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## Parking fee moratorium big failure

By  
R.W. Bonaker

The May 30, SGA backed moratorium on parking in the lot to the rear of the main building was an apparent bust. According to Student Government Association sources, only about 15 percent of the student body complied with the spirit of the moratorium, which was staged to protest the much maligned \$7.50 parking fee.

SGA President Mike Dini and moratorium organizer, SGA Senator Harold Brown, were reportedly disappointed with the results. They felt that in all due respects, the event was adequately publicized as all

campus media was utilized and signs were posted at "strategic" areas around the campus. Brown pointed out the weather was certainly not a factor, as it was a warm, sunny day.

Brown also reported that his attempts to coerce SGA presidents from the Commonwealth Campuses to conduct similar moratoriums at their campuses failed dismally. He found the presidents unwilling to go along with Capitol at the May 26 meeting of the Council of Presidents. Brown said sentiment was voiced at the meeting to the effect that the parking fee situation is a "Capitol Campus problem." The fee, as set by the board of

trustees, is required of all Penn State students attending a Commonwealth Campus.

Sources close to the SGA President-elect Bill Matthews have maintained that a full-fledged boycott of the fee is in the works for the fall term, 1973. Details regarding the possible boycott were not available, as of Monday.

Campus Provost Robert McDermott has gone on record as stating that if a boycott occurs and students fail to pay allotted fines, he will be forced to make certain that fines are collected, even to the point of taking it to a magistrate. He said he would have to take such measures in the context that he is an employee of the university.

## Heights Housing problem

Mr. Otto Mueller  
Director of Housing and  
Food Service  
University Park, Pa.

Dear Sir:

There is a problem here in Meade Heights that we believe warrants your attention. Recently, our local administration made a decision to set aside some 38 housing units for married students. While we believe that this would be a positive move in creating more of a well rounded community type of life for all the residents, it was done at the expense of excluding many people who are already on campus from housing in the Heights. The date for the cut-off for housing contracts was March 31, but a later found that the housing office applied this only to single students. Applicants who are married are still being assigned housing or were until recently, even after the cut-off date. The logistical result is as follows:

1. Over 20 students this year have been turned down for housing in the Heights. Please bear in mind that they are all returning students, who now live in the Heights, who will be forced to live off campus due to their preference to their current life style and inability to absorb the extra cost of dorm life.

2. The rental fee charged married students for a unit is considerably less than is received by the same unit holding four students. At a time when money is tight, this seems to be an unsound decision from a financial point of view.

3. The policy meets the needs of one student and ignores the needs of four others. We are not discriminating against married students, but we do feel that the policy is not justified in meeting the needs of one student and denying the needs of four

others.

4. The policy actively discriminates against single students and against the individuals who could not meet housing deadlines due to financial difficulties.

5. Preference is being given, in some cases, to new married students who we do not believe have more of a right to housing than single students.

It should be pointed out that decisions were made with no student input whatsoever, and is currently a subject that is being actively avoided by administrative members and staff employees.

Unless this situation can be rectified to the satisfaction of the members involved, this board will take the following steps:

1. Check into legal aspects of bringing charges against The Housing and Food Service Office of the Pennsylvania State University for discriminating practices in housing.

2. Notification, if possible, to everyone involved, including married students, of the situation.

3. If these measures prove to be ineffective we will ask for a general boycott of housing payments by all students in the Meade Heights area. We have received a great deal of co-operation from our residents in the past in such matters. (This will be done over the summer by mail).

We insist upon direct communication with you in this matter. Our past experience has been that discussion with our administrative people have been fruitless.

Sincerely Yours,

Meade Heights Board  
Of Governors  
Student Government  
Association

## Klain conducts impact talk

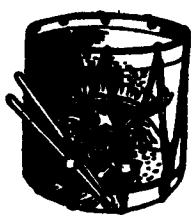
Ambrose Klain, associate professor of regional planning at Capitol Campus, conducted a seminar on the Environmental Impact Structure at the University Park campus on Monday, May 21. It was attended by graduate students in regional planning and interested persons from the surrounding area.

Because the 1970 National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) stipulated the requirement of Environmental Impact Structure for all programs and projects which involve federal funds it has stopped many major highway projects, water resources development and other development involving land use. Its effect on the planning

profession will be significant.

Mr. Klain served as senior planner of the Cleveland, Ohio, Regional Planning Commission for ten years prior to joining the faculty at Capitol Campus in 1968.

A native of Czechoslovakia, he holds a bachelor of science degree from Sir George Williams University, Montreal; and a master of science in city planning from Case Western Reserve University.



## Students shoot the rapids

By  
Charlie Holeczy

Try to ask someone what it was like to ride the rapids of the Youghieny River. He may attempt to tell you, but the true spirit of the trip is missing. All he can really say to you is that it was an unbelievable feeling and one not to be forgotten. You just have to do it yourself.

