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## Faculty To Vote On Proposal To Unionize

By Brian McDonough

From March 30th - 31st, 125 Capitol Campus professors will vote to determine the outcome of a proposal to unionize.

A majority of all votes cast throughout the commonwealth campuses and University Park will decide the election.

Eligible professors can vote for one of three alternatives: (1) no collective bargaining, (2) collective bargaining through the Pennsylvania State Educa-

tion Association, or (3) collective bargaining through the Association of American University Professors.

The election will be conducted under the auspices of the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board.

Proponents of collective bargaining have cited unequal promotion procedures, inadequate grievance machinery, and a pay scale that has not kept pace with the cost of living as reasons for unionization.

Other professors have asked what union dues would amount to, while some

have indicated that the quality of teaching may decline as professors became engaged in bargaining issues.

The position of the administration was presented by James B. Bartoo, Interim Provost, in a letter to university faculty dated February 11, 1977. "It is my personal belief that faculty unionization is not compatible with an institution of the quality and diversity of Penn State."

The Capitol Campus group affiliated with the PSEA has developed the following positions for consideration:

1. Peer evaluation for faculty tenure and promotion procedures.
  2. Explicit salary increments with cost-of-living adjustments.
  3. Medical benefits to be comparable with state employee coverage.
  4. Faculty evaluations developed by the students and used solely for the purpose of student information.
- Program chairmen, administrators, and professors with budgetary responsibilities will not be eligible to vote in the election.

## 20 Dollars

By Ed Perrone

The Student Photo Exhibit, on display in the Gallery Lounge, will end Saturday, but not without good news for some of the participants.

Awards have been given to ten of the student photographers by the Humanities Department and the Dean's Office. An additional award was given to Ingeborg Miller, for her macrame exhibit.

Those who received awards will be presented with 20 dollars as a purchase prize, according to Troy Thomas, Photography Instructor. In addition, Thomas said, the prize-winning works will be put on temporary display in the Humanities Office after the major show is completed. Photographs will then be distributed to various offices around the school for permanent display.

Prize winning photographs were selected by a committee of three: Dr. Irwin Richman, art and American Studies Instructor; Ed Trunk, advisor to the Photography Club; and Professor Thomas.

When asked about the possibility of more exhibits, such as this, in the future, Mr. Thomas said, there definitely would be. He anticipated "at least one major shows per year," and many smaller ones. He said that students in the photography courses could be invited to display their work, two or three at a time, in the Humanities Suite. This, he said, could turn into a "continuous show."

Those students awarded prizes were: Betsy Weimer, Walt Konetsko, Marge Sanford, Cliff Eshbach, Joel Sater, Virginia Sassaman, John Leierzapf, Cindy Ford, Aggie Shoemaker, Pat Stanchak, and Ingeborg Miller.

## The Last Word On Guns

For the past several weeks the C.C. Reader has carried accounts of a student discussion regarding the arming of the Safety and Security staff. Although there has been no official request from students or the SGA concerning firearms, it might alleviate some concern if I inform you of the campus policy on this matter.

Briefly, it is the policy of the Capitol

Campus that firearms are not to be carried by the Safety and Security staff. The matter was reviewed last summer and has been reconsidered in the past weeks.

This policy is based upon analysis of data which indicates no need for firearms at Capitol, a view that firearms are inappropriate on a college campus,

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We have been dubbed a "Sexist" newspaper. In response, we'd like to say, "It's only natural."

## Math Club Travels To Washington

By Young Inyang

Every student must at some time come down from the academic mountaintop where they enjoy a sightseers view of the world, and begin a personal climb up the mountain of the practical world.

To afford the students first hand information of what the climb involves, Dr. Winston A. Richards, Associate Professor of Mathematical Science arranged, under the auspices of the Math Science Club, for students to visit the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census, in Washington D.C.

The four students left Friday, February 25, accompanied by Dr. Richards, the advisor to the club.

"The purpose of the tour," according to Richards, "was to discover what the Bureau is all about, and what the job opportunities were at the Bureau."

Three of the students, and Dr. Richards, expressed surprise at the success of the trip. The fourth student could not be reached for comments.

Recalling her impressions during the tour, Ms. Sandy Lade, a Mathematical

Science major, said she was particularly impressed by the detailed preparations of their reception. Sub heads of the various departments, according to her, spoke to them on topics related to their

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## Weekend Weather

Eastern Pennsylvania extended outlook. Temperatures over the weekend will be mild, but there will be a chance of showers on Saturday and Sunday. Highs on Friday and Saturday will be in the 50's and 60's, with lows in the mid 30's to low 40's. On Sunday, highs will range in the 50's, lows in the 30's.