

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As I was perusing the August 28 edition of *The Capital Times*, I noticed that one of the students asked to respond to the "Speak Out" question commented on the library parking lot. She said that the lot was too small. I agree with this statement, but I have an additional problem with the parking lot. It is not paved. The new library opened in January, over eight months ago, and students are still headed off-road when they want to go to the library.

What I don't understand is why it has gone so long without being paved. It is not that difficult to pave a parking lot. It's done everyday, all over the world. Why couldn't it be paved over the summer? I am sure there was not an overabundance of people using the library that would cause them to be unable to pave it. Close the damn thing for a few days, pave it and get it over with.

I see that some gravel has been added to the entrance of the parking lot, which is a start, but it stops right before you turn to park and your library trip turns into an adventure. Anyone who has driven through

the library parking lot knows what I am talking about. A sport utility vehicle is necessary for trips to the library on rainy days. The enormous potholes hide underneath the puddles and before you know it, you are halfway to China. If you are bringing a small child to the library, I advise you to keep a firm grip on their hand because these potholes are capable of sucking them in for good.

I don't even want to hear the excuse of not having the funding. In the same issue of *The Capital Times*, there was an article on the front page titled "Tuition Increase Funds Improvements." Okay, let's use some of this money to improve the parking lot.

Last year, I wrote a letter to the editor of *The Capital Times* concerning the lack of certain books in the library. I was contacted by the library and they told me the books were ordered. Maybe this letter will stir something in the right person and we will see some pavement.

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Speak Out

speaks out . . .

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First, I can't take credit for *The Speak Out* question for this week. It was suggested in the spirit of FUN, which is how the majority of people polled reacted to it. The question turned out to be instrumental in illustrating the mindset of many of the students at this campus and possibly the populace at large.

Among the things I have learned in the few short weeks since stepping in as the *Speak Out* interviewer are always make sure you get the names and facts right, make sure the camera is loaded with film and that opinions on any given subject run the gamut of responses.

The surprising thing is that some of the people with the strongest opinions are often unwilling to share their views when they know that their name and picture will be published.

One student bent my ear for about fifteen minutes over what he would say to the new dean, but concluded that he only had one more semester to go and didn't want to make any problems for himself.

Another student thought this week's question demeaned the *Cap Times*. When I assured her this was the kind of contra-

versial reply we welcomed she still refused to consent to be included.

The old saying goes: opinions are like assholes, everyone has one and everyone else's stinks. I would like to add, they all need to be aired from time to time and *Speak Out* gives the perfect opportunity to do so.

The last time I checked Capital Campus was still a part of the United States, and although Janet Reno may send troops storming into private citizen's homes in the middle of the night Madelyn Hanes is not bloody well likely to send security to Meade Heights over something someone said in the *Cap Times*.

De gustibus non est disputandum. If what you say has merit, people will recognize and respect it. If what you say is frivolous, people will ignore it. So, the next time I come at you with my camera, speak up for *Speak Out*.

As for answering my own questions, I would like to say to Dr. Hanes: "Welcome! New blood is exactly what this campus needs, especially someone who has shown herself to be accessible, approachable and gracious to students as well as faculty." As for underwear: my panty lines and tan lines don't always match.

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