

Don't just kvetch about it--do something!!!

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The summer of '93 is burned in melanin tracks across the exposed sections of my body. I spent the days and nights scrambling together facts and figures for my masters production. For comic relief (when things get too hectic for my brain to organize) I always turn to the editorial pages of the local fishwrapper. I make it a point to disallow seventy percent of what I read in the commercial news because of my healthy dose of skepticism, and I don't believe a damn thing I see on the telly 'cause I know deep in my heart of hearts there are legions of accountants hounding the "news" people to improve "the numbers." But let us backtrack to the hard copy folks from Harrisburg.

Within a two week period the scions of the op-ed page of *The Patriot* bemoaned the fact that higher education hasn't a clue regarding the skills needed to survive in the real world and then

they snivel about the lack of literacy in adults in the U.S. Well, excuse me! What is it you guys

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want anyway?

If I read it right, the editorial presented on Tuesday, August 24 wonders aloud why no one is hearing the call for a three year college education. We know how easy it is to pay for school, buy books, pay your lab and "computer" fees, and then cover survival costs such as food/shelter/clothing, all this and more spread out over FOUR years is still a chore. Do you really want the opportunity to scramble year-round for three years then jump out to face the vagaries of the current job marketplace? I

admit to taking a few years off before finishing my bachelors degree, but when I returned to school I lit the candle at both ends and then took a torch to the middle just for spite.

So there I was, reading and writing my little buns off, learning how the process of critical thought

worked up close and personal, researching and integrating new concepts, discovering new twists on ideas that have survived for centuries, and in general cranking up my brain muscle to a new level of "ripped" when along comes some whiz from downtown to tell me my studies won't help me in the modern world.

I guess a working knowledge of the language gleaned from the careful scrutiny of the classics and several hundred years of western thought as exposed in all the lit courses I waded through is of no use to the company I eventually will work for. Perhaps the philosophic basis of our culture I was led to discover by several patient profs is ought for naught, who really needs to know WHY we do the things we do when HOW will suffice?

Statistics show us (those of us who were lucky enough to have

someone guide us through the dark and arcane forest of statland) the largest group of non-English speakers in the U.S. are conversing in a romance language based on one of those Ancient tongues, so I guess we don't need to know what those folks are saying 'cause they aren't in the majority and they don't own all the newspapers.

Yeah, that's it...just get the skills you need to do the job, (get in/sit down/and shut up) never mind the ability to question or reason or think independently. Spend your time learning the tools and forget about the big picture, we have ways of making you talk! Become a mindless consumer, the network folks know just what you need and just how!

Two weeks later on September 10, those same wise guys are whining that half the adult population of the U.S. is functionally illiterate. Big deal! When did you fellows first discover that your fellow citizens were the largest collection of dummies on the planet?

Whatsamatta, sales of your rag take a sudden nose dive? Somebody cut you off makin' an illegal left turn 'cause they couldn't read the sign? Sheesh! Yes, we have a literacy problem!!! Why don't you piss and moan and groan a little louder when the WAM funds dribble out?

Get some funds sent down to the local literacy project, or spend a few hours a week helping someone who wants to learn to read find their way around the public library (and don't get me started on funding for libraries, Tom Jefferson and Alex Hamilton would freak if they knew what we were doing to our repositories of knowledge). Get someone in your research section to dig up studies that correlate nutrition with scholastic ability then lambaste those politicos who would cut funding for school lunches (I had a vegetable on my fries last night; remember ketchup and Ronnies newthink on dietary concerns for school kids?).

Maybe you could explain the

generational gift of illiteracy, you know those folks who can't read so they can't help their kids with school work? Stir up the populace so they heave their televisions into appropriate recycling bins and go on a binge of reading and travel to discover more about the country they live in. Make it chic to be smart and not just in possession of lots of loot.

Sure, the business community complains they can't find literate workers, but if the experiences my friends who just graduated are any indication of the value placed on expensive and thorough education I have to remind you of the used cars sales associates' (please note PC title) credo: "Money talks and bullsh*t walks."

I'm a student so I have no answers, just an ever increasing list of questions that I will wrestle with in my own time. The rest of you will have to fend for yourselves but heed these words of wisdom taken from the long gone comic strip Pogo... I have met the enemy, and he is us.

