Letters to the Editor

Is Efficiency the Goal of Human Endeavor? Dear Editor:

Well, here I go again. Sometimes I feel like the only person left alive (or mobile) who likes to walk. I'm referring to the article titled "Proposed Library Learning Center Comes Under Firc," and the question of the proposed location of the building. I find Student Court Chief Justice Todd Hammaker guilty of my own point of view. extreme laziness and rationalization. Mr. Hammaker claims that "half of the time (of a free class period) will be spent going there (the new library) and back (to the Olmsted Building)." It just so happened that I picked up the paper while leaving Olmsted to walk (heaven forbid!) to the CRAGS Building. Being an engineer led me to perform a quick experiment. First, I checked my watch as I passed the current library. Then, I tried to walk at a pace that a student would if headed somewhere to study. Upon arriving at the CRAGS Building, the total elapsed time was 3 minutes and 35 seconds. Assuming a 50 minute class and two 10 minute periods for transfer, a round-trip walk would take 7 minutes and 10 seconds, or 10% of the available time. Considering the increased alertness from the fresh air and the enjoyment of the short walk, I conclude that there would be little net impact on "efficiency." I suggest that Mr. Hammaker (and those with similar concern) read one of the books mentioned in the same issue of the Capital Times, Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance. Machines can be made more efficient, but is efficiency the goal of human endeavor?

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Student Finds Not Everyone Is Rude

of letters concerning the quality

of the office people and ad-

ministrators we find here at

Capital College. I do not wish to

oppose or ridicule the attitudes

written, but to merely present

if there are any serious abridge-

ments of our rights, but re-

well. We do not show our best

sides to everyone we meet and

work with at all times, so why

should a secretary be expected to

do so every minute of the day?

Blame it on gas or indigestion,

I feel it is proper for us

and offer her a Tums or Rolaids established bureaucratic proceout of consideration. dure, which is the path they felt I would like to add my More importantly, we it necessary to follow, as one deown two cents to the recent spate

should recognize excellence when railment usually leads to morewe see it. My nomination would and could be possibly disasbe for Mrs. Flo Salinger, who is trous. temporarily in Dr. Townley's Mrs. Salinger has one

didn't descend to her level." Try merely discharging the duties to figure out why the lady is given to them. It is very difficult

position as administrative head valuable trait that made the of Heindel Library. I had turned resolution of my problem so held by any of those who have in a book, and a misunder- agreeable: empathy, or the standing resulted when it was ability to place herself in misplaced somewhere within the another's position and thus feel confines of the library. The cost her duty more keenly. This to examine the nature of those I was assessed for it was con- allows her to treat those she we are dealing with, and report it siderable, so I sought out Mrs. deals with as equals, which any Salinger. I found her willing to good secretary or administrator listen to me, impartial, and will do, rather than hide behind gardless of the way we are exceedingly polite. In short order an egotistical disdain for those treated, we should always try to the book was located, the entire who come to them for help, behave in a polite, Christian process by which it was found which the more venal types will manner towards them. Try it explained to me upon its re- do when given any office, no sometime. If nothing else, you covery. I was even offered an matter how small, because it will have the satisfaction of apology, which I thought was makes them feel larger than they being able to say, "At least I unnecessary, as these ladies were truly are. So hats off to Mrs. Salinger!

So don't forget these behaving in the manner she is as to derail oneself from the track of two things. Compliment those who do well, and behave cheerfully towards our administrative personnel. They may reciprocate. And if they don't, that smile on your face will drive them crazy.

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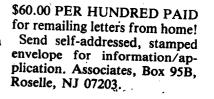
Blumberg

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most about what's going on. I tend to be involved with broad policy issues and not . . . scheduling of individual programs. Again, we have eight hundred and some students and ... six majors right now, and I'm just not in touch with all of them. But we have people who are," said Blumberg. He said that these other outlets include the advising center and Beth Jones. coordinator of undergraduate Business programs.

Dr. Khosrowpour said that many minor problems can be solved by going to the advising center or Beth Jones, and he added that there are six program chairs with expertise in their respective fields. Of Dr. Blumberg, Khosrowpour said, "He's the last person, you know, that you should go to. . . . You go to see him when you [have] exhausted all your other resources."

[Part II, covering the February 4 forum, will be in the March 18 issue of the Capital Times.]





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