

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

While there are some positive aspects of the dropping of parking fees on campus, I cannot help thinking about the negative implications, particularly since the September 17 Capital Times article suggests that the result is an "improvement in the quality of student life."

I do not believe that the replacement of walking, bicycling, or skateboarding with fuel-burning, pollution-belching cars is an improvement in anyone's life. Perhaps there were a few on-campus students who used their own locomotion because of the \$15 fee, and now we have removed that hindrance. Instead of a campus beautified by people walking about, we have effectively encouraged the opposite. If we had a parking lot adjacent to the new sculpture garden, I'm sure that people would drive to it. Maybe we could start something - a drive-in art exhibit!

Need I mention the insanity of driving the few blocks from the dorms or the Heights instead of walking? Not only do our bodies and minds suffer, but those of our children and generations to come. I suspect some on-campus students (and faculty) drive their cars to the gym to exercise.

Come on Capital College, let's demonstrate our intellect and awareness.

Andrew Lau

Dear Editor,

As a born-again Christian, I very much disapprove of your paper advertising abortion services as you have your last two issues. I compliment Scott Klinger for his letter to the editor in the last issue where he pointed out that there are alternatives. I agree with him that either the abortion advertisement should not be put in your paper or that the alternatives should also be put in your paper.

Bill Schroeder - President
Powerhouse Fellowship

Dear Editor

In your editorial of September 17 on the University's new alcohol policy, you stated that, in your judgement, the primary intent of the policy is to protect the University from legal liability in cases of student alcohol abuse. This viewpoint may have considerable appeal among those who, unfortunately, may not be fully aware of the University's considerable efforts to deal comprehensively with the dangers of alcohol and drug use and abuse. The considerable attention given to the new regulation changes may have overshadowed these positive efforts some of which have been ongoing and others which have yet to be developed. These efforts are being undertaken to fulfill the University's obligation, as an educational institution, to provide the means for persons to

make educated decisions about the use of alcohol and other potentially dangerous substances (see President Dr. Bryce Jordan's statement which accompanied your editorial).

In keeping with the charge of the University, earlier this month I was asked to initiate a special project on substance abuse on our campus. The purposes of this project are to identify those areas where we need to create awareness of the effects of substance use and abuse, to develop effective ways with University and community resources to help individuals obtain treatment for both alcohol and drug-related problems.

In undertaking this project, I am seeking input and assistance from all members of the Capital College community--especially from students. Let me take this opportunity to invite both individuals and groups of students to meet with me to see how we can work together effectively as a concerned community to deal with these problems.

If we all stop for a moment to think about the issues, how they affect us as a community and how best we can work together, our efforts will have a far better chance of success. Please feel free to contact me in the Counseling Center, Olmsted Building, W-117 or call me at 948-6025.

Sincerely,
Ed Beck
Counselor

WNDR Elects Officers

The Capital College radio station Thursday, Sept. 25th, elected new officers for the 1986-87 year.

After reviewing the responsibilities of and qualifications for each position, ballots were distributed to 30 students who attended the meeting.

Students voted for Station Manager, Luke Hess; Assistant Station Manager, Bob Derk; Personnel Director, Mark Coldren; Music Director, Joe Anderson; Program Director, John Bucanelli; Business

Director, Jon Geissler; Chief Engineer, John Gerthoffer; and News Director, Kevin Brown.

Each officer will be responsible for creating the staff needed to carry out the functions of the department.

Officers will be working with Capital College administrators to plan a strategy for placing the newly renovated WNDR in operation again. A survey will be conducted to learn what students and faculty desire from WNDR, and a proposal will be made for funds to purchase new broadcasting equipment.

WNDR meets each Thursday at 12:00 noon in room E202, Olmsted Building.

Library Study Shows Need For Facility

By Tom Boyle

A plan to lay-out needs and basic requirements of a new Capital College library was completed in Mid-September.

