

Perspectives Page

EDITORIAL Kane Kops Out

Editor's Note: Its been one of those weeks. We all have them. You don't care to do anything. Therefore, and since we have plenty of letters and other such things, I am shirking my responsibility to write an editorial. I am copping out.

Perhaps by next week I'll have recuperated. Until then, if you find it impossible to function without the heavy reflections usually found in this space, stop in the Lamp-Post where I can be found, lost.

The Silent Majority Strikes Once More

By Ed Perrone

It's funny how people sometimes go about doing things. I refer, once again, to the issue of guns on campus. Since this story was first reported in the February 10 issue of the Reader, it has divided the campus community into two groups: pro-guns and anti-guns. It is understandable that we be divided, because this is a very important and emotion-inciting issue. Almost everyone has an opinion on it, and almost no one can keep their opinions to themselves.

Since the beginning, the Reader's editorial position on this issue has been, in general, against it. We have gone through our reasons many times, and have stated them clearly and concisely for anyone who wants to read them.

What reaction have we gotten? In writing, almost none. We hear reports of people

calling us "unbalanced" or "Communist", but the these rumors are all second and third-hand hearsay. The people who criticize us tell everyone but us.

Until this week, the only letters we have received have supported our position, even they are few in number. If there are as many supporters of this move around as the SGA claims to have, all I can ask is, "Where are you?"

If you are out there somewhere, you should be beating our doors down with reactions. Our mail box should be filled with letters. After all, a few of our editorials were pretty strong. Do you like being called all those nasty names?

And, if you support our position, let us know. Everyone's vote counts, you know. Even yours.

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You Can Make It Happen

The current photography exhibit on display in the Gallery Lounge is inspiring. Did you know the students among you were so talented? Now you do. But when this exhibit is over, what then? Where will your inspiration and excitement lead? Nowhere.

There can be an answer. We can create an atmosphere in which all can grow. Harrisburg is, at this moment, in a situation that could provide the stage for such a happening: Harristown is being developed and built.

And there could be a center for the arts. But only, if you show interest.

Right now a study is being conducted, and is, in fact, in its final stage. The purpose is to find out what are the interests of the community. The arts Resources Survey team which will report to HEW has encountered much apathy (less than 1/3 of all questionnaires were answered and returned to them); much dissensions (among the different artists about what Harrisburg needs);

too many gripes and complaints, often reflecting that, geographically, this area is too spread out. On the community level there has been little response.

The survey team's conclusion might well be that Harrisburg does not need an arts center. If that happens, an excellent opportunity of bringing life and centralized activity to Harrisburg will be lost.

Harrisburg is in a process of change, and you can help make that change reflect our need for community involvement and interaction. What better way than an arts center with studios and a large display gallery (imagine: it will then no longer be necessary to travel to New York City or Washington to see a famous exhibition, you could see it here!)

Therefore, to make it happen, write to:

Mr. Carlo Baldini
Director of Community Services
Harristown Development Corp.
10 South Market Square, Suite 404
Commonwealth Nat'l Bank Bldg.
Harrisburg, Pa. 17101

Write now and let them know we need a center or give them a call at 236-5061. Every voice counts. Your voice counts!

Thank You
Ingeborg Miller

The Cincinnati Archipelago

By Jerry Rhen

Dear Leonid B.

In your last letter, you ask me to write you about my foreign travel, especially my attempt to circle the world in a hot air balloon. After encountering severe turbulence over the North Atlantic we reached America, a country common to almost all nations or rather the whole world, not only because Americans delight in receiving strangers hospitably, but also because one can live there in the greatest freedom. Where as other countries are threatened by civil wars or fear of tyrants or harsh exactions of taxes or the most annoying inquires into one's activities, this seemed to me to be nearly the only country that offers immunity from all those kinds of servitude. This is the reason why people come here from everywhere, wishing to spend their lives in the greatest freedom and tranquility of spirit.

