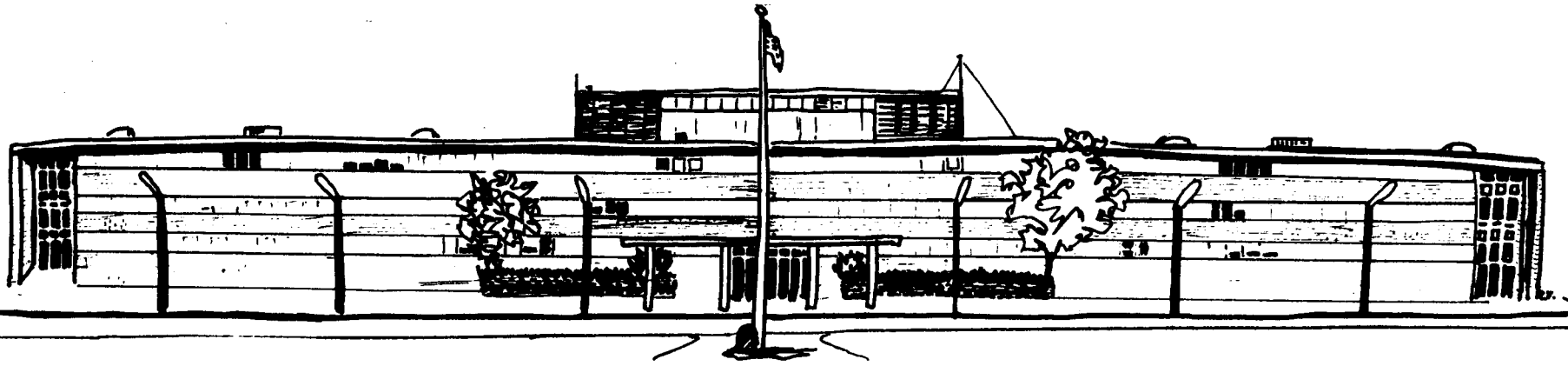


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Burke Defines Role Of Student Court

By Tim Adams

There is a student organization on campus that assures students, who are in violation of the University policies and rules, of a fair hearing. That group is student court.

In an interview with this year's Chief Justice Michael Burke, he explained that the function of the court is two-fold. Most often the panel hears traffic violations. He stated that traffic court is held for students who want to appeal parking and sticker violation. Cases are adjudicated either on written evidence and/or appearance by the violator.

Burke defined the courts power in these cases as being able to reduce fines which are too high or rescind tickets which are not deserved.

Cases of a more serious nature are

also heard by this judicial body. Serious violations, as defined by Burke, are abridgement of University by-laws such as, theft and violations of the University Drug Laws.

Burke said in these instances court room procedure is followed. Defendants may be advised by a faculty member, present witnesses, and may examine and cross examine witnesses.

Burden of guilt rests with the university. The university must obtain evidence by ethical means and then present that evidence in clear and convincing terms.

Burke explained that in these cases the court has the power to recommend sanctions to Dean Jerry South (who makes the ultimate decision on sentencing) ranging from a reprimand to expulsion. Deliberation is held until a unanimous decision is reached.

When asked how selections are made for the five member panel which makes up the court, Burke responded that students were recruited during orientation. A screening board, including himself, the SGA president and one senator made the appointments.

Qualifications, according to Burke,

included maturity, integrity, ability to act in a disciplinary capacity, and good academic record.

If a judge is removed for any reason, the screening committee reconvenes and applicants for the vacancy are subjected to the same process.

The process for making an appeal is explained in depth in the student policy and rules book which every student received during registration.

If students have any questions or desire further explanation of any of the rules they should contact either Burke or Dean South in the Student Affairs Office.

Richards Assists Statisticians

Dr. Winston A. Richards, associate professor of mathematics and statistics at Pennsylvania State University- Capitol Campus, has returned from an O.A.S. (Organization of American States) summer mission to Trinidad and Tobago.

The objectives of his mission, according to Richards, were to assist in the training of junior level statisticians from the Central Statistical Offices of Trinidad and Tobago and the Eastern Caribbean countries, to offer enrichment courses to senior technical and professional staff of the Central Statistical Office, and to provide consulting services to the Ministry of France. The first module in basic statistics was attended by 31 statistical officers who came from St. Lucia, St.

Vincent, St. Kitts, Dominica, Antigua, and Trinidad and Tobago. The course was offered at the University of West Indies. While there Dr. Richards was accorded all the privileges of a visiting professor.

On his return to Capitol Campus, Dr. Richards reported that the exercise was an extremely stimulating and rewarding one, and he had some evidence to support this enthusiastic statement. A silver bowl engraved with a normal distribution having a 95% confidence interval marked off, was a gift presented to Dr. Richards by the junior statisticians

as a symbol of their appreciation of his services.

In his consultative role Dr. Richards was able to offer some advice to the Ministry of Industry and Commerce on computerizing their information on prices and on setting up a Data bank. He also advised the Division Heads of agricultural statistics, trade statistics, travel statistics, and vital statistics on the employment of network analysis as a method for monitoring and increasing the timeliness of their respective publications.

Dr. Richards was accompanied on this summer mission by his family.



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Branch Campus Heads Meet At U.P.

By Karen Pickens

SGA President Clifton Eshbach was Capitol's representative at the Council of Branch Campus Student Government, held Saturday October 2, at University Park.

These meetings are held four times a year. The main purpose is to promote communication between the different branches of Penn State University.

"The meetings widen my perspective," Eshbach said. "I can see what other campuses are doing. It promotes a feeling that the branch campus isn't second class."

Lise Ortenberg, representing the Organization for Town Independent Students, (OTIS), spoke to the group. OTIS provides information and services for students who wish to transfer from a branch campus to University Park. Although Capitol hasn't much need for OTIS, Eshbach said he would like to get somebody to fill the post on a part time basis for the few people who wish to transfer.

Steve Moyer, president of the Press Association, discussed future plans for the Pennsylvania Association of News Services. The proposed sub-group of the Press Association would be orientated for the branch campuses and would

publish its own newsletter, according to Eshbach.

Major issues on all branch campuses were discussed that afternoon. Every branch had a budget cut this year. A committee was suggested to look into the where and whys of the cuts. Capitol took less of a beating than most of the other campuses, Eshbach said.

The most vehement gripe according to Eshbach is the lack of communication between University park's Concert Committee and the student governments of branch campuses. The Concert Committee sets a deadline for the purchase of tickets for any event. The SGA is not notified of the event until a few days before the ticket deadline. They do not have enough time to determine student interest, which in turn determines the number of tickets to buy.

The upcoming Sha Na Na concert exemplifies this lack of communication. SGA received notification of the event on September 29. Ticket deadline was October 4, Eshbach said.

All branches of Penn State University are connected by a teletype system. It was suggested that the Concert Committee bypass the U.S. Mail and use the teletype.

SGA won't know what has been decided until the next meeting, scheduled for December 11.

A Canadian goose by any other name is undoubtedly a Branta Canadensis.