

# FROM YOUR EDITOR

## Sounds Familiar

Only a week and a half has passed since the start of the term and already I have heard an all too familiar line coming from numerous students. "There's nothing to do." and "Why isn't there a larger and more varied program of activities?" and still another, "I wish someone would get some better activities around here."

Well for those of you who seem to be doing all the griping, let me make a suggestion; instead of spending your time finding fault with campus activities, take part in the organizations which can work for the betterments you seek. The problem that has existed in the past and still seems prevalent is that there is a tremendous surplus of those who complain and a serious shortage of people to do the work.

The sad part of the problem with the campus complainers is that when confronted with the question, "What do you think should be done?", or, "Why don't you work for the changes you seek?", there seems to be time for nothing but excuses of

why they can't help. Two of the most popular excuses are, "I have too much schoolwork." and, "I don't know that many people here and I don't know who can help me."

To these excuses I say BULL!! If you are truly interested in seeing some changes for the better around Capitol Campus you can ask questions, meet the leaders of the various student organizations, and Get Involved. And lest you grippers should forget, the students who run the organizations also have study loads to contend with, but they make the time to get things done if they can't find it.

So if you've found yourself griping a lot lately and doing nothing about your gripes, blame no one but yourself, and then crawl back into your bubble of apathy and float away. On the other hand, if you think you have some suggestions and want to see them put to use, see the organizational leaders. You might be pleasantly surprised at what your concern can achieve.

Mike Welliver

# XGI's 'Get Ready For College'

University Park, Pa.

Sixty-five Pennsylvania veterans, all lacking the credentials for college admission, arrived at The Pennsylvania State University last June.

Three months later, after an intensive "get ready for college" course, 57 of the 62 men who completed the course are full-fledged college freshmen. And another veteran is enrolled in a specialized training school.

Thanks to a program offered by Penn State, the veterans were given the opportunity to participate in the 11-week

course, designed to correct their major academic deficiencies. Upon completion of the course, the veterans were considered for college admission under special selection criteria.

They range from a 37-year-old Air Force veteran to a 19-year-old Army veteran.

According to Charles R. Meck, assistant director for

continuing education who coordinated the program, 55 of the veterans are enrolled by Penn State for the Fall Term at various Commonwealth Campuses of the University and at University Park. Three veterans are enrolled at other institutions, and four men who completed the course will not immediately continue their education at the college level.

Four of those completing the course, including three enrolled as college freshmen, had never attended classes beyond the eighth grade.

"We have been more than pleased with the success of the program and hope to conduct similar programs in the future," says Floyd B. Fischer, vice president for Continuing Education.

He points out that the program offered last summer emphasized written and oral communication, mathematics, reading and social studies.

# Coming Grand Prix Weekend

This coming weekend will be an exciting one for auto racing enthusiasts, for Watkins Glen, New York will be the scene of the United States Grand Prix.

The United States Grand Prix has become not only the most important race on the U.S. road-racing schedule, but a major event on the international racing calendar as well. Grand Prix cars are all out racers, designed for the utmost in maneuverability and speed.

The drivers are the most skillful in the world. Persons such as Jackie Stewart, Graham Hill, and Emerson Fitepaldi will be there competing for a purse in excess of \$2.4 million dollars.

A meeting is scheduled for tonight at 7 p.m. in the TV Lounge for the purpose of organizing a caravan to go to the race. The caravan will be leaving Friday after classes and returning Sunday after the race. If you're interested or even just curious about having a wild weekend at the Glen, stop by tonight.

# To The Editor

Sirs:

The Harrisburg Community Theatre School is sponsoring five Previews of productions during the forthcoming theatre season. These previews will be presented on the Friday evening preceding Opening Night of each play with Curtain Time at 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$1.00 and the proceeds help to support the HCT Annual Spring Drama Festival. The Preview Night dates and plays are as follows:

"1776", October 6, 1972 (Musical); "The Chalk Garden", November 24, 1972 (Mystery); "Come Blow Your Horn", January 12, 1973 (Comedy); "The Lion in Winter", April 27, 1973 (Drama); "The Front Page", June 8, 1973 (Comedy).

We wish to extend an invitation to the thespians to try out for roles in the productions at HCT.

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## Who Knows?

