

Editorial/Opinion

Good Job Students!

Last Thursday's second attempt at the election of officers for the SGA was more successful than the first attempt on Monday.

Without commenting on the problems of the first voting session, we would just like to say that it's nice to see that there is still some evidence of student interest in Capitol Campus.

Thursday's tabulations indicated that this was the heaviest student-voter turnout of the past seven years of campus elections. That's great!

Of course, it's possible that the platform of one of the parties had something to do with the turnout. But we'd rather believe that it's just a new awakening of the student body in general.

Whatever the case, we're glad to see what is for Capitol Campus—a notable example of the neverending spirit and determination of the student population.

Even if it did take two tries.

Letters to The Editor



Editor,

Tennis anyone? Oh, I'm sorry, but you can't use the courts after 5 p.m. It seems that our beloved Continuing Education program is short of cash, so they decided to raise a few bucks by giving tennis lessons on our courts. But what the hell, simply because most of us are paying a measly \$480 per term for tuition and have classes during the time the tennis courts have been so graciously allotted for our use—is that any reason to complain? You're damn right it is!

Excuse me, I guess I shouldn't get so upset. After all, there are activities other than tennis on campus. For instance, you can always play softball. Oh, I'm sorry again, but you can't use field "C"—that is reserved for the Middletown league. Intramural softball seems to be going strong this year, as there are over 25 teams participating. However, there seems to be a problem with getting all the games in, especially with only two fields to play on and with the adverse weather we've been having. But then, what is more important, our students or our friendly neighbors of Middletown?

Don't get me wrong, this school strongly supports outside activities as long as they are done when and where it is convenient for everyone except the student.

Jeff Musser
12th Term-Business

Editor,

The political environment of Capitol Campus seems to be one of disorganized priorities. Without much imagination, one can form a correlation between the aggressiveness and single-mindedness of spawning salmon and the narrowmindedness of individuals on this campus.

We do have infinite exemplary qualities, but at a learning institution where the average age is twenty-three, I think one could expect a more mature, civilized atmosphere. I have never been exposed to such bickering and degradation as takes place within our academic boundaries.

I have lived on this campus for two terms and listened to people downgrade the student government as corrupt, the elections as fixed, and the student court as a kangaroo court, a practice which cannot in any manner promote a positive attitude among the student body.

Must we degrade our fellow students?

Let us attempt to work together, enrich our lives with positive input, and develop an atmosphere of political and social cohesiveness.

Jim Kerns

Editor,

Last Thursday and Friday on campus we had a very successful event, the Health Fair. This event was successful because of the hard work, enthusiasm and cooperation of all parts of the Capitol Campus community, so I want to write this public letter of "thanks" to all those people who helped make the Health Fair work.

A special thanks to Judy Mayo, Tina Sheaffer and Dale Brumbach, the students who helped organize the fair; Harry Moyer and his staff for the fine publicity he gave us in the C.C. Reader; Kathy Laverty for the creative Health Fair signs; Fred Vereb for helping Mrs. Petrosino paint the large Health Fair sign; Mark Dorfman for helping me with the handout and publicity off campus; all our student volunteers who gave so freely of their time; and last but not least Joe Kemp and his maintenance crew who helped us set up and tear down.

Jean Kresge R.N.

Editor,

I want to address two different issues in this letter. First, I would like to congratulate all the winners of the recent SGA elections. I hope that both they and the school get some benefit from their term of office.

Secondly, I would like to report on a topic which was a part of my platform for SGA President, that being the inefficiency and unfair practices of the Department of Housing and Food Services on campus.

On Friday, May 2, new reduced hours went into effect in the Capitol Dining Hall. Serving-time for both lunch and dinner on weekdays was reduced fifteen minutes to one hour and fifteen minutes. Serving-time for weekend lunches and dinners were both reduced to one-half hour.

The reasons given for these drastic cutbacks in service were inflation and a decrease in students for spring term. To that, I politely answer bunk! We who contracted for food service at the beginning of the year have already paid for the amount of hours originally scheduled. Any cutback in these hours is totally unacceptable.

Besides the fact that some students have classes during these abbreviated hours, there are also many extracurricular activities which take place during the early evening hours.

Participants in these activities are forced either to sacrifice their evening meal or to eat off-campus in order to take part in their non-academic interests.

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The C.C. Reader recently completed a survey to find out how the C.C. Reader staff could improve the paper and contribute more to the student body. The results of the study were interesting.

First we tried to see if the students "judged the book by its cover." There was a strong relationship between the cover choice, or the preferred look of the front page, and those who read the paper most often. Most readers prefer a front page with pictures to complement the story.

Secondly, we wanted to see if the student body liked the name C.C. Reader. Well, it turns out that the majority of our reader either like or are neutral to this name. This is especially true with the students who read the paper most often. On the other hand those students who rarely read the paper are the ones who strongly dislike the name C.C. Reader.

Third, there seems to be a relationship between how often some one reads the paper and how much of the paper is read. For example, the students who read the paper all the time read more sections of the paper (front page, feature section, editorial, sports, etc.). This result brought great happiness to the C.C. Reader staff, since the majority of the respondents read the paper quite often.

Fourth, throughout the above survey we paid particular attention to the demographic breakdown of our readers. It turns out that the readership spreads across an equal proportion of

males, females, single, married, young, old, full-time, part-time, residents, and commuters. The only disturbing fact was that seniors read the paper less often than juniors do. This was contradictory to our beliefs, and has left us with no answers as to why. So, in an attempt to reverse this trend, the C.C. Reader staff has set some goals for itself.

We will try to make reading the paper easier by have columns of larger width. The front page layout will be more flexible. With this we hope to project a fresh, new and exciting image. On some issues we will have a magazine look while in other issues we will have the regular format. Another goal is to publish weekly, so that the news we report isn't history by the time it reaches the Students' hands. This will be the toughest goal of them all since it will take much work from a few people. Also we must achieve this goal while at the same time becoming more efficient and trying to improve our reporting skills. We are confident, and feel that these goals are attainable. We also hope that future staffs will use this process in order to keep up with the demands and needs of the student body.

At this point we would like to thank everyone who participated in the survey. Thank you for your answers and your constructive comments. Special thanks to Mr. Raffield for his patience and step-by-step guidance. And last but not least, thanks to the student body for its support and patronage.

CAPITOL CAMPUS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, MAY 10 -- Baseball, New Jersey Inst. of Tech. at Capitol
SUNDAY, MAY 11 -- Hillel Picnic, Student Center: 11 a.m.
Mass, Student Center: 7 p.m.
MONDAY, MAY 12 -- SGA Meeting: 3:30 p.m., W-135.
TUESDAY, MAY 13 -- Jazz, Tim Eyerman and the East Coast Offereing, Aud.
Half hour clinic to follow.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 14 -- Maranatha Bible Study, W-135, 12 noon.
THURSDAY, MAY 15 -- Bible Study, W-138, 12 noon.
Dance Concert, "Danceteller," Gym, Multi-Purpose Bldg., 8 p.m.
FRIDAY, MAY 16 -- Students Aglow Fellowship, 907 Weaver Ave., 7 p.m.
SUNDAY, MAY 18 -- Mass, Student Center. 7 p.m.
MONDAY, MAY 19 -- Heindel Library/Historical Times, Inc., Book and Author Dinner, Host Inn, Hbg. Tickets \$12.50. See Campus Relations.
SGA Meeting, W-135. 3:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 21 -- Maranatha Bible Study, W-135, 12 noon.
THURSDAY, MAY 22 -- Bible Study, W-138, 12 noon.

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