The plan, developed by the Strategic Planning Task Force on a New Library Facility, is going to require support on numerous local and state levels before it could become a reality.

"It would have to be a high priority for the campus, students, faculty, and administration," said Dr. Charles Townley, Library Division Head.

There appears a need for a new building as expansion of the current facility would be inefficient.

"There are three basic needs for

a new facility," said Townley.

First, in accordance with the number of academic programs offered by the Capital College the library should contain approximately 350,000 volumes.

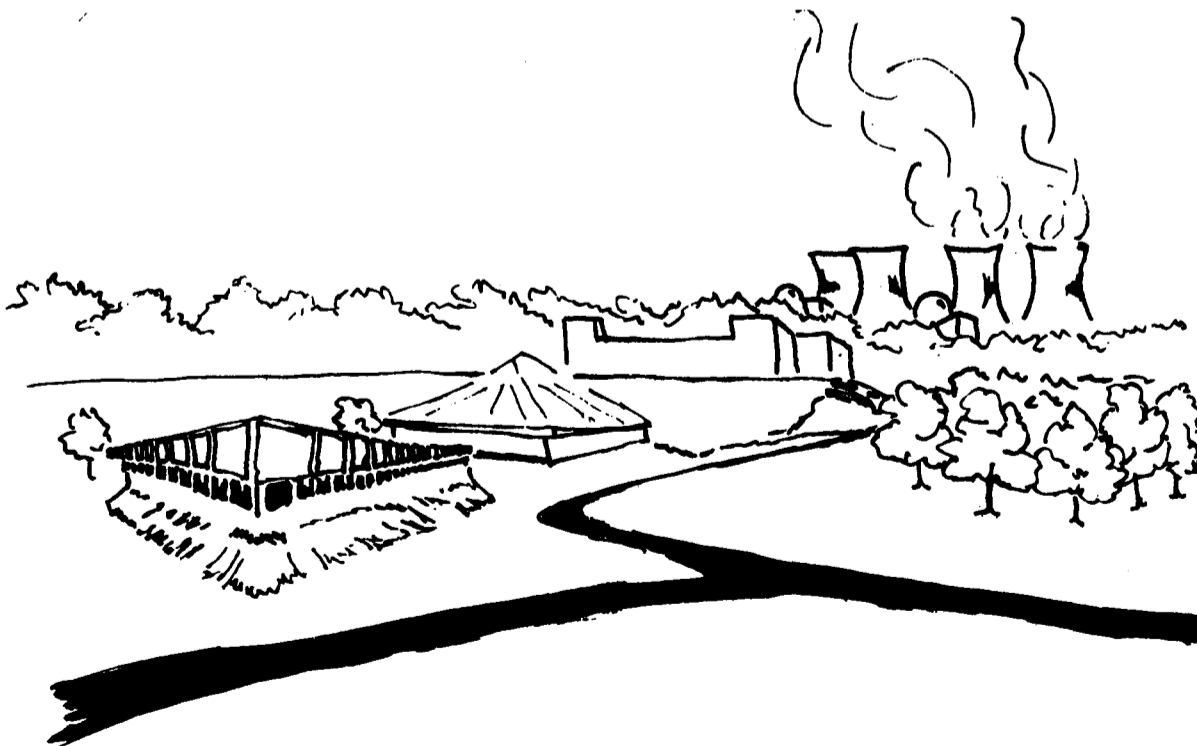
Second, a college should be able to seat 20 percent of the student body and current seating capacity is less than five percent.

Finally, the present facility is unable to handle the electronic information systems that are needed for future growth.

This month, an addition to the library's staff will allow them to become better prepared to use the computer software that is already in use at other libraries.

The Heindel Library currently has the capacity for six computer terminals that will eventually provide students with access to generic software.

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"... finally, don't dump your lab chemicals down the lab sink drains. The University doesn't want to be responsible for contaminating Middletown's water supply."