

C.C. Reader Opinion

Problems at Capitol similar to "real" world

Recent student activities such as Tuesday's Ralph and Haji concert have strengthened the growing opinion that there is very little interest on the part of the student body to be socially active through campus-wide events. Yet, there are a large number of students who complain that there are not enough events on campus.

Both opinions are correct.

Part of the problem is the uniqueness of Capitol Campus. Even though there are 2400 students attending, most of them are commuters. Only some 700 students live on campus. Also, the average age of the Capitol Student is 25, somewhat older than the national average.

However, the crux of the problem is not uniquely Cap-

itol Campus. The student body must realize that this is a national problem that confronts colleges, businesses, and government. The problem is complex, but results mainly from lack of understanding, poor application of intelligence, and self-centeredness.

That is not to say that Americans are apathetic, ignorant, and sinful... on the contrary. The students at Capitol Campus are motivated, intelligent, and... "law abiding." However, the problem remains.

Any solution to a complex problem of this sort is usually difficult, painful, and risky. After all, even though some students think Capitol is bad, they probably would reject sudden changes for fear of making the campus worse than it is.

The C.C. Reader realizes that something is wrong at Capitol, and is making a strong attempt to define the problem, to analyze it, and to solve it. The C.C. Reader is not alone. The administration, faculty, alumni, and SGA, along with various committees, are trying to make Capitol better.

If the problem is left alone, it will fester like an uncontrolled disease. The solution will inevitably be achieved by individuals who are not afraid to "get their hands dirty by cleaning up the mess."

Students will have to understand the position other students are in. For example, SGA can only help students when problems are presented to them.

Students and faculty have to be able to understand one another. Most of the faculty have been at Capitol longer than two years (which is as long as most students are here). Also, most faculty members have had to deal with a lot of students since the time they began teaching. Students can learn a lot from the experiences of the faculty.

Finally, students, faculty, and staff have to understand the Administration (and Administration has to understand students, faculty, and staff). Looking at all the implications of a problem or decision helps develop a more intelligent attitude toward the people involved in making those decisions.

GPP officers disappointed

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Redman said that the future of the entire concert committee is in jeopardy because there was not enough student interest in this concert. "When I took over GPP, I wanted things to be different, I didn't want things to follow the same old pattern; I wanted to present more than had been offered here in the past. My main goal before I graduate was to have a major concert for the students; however, that would need the support of at least 3/4 of the entire student body," Redman said.

Joe Bruno, advertising chairman of GPP, was quick to add that it is nearly impossible for 3/4 of the student body to support a major concert when it is impossible to get 10 per cent of the students to come to a small concert. "Until students realize that they have to support student activities for there to be any student activities, GPP's efforts will be wasted," Bruno said.

Bruno was also disturbed that some students didn't come to the concert because there was no beer allowed. "Keggars should not be the reason to come to a concert. Most students would have a better time spending \$3.50 for a good concert than \$4 or \$5 getting blitzed in a bar," Bruno said.

As far as the immediate plans for GPP are concerned, Redman indicated that he and

the other officers of GPP intend to resign from the committee because the students have failed to come to the events that GPP sponsored. "The officers of GPP have worked very hard at trying to make the students happy, and we have only seen minimal results from our effort,"

Redman said.

As of press time, the GPP members and officers have not yet decided if they are

going to resign. GPP is going to discuss what they can offer at Capitol, and whether it is worthwhile for them to continue or to fold up.

GOOD NEWS!



Letter

Editor:

The campus police should not be given firearms as part of their standard patrol equipment. There is no real, justifiable reason to do so. The police carrying weapons would tear the last shred of educated atmosphere from this school.

David Rarey

Library hours extended

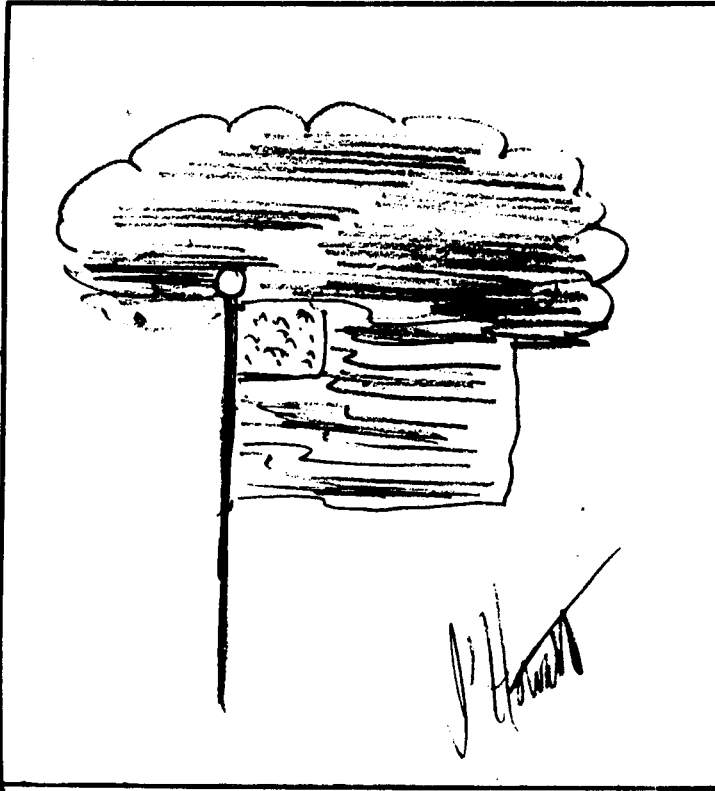
The Heindel Library will be extending its normal hours during the Winter Term final examination period. The extended schedule will be as follows:

Saturday, March 15	10 a.m. -- 5 p.m.
Sunday, March 16	2 p.m. -- 10 p.m.
Monday, March 17	8 a.m. -- 12 midnight
Tuesday, March 18	8 a.m. -- 12 midnight
Wednesday, March 19	8 a.m. -- 12 midnight
Thursday, March 20	8 a.m. 10 p.m.
Friday, March 21	8 a.m. 5 p.m.

The additional hours have been added after consultation with the Student Government Association and are intended to provide additional time for study and research during the finals period. It is hoped that students will take advantage of this additional service, since its continuation is dependent on its use during this trial period.

CORRECTION

In the editorial "but sometimes..." that appeared in the last issue of the C.C. Reader, it was incorrectly stated that the SGA guaranteed the Athletic Department the funds to purchase four baseball uniforms for next year. Actually, the SGA gave the Athletic Department the funds to purchase four baseball uniforms for this year, and guaranteed the Athletic Department the funds necessary to purchase 15 basketball uniforms for next year.



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