

## SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS

## Jim Benn, Awareness Committee

by Ann Ostroski

Jim Benn, of Capitol Campus, is one of the chief organizers of the Awareness Committee. This organization serves as a representative of Capitol Campus in the newly founded Harrisburg Area Peace Coalition.

Jim, a 10th semester Humanities major is per se an unconventional looking character with somewhat of a Utilitarian outlook on today's issues. He is a native of Upper Darby and obtained his first two years of college at the Community College of Delaware County. He is pursuing his education here in the American Studies option. He also serves an active role on the Board of Governors of Meade Heights. One of his interests is the Coffee House. He feels it is pertinent to the Meade Heights Community to have this center so that more students would come out, get together and communicate; to have the center available for activities and enjoyment. "It could be a forum for students' discontent and a tool for developing new ideas in community living."

Jim Benn is a man dedicated to a cause; he seems more concerned with the accomplishments within the organizations rather than his own prestige. The organization has no officers. He wants a strong, permanent peace organization, which would work hard for the betterment of the needs of the most people. Jim wants to show people of the area that Capitol Campus gives a damn; and can prove it.

The Awareness Committee consists, presently, of 26 staunch members and is still growing. The committee is the outcome of last years work shops, which were concerned with the National Strike on the Cambodian Issue. They have joined with the Black Student Union of Capitol Campus and several similar committees from other colleges, high schools laborers and minority groups to form the Harrisburg Area Peace Coalition. H.A.P.C. was officially established Oct. 9, 1970 at Capitol Campus. This organization works apart from national actions and concentrates on local problems and initiates local action. Their interests do not lie in marches and rallies but more importantly in informing the public about injustice and rights. They want people to come out of their homes. To make the necessary changes, Jim insists the committees work hand in hand under one organization to handle a particular issue. Their membership goal is the entire community.

The objectives of the organization include those concerning imperialism, of minority groups, repression of workers, welfare rights and the community situations. Capitol Campus members are working presently in Middletown, Highspire, and Steelton areas, canvassing for the upcoming Peace Action Day — Oct. 31. At the same time they are specifically concerning themselves with giving the workers of Olivetti Underwood Fac-



Jim Benn wants a strong permanent peace organization at Capitol Campus.

tory their support in the fight to establish a union. Jim went on to discuss the unpleasant and dangerous working conditions of Olivetti.

The tactics used to achieve "justice" are those of pressuring companies and corporations or for example: writing to the senator to express disapproval of national problems.

To express discontent, obviously isn't enough — when pleas pass over deaf ears, another step must be taken. Act — the Awareness Committee does.

### FACULTY PROFILE:

## Dr. Robert Colman

by Missy Rotondaro

The field of social psychology is one of the most interesting topics to the current generation. One of the new men on campus teaching this field is Dr. Robert Colman.

Originally from Montana, Dr. Colman received his A.B. degree from Harvard University where he majored in social relations. He later earned his M.A. and Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of North Carolina. His experience also includes a stint as a research associate in psychiatry at North Carolina. From 1966 to 1970 he was at New York University as an assistant professor of Psychology.

His professional experience, however, does not stop merely with his academic training. He also belongs to several professional organizations. Among these include The American Psychological Association, Eastern Psychological Association, Sigma Psi, and the New York Academy of Sciences.

In his statement concerning Capitol Campus, Dr. Colman said that he was intrigued with the area. He felt that there was a better interaction here between many kinds of people. He was also impressed with the students here at Capitol Campus and their eagerness to learn.

Dr. Colman currently lives at North Spring St. in Middletown.

## Awareness To Reach The People

by Charlie Bussison

On Wednesday, September 30, 1970 Capitol Campus set into motion what they consider their contribution to a newly oriented peace movement. The group, The Capitol Campus Awareness Committee, is composed of several concerned students, but most important, the students will be aided by Community workers, labor personnel, and concerned citizens of the surrounding area to help with the decision-making policies of the organization. The committee's coordinator, Jim Benn, stated that "the primary objectives of this group will be to get the community involved and aware of the existing problems and help guide these people to the solutions of them."

Special emphasis was given to the fact that the efforts of the peace movements in the past set up organizations with only student members. Also, the issues which were attacked had been primarily directed to the people on the campuses, thereby polarizing the community from the campus.

The Awareness Committee will take its issues to the people of the community. It is hoped that this effort by the students will be regarded as constructive and thereby aid in the formation of a student-community coalition as well as a student-worker coalition.

The Student Awareness Committee has proposed that its energies be directed to five areas through delegated committees. The subcommittees consist of 1. Welfare Rights Committee 2. Anti-Racism Committee 3. Anti-Imperialism Committee 4. Vietnam Committee and 5. Support of Labor Committee, with its dominant concern upon the involvement of labor minority groups. The concept of delegate committees evolved during the Awareness Committee's second meeting. At this time, a representative of BSU, Carrie McFadden, offered to head the anti-Racism Committee tentatively, the provision being that she would accept on behalf of the BSU who would, in the near future, formally designate a delegate. Next, Wes Johnson had volunteered his services to activities pertinent to labor. Wes has had some experience in this field already having worked with union organizers at Olivetti Underwood Corp. for some time and is quite aware of the numerous conflicts between labor and management. Thirdly, Jim Benn will head the Vietnam Committee with the aid of all members of the Student Awareness Committee. It was made clear at the meeting that each subcommittee would be inter-related in a single effort for community aware-

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