

Council Discusses Future Activities

by R.W. Bonaker

Last Thursday, Capitol's President's Council held its initial meeting of the term, with a majority of campus organizations represented. John Sheridan, Council Chairman, defined a few of the goals and purposes he felt should be stressed in the Council. He advocated a better use of campus media when a club publicizes an event. The scheduling of activities should be coordinated so events do not conflict on a given night. He sees President's Council as a forum where the heads of campus organizations meet for the betterment of the clubs, but it must be done in a voluntary atmosphere.

Nancy Colnes, Student Activities Coordinator, announced clubs may have a way to pick up additional. Currently, the concession stand at home varsity basketball games is not in operation and Bob Stanley, Recreation/Athletics Coordinator was searching for people to run it, she said.

Marilyn Levin, Chairman of the Young Democrats, stated her organization is planning a block party for the spring term, the proceeds going to the Nicaragua Relief Fund. Don Snyder, Chairman of the SGA Social Affairs Committee, presented a report of the Nostalgia Week activities taking place during the second week of February as well as plans for a music festival for the spring term. Elyse Paul of the Sigma Delta Chi sorority stated her club is planning an indoor splash party at a Colonial Park pool next month. She estimated the pool rental and the cost for a band to be near \$750. She said she would try to raise at least \$200 via allocation from the Student Government Association and by charging couples a \$7 admission.

Sheridan stressed the importance of each organization holding elections for next year's officers prior to the conclusion of the present term. He believes new organizational heads should be given ample time to adjust to the responsibilities each president encounters.

SGA Treasurer Tom Dixon was present to give a few helpful hints concerning club expenditures and budget requests. He stated clubs which are planning trips for the remainder of the year may submit a budget for the trip and the SGA will consider it, giving priority on a first-come, first-served basis and the availability of funds through pinball machine revenue. Sheridan stressed the importance of clubs using their money wisely and advocated the use to the extent they should break even by the end of the spring term. Dixon and Sheridan, both members of the SGA Finance Committee, pointed out what their committee looks for when the yearly budgets are submitted. They warned against "out of this world" budgets, resulting in a situation which appeared last fall as the requests from all organizations exceeded the general SGA budget by some \$20,000. According to Dixon, the Budget Committee approves of speakers and cultural events as opposed to dances, trips and supplies requests. Money for trips is allocated at various times during the year, supplies are covered by SGA operational expenses and dances are usually "matched" by the Social Committee. Sheridan added that

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Representatives from the Black Student Union explained plans for the organization's Arts Festival to be staged beginning April 3. The five day program will include a basketball game (one of the teams is the semi-professional Philadelphia Bullets) and a presentation by the Billy Peters drama group, a talent show and dance with the S.C.L.C. featuring Carol Sims, and a concert as well as numerous other activities including poetry readings. All proceeds will benefit the B.S.U. Scholarship fund. The B.S.U. estimated the total costs for the festival to be \$4,000. It is hoped to raise the money from its own budget and raise \$1,000 through various means. It appeared the organization would receive \$300 from the SGA as well as a \$200 loan. Mike Jones, B.S.U. Vice-President, asked the Council for assistance via funds and manpower.

The next Council meeting was scheduled for February 8.

XGI NEWS

by Bob Chaapel

In a unanimous decision, the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania in Scranton upheld the constitutionality of the Commonwealth's Veterans' Preference Act used in civil service job placement.

The decision, handed down Thursday, January 11, affirms that the Veterans' Preference Act, which allows eligible veterans an extra ten points on civil service examinations, is constitutional and that the State Civil Service Commission must abide by it.

In Harrisburg, A House of Representatives task force, chaired by Rep. William J. Lederer, has recommended that the Commonwealth provide direct grants of \$50 per month to veterans attending school under the G. I. Bill.

The task force cited Veterans Administration figures showing that of 373,000 Vietnam era veterans living in Pennsylvania, only 108,000 have taken advantage of their G. I. Bill benefits.

A big thanks goes out to all those who helped make the last XGI Keggar a big success. The second keggar of the Winter term will be held this Friday, January 26, from 9 p.m. till 1 a.m. at the Middletown American Legion.

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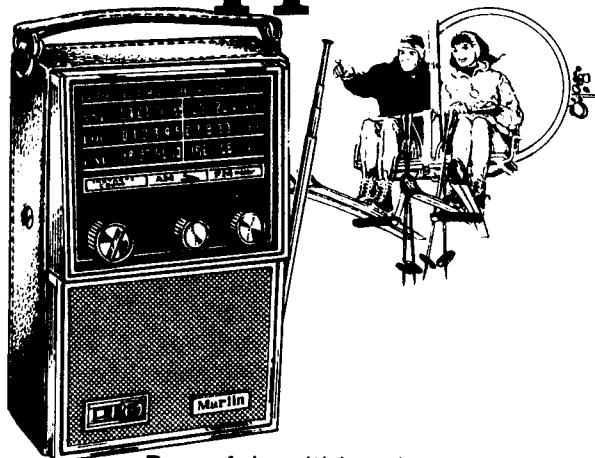
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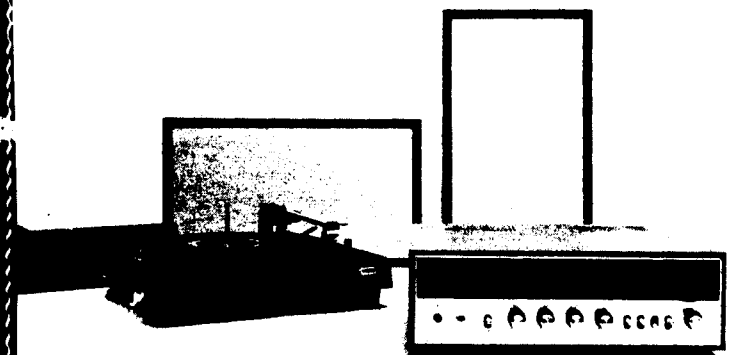


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