

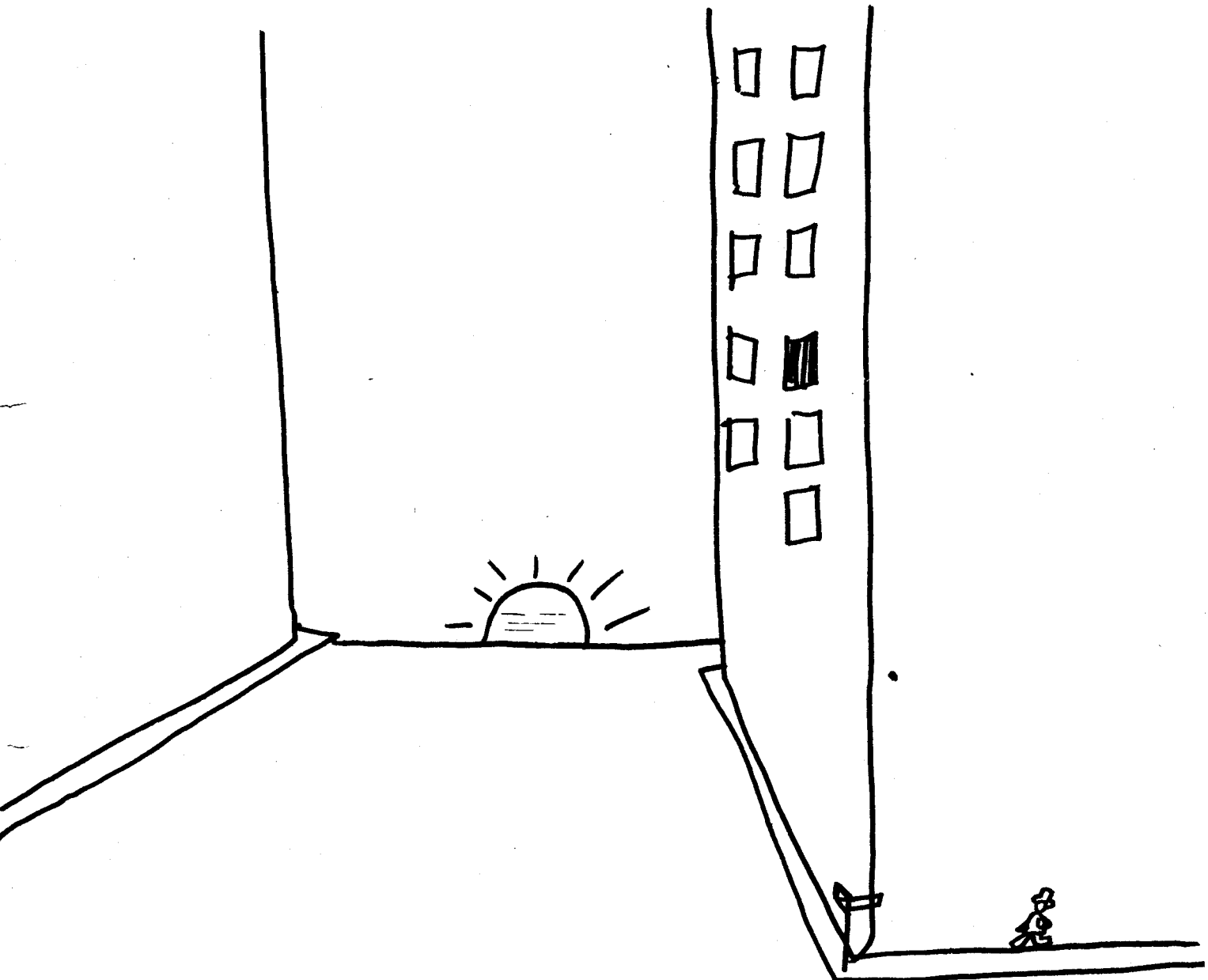
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EXCUSEZ - MOI



newsletter of the PCB
(ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO PRINT...EVERY ONCE IN AWHILE)



No Health Service for PCB--

The PCB has just been informed that they can no longer use the Health Unit at 2000 "M" Street except for acute medical emergencies. Approximately 50 PCB staff members have been visiting the nurse each month for minor aches and pains, but now HEW has terminated this service until the PCB pays their share of the expenses in funding the medical facility. OMB has not given the PCB money for this expenditure yet, but when and if they do, you will be notified immediately when the service is operational. It is hoped this will happen within the next week to ten days.

