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STUDENTS PLAN STATEWIDE LOBBY

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Pennsylvania's college students have launched a special campaign to organize their own statewide lobby group to work with state government and the legislature on matters of higher education.

Student leaders from every college, university, and junior college in the state have been invited to attend an organizational convocation March 5, 6, and 7 at Penn State.

Organizers of the convocation also hope to have Gov. Milton Shapp or one of his representatives and key members of the Pennsylvania legislature as guest speakers.

"The idea of the lobby is to form a group that can convey the true sentiments and ideas of the college students of Pennsylvania", says James Antoniono, president of the USG, and one of the originators of the convocation.

They include the state's master plan for higher education and Gov. Shapp's position on it; lobbying techniques and the effects of mass action; tuition and the financial situation of higher education in Pennsylvania; voter registration and how to get the 18-year old more involved; student representation on the Pennsylvania Board of

Education; and the possibility of a Student Advisory Board for Gov. Shapp.

"All of these subjects will form the basis for special workshops on Saturday March 6," says Steve Krausen, a member of the USG, and the man responsible for organizing the convocation.

Meanwhile, the state budget and the effects of reductions on Pennsylvania's colleges and universities will be one of the priorities of the convocation and any resulting lobby that might be formed, says Antoniono.

"We have requested each of the institutions sending representatives to the conference to prepare reports on tuition and current financial costs. We also want to compare present tuition with tuition over the past five years and to look into changes in the socio-economic background of students attending colleges and universities in Pennsylvania today."

New Degree Program Proposed

by Tom Hagan

"The people of the United States possess a country blessed with great natural beauty and enormous natural resources, they earn the highest per capita income of any nation in the world and have the highest standard of living, and they have a political system which guarantees their freedom and the most powerful military force on earth to protect it. Yet with all these benefits, they seem almost bent upon destroying themselves and their land. Ecological exploitation, urban decay, and deterioration in the quality of human existence proceed apace, feeding upon greed, apathy, hatred, prejudice, fear, and insecurity. Conditions are worst in the most densely populated centers and if predictions that the population will grow by 100 million in the next thirty years are correct, only a massive remedial effort can prevent national calamity. A comprehensive program to improve the quality of living is long overdue and further procrastination can only reduce the chances of its success."

With this introduction, a two-part program for a constructive environmental study was proposed.

The first part of the program suggests the development of a practical study of the problems characteristic of a particular region, say the Harrisburg-York-Lancaster area. The participants would include outside experts, faculty members, and students. This would combine the best of the planning ideas: the important theoretical knowledge of experts, and the pertinent information from the area which can be collected and studied by members of Capitol Campus.

The second half of the program concerns the initiation of a curriculum involving the "study of living," leading to a baccalaureate degree. This includes all areas of study which would create a well-rounded background on the problems of the environment. Some of these proposed courses may be offered by next fall. Hopefully, the actual program will be underway by the fall of 1972.

The whole idea was a joint effort of the Environmental Committee and a group of concerned faculty members

including: Robert Brown, Assistant Dean of Faculty; Ambrose Klain, Associate Professor of Regional Planning; Kenneth Masters, Associate Professor of Social Science; V.N. Murti, Assistant Professor of Economics and Statistics; and Vedula Murty, Associate Professor of Mathematics and Statistics.

This is, as Dan Durante, member of the Environmental Executive Committee, put it, "an important opportunity for true relevance in education." But it has not been the sole work of a small group of individuals. The petition for the environmental courses has been circulating for approval by the faculty and the student body. The response has been good to date, but more signatures are needed. If you have not yet signed the petition, stop in for a moment at the Environmental Committee Office in the first floor west wing.

In addition to the help needed by signatures on the petition, a strong response to the upcoming student-faculty meeting is important. This meeting will take place in room W-104 at 12 noon on Tuesday, February 9th. Its purpose is to discuss the proposed program as well as new ideas. Everyone is more than welcome. This could be a significant step in the fulfillment of Capitol Campus' original purpose: to introduce innovative ideas in higher education. As members of Capitol Campus, you can be an integral part of this fulfillment.

