

News From Student Government



**President's
Corner**
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This is the first Collegian edition of the Presidents Corner. This article is to tell you what is going on in your Student Government Association (SGA) and respond to any questions you may have directed towards myself or SGA.

To start with, your SGA has been working on the situation of getting a traffic light at the entrance of this campus. Also, we have been working on various campus improvements through the use of the Campus Upkeep and Improvement Committee of SGA. The chairman is Erik Schiable. He holds meetings in public in south hall lobby biweekly. If you have a complaint, please attend these meetings. SGA has recently formed a 24-hour visitation committee which is chaired by Kimberly Williams. This committee is working with Dan Darrow in order to put a proposal in effect for 24-hour visitation. Please address Kim with any questions on this matter. SGA

has also formed a MAC committee in order to get MAC machine on campus. The Chairman of that committee is Jason Kamel. He is in the process of getting surveys filled out by the students. He needs your help! If you have any questions, or would like to lend a hand, please feel free to talk to Jason or myself, or just come down to your SGA office located in C108 in the Lower Commons.

As your President, I have been working hard with the Council of Commonwealth Student Governments of which I chair. We have been working on a Student Activities fee as well as other things to be announced in the upcoming publications. Due to the tremendous efforts by the Senate of SGA, my job has been made tremendously easier.

I would like to publicly thank all SGA members that have been constructive for this semester. If it wasn't for them, my job would be impossible. I am attending a legislative function, and I will be reporting to the senate in writing and I hope to have something about it in the next publication.

Any comments or questions concerning the SGA or campus related issues should be directed towards the Collegian or just call your SGA office at 454-5785.

Clinton's Health Care Plan: A Step in the Wrong Direction

By Erik Schaible

Health care is a very important issue to every American, and is one that should be considered very carefully before radical changes to the health care system are made. The recent proposals made by the Clinton administration are indeed radical, and deserve merciless scrutiny before they are enacted; however, they may also be challenged on a more broad, philosophical basis. Government run health care is far beyond the role of a proper free government and is a disaster waiting to happen.

The biggest problem with health care is not directly with the government, but insurance companies, or more precisely, the very concept of "insurance." Price is a very important concept in economics. It carries much more meaning than just the money required for the exchange; it also transmits information about the availability of the product and acts as an incentive for the seller to provide the best service for the least cost. Insurance eliminates much of this useful exchange of information by hiding the cost of health services from the patient and reducing the incentive of the health care provider to keep costs down. The government providing health care for all will certainly not solve this problem, but will serve to expand it.

When asked to name what the government does well, most people are hard pressed to name more than one or two activities, so, as Rush Limbaugh says, why would we want to give them more to do? When, all over the world, countries are discovering that socialism is a flawed system and are moving away from it, why are we taking steps in the wrong direction? I heard a caller, a doctor in Sweden, on the Larry King Show express his happiness in being in a country that was, at least, heading in the right direction. The people of this country, and especially its leadership, need to learn the lesson that the rest of the world has learned. Hopefully it won't take the time and the bloodshed that other countries have endured, because the Clinton health care system just wouldn't be able to handle it.



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Does Food Service Care About the Students?

By Janice D. Hayes

Recently the dining hall decided to cut back its staff for Moonlight Munchies. Many students are upset because these cut backs cause problems, not just for students that now will have to wait twenty minutes for their food, but also for students who really needed the money in their pay checks.

The problem is not that management had to down size the staff, but when students questioned manager Doug Wagner about the sudden change, he shifted the blame to one of his employees. Some students weren't even

notified that they were cut. They had to learn about their loss of hours through the grapevine.

Another problem is the management did not even offer any alternatives when the students were cut from working munchies. For some students Munchies is the only time that they can work because of class schedules, study habits, and club activities. Also, for several students working in the dining hall at Munchies is the only source of income that they receive. Not everyone is fortunate enough to call home to mom or dad for money. If that

were the case then Munchie jobs would be unnecessary.

Some students who have been working with the dining hall for more than three semesters had about one-third of their hours were cut. This fact causes a discrepancy. Several students who have recently been hired within the last month and a half maintained or increased their hours. The lack of empathy for their workers tells the students just how much the dining hall cares. If they continue to treat their student workers like they are doing now then they will end up with none at all.