The PCB Rip-Off

There is a person in the 2033 "M" Street building with a real problem. It seems this individual has stolen most of the staff's radios, clocks, pocket calculators and now is feeding on eyeglasses, pipes, and an occasional swimsuit. These are not exactly black market items. The profile of the office thief is quite often as not found in the upper end of the pay scale in the professional category. An investigation is underway, and we hope this person will soon be identified so that his/her problem can be treated. In the meantime, if you want to keep it, lock it up or take it home with you! And I am not referring to that cute little thing sitting next to you.

Why Do The Radiators Leak Water? or Once A Slum Landlord Not Always A Slum Landlord

Our highly qualified investigative reporters have found the radiators at 2033 "M" Street leak on all floors except the Ninth. Actually they leak on the Ninth Floor but the water drops through directly to the Eighth Floor since they are recessed into the floor (the privilege of power). They leak because the humidity in the air condenses on the radiator cooling coils. Aha! you say. What a stupid arrangement. Today, yes--ten years ago it was the most sought after system. Ten years ago they ran the system 24 hours per day. Once the humidity was removed from the building, the radiators no longer leaked. Today it costs \$700 per evening to run this system, so it is shut down at 8:00 each night. Before it is started again at 6:00 a.m., the building air is as humid as the outside air, and, therefore, there is a condensation build-up and then leaking. To correct the system will cost several hundred thousand dollars. To run the equipment 24 hours per day to keep the humidity down would cost millions in the long run. Since they will be trying to rent the building to new tenants in the coming months don't be surprised if they run the system 24 hours each day to eliminate this leaking problem and therefore make the building more presentable.

We are starting a very novel process in the world of bureaucracy: closing down. What was last fall an office of less than a score of people and briefly reached a zenith of some 600 will come full circle by mid-September. This will necessitate reorganizations, moves, and perhaps eventually giving up some or all of either 2033 M Street or 1206 New Hampshire, since the General Services Administration can (almost always) find a use for the smallest spare office. This phasing down is separate from and will accompany the shift in the nature of the workload, as the bulk of our cases travel from files to attorneys to docketing to the Board to the President and back to the files. I have been hoping for the past several weeks that another program, another crisis would arise, and that we could all stay together. It doesn't look that way; applications for the Presidential Clemency Board Alumni/ae Association are being accepted. Ave atque vale.

--Bob Knisely
Deputy General Counsel

The PCB's Planning, Management, and Evaluation Staff has begun work on the Board's final report. An outline has already been prepared, and the PM&E staff is now in the midst of research on a variety of subjects. A major part of their work will be a statistical, demographic analysis of PCB applicants. This will show what percentage of our applicants are Vietnam veterans, conscientious objectors, and so forth. The PM&E staff is also looking for examples of particularly interesting cases for use as illustrations in the final report. They plan to circulate a memorandum to all action attorneys, asking for help in identifying examples. If you know of any case examples which you think might contribute to the final report, please call Lee Beck or Bob Terzian at 634-4823.

--Bill Strauss
Associate General Counsel

News Items

The Clemency Board is planning a picnic to be held on Sunday afternoon, August 3, beginning at 3:00 p.m. and continuing until dark at Fort Washington. Beer, soft drinks and ice will be provided (through the contribution of \$2.00 per adult) and everyone should bring their own food--see your team picnic representative for coordination on this--what, how much, etc. There will be softball, volley ball, horseshoes and fishing, too, if you're so inclined. Ft. Washington provides quite a pretty setting, sunshine is guaranteed, and it should be a good time, so everybody come and help make it one.

A silver Cross pen was found on "M" Street in front of the PCB. If it's yours, call 254-6387.

We are currently (and probably for eternity or until September 15, whichever comes first) under very severe budget restrictions. Anybody spending any money for anything in the name of the Clemency Board should check with Bob Horn first; otherwise, unauthorized spenders are liable to be stuck with the bill.

I have a question...

For Charles Goodell from Cathy Russell

- Q. What is the story on the phase-out? Who's going back, when, how long will a clean-up operation be here and how many will be involved?
- A. Personnel on detail from other agencies will gradually be sent back to those agencies as the need for them diminishes. The President has asked that the Clemency Board complete its operations by September 15. It is likely that there will be some small continuing operation, probably attached to a permanent agency, to clean up whatever remains to be done after September 15. These plans are under discussion now.

