

Reader Reviewed

by sue girolami

"The Capitol Campus Reader lacks off campus news. It lacks a quality publication of student work. Work is changed, credit isn't given and work is not correctly attributed," says one student in evaluating the campus paper.

A staff member of the paper states, "Our newspaper does extremely well. The content is first-rate. It is straightforward and tasteful. There are still patches of technical error, but this is due to too few workers!"

The C.C. Reader has many typographical mistakes each issue and has made many errors in attributing material. But there are 12 members on the staff at present to handle a 12 page paper every two weeks.

Most of the copy is written by staff members; because of everyone's tight schedules, the typesetter usually ends up typing all the copy the day before it is to be laid out.

The day the paper is pasted up, only a select few of the staff can give the editor a hand to complete the paper. But the following day there is no shortage of critics. Many students say they wouldn't waste their time working on the paper. They exclaim, "I wouldn't want to be associated with it."

In a recent interview, editor Lyda Baker spoke about the problem with the newspaper. "If the staff were larger, I think it's reasonable to assume that the Reader could be better as far as technical aspects go. But the way it is now, two or three sincere people can catch so many errors. They do what they can do. I think it works."

The May 24 issue of the Reader asked around campus what the students felt about it. Most of the people felt that the numerous errors should be corrected. But most also realized that the Reader has to make do with such a small staff.

No one questions that students need an adequate newspaper to provide internal communication and writing/editing. Members of the staff deserve recognition for trying. But while readers are pointing out the mistakes, the staff is crying for help!

At a recent meeting of the C.C. Reader staff, many of the members felt that one solution might be to give credit to students who join and do their share on the paper. This would be an incentive to get more members and possibly improve the quality of the paper.

Three credits were offered to certain editors (photo, news, etc.) if they met certain requirements. But many of the editors don't have time to meet the responsibilities of an added three credits. An advisor has also been appointed to give the staff advice.

Another solution, suggested by a student is making co-editorships. Instead of just one editor, combine the feature, sports, news and copy editors into "the editor." The same student also suggested that the Reader "Welcome freelance work warmly."

The responsibility of the C.C. Reader or any campus newspaper to the students is big. The Reader staff feels that they are working for the students and not against them. But as the song goes, "I'll meet you half way, that's better than no way!"



Trying to stop dumping

by jeff drinnan

In reaction to Metropolitan Edison's plan to treat and dump 850,000 gallons of radioactive water presently stored in the crippled reactor's containment building, the Susquehanna Valley Alliance (a Lancaster based anti-nuclear organization) has filed a court injunction to stop the dumping.

The Susquehanna river is Lancaster's primary source of water.

After the TMI accident in which nine to 15 million curies of radiation were released into the air and some into the river, no written environmental impact report was made. The city of Lancaster is demanding that an environmental report be made of the water.

Jean Core, the attorney representing the Alliance, explained the Alliance's in-

junction. She said the Alliance wants the total surrounding environment--the fish, air, water, etc. assessed rather than only the discharged area.

They also want daily water and air radiation reports made open to the public through means of subpoenas in which officials will testify under oath if radioactivity exceeds the daily limits, and if so, why.

Presently, the Pennsylvania Bureau of Radiological Health is monitoring the air within three miles of the plant according to Ray Urciuolo, radiation health physicist for the Bureau.

For over a month "there has been no radioactivity above the natural background," Urciuolo said, and

continued, no radiation has been found in water samples for over a month.

The Susquehanna Valley Alliance maintains that there is no tested technology to clean the 850,000 gallons of radioactive water. They have filed an affidavit to the injunction stating that a water treatment expert testified that the amount of radioactivity in the water in the containment building is so high it cannot be safely treated.

Urciuolo said he did not see a problem in treatment. He explained that all the fissionable material except tritium could be cleaned up to acceptable standards. Urciuolo stated that the amount of tritium is not large and would not propose a health hazard.

"Slow dilution with treatment" is the key to solving the problem, according to Urciuolo, "What isn't diluted could be made safe by filtration and containment," he maintained.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has set up permanent residence on the TMI site and is reviewing all the procedures of the Metropolitan Edison Company, Urciuolo said.

The State of Pennsylvania would concur with the NRC on any dumping procedure. Once the problems leave the plant the state alone has jurisdiction. "The state could legally prevent the dumping of wastes into the river," Urciuolo explained.

It is the NRC, however, that sets the standards for the

amount of wastes that could be dumped into the river. There is no absolute standard for the amount of radiation. The assessed allowable amount is based on a conservative estimate. The standard is set per concentration of radiation in water which will not harm the most sensitive person.

Urciuolo stressed that the water won't just be dumped into the Susquehanna river without treatment and that it can't be dumped until approved.

The Susquehanna Valley Alliance states that dumping contaminated water would cause irrevocable harm.

The decision on how to deal with the radioactive wastes is pending in a federal court.

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