

Editorial/Opinion

The First Editorial

Nothing Personal, But...

The morning sun peeps through the small, barred opening that is meant to serve as a window in the dark, gloomy cell. The convicted killer dolefully opens his eyes, fully expecting this to be his last day on Earth.

Miles away, unbeknownst to this pitiful prisoner, the harried governor reaches for his phone. The decision had been a tough one, but he finally made up his mind. He would give the murderer a last-minute stay of execution.

But alas! We at Capitol Campus are not as fortunate. A new school year is upon us, whether we like it or not.

Like the annual goings-on in the New York Yankee organization, the C.C. Reader is under new management. Gone is the Harry H. Moyer era. And while the editorship is undoubtedly the most noticeable change, there are others. For one, Ms. Monica O'Reilly has assumed the role of faculty advisor for the paper. Also, Roger Williams, the former Campus Relations Director, has gone on to greener pastures. We wish him well and we hope to work as well with his successor, Michael Breslin, as we did with Roger.

We at the Reader would like to begin our year by announcing some new policies. We are confident that these changes will make our system more efficient in the long run, thus benefitting the campus community.

Haste Makes Waste

As many of you probably have seen, an unscheduled issue of the Reader was published on September 20. We want to make it clear that this was not the work of our regular staff. The administration, in its infinite wisdom, decided that an "Orientation Issue" was in order, come hell or high water.

Although we were not responsible for the finished product, preferring instead to maintain our original publication schedule, we nevertheless feel obligated to apologize to those readers who expressed dissatisfaction with it. In fact, we agree with them. We hope to maintain our usual high standards in the future, beginning with this issue.

Clubbin' Around Campus

Since the C.C. Reader plays a vital role in publicizing campus events--many of which are sponsored by clubs--we feel that it would not be warranted to change the modest rates which we now charge clubs. Thus, all campus organizations will continue to receive our local advertising rates.

In the past, some clubs have not come across with the dough, so to speak. We feel that punishing the current officers of negligent clubs would be both unfair and illogical. Therefore, All clubs will start the year with a clean slate. Ads will be accepted as long as an individual club does not have an outstanding debt of longer than a month. There will be no exceptions. We are also happy to print any club news, providing it is kept to a maximum of two pages and is handed in prior to the deadline.

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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, cartoons, 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.

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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.

While it is one of the purposes of this paper to promote student participation, we nevertheless find it necessary to put a ceiling on the amount of personals in our classified section. Actually, we are not changing the policy; we are merely enforcing it. The rule clearly states, "Each student is entitled to one message, not to exceed thirty words, per issue." That is all well and good, if people adhere to it. Last year we were flooded with such a deluge of personal messages--numbering well into the 200's in our last issue--that even poor Noah himself would have been overwhelmed by the tempest.

In order to correct this horrid predicament, we have taken the following new measures to enforce the old rules. To wit: All classified ads intended for publication must be legibly written on separate sheets of paper. (Notice the emphasis on the word "paper." That is because--believe it or not--we have received messages scribbled on such materials as fragments of napkins and toilet paper.) They must include your signature and student number, and should be no longer than thirty words. Sorry, but to accommodate more students, no exceptions can be made.

It's Later Than You Think

In order to avoid a last-minute bombardment, we ask that any and all materials intended for publication be submitted the Friday before each issue. Anything received after Friday will be held for the next issue, unless previous arrangements have been made.

Letters, We Get Letters

The C.C. Reader welcomes any written response from our readers. All letters must be signed, though names will be withheld from publication upon request. They should be labeled, "Letters To The Editor," and can be dropped off in our office in W129 or in our mailbox.

Some Stupid Comments

Across the page you will see a column devoted to curing the ills of the world. Well, not exactly the world. But at least the environs of Capitol Campus. So if you're baffled by a problem, no matter how big or small, no matter how bizarre or unbizarre, send it to us. No matter how trivial it may seem to you, it will be every bit as trivial to us. You can drop off your questions at the Reader office or give them to Bill or Dave.

Conclusion... At Last!

We would like to end this editorial by wishing everyone a successful year. Let's have a lot of student feedback in the C.C. Reader. Like our prisoner on Death Row, we're still here; let's make the best of it!

