

Addresses faculty not students

Provost responds to editorial

Editor's note: The following editorial is in response to the student newspaper's editorial "The Silence" which was printed in the last issue of the C.C. Reader. This editorial by the Provost is reprinted from "This Week," a faculty-staff oriented newsletter. "This Week" is not circulated among the student body.

Dear Colleagues,

It has been several weeks since the Three Mile Island incident occurred. In a recent editorial of the C.C. Reader, entitled "The Silence," a challenge is posed to the "University Administration" that I think is particularly pertinent: "We need leadership from the university, not silence. We need to know."

What is the appropriate response of an institution of higher learning to the nuclear accident that took place at Three Mile Island? More precisely, what should be the response if the institution is within the five-mile radius of the nuclear reactor? The faculty and administration are expressing themselves in at least five ways that seem appropriate to me.

1. After considerable discussion as to the most useful service that we, as citizens of a university and this community, might serve, we have decided to establish a Research Information Clearinghouse for the Three Mile Island incident. Dr. Robert Munzenrider (The Masters Program in Public Administration) has agreed to be Acting Director. The following is our draft statement of the scope and purposes of this clearinghouse:

The Capitol Campus, an upper-division undergraduate and graduate center of the Pennsylvania State University, has established a Research Information Clearinghouse for the Three Mile Island nuclear incident that began at Middletown, Pennsylvania, March 28, 1979.

Located in Middletown, Pennsylvania, the Research Information Clearinghouse will collate all data pertinent to the impact of this nuclear event: current and future research, oral history studies, and short and long term projects. The clearinghouse at the Capitol Campus will serve future scientific, social, and humanistic interests of individuals and groups concerned with the Three Mile Island nuclear incident and will perform the following functions:

1. Assemble, maintain, and update information on all studies concerning the Three Mile Island incident and its aftermath.
2. Develop a library of pertinent research reports and documents.
3. Make this information available to researchers and to funding agencies through published bibliographies and a periodic newsletter.
4. Develop, under appropriate contracts, additional data-gathering, processing and disseminating capabilities.
5. Provide a temporary base of operations, insofar as space and facilities are available, for researchers associated with the University directly or through funded projects.
6. Function as a forum for seminars, conferences, and training sessions on pertinent topics.

The Capitol Campus of the Pennsylvania State University recognizes that the Three Mile Island incident is an event of major significance in the history of nuclear energy. The Capitol Campus realizes that studies will be developed to measure the impact of the incident on the physical and genetic health of local residents as well as on their mental health and on the economy of the region; the role of the media in reporting the incident; the civil emergency procedures for necessary evacuation of a large metropolitan community in times of crises; and the nation's public policy concerning nuclear energy. The Capitol Campus acknowledges that the region it serves has become a "living laboratory" for the age of nuclear energy.

As an institution committed to the gathering and dissemination of knowledge and as the only graduate center in the vicinity of the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant, the Capitol Campus recognizes its special obligation to the Greater Harrisburg Area, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the nation. The TMI Research Information Clearinghouse, which will initially be housed in the Institute for State and Regional Affairs, invites all concerned scholars and citizens to forward information concerning short and long term research projects to the following address;

Dr. Robert Munzenrider, Acting Director
The TMI Research Information Clearinghouse
The Capitol Campus
Pennsylvania State University
Middletown, Pennsylvania 17057

We are presently seeking funding for the Research Information Clearinghouse.

2. The second activity underway is a proposal for the series of forums, seminars, conferences and lectures that will explore the meaning of the Three Mile Island incident. Nationally-known figures from different walks of life--nuclear physicists and engineers, medical researchers, economists, journalists, social scientists, and humanistic thinkers--will be invited to comment and analyze the Three Mile Island incident. Professors Robert Bressler (Social Sciences) and Eton Churchill (Humanities) are co-chairing these events and hope to publish the proceedings in a document tentatively entitled *The Three Mile Island Papers*.

3. The Capitol Campus is exercising the leadership role in bringing together researchers from various colleges in this general area: Elizabethtown, Dickinson, Franklin and Marshall, Lebanon Valley. Duane Shuttlesworth (Social Sciences) will be co-ordinating efforts to develop a major grant proposal.

4. We hope to attract a well-known commencement speaker who will address the issues raised by the Three Mile Island incident.

5. We will be welcoming the community to use our facilities for a program specifically devoted to the Three Mile Island incident. Together with local residents, we will be addressing ourselves to the incident and expressing our views about the future of the nuclear reactor.

I welcome the challenge that the editors of the C.C. Reader have issued and I think that all of us, administrators, students, and faculty--should respond. I trust that in one of the five activities listed above, we will find the response that is appropriate to each of us.

Sincerely,
Theodore L. Gross
Provost, PSU Capitol Campus

News.....briefs

TMI refunds undecided

The April 19th issue of the C.C. Reader reported a possible refund to on-campus students for services unavailable during the TMI emergency. Dr. Jerry South, Director of Student Affairs, reports no fi-

nal decision has yet been reached by the administration at University Park on this question.

Sexual harassment

On Saturday, May 5, 1979 a forum focusing on sexual harassment on the job will be held at the Rose Herman Lehrman Arts Center Auditorium, Har-

risburg Area Community College. The time will be from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m..

Admission is free. The primary speaker will be author Lin Farley, writer of the book, "Sexual Shakedown."

Blood examination

A blood pressure control program will be conducted by

the Pennsylvania Department of Health. The blood will be drawn for cholesterol, glucose, and creatinine.

This service is free to all students, faculty and staff. Interested persons should sign up in room W 102, the Health Services Office.

An EKG will also be done if indicated by the results of the program. This service is sponsored by Capitol Campus He-

alth Services.

CPR classes

Anyone interested in Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation classes should contact the nurse's office.