NIGHT, from page 2

Pictures were developed by photo editor Michael Starkey and some of his photographers.

Over the weekend, Saturday and Sunday specifically, the paper was laid-out and pasted together.

First Person Perspective

In one corner of the office, a table is folded up and used as a paste-up board for copy. That's where Amy DeCubellis, a senior Accounting major, is working on a graphic for page 3.

The overall process may be linear, but the putting together of stories, columns, reviews, photographs and advertisements was not a linear process.

Trev Stair is creating different graphics--an advertisement for Matrix, making the staff box, and other tasks.

In another corner Mike Reteneller, Layout Director, is pasting copy on a page.

As each one encounters difficulty or needs input, they call out, "Michele" to summon the editor.

On a blackboard are written various tasks that must be performed, which are erased as they are completed. The blackboard also acts as a sort of scratch-pad for column names and headline ideas.

The hour grows late, but the work still needs to be done.

During a quick break, we go down to the basement to get snack food and drinks from the vending machines. On the way up, someone suggests writing a story, detailing how the issue was put together.

As I perform this task, the terminal I am using suddenly turns off.

Another frustration, but one we deal with.

The equipment is antiquated, but useable. The students wish for better equipment, but make do.

None of them earn any money for their work here, but that does not stop them from giving it their all.

"That's what blows me away," Michele Loeper says. "I know why I'm here."

She explains that while she made a commitment to be editor,

people who have only committed to writing have come to help put the paper together.

The staff orders out for pizza, pass disks back and forth on the computer table as they edit stories,

write headlines and create graphics for their issue.

When the laser printer spits out copy, who's ever closely hands it to the people who need it.

The Capital Union Building (CUB) Fall Schedule of Events

Clubs:

Volleyball Club
Capital Iron Weight Lifting Club
Personal Defense Club (learn Karate and self-defense)

Intramural Sports Schedule:

Sport	Starting Date
Coed Indoor Soccer	9/16
Coed Softball	9/14
Coed Beach Volleyball	9/25
Coed Racquetball	9/20
Coed Walleyball	9/27
Flag Football (men)	9/30
Table Tennis	11/13

All Intramural Sports and Clubs are still open. For further information call Ginny Hurst at the CUB 948-6266.

Facilities available:

Free weight room (upstairs)
New Nautilus room (downstairs) includes: Stair-climbers, rowing machines, tread mills, bicycles, and Nautilus equipment.

Racquetball Courts
Wallyball Court
Basketball Court
Ping Pong

All equipment is available at the CUB upon presentation of proper student ID.

Aerobics:

Aerobic Classes are held every Monday through Thursday upstairs in the CUB from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Facility Schedule and Hours:

Monday through Thursday	- 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Friday	- 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday	- 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday	- 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

ESCORT SERVICE

The Police Service will follow the time schedule set forth for the Fall Semester starting Monday, August 30, 1993 and ending Thursday, December 16, 1993. The times and locations listed below are pick-up and drop-off points:

Time	Location Pick-up/Drop-off
6:00 p.m.	Olmsted Building
6:10 p.m.	Wrisberg Hall
6:20 p.m.	Coffee House
6:30 p.m.	Police Services/CUB/ Educational Activities Bldg.
7:30 p.m.	Wrisberg Hall
7:40 p.m.	Coffee House
8:00 p.m.	Police Services/CUB/ Educational Activities Bldg.
8:10 p.m.	Wrisberg Hall
8:20 p.m.	Coffee House
8:30 p.m.	Olmsted Building
9:00 p.m.	Police Services/CUB/ Educational Activities Bldg.
9:10 p.m.	Olmsted Building
9:20 p.m.	Wrisberg Hall
10:00 p.m.	Coffee House
10:10 p.m.	Olmsted Building
10:20 p.m.	Wrisberg Hall
10:30 p.m.	Coffee House
10:40 p.m.	Police Services/CUB/ Educational Activities Bldg.
11:00 p.m.	Olmsted Building
11:10 p.m.	Wrisberg Hall
11:20 p.m.	Coffee House
Time	Finals Week (12/13 to 12/16)
12:00 a.m.	Olmsted Building
12:10 a.m.	Wrisberg Hall
12:20 a.m.	Coffee House

During finals week (12/13 - 16) the above times and stops will be added to the schedule.

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