(CPS) -- Representative Moorhead of Pennsylvania recently released figures which indicate that the U.S. government spends twice as much money hiding information than handing it out. A total of \$126.3 million is spent for classification while only \$64 million is spent for information programs.

Of course, the congressman's figures may exclude a lot of secret funding of secrecy programs . . . .

## Abandoned Pets Pose Problems

Students moving into Meade Heights have reported a number of stray and abandoned pets roving about.

Since it is against University regulations to house pets on campus, some other place off-campus must be found.

Anyone knowing of a place or places where these pets might be given homes is asked to contact either Bob Bonaker or Mike Welliver in W-104, Main Building. If you have found any of these strays, contact us immediately and we will try to find homes for them somewhere off-campus.

## Underwood Art Exhibit

From October 9 through October 26, the paintings of Susan Underwood of Boulder, Colorado, will be on exhibit in the Gallery Lounge.

Exhibiting her work from Maine to Colorado, she has come to be equated with fine-lined,

disciplined, realistic art. Her watercolors, lithographs, and pen and inks vividly portray accurate representations of solitude, nostalgia and emotion.

Not interested in shocking or outraging the world with combinations of psychedelic colors and forms nor in reaching far beyond the reality of existence with surrealistic fantasy, she only wants to put on canvas, a place, a moment of time.

Ms. Underwood had studied at Skidmore College and the University of Colorado. Her most recent one-woman shows were at the Swan Gallery in Webster, Texas and the Guild, Inc. in Houston, Texas. She has placed high in many juried competitions and some of her award winning pieces are displayed in her present show.

Her exhibit captures the quiet beauty of man and nature, the beauty that individuals never have the time to experience. I hope all of those who view the exhibit have the time to experience the beauty she has created.

The exhibit is sponsored by the Student Activities Office. Gallery hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## Student PSEA Leaders Attend Conference

by Mike Kowalcheck

Leaders of the Capitol Campus Student Pennsylvania State Education Association (PSEA) attended the state conference at the Sheraton Motor Inn, Harrisburg, on September 22 and 23.

Friday afternoon was scheduled for workshops on Games and Simulation, with students assuming the roles of community leaders and other interested groups in the educational system. The games enabled students to understand the problems and their solutions in the educational framework.

The evening was highlighted with a trip to PSEA Headquarters, in Harrisburg. Upon their arrival, student leaders were assigned to groups which visited different departments of the PSEA framework. Members from Capitol Campus met and talked with William Gaskins, Director of Intergroup Relations; Herbert P. Lauterback, Assistant Executive Secretary of Field Operations; and Mrs. Shirley Riemer, Assistant Director, Public Relations. Following the tour, student leaders were invited to an informal meeting of all staff members.

Saturday morning began with a general session, directed by Joan Poulos, Vice-President, Student PSEA, concerning membership and program developments for each chapter. The program panel was chaired by Dr. Rosemarie Cibik who is Chairman of the Education

Department at Point Park College. Other members were: Mike Dini, Capitol Campus; Bruce Fischman, West Chester State College; Philip Rutledge, Albright College; and Leonard Lija, Duquesne University.

Each member gave information on programs which each chapter should try and encourage total student involvement in Student PSEA. The remainder of the morning was built around workshops concerning the problems and their solutions, new trends in Education, and the use of inter-college and inter-region cooperation on these new trends.

The afternoon session opened with an introduction by Student PSEA President, Kathleen Stratton, of the president of the professional PSEA, Richard A. de Bethizy. Mr. de Bethizy answered questions from student leaders, and also asked a few to the students. He expressed his ideas from the responsibilities of the teacher to new ways of educating people with the new trends in education.

The closing session was under the direction of Lucy A. Valero, Director of Student Associations. Miss Valero emphasized the importance of building "Action Chapters" is YOU, the individual. "What do YOU want out of Student PSEA?" Miss Valero stated.

Leaders from Capitol Campus in attendance were: Andye Fuller, Sue Willens, Michael Kowalcheck and Dr. Roy Allison.

## Student PSEA Meeting

The first meeting of the Capitol Campus Student Pennsylvania State Education Association will be held on Thursday, October 12, at 7 p.m. This meeting will be at the New Birth, the Coffee House located on Kirtland Dr.

All members of the Capitol Campus Community are invited to attend.

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