartoo, dean of the Graduate School, Dr. George D. Wolf, and Dr. Roger B. Saylor, commencement marshal also participated in the ceremonies.

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 article on the Casino Night coverage controversy.

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

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