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Smoking Restrictions In Effect

By Sherry Lukoski

Smokers at Capitol Campus will be subject to the regulations of a new University-wide policy that James South, Director of Student Affairs, said aims to "protect the rights of nonsmokers and at the same time provide arrangements for smokers."

A University release said the policy followed recommendations to Penn State President John Oswald from the University Council. The Council conducted polls at selected Penn State campuses (Capitol Campus not included) last year, and reported there was "strong support" for the regulation of smoking in classroom facilities.

South said the Capitol Campus policy is "flexible to a degree, but will fall with

24 Hour Help Available

Do you need a Graduate Record Exam application? Do you have questions about interest tests? Do you need birth control or V.D. information? Or do you feel like you just really need to talk with someone-but it's after 5:00 p.m. Well, now you can do just that. By dialing 787-7733, you will have 24 hour access to a member of the Counseling Center staff by phone. A telephone answering device has recently been installed which will confidentially record your message at times when the Counseling Center is closed (evenings, weekends, and lunch hours).

This is how the service will work. You can call 787-7733 anytime, day or night, and you call will be returned. One of the counselors will check in regularly with the service and return your call at the earliest possible time. During regular office hours, 8-12 noon and 1 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, the Center secretary will be happy to take your calls.

If an emergency arises (like fire, crime, damage, illness) that requires immediate attention, then your best bet is to consult local services. If you are a commuting student, consult the local phonebook. If you are a campus resident student, consult your **Hill-topper Guide** for all emergency numbers.

The Staff of the Counseling Center hopes that this new telephone answering service will be widely used by all students. It may be especially helpful to those evening and weekend students who may not be able to use the Center's services during regular office hours (8-12 noon, 1-5 p.m.) in Room W117.

University established guidelines."

Smoking will be prohibited in classroom facilities, the auditorium, laboratories, stairwells, and conference rooms, as well as in other areas where "smoking is permitted" signs are not posted, South said.

Provost Robert McDermott will review recommendations from Student Affairs and Student Government concerning the placement of ashtrays in hallways and specially designated study

areas, dining facilities, and public lounges, South said. The number of ashtrays placed depends on need and funds available, South said.

South anticipates that the serving and vending machine area of Vendorville will be a designated smoking area. He foresees part of the dining area in Vendorville being designated as a smoking area.

Smoking will be permitted in the Student Center, South said. Smoking will also be permitted in private offices

and laboratories at the discretion of the occupants, according to the University policy.

The University release cited the health of the individual as the main concern in adopting the policy. Safety, damage to property, maintenance problems and personal comfort were other concerns.

South emphasized that Capitol Campus, "as part of the Penn State complex", should be subject to its policies and regulations. He

also emphasized that successful implementation of the policy depends on the cooperation of the entire University community.

Although violations of the policy can be reported through the Scheduling Officer to the Academic Dean for action, South said, "Group pressure and cooperation will be the best way to get results. It's not like we'll put heavies in the halls to stop people from smoking."



Photo by Mark Switzer

Scott Deardorff (standing), SGA president, discusses budget requests from clubs and organizations with (left to right) Joe Pedulla, faculty advisor to SGA; Dave Kallazweski, SGA Finance Committee; Greg Weigle, vice-president SGA; and Jack Henry, SGA treasurer during Leader's Workshop.



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Gerry Achenbach (right), Reader staff writer, interviews a Middletown resident at Olmsted Plaza about the effects of Capitol Campus on the community.

Survey Shows Favorable Impact

Area Is Pleased With Capitol

By Gerry Achenbach

Yes, folks, Middletown does know that Capitol Campus is here. This fact was verified in a random survey conducted recently in the business district of Middletown.

Of nine managers of local businesses interviewed, eight felt that they definitely benefitted from the existence of the college in the community. Some of the comments reflected the fact that Capitol Campus brought to the community many activities that would not otherwise be available to the majority of the inhabitants, such as plays, lectures and concerts.

One manager admitted that the influx of students in the fall affected his ordering habits. Another interesting comment was that the students seem to do their grocery shopping on Tuesday afternoon.

Also interviewed were those not directly associated with the businesses, approximately sixty to one hundred shoppers in the downtown area.

Though about one fifth of those interviewed had little or no knowledge of the campus or its activities, or felt that it had no impact on the town, the majority felt that the impact was favorable, that the college definitely helped businesses, that it brought activities of interest to the youth in the area and drew more young people to the town.

The majority of the comments received were favorable. Most people felt the college improved the town by making

it more aware of its history, by bringing professionalism to the community and by creating more jobs.

Several comments were made regarding concern when Olmsted Air Base moved out, which was previously located on the site now occupied by the college. People feared business would suffer, young people would leave and the town would die.

Mr. George Merkel, Borough Manager of Middletown, also expressed this feeling and added, "We worked hard to get Capitol Campus here...and have been well pleased with the growth of it since 1964."

He also commented that Capitol Campus students are willing to help in community projects, citing Earth Day as one example in particular.

Merkel was not the only one to comment on student participation in community affairs. One of the first comments received was that students aided in the clean-up after the 1972 flood.

From those interviewed who were aware of the school, no disparaging remarks were received concerning the students themselves. They were described as a "good bunch of kids" and "nice young people".

Merkel also added there have been no problems with the students that he is aware of.

And one kind lady stated in reference to Capitol, "I don't know what we'd do without it. I think it's great that we have it."

Student Leaders Attend Weekend Workshop

By Phyllis Schaeffer

Forty-three student leaders started the school year early when they attended a workshop at Camp Sertoma near Linglestown last weekend.

The student leaders included organizational and club leaders as well as resident assistants from the dorms, and Meade Heights.

Sponsored by Student Affairs, the workshop enabled the student leaders to meet each other and discuss plans and activities for the coming year. Training in the styles of leadership with both theoretical and practical sessions was also provided. Budget hearings were held throughout the weekend with individual organization members to establish their budgets for the coming year.

The workshop was headed by Jerry South, director of student affairs. Other Capitol staff participating

were Roberta McLeod, student activities coordinator; Marian Krieger, director of the counseling center; Ed Beck, counselor; Bud Smitley, recreation athletics coordinator; Pat Murphy and Terry Turnbaugh, residence living coordinators; Peary O'hara, placement specialist; and Jim Paul, security officer.

Bill Johnston, Manager of the Graduate Commons at University Park led the Friday evening session in group interaction and leadership roles.

Christopher McKenna, a faculty member on the Faculty Council, spoke to the group on Saturday concerning the importance of student involvement on faculty committees.

Saturday's full day of small meetings was brought to a hectic close with an evening of square dancing. Music, dance instructions,

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