

Provost and students talk it over

"There's no cross, but I'm ready," was the opening statement made by Dr. Theodore Gross, Provost, PSU Capitol Campus, as he walked on stage in the auditorium last Tuesday, at 2:30 for a meeting focused on student concerns.

The primary issue discussed between Gross and about 100 students was the cancellation of keggers and the university's decision to stop condoning alcohol on university property.

Gross stated that the university was not going to walk around with search lights, and if students who are at least 21 want to have beer, it's fine as long as everything is kept under control.

However, since some students still feel that keggers are necessary, Mike Cocciardi, Vice-President of SGA, suggested that the SGA submit a proposal to Gross which outlined stricter use and control of alcohol on campus. The SGA is hopeful that alcohol will again be legal at campus events.

The alcohol issue, discussed for nearly an half hour, was not the only concern of the students. Gross was also questioned as to why Capitol Campus does not have a Dean's List. He replied that certain people were studying the possibilities of a Dean's list at Capitol.

Another question concerned the scheduling of events. It was suggested to Gross that instead of holding activities at 12:15 all the time, that events should be staggered at different times so that students do not have to always cut the same classes to attend.

There will be a meeting between resident students and Gross Tuesday, May 22, from 7-8 p.m., in the Student Center.

Campus Police Fine Two Students

by jeff drinnan

Two Capitol Campus students were ticketed by Campus Police on May 2nd for riding on the hood of a car and allowing a person to ride on the hood of a car.

The violation occurred at 4th and 5th Streets, the intersection where the road from the dorms meets the road leading to the Main Building.

Dean Keiter, who was allegedly riding on the hood of a car, was formally charged with "unauthorized persons and devices hanging on vehicles did not ride on vehicle." Barry Rusnock, the alleged driver of the vehicle, was cited for "unauthorized persons and devices hanging on vehicles did ride vehicle when moving." Each student was charged with violating the Pennsylvania vehicle code and fined \$35 a piece.

Keiter said that while he realizes the officer "has to enforce the rules," he feels the action was "pretty severe. I'll really have trouble paying the fine and I know Barry will too," he said.

Keiter said he had been jogging when Rusnock stopped at the intersection. Keiter sat on the hood sidesaddle, facing the shoulder of the road, Rusnock drove ten feet at most near the shoulder of the road, turning towards the Main Building, and stopped. An officer driving towards the Main Building stopped them, said Keiter.

Charles Alesky, head of Campus Police, spoke on behalf of James Fry, the arresting officer. He "nearly hit" officer Fry's car as he "pulled out in front of him," failing to yield the right-of-way to the oncoming car. He was in the process of making a U-turn, according to Alesky.

"The individual riding on the hood could have fallen off," Alesky said, "as the intersection is a dangerous one. A car coming around the sharp curve from the Main Building could have hit them. The individual on the hood could have been injured or killed," Alesky explained.

Alesky said if another car had been traveling down the road at a high speed, such as a car coming from Fruehauf, there could have been a bad accident. Around the time of the violation, the road on which they were driving was turning is heavily traveled.

Charles Culp, a passenger in the car at the time of the alleged violation, thought the ticket was unfair and added that the Campus Police should learn that they are here to "protect students from the outside and not harass them." Culp, along with other students, have drawn up a list of grievances against the Campus Police to be submitted to the Provost and Jerry South, Dean of Student Affairs.

Culp said that the relentless and inflexible policies of the previous police administration have not changed. Alesky said that their policy has changed and "the number of citations given to students has dropped. We have been issuing tickets to Fruehauf." According to a report from the Office of Academic Affairs, the number of tickets issued to students has dropped since Chief Alesky has taken over.

Alesky said people driving from Fruehauf have been speeding, endangering students at Capitol, but they are being kept under control.

Alesky also said that the safety of students is his main concern. He explained that Campus Police patrol the area around 4th and 5th Streets to "act as a deterrent to speeders. When people see a patrolman, they slow down. This is much more effective than hiding behind bushes."

When a patrolman catches a student violating a law and a fine is imposed, it is not to harass the individual, but to make the person think about the action and prevent it from happening again in the future, Alesky explained. "It's also to protect the violator."

