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Provost drafts TMI statement

By Harry H. Moyer

At the Feb. 13 meeting of the Provost's Advisory Committee on Student Welfare held in the Gallery Lounge, there was a major discussion concerning the academic and financial penalization of students absent as a result of conditions at Three Mile Island.

During that discussion Michael Sheldon and Mike Cocciardi, SGA president and vice-president, respectively, suggested that the Provost develop a "blanket policy" so that all faculty members consistently recognize absences due to Three Mile Island as legitimate. Further discussion centered upon the role of the Provost in convincing the faculty to follow his stance and the possible need for an appeal mechanism for students. It was noted that both class attendance and grades are faculty prerogatives and that the Provost has a limited opportunity to affect an individual classroom situation. It was agreed that the Provost would make an effort to convince faculty to abide by his statement of intention.

As a result of the discussion, the Provost has written the following statement of intention to Michael Sheldon concerning financial and academic penalization due to TMI related absences:

"In response to the concerns expressed by students, regarding academic and financial considerations related to incidents at Three Mile Island, I would like to describe our intentions.

"Two factors govern class attendance at Capitol. The first is a belief that class instruction is important in the development of students, and thus students are encouraged to attend all classes. Secondly, each instructor has a responsibility for establishing specific rules governing attendance for his/her course. We recognize that illnesses and other unforeseen emergency circumstances will arise, and students are allowed the opportunity to make up work which is missed. Should a situation develop where radioactive materials are released into the atmosphere and individual students feel endangered, instructors should provide the opportunity to make up work which is missed. This would include scheduling a make-up examination for any tests. Students shall recognize their responsibility to notify their instructors if they miss class for any reason. They shall make arrangements with their instructor to complete assignments. In the event of a release of radioactive materials the campus administration will be in contact with the

appropriate government officials to determine whether safety and health hazards are posed by that occurrence. Should the situation warrant, the campus will be closed or appropriate guidelines issued, as was true last spring. Specific arrangements governing the rescheduling of classes and the reopening of the campus will be announced.

"It is my belief that resolutions of student grievances should occur in the least formal manner possible. As in other situations involving student/instructor relations, a student who feels that he/she is being penalized by a faculty member for reasons related to conditions at Three Mile Island should discuss this

with the instructor. Should the student and the instructor be unable to resolve the matter, the student should consult his/her program head. Each program head has a procedure for reviewing concerns of students about instruction. Should a student find the results of this process unsatisfactory, the student should bring the matter to the attention of the Associate Provost/Dean. Finally, the Provost/Dean would personally review any continuing conflicts and attempt to bring about a resolution.

"Related to these matters is a question of financial obligation. As was the case last spring, should the campus be

closed, the administration of this campus will, as it did last spring, seek an appropriate refund to students for any services not provided. In the area of housing and food service, for instance, we would seek a refund for the difference between the number of days which the services were actually available. In the event that the campus does not close down but individual students choose to leave the campus it would not be possible for a refund to be provided for housing and food service.

"In all instances we anticipate that arrangements would be made for the instructional activities planned for a normal term."

GPP officers disappointed...

By Harry H. Moyer

The concert that was sponsored by GPP on Tuesday night was a success for almost all students that attended. The problem was that only 150 students showed up. As a result of the poor turnout, most of the officers of GPP have indicated their desire to resign.

In an interview with the C.C. Reader, GPP President Jay Redman, Vice-President Annette Anasiewicz, and Ad-

vertising Chairman Joe Bruno discussed their concern about this Tuesday's concert and the future of student events at Capitol Campus.

"There are nearly 2400 students at this campus. We worked very hard to offer a good variety of music (one band playing Top 40, one playing Hard Rock) for the students, and are very disappointed that only 150 students came to the event," Redman said.

Anasiewicz also expressed her frustration with the poor

turnout. "I feel the students have let us down," she said.

Four hundred students were needed for GPP to break even on the concert. Because only 150 students showed up, the committee lost around \$850 on the concert. Even though that might be a small monetary loss compared to concerts held at Capitol Campus in other years, it is an indication that Capitol is currently not ready to host a major concert.

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Consolidation of divisions planned for July

By Joan H. Klein

Plans are in progress at Capitol Campus to consolidate several of the nine present divisions. The plan calls for a new total of five.

These divisions have resulted: Science, Engineering and Technology; Business; Psychosocial Science and Education; Humanities; Public Affairs.

Engineering and Technology has combined with Math Science. Administration and Business Administration are coupled, as are Education and Social Science.

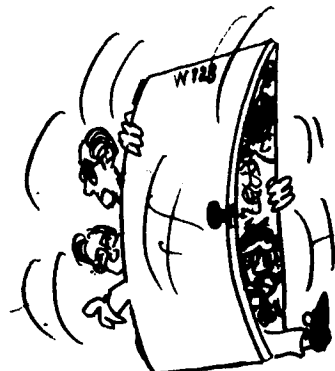
The reorganization means some changes in administrative control. Details of tenure, promotion and all personnel actions will be dealt with under one appropriate division head.

According to Dr. Duane R. Smith, associate provost/dean, the new structure has as its goals more efficient handling of administrative details. The changes should have minimal effect on the student body. All existing programs and degrees will be continued in one of the five divisions.

There has been resistance to the plan on the part of individual faculty members, according to Smith, on the assumption that "larger is less personal." He feels, however, that objections can be overcome.

It is planned that the reorganization will be effective July 1.

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CRAMMING MAJORS!



"LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT... YOU'RE A PSYCHOSOCIAL ENGINEER?!!!"