

# Perspectives Page

## EDITORIAL

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said that "democracy is morose, and runs to anarchy." This seems to be the case at Capitol Campus.

According to Joe Mahar, current SGA President, there has been a general lack of response from the junior class in entering candidates in the upcoming election for the SGA Senate and offices. This is a poor example for an institution of higher education where the future leaders of our country are being molded.

Becoming a part of the SGA is an education in itself. It is a place where you can see government in action, learn to work with people, make new friends and become acquainted with another side of campus life. Many of those who get involved will be our future leaders. Now is the time to get involved and become a part of your campus government. The experience will become a part of you. The people you meet and the things you learn will play a great part in your future.

Politics have gone through some trying times in the past decade. Watergate and Vietnam have disillusioned the American public of the competency of its government. Our founding fathers left us a system that can only work with a concerned citizenry. Our government needs good people at all levels for the future of our democracy is now in jeopardy. A lot of power is held by a few and unless you get involved it can only get worse. By getting involved with government on campus you will be introduced to how our democracy works.

The chance is here to take a part in governing your campus. So take advantage of an educational opportunity not to be found in the classroom.



## 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 April 7. The election is scheduled for Monday, April 17.

Because of the lack of response by possible candidates, SGA President Joe Mahar has warned that the election may be postponed until a representative number of candidates for executive and senatorial positions step forward. The Chief Justice and the Student Court are being advised of possible problems, since this action could be in direct violation of the SGA constitution. If you have any interest in the SGA you still have time to become a candidate. Take advantage of the opportunity and you may find out that the experience will be a good one.

A proposed constitutional revision is now being studied by the SGA. The revision would specify the selection process and term of office of the Social Committee chairperson. Anyone interested in the revision can find a copy posted on the bulletin board inside the SGA office.

## Photo Exhibit

Middletown--A collection of photographs taken by Penn State-Capitol Campus students will be on display in the Gallery Lounge on campus beginning Monday, April 3, and continuing through Friday, April 21.

The exhibit is a juried show, consisting of all black and white photographs. Awards will be given for the best work by the Capitol Campus Humanities Department and the Faculty Committee on Athletic and Academic Standards, Scholarship, and Awards.

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There's been a lot of talk lately about getting involved. What for? What's the use? Life is hard enough. Why complicate it? Everyone knows that once you join a club or organization, you get saddled with a load of work and complications. Let's face it, life is much easier when one sits back and spectates.

Like P. T. Barnum once said, "There's a sucker born every minute." I say, "Let the suckers do the work!" I prefer to sit in front of the TV with a beer in my hand and watch *The Wide World of Sports* on the weekend. Its a hell of a lot more fun than going outside and running my tail into the ground.

Likewise, why should I help out on the *C.C. Reader* or the *Capitolite*? I peeked into their offices the other day and saw one or two people sweating it out, trying to meet their deadlines. None of that for me. No thank-you. It'll get done without me.

Now I hear that the SGA can't get enough candidates to fill all of the open offices. I'm glad to see that the population of this school is finally starting to wise-up. Everyone knows that the SGA doesn't add up to a hill of beans anyway. All they do is waste the school's money with their silly games, pretending to be a student power. Oh, I know, they'll give you the excuse that they would have some power if the students would just get involved. I don't believe that cock-and-bull story for a minute.

Listen, take it from me, life could be so easy if you just sit back and pretend you're watching TV. So don't let your *TV Guide* subscription run out. Renew it today!!

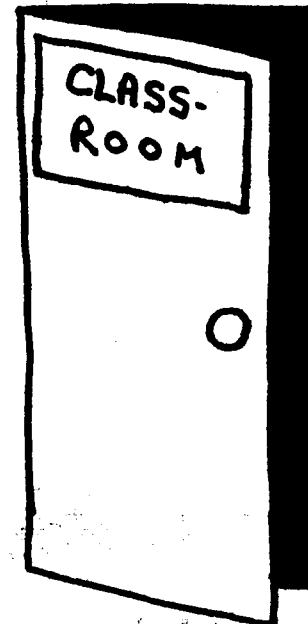
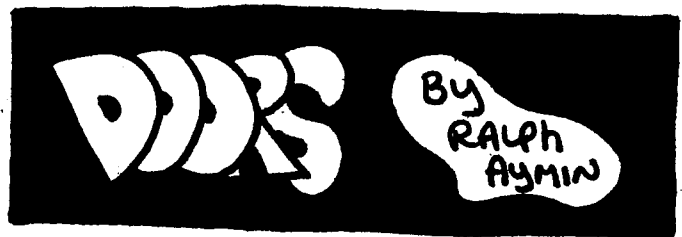
## Capitolite In The Red

So you wanted your picture in the yearbook? Well, thanks to the backbreaking effort of a limited number of people, it's in. But that is no assurance that the book will be printed. *Capitolite 1978* still needs \$1000. People are needed to pick up ads, type, take pictures, and innumerable other duties. Students can do it. If they don't, there will be no book.

Faculty and staff members: due to the perfectionism of

the editors and at the insistence of certain members of the administration, your picture and title is also in *Capitolite 1978*. Student apathy is often cited as a problem of today's colleges. Faculty apathy is no less of a problem. If you are proud to be here at Capitol, show it by buying a \$5.00 patron in *Capitolite 1978*.

If you are otherwise, ignore this article.



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