

Leaders shirk

It has been over a month since the incident at TMI. Campus life is back to normal, with the exception of a few students who have dropped out or transferred because of the potential danger of another nuclear accident or radioactive emissions coming from the power plant.

It is the prevailing opinion of the C.C. Reader staff that the only good nuclear power plant is a dead one. We feel that the TMI nuclear power plant should be shut down permanently.

For this reason, the staff has allotted one page worth of free advertising space to the Three Mile Island Alert organization advertising this Sunday's demonstration and march on Washington.

The response from the university has not been adequate. The administration feels (see Op-Ed page) that research and study into the incident is a solution in itself. Though individual faculty members have taken some action and/or announced their opinions, the faculty as a whole has not made a statement or acted in response to the incident at TMI. And while some individual students have taken action resulting from their opinion on nuclear power plants (both pro and

con), the SGA, the representative body of the students has been remarkably quiet.

Unfortunately, a formal study of the situation at TMI is not enough. Action is needed to make sure that TMI is never reopened, or depending on your opinion, if reopened, reopened as a safely operating plant. History has taught us that learned men can study a problem and even reach correct conclusions as to solutions to these problems, but if these educated people do not act on them, tragedy results. Anyone familiar with the Bloomsbury Society in London, or John F. Kennedy's "Best and the Brightest" advisors should know that.

The faculty, as our educational leaders should also publicly announce their opinion on the TMI incident and take a positive mode of action as a result. And so should our student leaders at the SGA. As a campus within five miles of the nuclear reactor, we should not be silent.

A month has passed by since the incident at TMI, and we're still waiting for our leadership to respond. We need to know.

To be silent is morally repugnant.

Divided we Stand

Giving a free, full-page advertisement (pg. 12) concerning the anti-nuclear power plant demonstration in Washington D.C., Sunday May 6, was beyond the responsibility of the C.C. Reader.

It is true that some newspapers, which are supposedly objective, do slant to one side concerning social problems or decisions, but their bias is due to the fact that these newspapers are mostly privately owned.

The C.C. Reader is not privately owned. It is a student newspaper which operates under student and public funding and does not have the right to devote a full page of free advertising to the issue of nuclear power.

It is not fair to use student appropriations from SGA funds for the emotional whims of our staff.

If the ad was a paid advertisement, it would obviously lessen the dependence of the C.C. Reader upon SGA funds and aid the newspaper from going into the hole, as it did last term.

The editor-in-chief stated that the C.C. Reader should "guide" the student body and indicated that the majority of the student body is against the use of nuclear power.

I think that the editor should take note of the last issue's article entitled "Opinion at a Glance" and tally the score of those students who felt safe and those who felt threatened. The result is seven felt safe and two felt threatened.

Clearly the editor does not know the feelings of the student body and should not make a fool out of the newspaper and its staff by the free and biased anti-nuclear advertisement.

If some swaying must be done, let it be done subtly. A news article covering the demonstration would be all that is necessary to show the feelings of the newspaper, not advertising for free.

The memories of the C.C. Reader's past antinuclear issue is only turning the paper into a propaganda sheet for the few on the staff who believe they speak for everyone.

Joseph A. Horvath
Cartoonist--C.C. Reader



letters



editor

Thanks voters

Editor:

I would like to thank the student body for their support in the recent student government elections. I hope, as your representative in the student government, that we can work together to improve the quality of student life here at Capitol Campus.

I must have your support and ideas in order to make any positive changes at our school. I will establish office hours later in the terms so that we can work together during my tenure as Senior Senator. Thank you again for your support in the recent election.

Samuel Bookheimer
Senior Senator
Social Science

Killer rays

Editor:

According to an article in the May 1, Philadelphia Inquirer, by the end of the 20th century over 2,000 Americans will die of cancer as a result of the use of nuclear energy. This finding was originally reported in a major National Academy of Sciences study.

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Stop thief

The study, entitled "Risks Associated with Nuclear Power," was financed by the Department of Energy. It concluded that one person in every 1,000 develops cancer from the combined effect of all radiation sources. The report was based on a four-year study.

The report also stated that additional deaths will result from the mining of radioactive materials, their fabrication into fuel elements, the release of small amounts of radioactive materials into the atmosphere and the transporting and re-

and the transportation, reprocessing and storage of nuclear materials. Other factors, such as a major accident in a power plant or as yet unforeseen problems with aging atomic plants would also increase the incidence of cancer the study said.

These findings are just one more reason why all nuclear power plants should be closed down. As the excellent article published in your paper last week by Ralph Nader stated: "Nuclear power is a marginal energy source, requiring enormous financial expense with low reliability." It is also unsafe, unreliable, damaging to the environment and expensive.

I urge all students, faculty, administration members and staff to go to Washington this Sunday and help close down all nuclear power plants. As a University community, we should guide the rest of our geographical area into making the right decisions about energy.

Steven Horowitz



Editor:

How low can you go?! I would like to appeal to the goodness (and there must be some) of the person that so wantonly removed two of my plants from the window ledge in the first floor lobby of the Multi-Purpose Building!! Please Return them!! They cannot possibly hold any value to someone else but to me they were prized very highly.

During all the years I have worked on this campus, I can honestly say I have never before had anything disappear from our whole area!

So instead of wasting your precious time on needles, senseless deeds, try spending it doing something constructive! You just may be amazed at how much it will pay off for you!

This complete disregard for other people & property is impossible to understand. So much time and effort is spent trying to improve the total atmosphere on campus, how can our labors be so flagrantly ignored!!

Ruth K. Arehart

The designated handicapped parking area in front of the Main Building will be expanded as a result of the increasing enrollment of handicapped students at Capitol Campus.

The handicapped area will now include most of the parking spaces on the west end in front of the Main Building. The remainder of the spaces will be designated for short term parking.

The visitor parking area will now be located in the first row (west end) of the main lot behind the Main Building.

