

Editorial / Opinion

Spring Editorial

As we begin another term at Capitol Campus, it is relevant to turn our thoughts to subjects relating to the campus, academic and otherwise.

Book Store: Incompetent Management? A Penny For Your Thoughts, Kistler

In the last edition of the C.C. Reader, the Book Store was the subject of a "Student Service Series." It should be noted, however, that the consensus of students is that the Book Store actually provides a disservice. A poor selection of items, narrow aisles which do not permit the comfortable passage of two people simultaneously, and exorbitant prices are a few of the biggest problems, some of which may perhaps be attributed to insufficient shelf space.

Unquestionably, though, the biggest problem with the Book Store is its manager, William E. Kistler. It seems to many that Kistler prides himself on making his miserable presence known to all—employees and customers alike. His crude habits of embarrassing his employees by chastising and scoffing at them in front of customers is unprofessional as well as downright uncalled-for. And by declining to be interviewed and refusing to be photographed by the C.C. Reader, Kistler once again demonstrated his almost total uncooperation and inconsideration to those around him. It is instances such as these that cause many to regard him as a totally disagreeable old man. Indeed, he doesn't even have the time of day for many people; after all, that would require talking in a friendly tone of voice.

In an effort to combat Kistler's incompatibility with human beings, students should make all future purchases in the Book Store as few and far between as possible. And when it is necessary to patronize this establishment, students should pay solely with pennies. By doing this, we'll see how Kistler likes the shoe on the other foot: the students being uncooperative and working in opposition to him for a change.

Vandalism: Sign Of The Times ?

The disappearance of several stop signs and other road markers indicates the lack of maturity in those students who regard the signs as nothing more than swell souvenirs or room decorations. The removal and disfiguration of these signs

should be halted immediately, because a serious accident could result from a motorist's inability to see—and properly obey—their instructions.

Also, the breaking of windows, primarily in the doors of the Main Building, must be ceased. Not only is the shattered glass a health hazard, but it detracts from the building's appearance, especially when the damage is in the front.

Students are asked to remember that when they commit an act of vandalism, the cost will eventually be paid by them, through university funds. So vandals take note: the money you save will be your own.

A Litter-ary Topic

The growing amount of debris everywhere on campus does not say much for its inhabitants. The amount of litter on campus has been increasing more rapidly than Randy Lerch's E.R.A., and students must make an honest attempt to stop this filthy habit before it is too late. Please dispose of your litter properly: a clean campus represents clean occupants.

At Least It Won't Stick To The Roof Of Your Mouth

The nationwide shortage of peanuts, created by the severe drought conditions last summer, has made peanut butter a rarity. That is, everywhere but Capitol Campus. The innovative uses created for peanut butter in the Dining Hall are definitely to be marveled at. Peanut butter icing on any and all kinds of cake, peanut butter ice cream, and peanut butter "brownies" are among the most ingenious.

What is remarkable, however, is not the uses of the peanut butter, but rather, the source of it. How is the Dining Hall able to consistently obtain such large amounts of the stuff, when the rest of the civilized world cannot afford enough to make a few sandwiches?

A new alternative to peanut butter is currently being marketed, in lieu of the peanut shortage. This new substitute is sunflower seed spread. If worse comes to worse, and the Dining Hall is unable to obtain its usual outrageous supply of peanut butter, we dread the thought of sunflower seed substitutes with our meals. Peanut butter cake is bad enough: sunflower ice cream is going too far. Ugh!

Wake Up—It's 630 AM

The operation and maintenance of WNDR, Capitol Campus' student radio station, is made possible by the hard work and dedication of several members of the staff. Through their efforts, WNDR has grown into a radio station which is entertaining as well as informative.

However, the audience is nowhere near as big as it should be. For instance, a WNDR deejay recently commented that during his three-hour show one evening, he received but one phone call requesting a song. This lack of participation by students is deplorable.

Students are urged to tune in to WNDR-630 on your AM dial—to hear good music, while at the same time keeping abreast of C.C. activities. Remember, WNDR is your radio station: it's the only station you'll ever need.

--William J. Neil

A Total Washout

There is an ongoing problem concerning Meade Heights residents which should be brought to the attention of Housing and Food Services officials. Namely, it is the "Suds City" laundromat located on Weaver Avenue.

To have but one laundromat—consisting of six washers and six dryers—for the entire population of Meade Heights is hard to understand. The situation is especially questionable when compared to the dormitories, where the same number of washers and dryers is provided in each building. The result is that, while dorm students can do their wash virtually any time they wish, Meade Heights residents are frequently forced to wait in line. Indeed, on Fridays and Saturdays, the crowds are reminiscent of Beaver Stadium on a Saturday afternoon in the fall.

In addition to the obvious deficiency of the amount of washers and dryers, rarely does a week go by when at least one machine isn't broken. Granted, some of the breakdowns can be attributed to abuse by students, but the machines should be checked regularly for problems. This does not seem to be the case now, since broken washers sometimes go unrepaired for days at a time.

Since "Suds City" is now open from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. daily, it would not be feasible to request that it be kept open more. After all, who would want to do his wash at 3:00 in the morning? The answer, if at all possible, would be to install a second laundromat on the far end of Meade Heights. The erection of "Suds City II" would cut down considerably the inconveniences that presently exist.

--Dave Caruso

Volume 14, No. 1

c.c. reader

Pennsylvania State University
Capitol Campus
Middletown, PA 17057
Office - W-129
Phone -- (717) 944-4970

April 2, 1981

Published biweekly by the students of The Capitol Campus of The Pennsylvania State University in Middletown, Pennsylvania.

The C.C. Reader has the following four-fold purpose: [1] to keep students informed about their campus community; [2] to provide editorial comment on issues facing the campus community; [3] to serve as a forum for student poetry, photographs, graphics, and other creative endeavors; [4] to serve as a learning mechanism for all students interested in the journalistic process. This includes reporting, editing, layout, typesetting, and paste-up.

Editor in Chief
Harry H. Moyer

Assistant Editors
David J. Caruso
William J. Neil

Contributing Editor - Susan M. Snell Sports Editors - Darrell Reider
Photography Editor - Mark W. Clauser Kevin Spiegel
Activities Editor - Keith N. Gantz

Staff - Kathy Kern, Yvonne Harhigh, John G. Harvey

Faculty Advisors - Dr. Donald Alexander, Monica O'Reilly

The opinions expressed in this paper are those of the author and are not necessarily the opinions of the students, faculty, staff, or administration of The Pennsylvania State University.

Circulation 2500

The C.C. Reader welcomes letters from readers. Letters intended for publication should indicate the writer's college affiliation, if any. All letters must be signed by the writer. Unsigned letters cannot be printed. However, a writer's name may be withheld upon request. Letters should be legible (preferably typewritten, double spaced); and any material that is libelous or does not conform to the standards of good taste will be edited and/or rejected.

Editorial Editors

The Assistant Editors shall serve as Editorial Editors for the remainder of the academic year.