

# Coverage in 'bad taste' Casino Night Coverage Brings Controversy

by Phyllis Schaeffer

The C.C. Reader's coverage of Casino Night has become embroiled in controversy with charges and counter-charges being filed with the Capitol Campus Media Board.

Casino Night, held on February 25 at the Student Center, was a Las Vegas-type evening of entertainment that included booths, games and a performance by Nytza, a professional belly dancer.

David DeLong, Head Shop President and Casino Night Coordinator filed formal charges with the Media Board claiming:

The Reader attributed the success of Casino Night to "Tits and Ass" and used photos of the dancer under that title and did not give "credit to the real reason for the success of the program".

The coverage was in "bad taste" and did "not give an accurate account of what Casino Night was, what kind of dance Nytza did, nor did it end itself to the purpose of Casino Night".

DeLong requested the paper "should not be circulated to other campuses due to possible slanderous implications".

However, on March 13, the day the Reader was distributed, copies of it were



The Media Board in action: (l-r) Jim Bollinger, Editor, C.C. READER; Francine Taylor, Public Information Officer; Dr. Rogers, Faculty advisor to WZAP; and Dave 'Sarge' LeLong, Head Shop President and Coordinator of Casino Night, plaintiff in the Media Board Hearing. Photo by Prouser

removed from the Main Building Round Table. Jim Bollinger, Reader editor-in-chief, and Fred Prouser, associate and photography editor, filed a written complaint with the Media Board March 18 charging the papers "were removed from the main distribution point on the order of Mr. George Dressler (administrative officer) with the intent of halting the distribution of the March 14 issue of the C.C. Reader, without prior consultation with the editors of the Reader or with the Capitol Campus Media Board."

The latest development is contained in a memorandum to Prouser from Roberta McLeod, chairperson of the Media Board, dated March 28. In it Student Government Association President, Mike McAllister is identified as the one who "postponed" distribution of the March 14 issue and "it would seem Mr. Dressler's actions were an attempt on his part to conform to Mr. McAllister's instructions".

After reading the memo, McAllister replied, "She's trying to blame this on me. If they were instructions, I

merely said to hold up distribution of the papers to the Meade Heights until the next day.

The Media Board met on March 14 to hear DeLong's complaint. Roberta McLeod, also the student activities coordinator presided at the meeting. Those members present were: McAllister, Public Information Officer Francine Taylor, Bollinger, WZAP Manager Fred Flury, WZAP faculty advisor Robert Rogers, and yearbook editor Jamie Whitty. Absent members were Reader faculty advisor

Betty Thorne and yearbook faculty advisor Mark Dorfman. DeLong and Prouser were also present.

According to Bollinger, the majority decision of the Board was the March 14 issue not be mailed off campus. A copy of the written decision was not available, but Bollinger said it did say the editors should be more careful in the future.

According to McLeod, the reasoning behind the decision was possible legal implications and community reaction.

McLeod said the Reader's complaint concerning removal of the March 14 issue from the Round Table was discussed with the board members separately, and it was agreed a memorandum should be sent to Mr. Dressler. That memo dated March 25 urged Mr. Dressler to support its position (the Board) by bringing his concerns about the media to the Board for resolution.

On March 27, Mr. Dressler was contacted for his comments. He responded, "I would prefer to withhold any comment at this time". In an interview Prouser said, "I'm responsible for the layout of the story. It

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## Winter Term Degrees Conferred

Penn State-Capitol Campus held winter term graduation, Saturday, March 22 at the Middletown Area High School with 86 students receiving degrees. Bachelor degrees were awarded to 75 people, and master degrees to 11.

Dr. Robert McDermott, Provost of Capitol Campus, presided at the ceremony. He was assisted by John L. Romig, a member of the board of trustees. Other participants were Dr. James B. Bartoo, dean of the Graduate School, Dr. George D. Wolf, dean of faculty, and Dr. Roger B. Saylor, commencement marshal. The invocation and benediction were delivered by Reverend John O'Connor.

In his remarks to the graduates, Dr. George Wolf said, "We have striven to develop people who can cross boundaries, or straddle them. Old-young, white-Black, male-female, radical-conservative,

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Jim Bollinger

believer-atheist." He added, "You graduates are our Capitol investment--in higher education and in American society."

The top graduates in the bachelor degree programs were Thomas E. Sheets in Business Administration, and Nancy C. Hughey in Elementary Education. Master degrees were awarded in five areas: administration, elementary education, engineering, public administration and regional planning.

## Penn PIRG Returns

BY RUSS HOGG

PENN PIRG PETITIONS have been extended. The Pennsylvania State University is in favor of the idea of Penn PIRG, but not the funding procedures. Sign a petition, show your support, you'll find the petitions available in W-110.

Berks Campus has some 800 students and about 600 have signed their names supporting PIRG. Capitol has over 2300 students and less than 200 individuals have signed. The Student Government Association refuses to believe that we are an apathetic bunch of people, do you?

## Antique Clock Seminar Slated

An Antiques Seminar on American Tall Clocks will be held at Penn State-Capitol Campus in Middletown on Saturday, April 12 from 9:15 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The seminar is styled for serious collectors, connoisseurs and dedicated antique buffs. The fine points of collecting and caring for American tall clocks will be covered.

The seminar directors are Edward F. LaFond, Jr., and Dr. Irwin Richman. Mr. LaFond is a noted clock collector, dealer and repair person. He has repaired clocks for Williamsburg, The Boston Museum of Fine Arts, and The Metropolitan Museum of Art. Dr. Richman is chairman of the Graduate Program in American Studies at Penn State-Capitol Campus and is an antique buff.

Tuition for the seminar is \$16 per person and includes a buffet luncheon. Interested persons should contact The Office of Continuing Education, Penn State-Capitol Campus, Middletown, Pa. 17057.

Enrollment is limited and must be on a first come first served basis.

## Rock Around The Clock

WZAP in association with WOLFPACK PRODUCTIONS present a 36 hour record hop marathon; Friday April 18th at 8 p.m. until Sunday, April 20th at 8 a.m. in the student center. Admission will be One Dollar, and college I.D. is required. This price will include one 50 cent ticket for a basket of cheer, and a 25 cent ticket for the individual raffles of prizes and liquor.

During the course of the marathon there will be several special events. On Friday night April 18th a four hour dance marathon will be held from 12 midnight till 4 am. Trophies will be awarded for First, Second, and Third Place. The Judging will be done on the basis of endurance and quality of the dancing. Saturday night will feature an oldies special during the same time period. Prizes will be awarded for the best performance of each type of dance. Finally a session featuring solid soul will be presented Saturday evening from 4 p.m. till 8 p.m.

In addition there will be two special guest appearances, one by JOHN ST. JOHN from WKBO, and a second by a special mystery guest!!!

As an added attraction Gary Gloom will perform his Magic Show on Saturday

night at 10 p.m.

Also there will be refreshments and hoagies on sale during the entire marathon.

So for a weekend of Rock, Roll and plenty of good times make sure to be there!!!!

All proceeds benefit the Spring concert GP. P!!!!!!!!!!!!

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