

FILE

# the CAPITOLIST

"All The News That Fits . . . We Print"

Vol. VI, No. 5

CAPITOL CAMPUS - MIDDLETOWN, PA.

Thursday, February 10, 1972

## THIS WEEK IN THE SGA

The induction of five new senators into the Student Government Association highlighted the January 31st meeting. The new senators and their curriculum: Ron Snyder, Engineering; Bonnie McSweeney, Humanities; Joe Perretta, Business; Bernie Boyle, Social science; Debbie Young, Humanities. These five people were nominated by a search committee to fill vacancies caused by resignation or academic difficulties. The five new senators will serve out the terms of the senators they replaced.

Dan Ekberg of the Finance Committee reported that organizations not using their allotted funds will be notified to that effect. Senator Denny Hassler reported that teacher and course evaluation results can now be found in various places on the campus. Hassler also stated that the Charter Review Committee has yet to act on charters of pending organizations.

President Terry Wimmer announced that a recent meeting of the Faculty Senate at University Park specified a reconsideration of building priorities, especially for library facilities and the athletic plant. Wimmer and the SGA discussed the cancellation of Prof. Ambrose Klain's Environment Course because, the official word is, of a failure to meet specified course nomenclature.

Mr. Walter Slygh, Academic Services officer, announced changes in registration procedures will be forthcoming.

It was discovered that the administration has a target of 1,800 undergraduates to fulfill for the fall term 1972. That means that between 900 and 1,000 juniors will have to be admitted. The Social Science Program announced tentatively that no new faculty will be hired in that curriculum this year.

The Senate unanimously endorsed the Student Awareness Committee's Teach-In, being held on campus this week. The SGA approved the use of \$300 by the committee for Teach-In expenses.

Wimmer was upset by the development and release of the Althouse Committee report. The report concerns principles of student participation in academic affairs. The report states, "the University is guided by the overriding principle that individuals who are directly affected by decisions should have the opportunity to participate in making those decisions." Yet the report was approved in March, 1971 and took affect in May while the first time anyone in the SGA heard about it was last week.

As most of the business portion of the meeting was concluded, the SGA became involved in a debate over student apathy in the face of monumental problems which the students must confront. Members of the Human Awareness Committee accused the SGA of being guilty of apathy. Wimmer rebutted, "Do I have to write articles to notify the students about what's happening on this campus?" A more activist stance by the SGA was urged. Wimmer cited another reason for concern. "This school is getting paranoid about autonomy from University Park and about upcoming accreditation review. Because it is so paranoid it is losing many of its best faculty and courses."

THE CAPITOLIST will elaborate on those changes in the February 17th issue.



## Simultaneous Chess Exhibition

Last Thursday, the Pennsylvania chess champ staged a simultaneous chess exhibition. Mike Shahade, state champ for the past two years, displayed his ability before a huge gathering in the Gallery Lounge.

Shahade played between 25 and 30 people at the same time. The first three people to beak Mike were to receive \$25 each from the Pennsylvania Chess Association. As it turns out, the chess organization lost no money as Mike defeated all challengers.

Shahade is a junior social science major from Philadelphia. The exhibition began at 12:30 with 26 contestants. After the initial period, other people filled vacancies created when Shahade defeated an opponent. In three hours, Mike filtered through 30 "chess experts."

The contestants were seated around tables forming a huge rectangle. Mike went from one player to the next executing a move each time. He repeated the procedure until none were left. His intencness of concentration on the match were reflected in his mannerisms. He spoke not a word the entire time but constantly rubbed his hair with water from a cup he carried in his hand. He kept a towel draped around his neck and his shirt was unbuttoned.

At 2:15 19 players remained but in the next 15 minutes the number was reduced to 14, at 3:00, only eight contestants were left and by 3:30, Al Dorney, the last contestant, was defeated.

Shahade defeated the contingent of student and faculty with the reflected ease of his superior skill. It was a stimulating and successful exhibition. Shahade's quick moves and photographic mind demonstrate his tremendous chess ability.

## DTK Meeting

Delta Tau Kappa, the social science honor society, will hold a meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the T.V. Lounge. All members and prospective members are requested to attend. The society will discuss plans for upcoming events, namely a dinner in the spring as well as a confrontation with a noted campus official.

Any student in the social science program is eligible to join if he is at least an 8 term junior with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0, based only on grades at Capitol Campus. The President of DTK, Jane Prince, stressed that officers for next year will be elected at the end of this term.

## LADIES!

Capitol Campus Women's Club—formerly the MRS CLUB, is pleased to announce that membership is now open to all women students at Capitol Campus.

## Presidents

### Assail

## Grubb Report

By John R. Bittner, Jr.  
APS Managing Editor

UNIVERSITY PARK (APS)—Recommendations concerning the Grubb Report and Penn PIRG highlighted the meeting of the Council of Presidents (COP), held Jan. 22 at University Park.

Presidents of Commonwealth Campus Student Government Associations (SGA) attending the conference discussed possible recommendations to the University administration concerning the Grubb Report, which deals with the organization and operation of the Commonwealth Campuses.

The report, which was conducted as part of the University's present long-range planning program, was criticized by the council as being vague and ambiguous. "There are very few people in the University who understand the report," said Terry Wimmer, Capitol Campus president. "Something is terribly wrong with this document," he added concerning its clarity.

GOP members said they felt that the Grubb Report neglected views on many of the campuses, with little or no student interviews conducted during the Grubb committee's research.

Representatives of Penn PIRG, Pennsylvania Public Interest Group, introduced their concept to the council, and asked for Commonwealth Campus help in supporting and organizing the group.

Penn PIRG is a student-directed public interest group in Pennsylvania aimed at tapping student energy and research potential, and channeling it into constructive action in the areas of corporate irresponsibility, consumer fraud, race and sex discrimination and environmental pollution.

The basic concept behind Penn PIRG is to combine energy, the student base, and \$3 or \$4 a student to build a powerful action organization. A majority of students on campus can petition the University Board of Trustees to increase activity fees by one dollar a term.

This money can then be used to hire a staff of lawyers, scientists, and engineers to work full-time on behalf of students. An elected board of student directors would direct the professional staff, while enabling students to contribute to social problems in a manner which benefits, rather than interrupts, their education.

According to Penn PIRG representatives, the signatures of more than 50 per cent of the University students are needed to provide the group with enough student support to ask

(continued on p. 4)

## REMEMBER

### BAEZ! !

FEB 10th  
Farm Show Arena

## Constitutional Amendment

On Tuesday, Feb. 15, 1972, there will be a vote on an approval of a new Amendment to the Constitution. The polls are located in the SGA office, room W-104, and will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Amendment reads as follows:

"All senators and officers of the Student Government Association must maintain a 2.33 overall average. There shall be, however, a probationary period of one term for those senators and officers who fall to

a 2.00 overall average. Said senators and officers shall be allowed to be on probation only once during their present term of office. They shall have full power while on probation. Any senator or officer who falls below a 2.00 overall average shall be dismissed immediately."

If passed, the Amendment will not be retroactive. All members of the student body are cordially invited to take this voting opportunity and participate in student government.