

EDITORIAL

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Look to the future, Settler readers

The significance of a newspaper to a community cannot be overstated. At few times in the course of a year is this more evident than at its conclusion, for it provides us with an opportunity to reflect.

At times we may have angered or disturbed our readers. At times we have elicited your praise. But whether The Settler succeeds, fails, or falls somewhere in between in achieving its goal is judged by you, the reader.

We have received a great deal of input from our community here at Vol State, and we have been grateful for that.

However, even as this is the last issue of the school year, some issues that campus members will contend with are already becoming evident, and those issues will require an even stronger voice from the student body than what has been shown so far.

Soon, no trace of the damage that was done to campus last April will be visible.

Caudill Hall, the final piece of that puzzle, is expected to re-open sometime in the next school year.

It should reinvigorate a community whose campus is gradually being returned to them one piece at a time.

It is becoming clearer that the student body will be without a campus nurse in the fall.

Many members of administration and the like argue that much of the dissent comes due to the fact that the student body is spoiled, and must look elsewhere for health services.

Many students disagree, saying that health issues must be the administration's foremost priority.

Although the Settler is in favor of the students' viewpoint on this issue, we also strongly feel that it is crucial

to provide readers with both points of view, so that one may make an informed decision, whatever it may be.

This has been the Settler's overriding goal this past year, and many staff members who have poured their hearts into producing this paper and attempting to achieve that goal will now be moving on.

Like many student organizations, The Settler will be starting fresh in the fall and attempting to improve on the job done in the past.

To accomplish that will require that this newspaper will generate more informed, emboldened members of the campus community. A passionate reader base is just as crucial to a newspaper as a managing editor.

Information is power. This newspaper strives to serve as your link to it.

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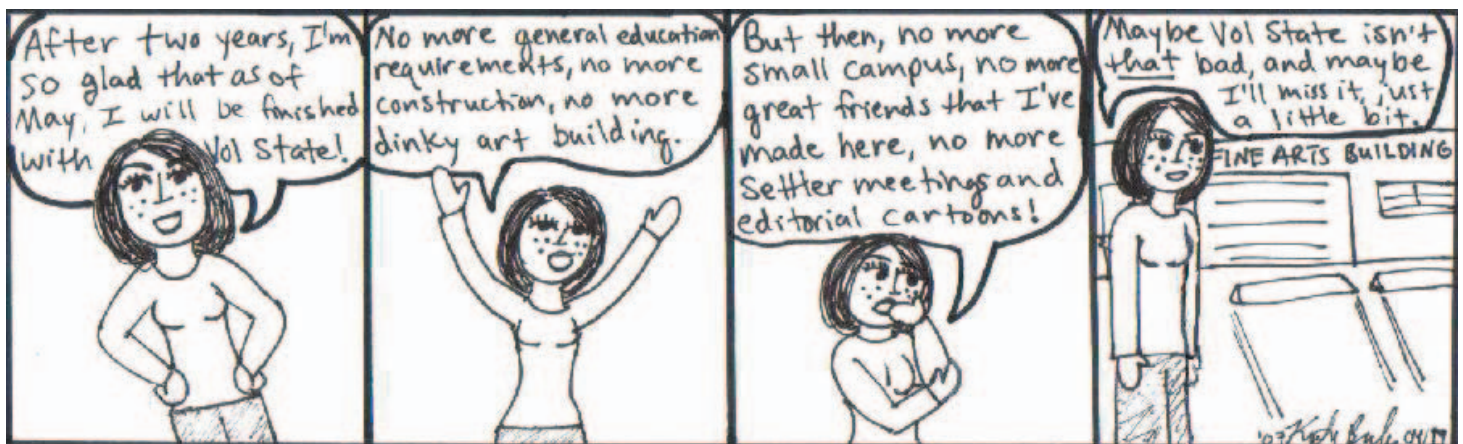
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It can be so hard to say goodbye

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