

EDITORIAL OPINIONS

In The Long Run



*From the desk
of the S.G.A.*

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Make It Great!!

The Highacres Library could very well become non-existent within the near future. A library needs books to operate and without books it has no purpose. Of the total number of 30,139 books collected in the library since its construction, 520 books have been stolen. This amount will increase to an even greater proportion unless drastic changes are made to prevent such thefts.

During the Fall of 1976, Mary Ferry, Highacres Library librarian, instituted a possible solution to this problem. She began a manual check-out system at the door of the Library. Seven months later, however, this system has proven to be ineffective in preventing thefts.

Also, this time-consuming system employs clerks who must inspect every article that leaves the Library. Ferry said that the

Library could remain open additional hours if the clerks were able to assist at the circulation desk instead of at the door. Ferry has proposed to the

University that an electronic detection system be installed to discourage and prevent those attempting to steal books. The unit is 98% accurate but it is expensive. The approximate cost is \$8,000 to have the system installed. Over a period of two or three years the unit would pay for itself since over \$10,000 worth of materials have been stolen in the last five years.

We support this proposal for the installation of the detection device because it would not only save money in the long run but it would also keep the library books and magazine where they belong: "In the Library."

Spring term is here and it is always a term that brings a lot of unrest to the students. As one sits in the classroom and thinks about the sunny day outside and how nice it would be to be outside instead of in, one realizes half the lecture was missed by thinking about the outside. Also, Spring term is the time when changes begin to occur within student activities as new officers are elected and the transfer of power takes place.

I've also have been bitten by the Spring fever bug and as I once again take pen in hand and stick foot in mouth, I begin to think about changes that are about to occur within the Student Government Association.

Elections are coming up, a lot of elections! On April 1 the first of many elections will take place. This very important election will decide who will become the guiding force of S.G.A. for next year. If you care about this campus in any way, be sure not to miss this upcoming election, a most important election!

More elections will be coming your way, including one that will allow you to grade your favorite professors. Each club will be deciding who will sit on the throne of presidency and represent their club next year. Don't let your fellow student down! Give support to those students you feel are best qualified for the jobs they are running for.

Remember, it's your campus, and it's what you make it. Make it great!

By the way, all you Spring lovers, if your out necking in the bushes these warm, Spring nights, do it quietly, so you don't disturb the next couple!

My best wishes for a happy and prosperous Spring to everyone.

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