

# EDITORIAL OPINIONS

By Lesa Bagley  
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Controversy over a proposed amendment has been the topic of SGA meetings this year. Few probably even know what the amendment would provide.

Amendment proposed: There will be one poll, in the Classroom Building, from 9 to 5 and if the poll is opened an extra day this must also be proposed and passed by a two-thirds majority vote of the council prior to the election.

The amendment was first submitted by Marc Rovito SGA President at the Sept. 12 SGA meeting. The two-thirds majority of the SGA Senate needed to pass this amendment was not obtained. The proposal for the moment has been defeated with a 7-4 vote (an 8-3 vote is needed to pass the amendment). The amendment, however, is not dead. Rob Blyler, SUB President, has resubmitted the amendment for re-debate and vote at the next SGA meeting.

As of this time all the Senators seem to be standing firm in the way they feel about the amendment and no one is seen as changing his or her vote. If this amendment ever does see passage it will probably not come until the seven new SGA Senators are elected on Oct. 11.

When the seven new Senators are elected they will be bombarded by both sides as to how to vote on the amendment. These seven will determine the fate of this amendment.

This amendment has been considered idealistic by many and whether it truly is or not awaits to be seen. Unfortunately we don't have a crystal ball to look into and see if this amendment would indeed be best for this campus.

The Collegian wishes to be completely neutral during this controversy and the two following statements are provided as a way of showing each side's opinion. The Collegian wishes to show no bias for length or content of statements.

Al Cwalina, SGA Senator feels that the amendment will be bad for resident hall and commuting students because it doesn't give students the best opportunity to vote since students vote during their free time. If the poll was to be located in the classroom building the students would be preoccupied therefore not having the time to vote.

The purpose of the amendment is to help stop the friction between the resident hall

students and commuting students but in my opinion this would not change anything because both resident and commuting students know their peers and will vote the same way regardless of the placing of the polls.

With the small turnout which is expected if the polls is put in the Classroom building it will surely help to enforce apathy which needs to be combatted on this campus. campus.

I feel that my vote as an SGA Senator represents the feeling of both commuting and resident students of this campus.

I also understand that a group is suppose to keep resubmitting the amendment every week in hopes that the amendment will soon be passed. I feel that this act is wrong and detrimental to the student body of this campus and would cripple the SGA. As long as the amendment keeps being brought up it does not allow other business to be taken care of.

Rob Blyler, SUB President and SGA Senator feels the poll in the dorm is placed there solely for the convenience of the dorm students where as the commuter student has no such convenience.

One person I talked to told me he had been handed a ballot upon entering the dorm and has been asked to vote although not planning to vote for he had no idea who would be best for the office yet he was pressured into voting anyway. This type of practice affects the results of an election.

I personally feel that since the Highacres Commons is the common meeting ground for all Highacres students, the poll should be placed in the Commons. This, however, is idealistic rather than realistic at the present time. The Commons is a meeting ground for only a select segment of the student population containing some resident hall and some commuter students who utilize its facilities regularly. This leaves the classroom building as the present common ground for Highacres students and a single poll should be placed there.

I believe that placing the poll in the classroom building is the best present solution to elections at the present time. It is a start in the correct direction toward eventually placing the poll in the Commons once the Commons becomes a true meeting ground for all students, for today's idealisms are tomorrow's realisms.

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## Lottery

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In the words of Bill Magill, "It is ecstatic!" One sophomore defines it as an experience, and Pat Carece still hasn't found out that he's won. The remaining eleven sophomore winners are probably still thinking "big whoop" each time a traffic officer directs them to the faculty parking facilities at the top of Highacres.

Effective Monday, the eleventh day of September, fifteen randomly selected sophomores were granted the privilege of legally parking their cars in the faculty's spots on the specified days of Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, by the power invested in "The Lottery."

The lottery, the solution to the overcrowded parking situation out in Sophomore lot B took place on September 11th in the Commons building. Mr. Paul Cerula, Business Manager; Mr. Ev Binns, Assistant Dean; Marc Rovito, SGA President; and Rob Blyler, SUB President, officiated the ceremony as two freshmen pulled fifteen slips of paper from among several hundred that were concealed in a large cardboard container. Eligibility for the lottery was limited to those students who are sophomore commuters and who have registered their vehicles with the business office.

The option of staging a lottery to alleviate the parking problems of sophomores has been a topic of discussion among campus administrators for some time now; as over the past three years more and more sophomores arrive on campus via their own vehicles as well as their own distinctive styles. For example, the sophisticated, 35 mph wind blowing through the hair look, obtainable only by cutting off the highway at the least expected, right moment.

Currently the number of lot B vehicle registration cards on file in the business office as well as the over-crowded ordeals taking place out in the lot verify that the number of sophomores using lot B is far greater than during any previous term.

Traditionally, sophomores fill lot B to capacity by driving up alone during the first few days of classes. However, by the start of second week they buddy up or car pool with friends they meet in classes and who conveniently live around the corner.

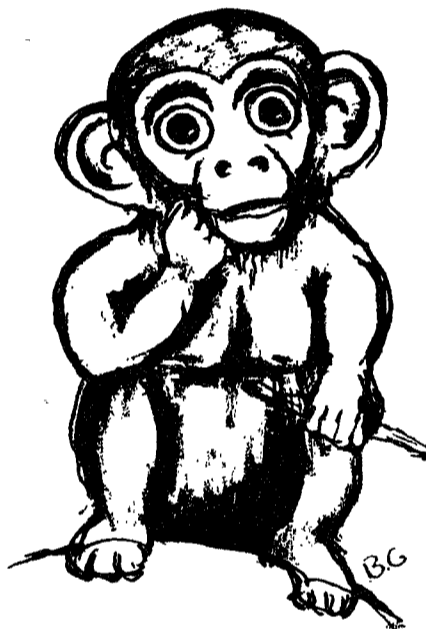
Obviously, this year's sophomores aren't buddying up as much as their predecessors; the new trend beautifully documented by the coincidence of two sophomore roommates who have won separate parking spaces and drive to classes separately. However, according to the administration, increasing enrollment and the heavy scheduling of sophomores on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays have been the more crucial factors contributing to the congestion in the parking lot.

While the majority of the sophomore lucky winners feel that the administration's choice of the lottery was the best temporary solution to the parking frustrations, one winner, who requested to remain anonymous expressed the opinion that a better solution would be, quote, "to have all freshmen park at the mall."

### Letters to the Editor—Policy

Letters to the Editor serve as a forum of exchange among students, faculty, and administration and are most welcome. All letters must be signed and left in the Collegian mailbox, located in the SGA office in the Commons or may be delivered to Rm 343 of the dorm. Names may be withheld by request.

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