"My door is always open to students who have complaints, to students who would like to offer input on the types of services and programs the Campus Police could provide, and for any help they need in preventing crime," Alesky stated.

Student promoted Washington march

Students from Capitol Campus were among the 125,000 plus crowd gathered on lawns and pavements outside Washington D.C. on Sunday, May 6, at the anti-nuclear rally.

At least 25 students from Capitol Campus attended, according to Fran Costanzi, a student at Capitol and a promoter of the event.

Costanzi said that some students who attended the rally from Capitol were against nuclear power, but "not too radically." Others were either pro or con.

Some people who attended were drawn by the musicians. "I don't know if that's bad," Costanzi said, "because while people may have come for the music, questions about nuclear power may have been raised and they may have learned something by attending."

Costanzi has been against nuclear power for years. She said although people's opinions may have not been changed, the rally was worthwhile "as long as it planted the seed."

To understand the basics of nuclear power, how it affects people and its safety or danger is "not that complicated" for the layman, Costanzi said, "if one reads a book or two." Having only certain people educated on the subject and having those involved in making decisions on nuclear policy is "not good ideology."

Capitol Campus's involvement in promoting the rally began when Costanzi and Linda Morrow attended an anti-nuclear movie held in the Main Building. At the movie, Costanzi and Morrow were invited to attend a meeting of Three Mile Island Alert, a local anti-nuclear organization. As a result of the meeting, Costanzi and Morrow, along with Jim Gomley, a TMA member and Capitol Campus student, recruited people to promote the march on Washington. Other promoters included Kathy Strakosyoch and Joyce Jerry.

"Nuclear power is not only a technological matter, but a moral issue," Costanzi said. The morality issue was a central aspect of the rally. A respect for life was championed over the needs of an uncaring material world. Comedian and social activist Dick Gregory, said "I would rather have a brown out, or even a black out, rather than a peopleout!"

John Sebastian sang a song entitled "Another Link in the Chain," which concerned the present generations responsibility to leave a good world for the next generation. Costanzi likewise addressed this generations responsibility to our posterity. She is concerned about the storage of nuclear wastes. The radioactive waste resulting from the TMI incident is now on its way out west and being prepared to be dumped in the Susquehanna River.

"Nuclear plants are generating nasty things such as plutonium, which would be left to our grandchildren's grandchildren. We would be giving our children a death present!" Costanzi exclaimed.

The nuclear issue was "forced to people's attention in this area because of the nuclear accident, according to Costanzi. Many people came to the rally to find out what's happening with nuclear power.

"I can't rationalize just sitting back and letting someone else alert people to the dangers of nuclear power. The time is now," Costanzi stated. She added that she hopes the population surrounding TMI doesn't become apathetic in the future.

TMI refunds available for students

On campus students have been mailed a letter from the Office of the Controller, University Park. It advises that refunds, which represent the value of housing and/or food service not received due to the TMI accident will be available in the Capitol Campus finance office beginning Monday, May 21.

The procedure has been complicated because of several kinds of housing and food service programs available at Capitol Campus.

It is the official view of the University that it is not legally obliged to make a refund when it shortens the academic term. As explained in a May 10 communication from Controller Steve A. Garbson, "it has been decided that a voluntary refund should be made because of the unusual circumstances in this case."

Gpp sponsors two mini-concerts

GPP mini-concerts are scheduled for Saturday, May 19, from noon until 5p.m. with "Haji" and "Bonnie Parker" and on Friday, June 1, from 5p.m.-10p.m. with two bands to be announced. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted--kegs will not be permitted on the site. The Saturday concert will be held at the Student Center, and June's concert will be held in People's Park at the Heights. Heights residents will have to walk to the Student Center, as parking will be limited to dorm occupants only. Dormies will have to keep their keys handy that day, as the buildings will be locked for security reasons. At both concerts, only students and alumni are permitted with a limit of two guests per ID. Questions should be directed to John Brown, Chairman--809 Weaver Ave., Tel. 944-4158, or to the Student Activities Office--W104, Main Building, Tel. 787-1576.

Editor:

In the April 19 issue of C.C. Reader the poem "Searching" was incorrectly attributed to Sue Ringenary. The poet of "Searching" is anonymous.

Sorry Sue for any inconveniences this mistake may have caused you.