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Committee seeks input on gun issue

by Jeff Drinnan

A campus committee recently formed to investigate the issue of arming campus police with guns decided Tuesday to solicit views from students, faculty, and staff.

The committee has placed boxes around campus where the college community can submit their opinions on the gun issue. The statements don't have to be signed unless the author wishes to be contacted so as to discuss the

matter further, said Dr. Sue Richman, coordinator of the committee.

The function of campus input is to help the committee define the issues involved in investigating the matter.

The committee is waiting for written statements from campus police officers in which the officers would explain the need for guns.

By the end of Winter term, Dr. Theodore Gross, provost of Capitol Campus, will decide on the gun issue after hearing the committee's recommendations.

The gun issue has been brought up several times by campus policemen, said Dr. Jerry South, dean of student affairs, but it hasn't gone past his office.

Capitol Campus' committee is modeled after University Park's committee, which explored the campus police gun issue last year.

Reasons cited for considering the arming of campus police officers are: firearms being found on campus; a situation in which campus police encountered a lethal

weapon; and the pattern of increased criminal activity in the vicinity of the campus.

Campus police said that crime outside the campus affects Capitol.

Charles Aleksy, head of police services, said that more people from outside the campus travel roads through the campus than do members of the campus community.

He also said that campus police may not always learn that an armed robber, for instance, is being pursued before he may enter the campus.

He said that someone may rob a store in the Olmstead Plaza and flee on a road through campus. A police officer may pull him over for running a stop sign and would be unprepared, not having a gun, he hypothesized.

Local police are used as backup units for campus police. The time it takes for them to respond is an issue in considering arming campus police.

According to a memo from the administration to the campus committee, during the early years of Capitol, a com-

mercial security firm was brought into the college.

During the past ten years, the memo continues, the immediately surrounding community changed. Student unrest became more commonplace here and elsewhere.

A law was passed authorizing campus police at colleges. Capitol Campus developed police services, with four officers and one supervisor.

The memo said that the officers "can't perform their full responsibilities and may jeopardize their lives and the lives of others" without guns.

Aleksy stressed that campus police are as fully trained and qualified as local police. The officers are tested every three months in order to qualify for the right to carry a gun.

Aleksy said that campus police should not be thought of as just security guards. Capitol Campus is their municipality, just as Highspire is the municipality of Highspire's police.

And campus police have powers equal to those of any other municipality.

Capitol welcomes Model U.N. participants

By Harry H. Moyer

Opening ceremonies tonight at 6 p.m. in the auditorium will mark the official start of the eighth annual Capitol Campus Model United Nations.

The Model United Nations, sponsored by IAA (International Affairs Association) in conjunction with the United Nations Association of Harrisburg, is designed to promote greater understand-

ing of the United Nations and to provide a forum for discussion of major international issues and concerns.

In an interview with the C.C. Reader, Professor Clem Gilpin, director of the Model United Nations, and Keith W. Yundt, president of IAA, discussed the upcoming three-day event.

"This year the Model U.N. will attract around 215 high school students plus teachers, which will be our largest

group ever," Gilpin said.

According to Yundt, the conference helps the individual student to think creatively about international issues from perspectives other than his own. "This helps the student to criticize our own [American] perspective and policies more intelligently," Yundt said.

Gilpin said that a major benefit of the Model U.N. is that many participating high schools have developed

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On the air

By Joan H. Klein

WNDR has been making waves this term according to Bill Bertolet, the station's new manager. New officers were elected in January. Ron Fried is the program director, and John Reutter is head disc jockey. There are two chief engineers, Gary Pellett and Rob Rybicki.

Ruth Yost has taken over responsibilities as music director. Jill Hart is treasurer and is also in charge of public relations. The club's student advisor is Greg Austin.

The club is working to improve reception for Meade Heights and the dorms. The equipment,

however, is antediluvian and members are forced to broadcast by the woe of their tweeters. More funds are needed. "We provide a daily and useful service for the students and we feel this factor should be taken into consideration when appropriations are decided by SGA," says Bertolet.

WNDR's total balance of funds in September was approximately \$300 for the entire year. This amount will barely pay the yearly cost of telephone use, according to Bertolet.

In spite of a lack of funds, there is no lack of enthusiasm. Membership is growing, enabling the club to broadcast from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the week. Occasional night-

time and weekend broadcasts.

WNDR's musical format is well rounded and it is at the discretion of the scheduled disc jockey. In addition, the station is beginning to focus on a news department to provide hourly updates in local and national news. Students majoring in multi-media and journalism may find membership a valuable learning experience.

Overall, the station is trying to bring the community at Capitol Campus together and to close the gap in communications in evidence here.

Interested students are invited to sign up in W-106 while openings in the schedule are still available.

Brush fire

You may have noticed some commotion near the entrance to the campus at about 4:00 p.m. Tuesday.

Witnesses reported seeing crowds of people, numerous police cars, fire trucks, and ambulances in the area.

Well, not to worry. It was just a slight overreaction to a small brush fire near Rt. 230, west of First Street.

A spokesman for police services said that the fire was probably started by a care-

lessly tossed cigarette. He said that Lower Swatara Township Fire Department responded to the call.

According to the spokesman, the property involved was probably that of four separate owners: Capitol Campus, Fruehauf, PennDOT, and the railroad.

The spokesman assured the C.C. Reader that, contrary to popular belief, there was no report of a traffic accident at the scene.

TV test

WANTED: 35 STUDENTS TO TAKE PART IN THE NATION'S FIRST TEST OF AN "INTERACTIVE" TELEVISION GAME.

On Tuesday, Feb. 26, an experimental television game will be played at Capitol Campus. The game involves grouping those interested into various teams to view a specially selected film entitled "Song Of The Canary." The participants will then be asked to voice opinions of situations portrayed in the film.

The test will take place in the television studio wing of PSU Capitol Campus from 6:30 p.m. to approx. 10:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Students from all academic programs are needed for this experiment in communications--the first interactive television game ever.

Those interested may sign up in the Humanities Office, W-360, or in the Campus Relations Office, W-250. For further information contact Eton F. Churchill, Humanities Office, W-360, 783-6197.