For Charles Goodell from Scott Partridge

- Q. What is the Clemency Board's position on legislation pending before Congress to extend the life of the clemency program and broaden the eligibility requirements?
- A. The Clemency Board officially recommended extension of the program, but it is unlikely that the President will recommend further extension or that Congress will pass it.

For Larry Baskir from Scott Partridge

- Q. What is your latest prognosis as to the effect of a clemency discharge on an applicant's ability to obtain private employment, public employment and veteran's benefits, including medical benefits for veterans injured during their service in the military?
- A. We are not yet sure what the impact of a clemency discharge (or, for that matter, a pardon) will be. We expect that it will help an individual by demonstrating to employers his good faith in applying for clemency and performing alternative service. A study is under way in Pennsylvania to test its impact on employers, and we should get some results in a few weeks.

For Mary Liquid from Anonymous on the 9th Floor

- Q. Do you think it would be possible to have a PCB homecoming dance?
- A. Yes, as a matter of fact, a study is being undertaken to judge the feasibility of such a project. If OMB approves financial backing, it will be held immediately following our homecoming softball game under the next full moon at Hungry Herman's. Costumes are encouraged--a prize for the costume best envisioning a real life or abstract representation of your particular job or the factors it involves here at the Clemency Board (for instance...your own personal interpretation of what an aggravating factor looks like in the flesh, or someone from the 5th Floor dressing up as a surrealistic file folder...use your imagination). Chaperons needed. For further information, suggestions or somebody to talk to, call 524-2216.

To Chef La Whead from Lee Beck

Q. When is Chef La Whead publishing his "M" Street restaurant review?

A. Lee, I caught a bad case of writer's cramp in the last greasy spoon. Published here is an abbreviated review. More details later.

The Best & Worst Restaurants From Chef La Whead

Best Steak -- The Palm
Best Outdoor Cafe -- Gusti's
Best Menu Selection -- The Embers
Best Buy -- The Astor
Best Change of Pace Restaurant -- The Golden Temple
Best Breakfast -- Cosmopolitan Cafeteria
Best Popcorn -- Fine Arts Theatre
Best Ice Cream Cone -- Hungry Herman's
Best Carry Out -- Hungry Herman's
Best Atmosphere -- The Greenery
Best Pizza -- Luigi's
My Favorite Restaurant in Washington -- Court of the Mandarin

Grooviest Restaurant -- Rocky Racoon

Most Disappointing -- Luigi's
Worst Hamburger -- Hungry Herman's
Most Sexist -- London Exchange (1/2 price on drinks for unaccompanied females from 5-7 p.m.)

Worst Service -- The Airplane
Most Obnoxious Waiters -- Gusti's
Most Boring -- Blackie's
Most Expensive -- The Palm
Biggest Rip-Off -- The Embers' dinner menu
The Longest Wait -- Le Souperb

PCB Bible Study

A few weeks ago a Bible study was started in the PCB mirroring those of other government agencies. Every Monday from 12:30 - 1:00 we meet in the Main Board Room (where the panels meet) and discuss how the Bible pertains to today's personal and social problems. Everyone is welcome. If you have a Bible, bring it. Also, the location of the study may change depending upon the Board's schedule. On Monday mornings a sign will be posted on the Board Room door indicating the location. If there are any questions, call Jamie Cowen---254-8951.

The following is the text of the CBS Morning News broadcast of the July 15th Board meeting. A special thanks to good neighbor CBS.

Bruce Morton

The Presidential Clemency Review Board, which is reviewing the cases of Vietnam draft dodgers who applied for clemency, hopes to wind up its work in September. They opened a hearing to television cameras for the first time yesterday at the request of a man whose case was being heard.

Marya McLaughlin

Andrew Davis...A convicted draft evader...

Andrew Davis

My conscientious objection is stronger now... and more general. I can see the religious basis for conscientious objection...I believe in the commandments...that's why it's wrong to kill.

Marya McLaughlin

Davis says misinformation caused him to apply later for clemency...and when he returned from Canada he was jailed. But the Board took the Davis case...he's lucky...the Clemency Program is over....and the Chairman has doubts about another.

