

Perspectives Page

EDITORIAL

By Brian M cDonough

When I wrote the first editorial of this term, I had it titled in my mind "Winter Term." Not very original, that. But it was printed as "Winter Team."

An error? I don't think so now. Although the only team mentioned in that editorial was the basketball team, there was another team due to have the spotlight of public attention focused on them.

That team, the "Winter Team" that worked together, and worked very well, is composed of the writers and staff of the C.C. Reader. We have accomplished what we have hoped to accomplish—to keep our reading public informed of current events and relevant issues.

The proof of that is in your hands. Is this the paper of an uncaring, uninterested, unaware campus?

No, it is not. Take a look at our Perspective's Page for example. Both of them.

An uninformed student body is a powerless community. Unless the facts and reasons behind decisions affecting students and their school are exposed to the light of public debate and criticism, then the interests of those students will be lost in the shuffle, sure as shootin'.

Well, it's been fun. Only someone who has sat in an editor's chair could appreciate the trials and tribulations one goes thru in this position. But it's been worth it, and I leave the Reader with no regrets.

A good team has been forged in the cauldron of deadline pressures and serious reporting. All the writers and staff of the Reader deserve a hearty congratulations, along with my best wishes that this team will continue to inform and discuss in a fair manner issues that affect this community.

P.S. - And don't forget the yearbook - it too is an extremely worthwhile endeavor.

Decision-Making Course

During the Spring Term a new and different course will be available to students at Capitol Campus. It is called Life and Career Decision-making and will be taught by Marian Krieger and Don Patterson of the Counseling Center.

The course is designed to assist students in learning the process of effective decision making and in improving decision-making skills. Life and Career Decision Making may be of particular value to students who are uncertain about their life goals, are unsure of their values, interests, or abilities, don't know where to start when faced with decisions, or have difficulty in reaching or acting

on decisions in their lives. It is not, however, suggested for students who have reached a crisis point and need an immediate solution.

Life and Career Decision-Making (ED 498D.1) is a 2 credit course which will be offered on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. Although offered through the Education Department, ED. 498D.1 is open to students from all majors as an elective. Interested students may register on March 27 with no additional registration fee. If additional information is required prior to registration contact the Counseling Center at 787-7733 or stop into the Center, Room W-117.

SGA News

By Dave Nikoloff

S.G.A. election petitions are now available for anyone interested in running for office. If you are interested you can pick up petitions for the positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Senator. Any full-time registered student is welcome to fill out petitions available in the S.G.A. office W-110.

One senator will be selected from each academic program. Business, Social Science, Engineering, Math Science, Humanities, and Elementary Education. In addition one senator will be selected on an at-large basis for each 200 students in the class.

The term of office for S.G.A. officers is from the third week of this spring term until the third week of the next spring term. The deadline for returning petitions is March 31. The election is scheduled for Monday April 10.

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By Doug George

Well, with this issue of the C.C. Reader, we are coming to the end of Winter term at Capitol Campus. The Reader Staff has worked hard to put together a paper that would keep the Capitol Campus Community informed on what's happening.

The C.C. Reader is an independent student newspaper which has the freedom of the press guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. It gives students, who are interested in the print media, a chance to see the inner workings of a newspaper and develop their journalistic skills in the process. It also is a place for the reader to voice their opinions or receive needed publicity.

There is a great deal of responsibility involved in editing a newspaper for its impact can be very influential on a community. The editors must decide what is and what is not printed. They mold the image of the paper by directing its power, hopefully in a positive direction.

There are always two sides to every story. In order to present an issue a paper should report both. Editorials are a means to present one side of the issue and in most papers are the opinion of their staff.

A campus newspaper, such as the Reader, does not always have the editorial staff and researcher required to produce viewpoints on all campus issues. The head "A Personal Viewpoint" is meant to explain that the article is the view of its writer and the people who support him/her. This does not mean that all articles will be published. There is still an editorial decision as to whether the article has merit.

This column gives students a place to voice their opinions and get more students involved. Our circulation is up and this is the first issue since I have been here that there were two Perspective Pages. This is a good sign.

Reneker Writes Again

Dear Editor;

There seems to be quite a communications problem on our campus. Since my last letter several rumors have emerged. I hope to shed some light on those I'm familiar with before they go too far.

First things first, though. In the leadership seminar held just prior to this school year, student leaders were told about the Student Leader Handbook in terms that made many of us assume it has been published each year. I saw the draft, and as comprehensive as it appears, it should be of great value to student leaders. I have since learned that this is the handbook's first year, and Roberta is the originator. For not giving you credit for founding this obviously thorough aid, Roberta, I sincerely apologize.

One story has it that I am after the CSA's job. A couple of months ago I was in an office and a discussion about Ms. McLeod's position arose. I remembered hearing a short time before that she was investigating possible job opportunities elsewhere. Being like any other student, in that I'll need a job upon graduation, and being familiar with that type of work, I did in fact ask her supervisor how I would go about applying for the job, and what were the job responsibilities and requirements. Mr. South offered what seemed to be a "Forget it" grin and

changed the subject. I dropped the inquiry, began checking into other job opportunities, which seem to be more promising in terms of both remunerations and advancement potential, and have since not even remotely considered becoming the CSA.

A couple of students exclaimed that there are many other issues on campus, and questioned why I singled her out. I agree that there are many issues around here about which students should be informed, but there must be a unifying point of focus in an article. Had I done what some suggested, and included every issue in one article, I would have become the author of the ultimate in literary confusion.

That leads to another question, which concerns possible future articles. I feel the question is valid, but both question and answer have been grossly exaggerated while touring the grapevine. Contrary to the rumor floating about, a series of "Hatchet" articles has not been planned. Although I will continue to ask questions about issues over which students seem to be concerned, there are also many situations I feel should be recognized as achievements. Also, I won't be the only student in our little inquisitive circle that offers questions and thanks. That means differing styles and directions of writing.

Hopefully, this letter will

strangle the rumors and put us back on our proper course. Ms. McLeod informed me during a recent conversation that she will not pursue this issue any further, and, following this letter of clarification, I also intend to remain silent about the issue.

Respectfully,
Gary A. Reneker

Green Beer Bash

Are you an exceptionally green type of person? Do your friends mistake you for the giant on the frozen vegetable commercials? Is "It's Not Easy Being Green" your theme song?

If so, you might consider entering the contest for "The Greenest Person" at Phi Beta Lambda's upcoming Irish Bash, March 17 at the Student Center.

Along with contests and prizes, we'll have music, beer, green punch, "munchies" and "shamrock sap."

Take a break in-between (or after) finals and toast the Irish (or your favorite nationality). Party starts at 9 (come early for the "good stuff") and lasts till the wee hours.

Hope to see you there wearin' the green!

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