

# EDITORIAL

## Survey Of C.C. Reader

The C.C. Reader is an independent student newspaper. By that we mean we are not an official part of Capitol Campus of Penn State.

For the Reader editors and staff this classification has great practical meaning and is worth talking about because it's something the entire student body should be aware of.

First of all, we, like all students who actively participate in campus activities, get no academic credit for the many hours of work it takes to publish this "eight-page wonder." No, we're not complaining. It's really a challenge to cram 48 hours into a 24 hour day!

But the really significant point of our independent status is the freedom and responsibility involved.

We are free, in the sense, that no one can dictate to us what we should or should not print. Responsibility follows naturally from this freedom.

Our responsibility is to all Capitol students, and we take that responsibility seriously.

We want you to read this newspaper to enjoy reading it and to learn something from it.

To that end, over the next several weeks, the Reader editors and staff will be out talking with as many students as possible in what we feel will be the first comprehensive readership survey by this newspaper.

We will be actively seeking your criticism—wanting to know whether or not you read the newspaper (yes, it's difficult for us to believe, but our spies tell us there are some who do not impatiently await each "hot off the presses" issue), what you like, what you don't like and what you want to see more of.

Included in this survey will also be a sampling of faculty and staff as a part of our readership.

The results of the survey will be used in structuring the content of the paper for the remainder of this year, and will be published in the first issue next term.

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# Letters To The Editor

We the members of the Grand Wazoo Football Team want to know why the French Ticklers weren't men enough to admit to the correct score of 30-12, of the Flag Football game on October 21.

So their baffled defense was too ashamed to admit being burnt on a fine offensive play from scrimmage.

After the game a few members of the French Ticklers proceeded over to the Athletic Building to talk with Bud Smitley about the game. They cried about the poor officiating and about the so-called illegal touchdown. Mr. Smitley ruled the touchdown legal, and that the final score was 30-12.

It also came to our attention that the French Ticklers are always trying to dispute the score or a call of a game.

Bud Smitley is tired of hearing them complain about every game that they play in. We will be the first to admit that the French Ticklers are a good football team, but when they win, why can't they leave it at that.

There is such a thing as good winners, as most of the F.T.'s are, but there are a few who like to rub things in. If you Capitol Campus "joc's" are going to be childish, enough to put up signs with your football scores on it every week all over the school, please be big enough to put the correct score up.

If you check the Record Book, the final score was 30-12.

The score doesn't show how close the game really was. Why didn't you put on your sign that the score was 8-0 F.T.'s at the Half and 16-12 F.T.'s with 3 minutes to go in the game. We only hope to see the French Ticklers in the playoffs.

Your Foe:  
"THE GRAND WAZOO"

## Tarnhelm Needs Works

The campus literary magazine, Tarnhelm, is now collecting items for publication.

The magazine itself is scheduled to be published during Spring Term. However, in order to enable more students to become involved, and more works to be published, we are planning two supplementary newsletter-type issues, the first of which will be published early in Winter Term.

All students are invited to contribute poems, prose works, essays, photographs, sketches, etc. These will be evaluated by the staff of the magazine for publication.

Contributions should be placed in the box in Room W-110.

This is the last issue of the Reader for this term. Have no fear, we shall return with our first issue of the Winter Term on Jan. 22nd. DEADLINE for that issue is Jan. 15th.

On May 20 and 21, 1975 sixty students and graduates of the Graduate Program in Urban and Regional Planning met to discuss the future direction of the Program.

The meetings had been prompted by 1) the resignation of Francis Ferguson, Ph.D., as program chairman; 2) the retention of Ambrose Klain beyond his scheduled July retirement; 3) the delay in adding a natural resource economist to the faculty; and 4) the uncertainty as to the appointment of a new program chairman.

The meetings were organized at the initiative and expense of students; no faculty members were present. Discussion was open and evidenced a sincere effort by students and graduates to contribute meaningfully to the administrative and academic decisions of the University affecting the Program

The meetings were followed by two letters to President Oswald.

One expressed regret at Dr. Ferguson's resignation and urged the President to reconsider its acceptance.

The second summarized several points discussed at the student meetings and urged President Oswald's attention to them.

The President's response was most interesting. He called Dr. Ferguson's decision to resign a private matter which he did not feel he (Oswald) could change. He never mentioned the points raised in the second letter.

Since May several changes have occurred in the Regional Planning Program. Daniel M. Poore, Ph.D., chairman of the Public Administration Program, has become acting chairman of the Regional Planning Program. The faculty vacancy remains unfilled. Ambrose Klain has begun a most public campaign to gain an additional one year extension beyond July 1, 1976.

An encouraging development is the revitalization of the Curriculum Committee, composed of the Regional Planning faculty, three additional faculty and a student representative. Hopefully, this Committee will soon begin to deal with some of the pressing problems of the Program.

Because we feel that the points raised in our May correspondence with President Oswald are still pertinent and continue to deserve the attention of the administration, we would like to reiterate them here:

—The Program should be assured of maintaining its AIP accreditation.

—Proposed affiliation with the Public Administration Program should be considered a temporary administrative expediency.

—The Program should be assured of budgetary and curriculum autonomy.

—The faculty of the program continues to be undersized in spite of growing enrollment and student demand for additional courses. Every effort should be made to obtain a new faculty member with the willingness and qualifications to be Program Head. Campus budgetary allocations should be made with primary consideration given to faculty—student ratios, student demand for additional courses and curriculum options and the academic and technical balance necessary for the excellence of a planning program.

—Full disclosure of all University program budgets should be made. Students feel that access to such information is their right, and that it is necessary to comparative program evaluation

—The President of the University should investigate the administrative policies which impact the budgetary allocation priority system which continues to frustrate program heads at The Capitol Campus to the point of resignation. The Urban and Regional Planning Program has been particularly adversely affected by such frustrations, as evidenced by its inability to maintain program heads and to secure additional faculty.

—It is requested that a mechanism be created through which students and graduates may contribute to the decision—making process and evaluation of the Program, and through which effective communication among faculty, administration, students and graduates may be fostered. Such a mechanism might include student representation on faculty committees, disclosure of administrative and budgetary information, formation of a written Program philosophy and perhaps a Program—supported student-/graduate association.

—It is requested that the Provost of the Capitol Campus, the Dean of the Faculty, the Administration Officer, the Regional Planning Faculty and appropriate members of the Public Administration Faculty meet with students and graduates of the Program in order to more fully explain and discuss recent events and administrative decisions affecting the Program.

We thank the C.C. Reader for the opportunity to express our concerns. We hope the Reader will continue to include an increased amount of graduate program news in future editions.

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## MHBOG Plans Turkey Dinner

In keeping with Capitol Campus' "All-American" spirit, the Meade Heights Board of Governors announces it's annual Thanksgiving Communal Dinner.

It will be held this coming Monday, November 24, at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Center for the minimal cost of one dollar a person, plus bringing one dish. Entertainment will also be provided. Sign up for this event at the roundtable second through fifth periods, or contact Ann Gigas at 951b Kirtland Ave., 944-7974.