PARKING ISSUES EXPLAINED

There has been in the last couple weeks a great deal of discussion both verbal and in print concerning the parking violations being issued on campus. Some of the discontent is based on wild rumors and not on facts, some of it is based on the displeasure of having to pay money for fines when it could be spent elsewhere and as always, some of the discontent is perhaps justified.

The offices of the Vehicle Registrar, Security, and Student Affairs have been working jointly to try and improve the situations which justifiably have led to discontent. It is virtually impossible to alleviate the displeasure incurred in having to pay parking fines because as long as persons violate the regulations they must pay the fines. The purpose of this article is to present some of the facts in order to dispel the discontent based on rumors.

The Vehicle Registrar has recently completed a report for the Fall Term 1970. During that term there were 1300 vehicles (4-wheel and 2-wheel) registered on campus. This figure includes 792 full-time students, 390 part-time and 118

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Famed Vinie Burrows to Appear in Walk Together Children

On Monday, February 8, 1971 the Capitol Campus Artist-Lecture Series will present Miss Vinie Burrows in a program entitled Walk Together Children—the black scene in prose, poetry and song. Miss Burrows whose one-woman show has won high praise from critics and public alike in cities throughout the country brings to life a variety of poems, songs and speeches about black America ranging in mood from anger to high comedy. Clive Barnes has said of her, "Miss Burrows is black, good, and angry. She wounds and hurts, giving some of black America's most excoriating literature the whiplash impetus of a relentless performance yet while angry, she is not bitter. She is all woman and full of fundamental charm. She is a magnificent performer—she takes us on the journey of black despair and white shame from old-time slavery to new-time Harlem."

Vinie Burrows began her career as a child actress on radio. A graduate of New York University, she at one time considered entering the legal profession, but later changed her mind when she was chosen from among 100 aspirants to appear with Helen Hayes in the Broadway production of The Wisteria Trees.

After her Broadway bow in Wisteria Trees, she appeared in a revival of Marc Connelly's Green Pastures and followed this with a role in the Playwrights Company production of Robert Nathan's Jezebel's Husband starring Claude Rains. She took part in a number of workshop productions with both the American Negro Theatre and the Equity Library Theatre and then played opposite Eartha Kitt in Mrs. Patterson. Vinie was reunited with Helen Hayes, co-starring with Mary Martin, in a production of Skin of Our Teeth which played at the Paris Arts Festival, Chicago and Washington, D.C. before its New York engagement. She played in Eudora Welty's The Ponder Heart, starring David Wayne, and then for the State Department

traveled to Germany where she appeared in Berlin with Thornton Wilder and Ethel Waters in Happy Journey From Newark to Trenton.

Vinie was featured in Mandingo, starring Franchot Tone, and for fifteen months played the role of Bobo off-Broadway in Jean Genet's The Blacks. She later co-starred with Earle Hyman in Worlds of Shakespeare at the Carnegie Recital Hall. Among her television credits are Omnibus, Studio One, Robert Montgomery Presents, a running part in a soap opera, From These Roots, NBC's Today Show, CBS' Camera Three—and now, Philadelphia's Black Book, Soul Scene, Contact, plus special appearances on Channels 12, 29, 48 and WPEN's Frank Ford Show.

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Constitutional Amendment

The student government association has proposed an amendment to the Constitution of the SGA at its meeting of January 20, 1971 by a vote of 10 to 0.

The next step is to publicize it for at least two weeks before a special election will be held in which the concurrence of a majority of the voters (all students are eligible) will be necessary to adopt the amendment.

The amendment reads as follows (proposed by Eric Murray): "Upon resignation of the Vice President of Social Affairs, the Vice President of Legislative Affairs, the Treasurer, the recording Secretary, or the reporting Secretary, the SGA president shall appoint an individual with the approval of 2/3 majority of the Student Senate to fill that office until the next regularly scheduled election or special election shall be held."

This replaces Article VII Section 2. The SGA president supports the amendment.



DANIEL DURANTE—President of the Environmental Committee, discusses some of the Committee's 1971 plans.