

# Perspectives

## Campus Saviors

To the Editor,

I am appalled that anyone would dare question the policies and priorities of the campus security force! Some people are saying there is too much devotion for giving parking tickets and pulling some people over for speeding rather than protecting students from vandals and other relatively unimportant matters.

With the acuity of an eagle, they spy students illegally parking within seconds and swoop down and administer justice in a single bounds, before students can deviate from culture norms. For an illegal parker must be stopped before he does something much more serious like jaywalking. Furthermore, just the fact of breaking the law shows students' lack of respect. It's heresy and they must be chastized for it.

It's quite assuring that Security judiciously subscribes to the philosophy "a bird in hand is worth two in the bush" in that they have decided that protecting students property is an unrealistic goal and expecting to stop vandalism would most likely be an unfounded leap of pure optimism. Consequently, the security force is adamant on ticketing illegal parkers.

I've heard a rumor testifying just how adamant some security officers can be. About three o'clock in the morning, as

the story goes, a young man was clocked at 36 mph while driving in a 35 mph zone through the campus. Faster than odour on manure, a security officer turned on his siren and flasher and put his foot to the floor. After pursuing the lawbreaker for about 60 feet, he suddenly got a flat tire. The officer jumped out of the car and pursued the speeder on foot towards the Olmsted plaza. After nearly passing out from exhaustion (having run about 50 feet) the officer returned to his car and filled out a report.

The next morning the officer saw someone he suspected to be the speeder while sitting in his patrol car stationed in front of the main building. He watched the suspect walk along the grass heading towards the railroad tracks. With siren sounding, lights flashing, rubber squealing, the officer was off. He drove off the road and onto the grass towards the tracks but soon reached an impasse. It just so happened a train was coming, and in the direction of the alleged lawbreaker. The officer hopped the train as it slowly headed toward the young man. Reaching alongside the suspect, the officer dove off, tackling the young man. Later he discovered it was the wrong guy.

The campus security force is indubitably the savior of Capitol Campus, with all their redeeming qualities. No wonder so many rave about it.

Jeff Drinnan

## Conflicts

To the Editor,

There is a major problem developing between the Student Center and the Continuing Education Department.

The Continuing Education Department is slowly but surely taking over the Student Center. Sure, Continuing Education brings in a substantial amount of money to the Campus and they do help a minority of undergraduate students, but are we going to sacrifice the only building, the only hangout for the already underhoused facilities for clubs?

The clubs and organizations will be the ones to suffer the most. If the Administration feels that alcohol is becoming too large a problem on campus, then Continuing Education is doing their sanctioned job. Think about this.

Student Affairs and Continuing Education spent \$10,000 for new furniture for the Student Center, however, none will be released for keggars and the like, according to Continuing Education. In their

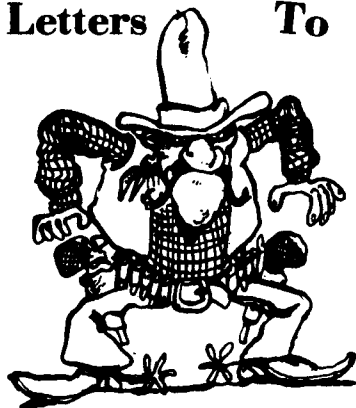
eyes, this is a proper thing to do and this course will be followed henceforth.

Another point arose; what about the growing population at the campus? If this is so, then a bigger hassle will occur somewhere down the road when Continuing Education and a student organization both want the Student Center either on the same day or the following day. Even if the Continuing Education Department has its programs on the following day and the organization does clean the Student Center, the odor of fermented beer will still be quite prominent. What then? Will we not be allowed to hold keggars two days before the Continuing Education Workshops? Or three days before? Who will determine? The students won't be able to, but Continuing Education and Student Activities will determine this major issue.

Don't let the only area for recreation of clubs sponsoring keggars be stolen from us.

Michael V. Sopata

## Letters To



## The Editor

## Rowdiness

To the Editor,

Last week there was a large amount of destruction and vandalism done to vehicles parked in the dorm parking lot. I am sitting here trying to figure out some kind of motive to answer the question why?

The only thing I can figure out is the possibility that outsiders could have a vendetta against PSU students for some act of say, rowdiness or destruction a few students could have done off campus.

A suggestion I would like to make is please don't get too rowdy when you're off campus. If you're at a bar, say one in Middletown, don't start trouble with anyone. If we put down outsiders chances, are they going to retaliate and do something against us? If we are all aware of this, and we all work together, we may be able to stop some of this vandalism that is cropping up around here.

Remember, the consequences always come back to you the student!

A concerned student

## Car Pool

To the Editor,

Now that the weather has changed I think we should start a car-pool station in the heights. The plan would be to use the brick shelter on Weaver Avenue as a pick-up point for people without cars.

Those people who are willing to volunteer would drive those needing rides to the main building. If the system works maybe we could get special parking priviledges.

In order to organize the plan I ask all interested parties, drivers and passengers, to drop your name and departure time in my mail box in the SGA office. Also leave any suggestions you might have.

C. Lament

## Suggestions

To the Editor,

This letter is directed to any organizations holding any social activities open to the campus residents. Please consider resident students when advertising for these affairs. If the advertisement states, "We never run out of beer", I assume that you have bought enough beer to last the length of the activity. It is my understanding that distributors will buy back beer not used. If however, you are buying a limited amount, advertise-

ment of this amount will resolve any problems created by running out, simply because the advertised amount of beer has been consumed.

Also, if by chance the band will play an encore, if the "hat is passed" through the crowd, please do not hassle people not contributing. I personally consider this action **inconsiderate** and **low caliber**. I hope these few suggestions are considered when planning future events.

Concerned Student

## Sock Hop In Gym

To the Editor,

This term will end with a bang! The last graduating class of 1978 will have the thrill of receiving their degree at the "sock hop" in the gym. This graduating class has worked as hard as any other graduating class of Capitol Campus. For our hard work we will receive the penalty of having ceremonies in the gym? I wonder if most graduating students realize the honor that has been imposed upon them! I am to be a participant in this event and after two years at Capitol I feel receiving my degree in the gym is not only downgrading to me as a student, but also is a total disgrace to the whole gradu-

ating process.

I attended June's graduation ceremonies at the Hershey Community Theatre and found them to be a rewarding experience for the students. I realize that fewer students will be graduating this term and funds may be a problem but the gym is not the place for such a ceremony!

I can just imagine inviting parents, from such places as Erie, Pa., and Pittsburgh, Pa. and even New Jersey, to take the long ride up for the ceremonies and then tell them to take their shoes off and pull up a bleacher.

Graduation? No! But thanks for the sock hop.

Maggie Smith

## Concert Survey

The C.C. Reader is conducting a survey of student opinion concerning what should be done to replace the Spring Concert. Please fill in the ballot and return it to the C.C. Reader office, W129, or put it in the

C.C. Reader mail box in the SGA office, W110.

The deadline is November 14. Results will be published.

Five is highest personal interest; one is lowest.

A major band concert in the gym.	5	4	3	2	1
Several smaller music & other cultural events throughout the year.	5	4	3	2	1
A Spring Weekend with several events such as a picnic, sport tournaments, art festival, club carnivals and live music.	5	4	3	2	1

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