Charles Goodell

I think there is some reluctance on the part of everyone to reopen a major debate on the nature of the Clemency Program.

Ah, I think all the Board members believe very deeply in the program and the worthwhile venture that we have undertaken here...obviously I think we would all be willing to give further time to extend those benefits if that were the will of Congress.

McLaughlin: And the President?

Goodell: And the President.

Mayra McLaughlin

According to the Clemency Board...approximately 100,000 men were eligible, 16,500 applied... 9,000 cases have been processed...one result... about 80,000 men...who cannot receive clemency unless the President or the Congress does something.

Marya McLaughlin, CBS News, Washington.

an editorial

THE FUTURE OF COACH CRAIG

Almost everyone at the PCB supports The Aggravating Factors, our attempt to return competitive baseball to Washington. In spite of this support, the team has posted only one win in the past four scheduled games after an impressive initial winning streak. With the end of the season near, we think it is time to question Coach Craig's management before all is lost.

Why has Coach Craig been unable to consistently attract the Ninth Floor powers--Goodell, Baskir and Horn? Why hasn't he been able to sign Rick Tropp?

Where was Co-Coach Zani at Wednesday night's disaster? Did she have pre-game inside information as to the pending demise?

Coach Craig has an impressive list of failures that speak for themselves. His failure to collect beer money, deal with mediocre hitter Strauss' desire to bat first, and his consistent inability to organize pom pom girls. Without confirmed sources, we will not mention his alleged kickbacks from the contractor who supplies rocks for the infield.

It is rumored that Coach Craig wants to return to the farm club in Detroit. We feel this transfer should take place immediately.

Dear Editor:

While perusing through the last issue of Excusez-Moi I noticed that a certain Chef La Whead will be publishing a comprehensive guide to eating in the M Street area. Although unfamiliar with Mr. Wheaties' credentials, I can most assuredly say that if you go ahead with your plans to publish this no-talent hack, there will be much trouble.

I am the authority as to what is good to eat and where that good stuff should be consumed in the Washington area. If Chef Whetnose really would like to write, I would suggest the Masassas, Virginia area as a good location.

This letter is just to warn you and Mr. Weenie that my name holds considerable weight in this town. I have friends in high places who could cause a massive upheaval in your executive hierarchy, force a Congressional investigation of PCB employees' contributions to Presidential candidates, and break a few windows on the ninth floor.

Donald D.

A Food Editor for an Important Washington
Newspaper

Tom "Org" O'Hare says "The fudge will be out Monday on the Eighth Floor."

Factors Strafe Bombers

A total offensive effort typified by Marilyn Dawson's perfect 3-3 performance at the plate and a sharp defense carried the Aggravating Factors to a 11-10 extra inning victory over Senator Bayh's Bombers Tuesday. Down 5-0 in the early going, the Aggravating Factors rallied in the top of the 4th inning, scoring 6 runs with its secret weapon, the bottom of the batting line-up. But the Bayh squad fought back and stubbornly responded in kind to every offensive rally, tying the game in the bottom of the 7th with a 2-run homer which exploited the steep incline that lay at the edge of center and left fields. The next two innings remained scoreless; the 9th inning ended when Dick Little put on a tremendous sprint to bobble and then swallow a fly to short center field, leaving a Bayh runner on third. With an animal excitement, the Aggravating Factors then exploded at the plate. John Lohff slid into 3rd base under a tag and scored on a liner by Rob Quartel to establish a tenuous lead. Quartel in turn scored on a Chris Fullerton hit. The PCB defense snuffed out any hopes for a Bayh victory by holding their opponents to 1 run. Pitcher Jane Zani scooped up two sharply rapped knocks and pegged them to 1st base for the easy outs; Bill Kreykenbohn continued to astound both teams with a brilliant performance at shortstop, third base, center field...

The Aggravating Factors season record stands now at 10-2.

Special Feature

A fond farewell is extended to Roger Gerst who originated, wrote, edited, published and distributed Excusez-Moi with admirable ingenuity and conscientious devotion. Roger is on vacation now, will be back briefly to say his final good bye to the PCB, and then head for Cornell, where he'll be pursuing a Masters degree in business. His successors at Excusez-Moi offer Roger our thanks, wish him good luck, and hope he carries only happy memories with him.

News Flash!

After several years of study, scientist have discovered that all substances injected into white mice causes cancer.

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