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Cecil B. DeMille would have been proud

## Inauguration Analysis



"The plane is at the end of the runway." Photo by Brian Downey

By Brian Downey

An estimated 140,000 people attended the ten million-dollar extravaganza, the 50th inauguration.

About 18,000 people attended the Frank Sinatra "All-Star Inaugural Gala," held Monday night at the Capital Center. Thousands danced at ten invitation-only inaugural balls held throughout Washington. Tickets started at \$500. Many paid \$25 and more for a seat in the bleachers that lined the inaugural parade route.

The setting of the inaugural ceremonies differed greatly from its predecessor, when Jimmy Carter shunned tradition and walked the parade route. Willie Nelson and the Charlie Daniels Band were replaced by Sinatra and Dino Martin. Pomp and Ceremony are back. The inaugural was very reminiscent of a coronation.

The inauguration was overshadowed, intertwined, and upstaged by concern over the release of the 52 American hostages. It was the biggest news day since the Three Mile Island accident, and comparable to a lunar landing in initial impact.

At 9:30 a.m., before entering St. John's Episcopal Church, the President-elect was asked by reporters if there were any new developments in the hostage situation. He replied, "The plane is at the end of the runway." It was not until 30 minutes into the Reagan administration that the hostages actually left Iran.

Reagan made his first act as president one hour after the inauguration—a freeze on federal hiring. This is only a glimmer of things to come, and the beginning of the fulfillment of his campaign promise to whittle away the federal government's involvement in social problems, education, and energy.

There were many older, well-dressed people among the masses, as one would expect. But there was a younger, suburban presence wearing Reagan-Bush inaugural buttons. They took Metro buses in from McLean, Arlington, and Falls Church, and dressed as if they were going to see "Urban Cowboy" or a Billy Joel concert, thus lending credence to the emerging conservative attitude of middle-class youth today.

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### Talk Of The Town-ley

## Library Renovation

The Richard H. Heindel Library is in the process of an extensive renovation designed to increase shelving space by 20 percent and to provide additional study environments for library users, according to Head Librarian Charles Townley.

The most noticeable change is that the interior walls in the new reference and periodicals areas have been removed, creating open space across the entire width of Main Building's east wing.

"One of our primary goals is to create a library atmosphere — a sense that the Heindel Library is, in fact, a library, rather than a series of rooms," Mr. Townley says. "The renovated library will feature several new study environments which, we trust, will be more conducive to human space needs for study and research."

"Tearing down the walls also has practical effects," he adds. "The reference and periodicals collections are now unified and shelving can grow by 20 percent."

When the renovation is finished, he adds, "we will have two lounge areas — with lounge furnishings — in periodicals and reference. We'll also have three group study rooms where small groups can gather for discussions without disturbing others." The library will also install carpeting in the central passageway and in the lounge areas — for reasons of noise control as well as aesthetics.

Central to the renovation, he notes, will be the creation of a Heindel Room, an area to house the late Dr. Heindel's materials and, perhaps, some special collections. Special furniture for the room will be ordered as well.

The microfilm area has been removed from the reading room, "which should now be a much quieter place to study," Mr. Townley adds.

Library faculty and staff members will benefit from centralized work areas. And several library faculty members will have offices for their own research and study.

"Although renovation plans for The Heindel Library had been approved last year," Mr. Townley says, "work was able to start on Dec. 8 with the receipt of \$12,000 worth of free shelving from the Delaware County Campus."

"To that, we have been able to add the more than \$8,000 in gifts from the Heindel Memorial Fund, plus a grant of \$3,600 from the Capitol Campus Engineering Alumni Society and a grant of \$5,000 from the University's undesignated gifts fund. The remainder is coming from the non-book (operating) budgets of the library."

The funds supporting the renovations, he says, do not affect the budget for book and periodical acquisitions. "The effect in the long run, however, will allow us to shelve approximately 185,000 volumes—about 30,000 more than we have now. Thus, we will not be forced to discard as many marginally useful books."

Structural changes should be complete by Jan. 31. The entire project, including furniture, won't be completed until later this year.

In addition to the improved study climates, the library will be offering two new services sometime this winter, Mr. Townley adds: the circulation of microfiche and portable microfiche readers and online bibliographic database searching.

### In W-205

## Campus Currents

By Dave Caruso

An endless number of phone calls reach the Capitol Campus Relations office daily. They range from requests for course information and questions about enrollment procedures to an occasional errant request for lottery results. Though such a service alone would seem to require the attention of an entire staff, it is but one of the many tasks for which the Campus Relations Office is responsible.

The Campus Relations Office, located in W-205 of the Main Building, is staffed by four regular employees, as well as several work-study students. Roger Williams, Campus Relations Director, heads the office while working closely with Theodore L. Gross, provost and dean at Capitol. In addition to Williams, the office staff is comprised of Public Information Assistant, Sherry Janis; Jane Kinsey; and secretary, Judy Shenk.

In the words of Williams, his office exists mainly to increase the visibility and enhance the reputation of Capitol Campus. Says Williams, "We are striving to establish a major university presence here on campus. We want to make people aware of the excellence of our faculty, our various programs of

study, and the numerous activities and public service events that take place."

Williams notes that one-third of the university's funds come directly from taxpayers' money. "For this reason," he says, "I feel a responsibility to keep the public informed about Capitol."

Williams and his staff go about their job from various angles. For starters, they regularly send out news releases to about 150 local news media and other interested parties.

Undoubtedly, the relationship with the media is crucial. "The Campus Relations Office is Capitol's liaison with the media people," says Janis. Williams, himself a former reporter, advocates a policy he calls "immediate response." "I can sympathize with reporters. They have deadlines to meet, so whenever I'm contacted by a member of the press, I'll drop whatever I'm doing and give my assistance," he says.

In addition to news releases, the Campus Relations Office is responsible for preparing brochures for the various academic departments at Capitol. "We also do a little advertising," points out Janis. "Our ads are mainly promotions for courses we will be offering and that we feel have some public interest."

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