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## Smoking Restriction Policy

# Cold Turkey in the Classroom

By John Lelerzapf, Staff Writer

Photo by Mark Switzer

It's been two weeks now since students of the Capitol Campus have been subjected to regulations of the new university-wide policy that prohibits smoking in classrooms and restricts it elsewhere.

As a followup to last month's article, the CC Reader asked thirty students about their reaction to the policy. Four student interviews of the thirty taken are included in this report.

The CC Reader asked, "What do you think of P.S.U.'s smoking policy as it applies to Capitol Campus?"

Mark Rudzik, an occasional smoker, replied, "It's a good idea because I am trying to quit and its like going cold turkey in the classroom."

Another student, Joseph Malatesta, said, "I think it's a good idea. It can be distracting if people are smoking around you."

Cliff Eshbach, a non-

smoker, said, "I think that the current policy is a good one. It's too bad that something like that wasn't implemented years ago."

Anne Newton said, "I like it."

Twenty-four of the thirty students questioned said they agreed with the smoking policy. Eighteen of the thirty were smokers. Of the six who disagreed, an EDET major, who wished to remain anonymous said, "I think that students should be allowed to smoke wherever they want. Other people smoking in the classroom doesn't bother me."

Another question asked was, "Do you think the policy should be amended in any way?"

Cliff Eshbach answered, "I can't really see how. It is quite fair to smokers and non-smokers. Amending in either direction will probably anger one side."

Mark Rudzik said, "No, as it stands, I think it's pretty good."

Anne Newton simply said, "No."

Joseph Malatesta said, "I am satisfied with it."

Eleven students thought the policy should be amended. Some of these said smoking should be permitted in the vending machine area of Vendorville and not just the dining area. Others thought smoking should be permitted in the restrooms.

The final question asked by The Reader was, "Have you observed students or faculty violating the regulations by smoking in the classrooms or where smoking is not permitted?"

Seven students said, "Yes, both students and faculty violate the policy primarily in the Vendorville dining area." However, two students said they had



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observed some members of the faculty smoking in the classroom.

Cliff Eshbach answered this question saying, "No, everyone seems to be following the rules quite well."

And Joseph Malatesta said, "No, so far I think the policy is working and I have not observed students or faculty violating this policy. I think

that fewer students are

smoking on campus."

It would be presumptuous to assume the thirty students questioned by The Reader reflect truly accurate figures of opinion for the whole student body. However, it would seem to indicate that a majority of students, smokers and non-smokers, support or abide by the regulations of the smoking policy and are willing to try "Cold Turkey" in the classroom.

## Speeding Is Problem In Heights

By Cliff Eshbach, Staff Writer

Speeding in the Meade Heights community has been a problem since the area was first opened. However, in the past few weeks, the problem has taken on a new twist with married students, and their small children, living in the area. There has been an increase in the amount of "close calls", accidents that almost happened due to the excessive speeding of motorists.

Chief Jim Paul at the Security Department sees the problem as "a lack of good common sense" among the motorists. "No thought is given to what might happen," says Chief Paul. "The speeding is not done wantonly or maliciously. The people just don't stop to think about the consequences." Chief Paul states that courtesy warn-

ings are being given out at the present time. But, if the situation persists, tickets will be issued to those motorists who are caught.

Several suggestions have been made to help solve the problem. They range from placing "speed bumps" at selected locations to the construction of barriers across some of the streets.

But the idea that has generated the most support has been to place all married students on Nelson Ave., and then blockade Nelson Ave. where it meets Kirtland Ave. This would involve the twenty households from numbers 823 through 834.

The arguments in favor of this proposal are that the children would be next door

to Peoples Park. Therefore, the children wouldn't have to cross any streets to get there. Also, the traffic would be limited to those families that live on Nelson Ave., cutting down dramatically the number of cars driving through that area.

This proposal would seem to solve part of the problem.

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## SGA Elections To Be Held Tuesday

By Robin Platts, Staff Writer

Who are the people responsible for making the decisions concerning your scholastic program? Do you know how your money is being allocated? Are you being equally represented on faculty standing commit-

tees? Do you want to put an end to a long-term bout with apathy and disinterest in student politics?

If you are a full-time student, have a tentative platform expressing your interest in student govern-

ment, and are in good standing with SGA and PSU, you have a good chance of having the above questions and many more answered as a member of the student government senate.

The election screening committee appointed by SGA is in charge of screening senator applicants. The candidate must be screened by the committee before his or her name will be permitted to appear on the ballot.

Members of the committee are: Bette Karp, Diane Harris, Todd Malpass, Dave Wolf and Rich Laychock. They were selected to serve on the screening committee which drew up Bylaws of the Election and Election procedures to help eliminate the election confusion of previous years. These policies have been given to candidates and will be available at the polling areas on election day.

## Free Tickets for Capitol Students

### Jazz Entertainment In Hershey

By William Kane

Having a little trouble finding something to do with your leisure time here in Middletown? The Hershey Cultural Center may be just the thing you are looking for. Thanks to the combined efforts of Roberta McLeod, coordinator of student activities, and John Zerbe, director of the Hershey Cultural Center, you are in luck. For the very first time these two organizations will make possible entertainment for 220 Capitol Campus students, staff and faculty.

The price of this entertainment is \$2.00 for staff and faculty and no charge to students.

On November 8th at 8:15 p.m. in the Hershey Cultural Center the Preservation Hall Jazz Band will perform. The members of this band, all of whom are over 60, created the original New Orleans music and are performing to audiences everywhere. With each individual member having more than 40 years experience, they are recognized as the greatest of the

New Orleans jazz bands.

The Student Activities Office will post signs to notify everyone the date tickets will be available. The method for distribution of tickets is first come, first serve (students have first preference). Prices of tickets range from \$3.00 to \$7.00 for the general public, and these tickets can be picked up at the Hershey Cultural Center. Remember, if you are among the chosen group of people known as students, it's free.

## Panel

### Discussion Friday

The Office of Student Affairs in conjunction with Professors Barton, Bresler and Knestrick is sponsoring a panel discussion today at 3:00 p.m. in the Gallery Lounge.

These three faculty members will conduct a program entitled "Fears of the Presidency". The program will focus on the sociological, political and psychological phenomena which have been made manifest in the recent attempts to assassinate the President.

Part of the presentation will deal with whether these recent incidents are isolated events or are indicative of some greater social discontent.

It is hoped that this will be the first of several panel discussions for this year.

Professors teaching courses related to these topics are encouraged to attend.

## Prouser In Hospital

Fred Prouser, well-known photographer about campus, is in the Harrisburg Hospital, Room C110. He really would appreciate cards, letters or flowers. Visits should be limited, but any other way of expressing concern would be most appropriate. Thank you for helping us show a young man that we care.