

From the Editor's Desk....

## How Do You Like Us Now?

As last semester ended, I thought my time at the Capital Times was done for good. With two internships and three classes this semester, I couldn't see any way I would ever find the time to contribute to the school paper. How wrong I was.

How was I to know that, not only would I find myself here ordering Domino's night after endless night, but that I would be doing it as the new editor.

Well, there was really no way to know, of course. And no matter how much I might complain, or stress myself out, I love it. Okay, my secret's out. I actually enjoy making the decisions on who makes the front page, on what stories get printed, on what is news.

Not that I make those decisions alone. I've got a LOT of help. If I didn't, I'd probably be sitting in a corner somewhere sucking my thumb, and babbling about "blue lines" and "half-tones" by now.

The staff under me really are the ones that deserve the credit for making this paper a reality. They're the ones that keep me going, and keep the process moving along, even when I'm too bogged down to remember my name.

There are a lot of new names in the staff box this semester, and they're all names you'll be hearing a lot more of next year. Amy Fleagle and Danielle Hollister are my star reporters. They've got the determination to track down sources, and the natural talent to write the story everyone wants to read. Amy's a pretty mean copy editor, too, not to mention one of the fastest and most concise typists I know.

Joy Maatman and Angie Groft are a great duo, and two people I highly depend on. They are willing to do anything that's asked of them, no matter what their workload is. They're also guaranteed to pull me out of a stress fit, and into a party, whenever necessary.

Also around for comic relief are Joe Cawley and Ali Pirinccioglu (please don't ask me to pronounce it). They're my contacts into the music world, along with being my party contacts for Thursday nights. Joe's also our new cartoonist, with just the kind of twisted sense of humor we like around here. Ali does it all, from selling ads to writing articles. If there is any person on campus busier than me, it's got to be Ali. Just wait until I train him on layout, and give him even more responsibility. We'll be moving cots into the office soon.

Working on those ads with Ali is Tina Shearer, our "ad design goddess." Without Tina, there would be no paper. Well, okay, there would be, but we'd be broke, because we wouldn't have any ads to pay for our production costs.

Also invaluable to the paper is Priscilla Page, who doubles as a reporter and photographer. It would be a pretty boring rag without her. To keep everything in perspective, and remind us there is more going on in the world besides term papers and pop quizzes, we've got Jeff Wittmaier, who keeps us abreast of current events both on campus and off. Check out his column on the baseball strike, and the NCAA Finals. I think you'll find it to your liking.

So what's the point of all this? Just a little introduction, to let you get to know us. We may not be the most consistent group on campus, and we're not going to get the 6 issues we had hoped for out to you. But we will get out as many as we can. We're already working on the next and, if all goes better than it did this time, you'll be reading it real soon. At this point Erik Hein, last semester's editor, has been coming in to do layout for us, because we aren't experienced enough to do it on our own yet. That will change in the very near future. Once it does, Erik will still be around for emergencies, but, with more people able to do the designing of the pages, we'll have a greater amount of flexibility in our working times. That means we can publish more papers, and you'll have more to read. So, for now, please just bear with us. As the saying goes, "Rome wasn't built in a day." Neither is a newspaper. Good things are worth waiting for, or so they say. I personally have no patience. But, in this case, even I will wait it out, because the best is still to come. So, tell me, how you like us now?

## I Want "March Madness!"

A Plea to Baseball For Sanity

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Baseball, America's pastime? Not any longer, if the players and owners can't settle their differences soon. The popularity of both professional and college basketball are on the rise. Hockey has settled and the fans have returned. Meanwhile the baseball dispute continues, and no "real" (as opposed to "replacement") games are in sight.

Nothing could ever stop baseball. World War I couldn't stop it. The Great Depression wasn't great enough to stop baseball. As a matter of fact players' salaries rose during that time. When asked how he felt about making more money than the President, Babe Ruth, in a famous remark said: "Hey, I had a better year than he did." World War II couldn't stop baseball either.

Baseball survived all of the world's turmoils and still continued to flourish. It seemed as if nothing could disrupt the National Pastime. A famous comic strip figure in the 1950's said: "We have seen the enemy and he is us." How prophetic a statement. As it turned out, baseball became its own worst enemy. The only thing that could stop baseball was baseball.

We now have millionaires arguing with multi-millionaires over how the money should be divided. In the movie *Field of Dreams* Shoeless Joe Jackson says: "I loved this game. I would have played for food money, heck I would have played for nothing." Never would you hear a player utter those words today. This is not to say I am taking the owner's side, because I'm not. I've got news for the owners—you don't own the teams, the fans do. As for the players—you don't make baseball, the fans do. And so far the fans are letting their frustrations be known by not showing up at spring training and by blasting the players on sports talk shows.

So the owners and players had better get their acts together or they are going to lose a generation of fans, if they haven't already!

Now moving to a brighter subject. March is upon us and that can mean only one thing "March Madness", college basketball's postseason.

Here are the teams that I think have the best shot at winning the National Championship. Let's start off with defending champion Arkansas. They may have faltered a little bit this season, but they are tournament tough and they know how to win the big game. They may have the nation's best 1-2 punch in Corliss Williamson and Scotty Thurman. Kansas is another team with a shot a going all

the way. They have a huge front court and one of the best back courts in the nation. Massachusetts has all of the talent in the world, with Marcus Camby and Lou Roe, but they have yet to prove they can win the big game in the NCAA tournament. Connecticut is as good as any team in the nation on some nights and on others they just seem to be out there. Luckily, for them, those nights have been few and far between. UConn has been unlucky in the tournament in previous years, but this could be the year for the Huskies. North Carolina is yet another team with a legitimate shot at winning the whole thing. They have one of the best starting fives in the country, but their bench will be their Achilles heel when tournament time comes. UNC simply gets no production from their bench. Kentucky is also another team that has to be contended with, they have great three point shooters and an outstanding coach in Rick Pitino who knows how to win. UCLA may finally be primed to win another National Championship, led by the O'Bannon brothers, Charles and Ed, and point guard Tyus Edney. Also don't count out Arizona. They haven't had a great regular season, but point guard Damon Stoudamire can make the difference in a one game showdown. Finally, last years' Cinderella at the "Sweet Sixteen", Maryland. They are led by Super Sophomore Joe Smith who is no ordinary Joe. Smith can do everything and has a great supporting cast around him. The Terps get great guard play from Johnny Rhodes and Duane Simpkins. Maryland starts three Juniors and two Sophomores, but they all play like Seniors.

As the saying goes, however, "any team can win on any given night." That has never been more true than this year, so don't be surprised if a team comes sneaking up and wins the whole thing. Among my dark horses this year are Virginia, even without Cory Alexander; Villanova, led by Kerry Kittles; Wake Forest; Michigan State, with player of the year candidate Shawn Respert; and Georgia Tech, with one of the nation's best point guards in Travis Best.

Now on to my player of the year candidates. Right now I think that Sophomore Joe Smith of the University of Maryland is the best player in the nation. He is among the leaders in scoring, rebounding, and shot blocking, plus he can run the court, shoot the three pointer and plays outstanding defense. Other players that will challenge for the award are Shawn Respert of Michigan State, Ed O'Bannon of UCLA, Rasheed Wallace of North Carolina and sneaking up on the pack is Kerry Kittles of Villanova.

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