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EDITORIAL

Shoot The Bastards

Our duly authorized police officers should be permitted to carry guns. Our student patrol should be permitted to carry guns. Professors should, no doubt, be permitted to carry guns. The ladies in Vendorville should have guns. Para-professionals must be kept in check.

These criminals are everywhere. The para-professional of today permeates our society just as air or water pollution seeps into our skies and rivers. They should be shot on sight with no questions asked. And, here, at our own Capitol Campus if our security force does not have guns it would be difficult for them to kill anybody.

There are too many people in this crazy world of ours anyway. To eliminate undesirables is a service to humanity. And let's face it para-professionals are not desirable.

Para-professionals are easily recognizable. They all have beady eyes. They also have a sort of intelligent look about them, and are, indeed, intelligent. For they know resident students are steeped to their ears with the accumulation of worldly goods. They weigh the risk involved coming to the conclusion that breaking into a house is worth it. What sound logic.

With the re-instatement of capital punishment we can at least sleep somewhat easier knowing, beyond any reasonable doubt, that some crazed madman has been deterred from committing a crime. Imagine how restful your sleep would be knowing our campus police have guns to protect you. You'd have that secure feeling similar to money in the bank or a refrigerator full of groceries.

But let's not go half-way. If there were to be another war, a world war, we certainly would not stop short at anything but victory. Victory as attained by any and all means available. We are in the same situation. We are at war with the para-professional. We must win. Therefore we should not stop short when applying techniques to insure ourselves.

Let us institute our own form of punishment. It can be called Capitol Punishment. Here's how it would work. Instead of shooting the para-professional when he is first seen, you capture him, bind him, and then bring him before the firing squad. But here's the twist. Let us, the newspaper, have our photographer there. Let him take a picture of the bullets entering the para-professional's head. Let the picture appear on the front page. The shock value would be phenomenal. Para-professionals would make a B-line and high-tail it out of our area.

The rate of crime of campus has become incredibly high. Our student government has compiled facts and figures that are unquestionable. We need the type of thinking that results in action. If you have not already been asked to respond to the guns on campus question, then you can evince sound thinking similar to that of Hermann Goering, the Nazi political leader, chief of the German Air Force in WW II and the Commander of the Storm Troopers, who once said, "whenever I hear anyone speak of culture, I reach for my revolver." Let's nip this in the bud before these undesirables get a chance to further their dastardly deeds.

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An Investment In Swamp Land

By Tim Adams

One of the strange phenomena of going to college is that you pay to have somebody tell you what to do.

The bad part about this arrangement is not only do you pay to get belittled, but the professor can hold grades over your head in order to make you perform.

What happens if you get a defective professor, one who bores you, tells the same stories he's been telling for his entire tenure, and his only preparation for class is updating his sad collection of notes?

If you bought faulty merchandise at a store and couldn't return it or the store didn't live up to the guarantee, you could call the Better Business Bureau.

Unfortunately, if this happens to you in college, you're stuck for ten weeks and there is no guarantee that the professor will live up to the warranty. In other words, his material may not last for ten weeks.

I was explaining this dilemma to my friend P.T. Appleby the other day and he told me he is currently working in a program called Better Education for Indentured Students.

He told me this program is a sort of insurance racket that will see that students get what they pay for.

"How does the program work?" I asked.

"It's simple," Appleby replied, "we have a questionnaire we send around to all professors. We also send a similar questionnaire to students. We then compile all the data to see if it jibes."

"How has it worked out so far?" I queried.

"Just as you might expect," he said, "the students respondents were less impressed with the talents of their professors, than their professors were."

"We have a section at the bottom of the page that allows students to give further explanations of their answers," Appleby continued.

"For example, a question reads, 'Does your professor give stimulating lectures? Always, sometimes or never?'"

"How do you decipher the information," I said.

"We have found that many professors check the Always box to this question, while the students in that class check the Never reply," Appleby explained. "That's why we need further explanation, because one of these answers is

incorrect."

"One professor explained that he thought he was stimulating because his voice was well modulated, his material was well researched, and quite frankly he knew what he was talking about."

"However, the students in that class were so vehement in their refutation of this claim as to make us wonder if we had the right class. They said he was monotoned, indifferent to the material, and when asked a question rarely gave a coherent answer."

"What does this data mean to the college students and to higher education in general?" I asked.

"Well," Appleby retorted, "first that professors are sometimes liars (or at least more enchanted with themselves than the students) and secondly if this is the case, no wonder we are suffering from a bad case of post 60's lethargy."

"What recommendations do you have for students?" I asked.

"Get a job," Appleby replied. "At least you'll be getting a check for the aggravation; but if you insist on going to school, buy one of our insurance policies."

Letters: They Don't Live Here

I'm writing this letter in response to the current issue concerning the arming of the Capitol Campus Security Police.

First off, I am one of those "thoughtless" students who voted in favor of arming the security police in the petition circulated by the SGA. It is apparent to me, as I am one of the people who helped to take the poll, that the residents of this campus want the security police to be armed in order that they may be protected from violent crimes. Also they expect the security officers to conduct themselves as official professional police, which happens to be the wish of every citizen subject to police protection. Now I ask, how in the hell can the security police perform these duties if we don't give them one of their most important rights, the unalienable right to protect themselves? If they can't protect

themselves, how do they protect us? I don't know!

The accusations implying that the security police are motly and ill trained are quite false. The campus security police are well trained in police duties and responsibilities, as a matter of fact they have attended the same training schools as other professional Pennsylvania police. If the security police were egotistical, malevolent maniacs, they wouldn't be here in the first place. They are well trained, confident law enforcement officers, who put up with a lot of shit that Township or Commonwealth Police would not.

As for asking the commuters, staff, and faculty their opinions on this matter- THEY DON'T LIVE HERE. The students who reside on campus are the ones in need of the kind of protection that warrants the security of a side-arm. The

people who visit the campus eight hours a day are the ones who warrant the "volumes of traffic citations."

As a personal example, two weeks or so ago on a Sunday night I was sitting in my living room enjoying a brew when a car pulled into my driveway sideways and sounded the horn repeatedly. The person driving the car turned out to be a mental patient who was delirious. The incident proved harmless to the people and property involved, but it shows that we are subject to more than just students invading our own little universe on campus.

Think about it; what a place to hole up in if someone is looking for you. There are a hell of a lot of crazies out there.

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Letters: Didn't State All The Points

To the Editor;

I feel that my letter appearing in the February 24th issue of the C.C. Reader did not state all of the points which I would have liked to make; therefore, I feel that this letter is necessary.

I feel that many people have missed an important point in their arguments against arming the Campus Police. They seem to think that the Police do not

need guns because all they do is hand out parking tickets. They have forgotten that the Police have the responsibility of protecting us from violent crimes. Just because they have never exercised this responsibility doesn't mean that the responsibility has been removed. Furthermore, who is to say there will never be a violent crime committed on this campus? The reasoning of these critics is like that of putting a

traffic light at a dangerous intersection after someone has already been killed. Let's look at this realistically: violent crimes do exist. There is no getting around this fact.

The danger is not in police having guns, but rather in guns lying around the house. Officers trained to use guns to protect the public are less likely to create a problem than an untrained public forced to