It was very fortunate that, in this my quest for educated and excellent men, I met the American Larry Flynt, who was very eagerly investigating, in every nook and cranny of the country, all monuments of antiquity and had joined with most scholarly men in an intimate society, to direct and publish magazines of considerable virtue. And although Flynt himself, at the time of this letter, was not at liberty to endure stormy seas and distant sojourns, he continued to dispatch writers and photo-

graphers of incredible ability to such places as France, Italy, Sweden, and England so that the language, inclinations, activities, customs and virtues of these people could be recorded and passed on to every American.

Seeing my intense interest in his endeavours, Mr. Flynt invited me to attend a meeting of the above mentioned society at his home where I was introduced to a distinguished array of men; Hugh Hefner, Bob Guccione, Al Goldstein..

And I must say, though they were all well trained in the disciplines of the liberal arts,

Amazed

Dear Editor,

As a student here at Capitol Campus, I am totally amazed at the latest action of our student government. The action that I am speaking of is the S.G.A. resolution stating that campus security police should be authorized to carry handguns.

What surprises me even more is the fact that our S.G.A. Vice-President is trying to tell us that eighty (80) percent of the student body is in favor of this resolution. I don't believe it! I challenge Mr. Martin to provide us, the student body, with details of his private opinion poll. I have conducted an opinion poll of my own and I came out with 100 % against arming the security force!

There has to be a demonstrated need for turning this place into an armed camp. This place looks enough like a prison without having armed guards running around! The only reason I can see that Mr. Paul or his crew would need guns is to fight off an angry recipient of a parking ticket, and there are plenty of them!

Which brings me to my point. If all Mr. Paul does all day is to write out volumes of traffic citations, why in the world would he possibly need a gun? Mr. Paul stated that one wouldn't send a surgeon in without his scalpel; well, all I can say is one wouldn't send a butcher in to perform surgery!!

In conclusion, I would like to stress that if there is a demonstrated need, I could be convinced that our security force has the training and the know-how to carry lethal weapons. Finally, S.G.A. should stop trying to snow everybody about this whole issue. Maybe I could be convinced that we should arm our police, but until then sign me "No guns at Capitol".

Signed,
William A Moore
12th Term B.C.T.

Terry Schleicher
12th Term B.C.T.

Robb Mellinger
11th Term B.C.T.

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nevertheless, each seemed to surpass the others in his own unique knowledge. Most important, however, was their sophistication of discourse and charming manners, conveyed to me with such innocence and integrity, that no one so much resembled himself as resembled all. For, their attendance at the meeting was not motivated by materialistic desires, but by the desire to learn, which, I later discovered, was reflected in their publications. Though they did not waste time criticizing the printed material of each others publication, a debate did develop over the comparative merits and proper layout of the so called pictorial essays. This was followed by a discussion of the yet untouched areas of culture, to be dealt with in the future. After the meeting, we dined on stuffed duck and chit chatted about many of the current social trends. Since it was late at night when the conversations ended, I accepted Mr. Flynt's invitation to spend the night and went to my dreams in awe and wondering why such enlightenment isn't pursued at home.

Very truly Yours,
Alexander S.

Reply

To the Editor:

I'm writing this letter in respect to Tim Adams' editorial which appeared in the February 17th issue of C. C. Reader pertaining to the arming of Campus Police.

I happened to be one of the students who voted in favor of arming the Police in the petition which you have mentioned and discredited. I resent very much the statement you made about my thoughtlessness. Your exact words were, "about which these people have given very little thought." How dare you determine how much thought I put into it. The fact of the matter is I put very much thought into this problem. I was not scared into it.

I am not a great believer in guns. On the contrary, I never owned one and I will never let anyone bring one into my home, but I would rather see sworn officers carry them than see citizens arming themselves to make up for the lack of security in the police force. Vigilantism is much more dangerous than an armed police force.

Secondly, I did not appreciate your slur about the wording of the petition. If you do not know what a "para-professional" is, then I suggest you ask a policeman what is meant by the term. Don't call it "ambiguous" just because it is a new term to you.

Thank you.
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