

Board of Advisors Formed

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A Board of Advisors for the Capitol Campus is being formed in an effort to garner increased visibility for the campus in the surrounding communities. Once completed, the Board will work with school administrators and faculty in helping to define academic policy and to insure effective use of the campus facilities. In addition, it is hoped that the members of the Board will form a strong base for legislative and philanthropic support for the school.

BUDGET

The passage of an appropriations bill does not mean that a prospective recipient will in fact receive the funds. The necessary money must be raised by a supplemental tax bill. It is the lack of such a supplemental bill that has produced many heated discussions both on and off Capitol Hill recently, and has caused students from around the Commonwealth to unite in an effort to influence the legislators to act more quickly.

Tax increases of 0.3% in the personal income taxes and 1.0% in corporate net income taxes have been proposed by various legislators. Taxes must be increased and cuts made in the state budget in order to raise the dollars appropriated by the legislature.

It may be quite some time before the House and Senate raise the funds needed by Penn State. 102 votes are needed in the House, and 26 in the Senate, to pass a tax increase and/or make cuts in the state budget. To date there are only 80 Representatives and 19 Senators willing to vote for a tax increase.

As it currently stands, taxes will have to be increased anyway, and the longer the legislators wait the higher the increase must be. Students, their parents, and otherwise concerned citizens, are being asked to write and call their legislators and urge them to pass the necessary increases now, without further costly delays.

5 EASY STEPS:

Write Your Legislator

Following is the "Simple 5 Method Of Letter Writing" to public officials.

1. Identify yourself as a Penn State student and as a resident of your Representative's district.
2. Express your concern that the state-related universities have not received their funding from Harrisburg.
3. Point out the fact that at the present time PSU is paying \$4,000 in interest, per day, to keep the university operating.
4. Urge your Representative to act responsibly and end this budget crisis immediately.
5. Thank him/her for his/her concern.

Be courteous - Insulting or derogatory letters will have a

negative impact. More flies are caught with sugar than with salt.

According to the Provost of Capitol Campus, Dr. Robert E. McDermott, the creation of the Board of Advisors will fill a void that has existed at Capitol since its inception twelve years ago. Founded largely as a result of political pressure after the disbanding of the Olmstead Air Force Base, the campus lacked any organization of community leaders that invariably leads to the grass roots participation of a community in its efforts to bring an institution of higher education to an area.

Since that time, Capitol Campus has established itself as a resource in the Harrisburg community. Dr. McDermott points out that while approximately two-thirds of the students at Capitol come from outside the Harrisburg area, nearly two-thirds of the students remain in the area following their graduation. Also, he notes that the school has established "...a good rapport with HACC, and produced students of good character." Thus, in working with the school, members of the Board will not only be helping Capitol Campus and its students but will also be

increasing its value as a resource to themselves and the community.

Members of an executive committee for the Board of Advisors met with Dr. McDermott during the last week of August to discuss the need for a Board of Advisors, to determine its functions, and to consider who the Board should consist of.

The executive committee is a collection of prominent, concerned citizens from within the community, and includes: Bruce Cooper, Chairman of the Board at HACC; Dr. Caryl Kline, Pa. Secretary of Education; Joseph Brenner, President of AMP; Robert Seymour, Executive Editor of the Patriot News; and Dr. Donald Spigner, M.D., of the Hamilton Health Center.

Another meeting of the executive committee was held Friday, November 4, at which time members discussed the size of the Board of Advisors, the length of memberships, and the frequency and organization of Board meetings. Dr. McDermott hopes to see the Board working at full force by the Spring term of 1978.

NOW Bulletin

By Anniken Howell
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In the not-too-distant past, women were accorded few legal rights. Among the rights denied women were the right to hold property independently if married (it then belonged to the husband, to do with as he pleased), the right to retain wages earned if married (again, they were turned over to the husband, the woman's "guardian"), and the right to vote. So-called "protective" work legislation kept women out of profitable jobs reserved for men, while women were encouraged to work in sweat shops for low wages.

The right to vote had to be fought for. While some states did allow women to vote there was the need for a constitutional amendment to assure the franchise could not indiscrimi-

nately be withheld or withdrawn at the whim of a local legislature. The 19th amendment, granting women the right to vote in federal and other elections was incorporated into the Constitution August 26, 1920. It was a milestone in the women's rights movement.

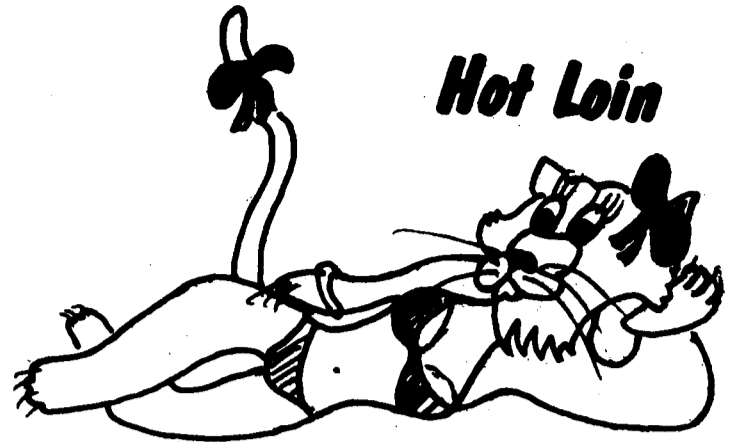
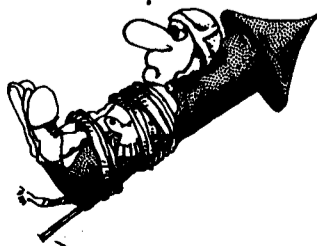
Federal legislatures, and most state legislatures as well, have passed equal protection legislation for women. It is against Federal law to discriminate on the basis of sex, but some of the Supreme Court decisions dealing with equality have been disappointing. For example, in *Hoyt vs Florida*, a method of jury selection which required women, but not men, to register if they wished to be considered for jury duty, was upheld. On the other hand, the Court has upheld the right of a woman to choose whether or not she wants a child in cases involving birth control and abortion. The Court has also promised to scrutinize legislation which classifies by sex. In *Frontiero vs Richardson* (1973) the Court stated "...we can only conclude that classifications based upon sex, like classifications based upon race, alienage, or national origin, are inherently suspect, and must therefore be subjected to strict judicial scrutiny..."

What is needed now is the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment which would make such classifications not only subject to scrutiny, but illegal.

Next Week: What is the ERA and what could it do?

PLEASE!! Take the initiative and write your representative. A list of representatives' names and addresses will be on hand at each Student Action Center. The Action Centers are located at:

First Floor - Wrisberg Hall
Second Floor - Church Hall
Round Table - Main Building
Coffee House - Meade Heights



November 10

7:00 P.M. - Meeting - PSPE - Student Center.

November 11

9:00 A.M. - Bake Sale - DTK - Vendorville.

November 12

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1:00 P.M. - Varsity Bowling - St. Joseph's at Capitol (Middletown Bowling Lanes).

9:00 P.M. - Keggar - XGI's - Middletown Anglers and Hunters Club.

November 13

7:00 P.M. - Mass - Student Center.

November 14

7:00 P.M. - Cheerleading Practice - Student Center.

9:00 P.M. - Keggar - Benefit for Rally - C.C. Reader.

November 15

RALLY IN HARRISBURG - Busses leave Main Building parking lot at 11:30 a.m.

November 16

9:15 A.M. - Meeting - Chess Club - Gallery Lounge.

12:00 noon - Maranatha Bible Study - W-135.

November 17

4:00 P.M. - Meeting - BSU - W-132.

