

# EDITORIAL

## Bring Back

### Convocation

Last year Capitol supposedly began a tradition: convocation, the formal opening of the academic year. This year we may not have one.

According to Provost Robert McDermott, it's a question of money. He says, however, the possibility of having convocation later this term will be discussed.

Yes, Capitol is a non-traditional school, and the students certainly do not conform to the traditional "Joe College" image with the average age of a Capitol student being 27 while 70 per cent of the student body are commuters and 27 per cent are veterans.

Yet there are some aspects of the traditional college experience that should be saved. Convocation is one because it brings students, faculty and staff together to get the year off to a good start and helps build a sense of unity.

Unity is not well known at Capitol. Program and option unity, perhaps, but not campus unity. There are six undergraduate programs here, and we all have a tendency to get locked into our own program and even further into our particular option. If a student is not involved in a club or organization (and how many of us have the time with classes, work and family responsibilities?), it's difficult for he or she to grasp some sense of a campus identity.

Convocation last year was special with the keynote address by Hugh Sidey, Washington Bureau chief for Time magazine. The total cost was \$2,240. And with the help of Francine Taylor, public information officer, we had Sidey for the day at a reasonable fee of \$1,500. The remaining \$740 went for chair rentals, sound system and tent.

The \$1,500 is the flexible amount. We certainly should be able to get someone for less than that to speak on a topic as relevant and interesting as Sidey's remarks on the Presidency.

The question of money is understandable, but let's not pass up this chance to build some tradition into this non-traditional academic community because we can't afford someone with Sidey's national prestige.

## Maya Schock Memorial

Capitol Campus is the poorer for having lost, on September 17th, its foremost advocate and ambassador in the Harrisburg art community. She had been orphaned by the bombing of Tokyo, had been an actress for a time, married an American, came to this area where she rejoiced in the people, the landscape and the response she found. In one of her last letters, when Maya Schock was taking stock of her life and her talents, she summed up by saying: "I am a painter first,

teacher second and director of a gallery third."

As a painter, she had won awards both in Japan, where she graduated with honors from Baika College, and in America, where she graduated with the A.I. Watts Award from York Academy of the Arts. She had won over a dozen prizes at juried exhibits in central Pennsylvania, had had one-woman exhibitions in Delaware, Philadelphia and elsewhere. Her work is represented in the holdings of the William Penn Museum in Harrisburg,

International House in Philadelphia, Lebanon Valley College and in many other public and private collections. Her last exhibit—in acrylics—at Capitol displayed her great technical ability, her personal symbolism, her union of Eastern and Western cultures and her great creativity.

As a teacher, she worked with individual students and with classes in Harrisburg and in York. Our students found her an exciting, demanding, articulate, exuberant teacher. Her last student evaluation was 25.0--the highest possible.

Most of the Harrisburg Community will remember her for her founding of the Gallery Do-shi (meaning brotherhood or comradeship in Japanese). The beautiful little gallery, with its series of carefully selected, talented artists, stands as a monument to her high critical standards.

Although we admired the painter, teacher and gallery director, we loved the person: the devoted wife, the warm friend, the dynamic and witty woman.

We were truly blessed to have had such a vibrant human being in our midst--and we will miss Maya.

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# Family Planning Is Plotting Joy

By Michael Barton

My wife and I did not have a "surprise" the other day. Instead, we got proof that a plot we had been hatching was now making its own way: we are due to have a baby in a few months.

Procreation, in itself, is certainly nothing to be proud of, as it only emphasizes how much one is just a carrier and a spectator in a process outside one's own invention. But it is, just as certainly, something one may be joyful about. When conception has been purposely prevented for years, and then purposely engaged, the joy is doubled for the success of both willful acts. For while everything around us continues to lose control of itself or end badly,

daring to plot to have a child or daring to plot not to have a child may be one of the last acts of power left to us. At least the daring deserves respect in either case.

Besides the joy, we now have a keen sense of simple genealogy. We estimate that roughly five thousand generations of our ancestors are somehow encoded in an organism, and, hence, with any luck, another five thousand generations of descendants stand a chance of likewise enjoying themselves. Such a lineal coupling is, like procreation, also nothing to be arrogant about. On a large scale it occurs every few seconds all



Drs. Michael and Jane Barton

over. However, on a tighter, more intimate scale, it becomes an altogether awesome, critical event. It underlines what histories each of us has had, and what futures we may sponsor if we choose to. Feckless procreation may someday overwhelm us all, of course, but measured procreation must occur, we know, so that the race may survive with some decency, which will be no mean achievement.

Jane and I are waiting now to make our contribution to that end, and, more practically and personally, simply to enjoy and complicate ourselves with a baby. We will adore and raise it together, and tell it, frankly and confidently, what we want it to become, something, in fact, much like us, two persons who have had great, good fortune so far.

The child will have an old name that we have plagiarized from the fine, strong people who plotted for us in the past. who plotted for us in the past.

So I expect to be absent for awhile near the end of May next year, and perhaps occasionally afterwards. I will not feign to excuse myself, for I will be watching, on tiptoes, our genealogy, our plot, and our joy continue. However, I ask you to forgive this advertisement, and I beg to take your best wishes with us.

## Activities Cards Issued

This year the Capitol Campus Social Committee will be instituting the use of an Activities Card. This Activities Card is deemed necessary due to the constant rise of the cost for talent and entertainment used to plan and schedule a wide variety of Social Committee activities for the campus.

With the card you will be able to gain entrance into any activity sponsored by the Social Committee free of charge; without an Activities Card a student can pay admission to any activity except a KEGGAR. Although due to the Pennsylvania Liquor Law we do not charge admission for keggers, in order for an individual to be admitted to a kegger he or she must have an Activities Card or be a guest of the card holder. A card holder can admit one free guest to any activity.

## Graduate School Exams

In order to help those students who are considering graduate school, the Counseling Center will periodically publish in the C.C. Reader the registration deadlines and testing dates for up-coming graduate and professional school admission examinations.

Counselors are available to assist in this process. Applications for tests listed below are available in the Counseling Center, W-117.

Test	Closing Date for Application
Graduate Record Examination	9/22/75
Graduate Management Admission Test	11/12/75
Law School Admission Test	10/10/75 1/9/76
National Teacher Examination	10/11/75 12/6/75
	11/8/75

## SGA Announces Election Results

The results of the election concerning revisions of the SGA constitution are as follows: Articles VIII and X giving graduate and undergraduate students equal voting and committee membership status-246 yes, 15 no; Article VIII changing the election time for SGA officers and senators-254 yes, 3 no, and 4 abstentions.

The editors and staff of The C.C. Reader welcome letters for publication. Letters must be typed, double-spaced, and must contain the writer's signature and telephone number. Anonymous letters will not be accepted. However, if the writer requests, a pseudonym will be used in publication. The editors reserve the right to edit letters for style, grammar, and good taste.

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