

Opinion/Editorial

Dear Reader:

One thing's for certain; college life is seldom easy. As far as being a student, using the golden rule of study (3 hours of class preparation for every one hour of class time!) one is left with little more than a handful of highlighters and a well-worn notebook to show for their efforts. And for faculty, well, publish or perish seems to sum it up very well. In all, there seems to be little motivation step outside the mundanity that awaits down the stolid halls of education. Or is there?

Lo and behold, *The Capital Times*. Not here to whisk all your troubles away. We're too busy dealing with our own (Have you read the SGA guidebook lately?). What we do offer is a valuable outlet for thoughts, ideas, notions, etc. from faculty, staff, and students. It's a tough climb to respectability, we know that. And there's no guarantee that we'll ever get there. But where trying and we need your help.

Faculty: Have you no opinion? Almost all of you are called upon to present your thoughts in your respective fields. Sure there are publications like *Currents*, *Intercom* and *This Week* to sing your praises if that is all you seek. However, it is an injustice that either you make excuses for not submitting your work or opinions to *The Capital Times*, a student newspaper, or the fact is that kudos from such other publications will suffice. Where else but *The Capital Times* will you have such an arena for open discussion of issues that affect us all, campus related or not.

Students: I think we at *The Capital Times* have threatened and scolded enough trying to impress on you the fact that this is where your writing career begins. Say you're a writer do you? Then prove it. Because come shortly after this December of May when you graduate, someone in the "real" world is going to ask you to do just that.

For all you "Generation Xers" out there, nice job keeping up appearances. No one need wonder how much of their tuition goes to main campus, or where the thousands of dollars in parking fees goes. After all, there's nothing you can do about it anyway. Right?

Wrong. Ask questions. Get answers. *The Capital Times* offers you the opportunity to be heard on a grand scale. Take advantage of that opportunity. Write. Take Pictures. If you belong to a club become a correspondent. Faculty got an issue that came up in class that you want a larger discussion of, why not write us a letter. Contrary to the opinions of some on campus, *The Capital Times* is not about good news or bad news, it is simply about news and the value everyone gets out of the exchange of information that reflects on the lives of us all.

This is not an ultimatum, however, just like you we live busy lives and prefer to use our time effectively. Nevertheless, we see the importance of *The Capital Times* on campus and recognize it is a publication like no other. The raw materials are in place for *The Capital Times* to become an outstanding campus publication. We simply seek your involvement to help us grasp that opportunity.

Sincerely,

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