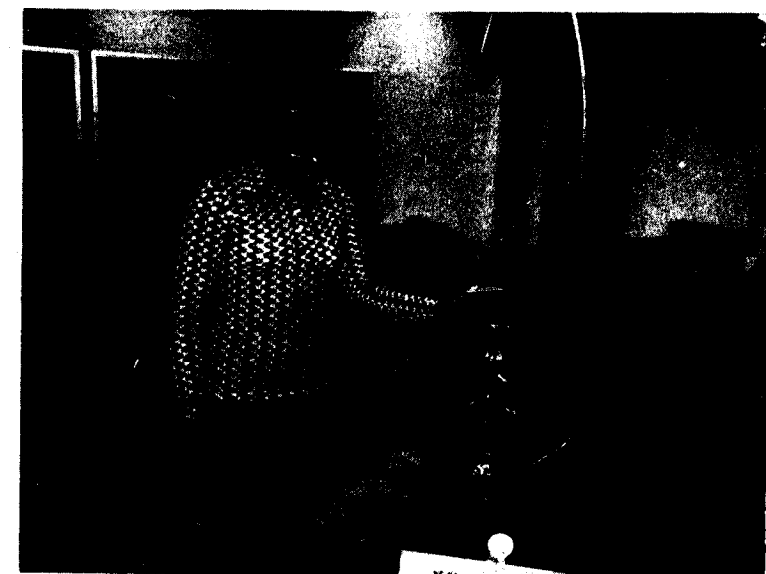
The brave band of about 62 Capitol students left on the rainy and chilly Friday afternoon of May 25. The group was well stocked with food and drink and other choice items for a real party. A silent prayer was issued in hopes that it would stop raining and that they would see the sun.

They arrived at the Fayette Campus of Penn State after a long and tiring ride. The campus is near Uniontown which is southeast of Pittsburgh and appears to be very new and well cared with an Independent Metal Products, a branch of Fruehauf, directly across the street. Mr. George Gerhart, the director of the Student Union, was very kind in letting the group use the student lounge for weekend accommodations.

The students of Fayette had sponsored a record hop for the Capitol students. There were several featured guests such as Miss V. Dare, Carlos Spanada, Pedro Sangria, Hose Panzano, and the famous General Louis S. Confort.

Surprisingly enough, when 8:00 rolled by on Saturday morning the sleepy group was up and ready to challenge the river. The climb up the mountain was beautiful, although the bus did not think so, and the rain had left a refreshing green day. Still, the sun did not want to join the trip.

The guides acquainted the group with the rubber rafts, paddles, lifejackets, and the river. Before each stretch of rapids, the guides stopped the group and explained the best



Joyce Cooper poses with "Malcom X", her creation which won "Best of the Show" in last week's arts and crafts exhibit. She won ten dollars as prize as did Dianne Bryan for her painting

## No advising for fall term

By  
Robert W. Bonaker

As there has been in past years, there will be no advising or pre-registration for the fall term, 1973, and there are many reasons for such an occurrence, according to James Thorne, Records, Registration and Scheduling Officer.

Thorne said, however, students planning to attend Capitol next September will possibly be mailed a fall term master schedule and other information pertaining to dates for returning to the campus. Course cards and other registration materials will not be included in the mailing, he said.

Thorne cited the institution of a calendar at Capitol that differs from the rest of the university along with changes in faculty and finances as the main reasons for the lack of pre-registration. He also said reoriented time schedules and changing requirements for students attending the summer term had to be considered in the decision.

Formal registration for the fall term is tentatively scheduled for September 24th and 25th. 12, 11 and 10 term students will receive "bull-pen" advising and registration on the 24th, a Monday, with the remaining students receiving the same "treatment" the following day.

"I know that bull-pen advising, such as happens now when students must be advised when they are closed out of courses, has a bad connotation, but there is really no alternative for us in our current situation," Thorne said. He related he is working on a scheduling system to ease any "pressure" on facilities or personnel.

## Graduation in absentia

Application for "Graduation in Absentia" are available from Mrs. Hipple in Room E-106. If graduates approved for absentia desire to have their diploma mailed, a check for \$5.00 must be submitted with the application to cover the administrative cost.

Students who fail to apply for graduation in absentia and who do not attend commencement will be charged the \$5.00 fee which must be paid before the diploma will be released.

The deadline for completing the "Graduation in Absentia" applications is 12:00 noon on Friday, June 15, 1973.

## A Mr. Paul 'blowout'

Apparently, someone on campus has it in for Security Chief James Paul.

The proof of that allegation is the fact that this past weekend, the air was let-out of the tires of Paul's fashionable squad car. The incident apparently occurred early on the morning of June 2 as Paul was seen cruising the campus in the vehicle the previous night.

Paul could not be reached for comment regarding the incident.