

Letters To The Editor

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Any student receiving a traffic ticket for displaying an expired sticker from the same academic year, but wrong term, is not in violation of a vehicle registration rule unless he is registered under handicapped parking, according to the rules.

Section B-Vehicle Registration--Article 2 says "Each student vehicle is registered once each academic year...." Any student who has had to pay the \$10 each term for a new sticker can see that there is something wrong.

And according to Section D-Parking Areas--Article 5-C, a student registering under handicapped parking privileges must register each term. It states specifically that after a vehicle has been approved for the Special Parking Privilege of handicapped that it "...must be registered with the Vehicle Registrars Office and must display a Current Campus Parking Permit with current term sticker affixed."

If only persons with vehicles registered as handicapped must purchase parking stickers each term, it could be implied that there is some sort of discrimination taking place. And if this is an incorrect assumption, then the Vehicle Regulations effective September 1, 1980 contradict themselves.

Reading further, a student can find that he may be due a refund if he has purchased a Restricted Parking Sticker for a resident area at a 50 cents charge at the Campus Police Office.

According to Section E-Vehicle Use Fees--Article 6, if a student has met the qualifications for parking his vehicle in a restricted resident area, he will be issued a special Restricted sticker "...at no fee." Upon requesting such a sticker at the Police Office however, a student is told there is a charge of 50 cents.

If Capitol Campus students are expected to follow these regulations, and if the Student Court is going to make decisions on parking violations in accordance with these regulations, then there must be some clarification on these issues.

Susan M. Snell

Wumke Writes On

Editor:

Greetings and salutations. Wumke with you for the last time this term. You'll undoubtedly all miss me for the next month or so, but try to hold out. I shall return.

First of all, I would like to compliment the Resident Student Council on a fine Novemberfest. It was one of the best planned and best attended functions RSC has ever put on. A good time was had by all who attended. You may have seen me there but not recognized me. I was the guy in the funny little hat with the feather on top. We hope that more activities of a similar character will be carried out in the future.

Secondly, I would like to thank all of you who did not vote in November 4 general elections. It is my strong belief that you, along with approximately half of the rest of our voting age population who didn't bother, played a strong part in the victories of every candidate I supported. I am perfectly content to make these choices without your help. I think I am competent enough to make decisions concerning your future. I think I know what's best for a nation. But you know, so did Adolph Hitler.

I hope that all of you have a very nice Thanksgiving, a productive deer season, a merry Christmas, and a happy New Year. And I pray that the holidays will be safe for everyone. Old Leonard wants to see you back for more fun and adventures next term.

As for myself, I think I'll party it up a bit with I.M. Fedup and Captain S.C. Anon (the college revolutionary) over break. They're my type of good ole' boys.

It's been a nice term and a good year so far in beautiful south-central Pennsylvania. I hope you're all having a great time. I know I am! And now I'd like to leave you this term with a little anecdote y'all can think about: Once upon a time, a Teddy Bear and a duck were taking a bath together. The Teddy Bear said, "Pass me the soap," and the duck said, "What do you think I am -- a radio?"

And to think people like me will be running this country someday! I'll be checking in later. Until next term, I remain

LEONARD WUMKE

An Incred-ible Policy

Editor:

I am sure no educational system is perfect in every detail, but since I am a seventh-term student at Penn State, I feel it is time to comment on a problem existing here.

It is understandable that Penn State will question whether certain courses from other schools are worth accepting. I cannot, however, comprehend why a branch campus of the system would

reject credits taken at another PSU campus. I fail to see the logic in this.

I am a victim of this credit transferring dilemma. The admissions office here at Capitol required a specific math course that was missing from my transcript. Until I can meet this standard, I have been accepted under the Provisional status. This "negative" status was not due to a deficiency gradewise, but because the admission requirements demand a certain math course.

Why can't all Penn State credits taken in an Associate Degree program be transferrable to other branch campuses?

Another student in the same situation transferred to Indiana University of Pennsylvania without any hassles in regard to a math "deficiency." The administration here would probably be quick to respond that Penn State is a much higher institution academically than I.U.P. The fact is, the logic in transferring credits from one Penn State campus to another is both hard to detect and hard to explain.

Also, it is impossible to receive an Associate Degree from PSU and transfer those credits to the Main Campus to apply toward a Bachelor's Degree. The reason for this is that the 800-level courses in the two-year program do not exist at University Park. A student with these courses would need to spend up to an additional three terms correcting the missing courses numbered in the 800's taken at a branch campus. Why is this the case?

It is evident that one person alone cannot change the bureaucracy of Penn State. It does seem, however, that other students suffer from problems similar to mine. If only their anger could be shown effectively, maybe this issue of transferring credits could be resolved.

Steve Early

Who Cares?

Editor:

I am addressing a problem that is widespread at Capitol Campus -- APATHY.

The apathy of the students of Capitol Campus has been evident in the lack of participation in events and lack of initiation of events. This problem plagues all of our school's clubs and organizations.

Perhaps this lack of interest is best illustrated in the recent SGA election of Junior senators and constitutional plebiscite on Tuesday, November 4th.

There are 1324 students qualified to vote, yet only 125 cast their ballots. Not only was there a small number of voters, but a small number of candidates as well. The elections had to be postponed since there was only one junior senator application.

Why is there so little participation when a candidate is virtually assured of running without opposition? (Does anyone realize that holding an SGA office looks good on a resume???) Currently, three junior senate positions are available.

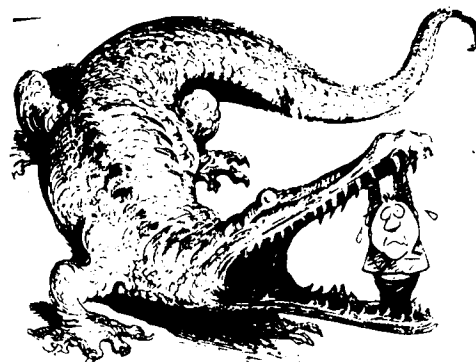
Only 69 of the 79 votes were in favor of approving the amended Student Government Association Constitution. Since a vote of 10 percent of the student body is needed to pass this revised edition of the Constitution, the Constitution of the previous Student Government remains in effect because of this poor voter turnout.

The revision was desirable because of the inconsistencies and flaws in the present Constitution. The Revision Committee devoted many weeks to revise this document, and was frustrated by the lack of student response in the constitutional plebiscite. How can students be so apathetic concerning the document that governs them?

Perhaps the election was not well-publicized. At any rate, it is to be hoped that future elections will have motivated students who are willing to participate.

Maybe one day students will quit asking what their school can do for them and do something to improve Capitol Campus conditions. Capitol Campus will benefit from the help.

Michelle Toole



C.C. Reader To Lose Dedicated Activities Editor

The C.C. Reader would like to thank Linda Lightner for being a good activities editor. Linda, who graduates from Capitol this term, has essentially been the backbone of the C.C. Reader during crucial moments by organizing the Calendar of Events, typing correspondence, and doing general typesetting, editing, and layout. Her dedication has been extremely appreciated.

Linda's work with the Calendar of Events has been a successful attempt to provide a community service by instilling an "awareness of community activities" in the minds of Capitol Campus students.



Junior John Negri is carried away by paramedics after putting his hand through a window at Church Hall on November 14, 1980

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