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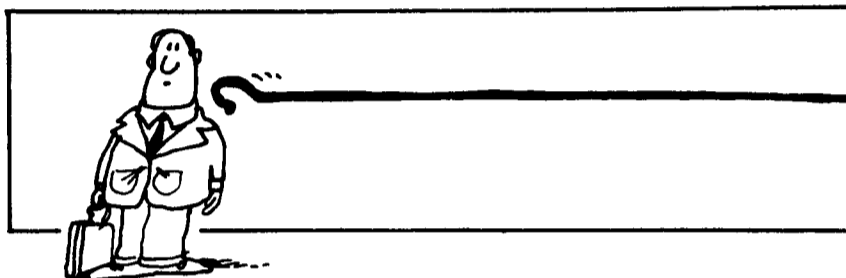
By now you've probably noticed that the paper looks different this week. Ugly isn't it? We've had some problems with the typesetting system, but it should be corrected before next term.

When the problem came up we had to decide whether to put out a paper or not, and if so, how. If you're reading this now our alternate system will have succeeded. So please don't judge this paper by the cover and throw it away. A lot of work went into it.

The main reason we decided to put out this edition was that we felt the student body was entitled to one last paper before the Christmas break and commencement for those who are graduating this term.

Also, there were a few stories that just couldn't wait until mid-January.

So now we'd like to say Merry Christmas, happy graduation, and good luck to those not returning next term.



Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

In response to the article "Campus Saviors" and the attitude which seems to persist at Capitol Campus concerning the Campus Police Department and the Student Patrol, as another interested student, I would like to present a different perspective to the subject.

There does exist a saying that no one appreciates a police officer until a dire need is substantiated. The Campus Police officers at Capitol Campus are all sworn law enforcement officers in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania having attended 480 hours of specialized training and are all fully qualified in the field of law enforcement, some of them being very specialized with numerous years of experience. Duties performed by these officers entail the enforcement of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code; enforcement of the Vehicle Code; enforcement of the University Rules and Regulations and to insure the safety and well being of the student body, members of the Staff and Faculty and all visitors to the Campus.

Attendance at or residence on the Campus does not exempt any part-

The Student Patrol is an affiliation of the Campus Police Department and provides an additional peer service to the Student Body, Staff and Faculty, and Visitors to the Campus. The function of this Patrol is to insure safety and to observe and report violations of Rules and Regulations of the University.

Student Patrol members are direct representatives of the University and

icular individual from obedience to the law. Rather than exempt the individual, the circumstances in fact, create a greater need to comply and conform with rules and regulations of the University and laws of the state. The concentration of students to the one area plus the geographical location of being situated very close to a Metropolitan area, and the ultimate goal of creating an atmosphere conducive to learning.

One must remember that laws are established so that chaos will not prevail. Very often one doesn't like what is good for them because of the obligation to the law. Just attempt to imagine this University campus with a student body of approximately 2,500 personnel without a policy for parking, law enforcement of safety of the buildings or residents. It would be total and utter confusion.

act in accordance with specific job descriptions and guidelines. For a minimal compensation, the concerned students that are members of the Student Patrol give of their time and efforts to make your stay at the Campus a more secure one and allow you to attend with a greater peace of mind.

I feel that it is long past time to pay due respect and to afford a degree of dignity to those who serve the population of this University. The student body must realize that the Campus Police Department and the Student Patrol are in existence only to benefit and serve the population of the campus, not hinder, and is here only to provide the necessary service so essential to any University Campus.

My stand is substantiated by facts and too much time has passed to let the few that have criticism of the Department merely because of personal irresponsibilities, lead the student

body as a whole, to the belief that the Capitol Campus Police Department exists only as a harassment element. The overriding and most essential factor for all to grasp and understand is that the Department exists only to benefit and serve our own Campus population, absolutely no other reason is there for their existence.

Susan B. Shadle

To the editor,

The business department has backed the yearbook by offering credit hours to those persons interested in soliciting advertisements for the yearbook and the newspaper.

The support was needed badly. Last year nobody managed the advertising. As a result the newspaper ran out of money and the yearbook ran about \$2,400 in the red. That extra expense came out of this year's budget. Because of this and the editor problem it looked like this year's yearbook was on the rocks.

The fact is, those people who are involved are already so busy they can't handle any more work. We ought to thank Dr. Yaney for providing the support needed to get the Ace unknown working. Seems all benefit, the Ace gets credit and experience, the business department gets a better student and the students get a yearbook. Alright Dr. Yaney, practical solutions to real problems are appreciated.

C.L. Lament