

Letters to editor

Vendorville renovations suggested

To faculty, staff and students:

I have been a part of Capitol Campus since July, 1977 in two capacities: as department secretary for Humanities and as a student of Business Administration. Both have been equally rewarding and frustrating; however, my dual role has provided me with an education in the workings of both "sides" of the fence-- as provider and recipient of a service. It is my observation that students and faculty are concerned with the lack of mutual interaction. With this thought in mind, I wish to present the following suggestions for the comments and support of all concerned persons.

It has been brought to my attention that there is a proposal to refurbish the Faculty Lounge. While I have no objection to this proposed action, I feel that there are, in addition, student needs that have gone unnoticed and/or unattended. Students, particularly resident students, spend most of their time on campus. The Main Building houses most of the facilities that students, faculty and staff use. Therefore, what I have in mind is the updating of Vendorville. This would benefit all--a more encompassing project that would change the cold, noisy convenient meeting place. The following is a list of suggestions offered by many interested parties:

1. Block off a small area for the games, pinball machines and food machines, thus removing a huge source of NOISE;

2. Panel walls for a warmer surrounding that would provide decor of a sort;

3. Remove ugly tables and provide booths along the walls and a few more appealing tables and chairs that could be temporarily removed to provide an area for dance/party/activities that are student-oriented.

There is a sound system that could be used more effectively for campus announcements once the pinball noise is removed. The radio station is currently featuring D.J.s with varied musical presentations including Jazz, Rock, Blue Grass and general Pop. The station could be further supported by a stronger, more attentive audience and could be a daily source for announcements concerning all campus activities. This change would help to close the communication gap and provide a more pleasing atmosphere, currently nonexistent in Vendorville (which now reminds one of a junior-senior high school--or worse). Let's support a project to make Vendorville (perhaps a new name also) more suitable for an institution of higher education.

If you have any comments and/or wish to support this project, please stop in the S.G.A. office and sign the petition that will accompany this proposal. Students, Faculty and Staff are invited to help promote this project.

Thank you,

Jill Hart

Crackers: up 50 percent

Editor:

Crackers--2 cents, up one cent to 3 cents. Yesirree, up 50 percent. Forget about oil, forget about gold, forget about real estate as investments. Invest in Vendorville crackers. Why, in only three weeks this virtually unknown commodity has risen 300 percent. E.F. Hutton is sending a crack team of analysts to investigate this remarkable performer--perhaps a new star in the best portfolios.

College presidents and business administrators from around the country will gather in Vendorville this week to discuss "How to Solve Your Dwindling Budget Problems by Going Crackers." Eagleton of Missouri and

Kennedy of Massachusetts have introduced legislation for a Crackers Windfall Profits Tax to aid destitute chili eaters this winter who may not be able to afford to stoke their home furnaces or their bellies. Rosalyn Carter has endorsed the bill, as has Billy Carter, who has given up beer nuts for cheese and crackers with tea at 4 o'clock.

Why, even 60 Minutes has sent Mike Wallace to Capitol Campus to get the story. But Mike, like all the others seeking an explanation for this new phenomenon, has been met with a "no comment!"

So, for you small investors, crackers may very well be your hedge against inflation caused by rising tuition and book costs.

Tune in next time folks, when we will hear Vendorville officials say, "No Comment!"

Your Vendorville Ace

I.M. Fedup

BSU asks that difference be discussed

Editor:

We, the members of the Black Student Union, compliment the editorial staff of the C.C. Reader for its article on the issues surrounding the proposed White Student Union. It was the opinion of some that the details of this tension-provoking situation should not have been published. We disagree vehemently! Whenever there are different viewpoints between parties with latent feelings of resentment and tension, the correct and diplomatic procedure to eliminate these hostile attitudes is through clear communication. For all too long the issue has been avoided, but now is the time for the Capitol Campus student body to act as a cohesive unit of intelligent adults and discuss our differences and/or similarities with all candor and sincerity.

The article mentioned that racism and white supremacy were the underlying motivations behind the formation of the White Student Union. We hasten to agree, for we were present at the SGA meeting at which this matter was discussed.

The Black Student Union is not an organization which promotes racist/separatist ideology or black supremacy. The BSU welcomes students of all races, creeds and ethnic backgrounds regardless of geographical origin.

The culture of minorities has been repressed concomitant with the numerous positive contributions by minorities--in particular, blacks within American society. These major and minor contributions have been

suppressed and ignored by our historians and, for that matter, by the white majority. BSU serves as a vehicle for promoting an awareness of this cultural heritage, thereby instilling pride and confidence among minorities. It is our belief that all people, regardless of race or national origin, should have a fundamental knowledge concerning input by minorities to the social, educational, and cultural life of our country. Then and only then should one consider oneself an educated person.

It is our firm conviction that the majority of the students, faculty and administration are opposed to ideology that promotes and perpetuates bigotry, racism and hatred.

Concerned BSU Member

One on One

Barton feels he was misquoted

Editor:

A monstrous error was made by your reporter when he transcribed his interview with me about the "core courses." He has me saying, straight-faced, that the plan would be "more actionable by the end of this year." In fact, I smiled broadly when I said "actionable." Indeed, I believe I said, "actionable, as they say, by the end of this year."

I despise the word "actionable." To use that word is to know sin. So when I see it, I kick it. When my leg is worn out, I'll bite it. And when my teeth fall out, I'll gum it.

Cordially,

Dr. Michael Barton

Kondor feels he wrote it as he heard it

Editor:

I must reply to Dr. Michael Barton's letter, in which he says I made a "monstrous error" in the form of a misquotation.

I do not claim to be incapable of error. With all due respect, however, I must say that during the course of the interview, I perceived no "broad smile," and I heard no "as they say."

If Dr. Barton "despises" the word "actionable," why did he use it at all? I would gladly have struck the word

from my notes if he had asked me. Or, perhaps he could have asked me to note that he used the word in jest?

I hope that Dr. Barton's letter has served to notify his peers that he is not in the habit of abusing the English language.

I regret that it is at my expense.

Sincerely,

Michael Kondor

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