

Clubbin' around

New Data Processing Club

Take note, data processing students! The Penn State Capitol Campus Student Data Processing Chapter, a student chapter of the Data Processing Management Association, has been formed. The club was organized to help develop an understanding of data processing, to promote sound general principles in data processing, and to provide information on current data processing methods. The chapter also plans to provide assistance to students in problem solving and career planning.

Several activities have already been planned to help meet these objectives including a tour of the E.D.S. Computer Facilities which was held on April 7. Upcoming activities include an informal Spring outing and having guest speakers at club meetings. Members are also invited to attend the monthly meetings of DPMA where they can participate in workshops and listen to speakers as well as enjoy dinner.

Interested students should contact one of the club officers, Harold Bowe, Chet Gregoreski, or Irene Modaro.

ASME NEWS

On April 10, 11, and 12, Professor Donald Miller and four ASME student members attended the Annual Regional Student Conference at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

The purpose of the conference was to provide an opportunity for student members of 27 different colleges and universities from the New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, and Washington D.C. areas to become acquainted and to compete for prizes.

The program included 23 oral presentations by student members on mechanical engineering topics such as energy conservation, development and testing, and medicine.

Professor Donald Miller and Capitol's Student Chapter Chairman, Rick Reeder, attended a luncheon hosted by Dean Richard Kenyon, ASME Region III Vice President.

The entire group was treated to a tour of Niagra Falls and a party in the campus student-center.

Although no one from our chapter presented a paper in the contest, all present enjoyed the opportunity to share in the worthwhile learning experience.

The group would like to extend a special note of thanks to Professor Miller for driving some 600 miles to and from the conference.

Next years Regional Student Conference will be held at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia and is tentatively scheduled for April 3 and 4, 1981.

Important Meeting

The Provost's Advisory Committee on Student Welfare will hold their Spring Term Meeting at 3 p.m., Wednesday, April 30 in the Gallery Lounge.

Students, faculty, and staff who have items which they would like to have placed on the agenda for this meeting should submit them to Dr. South or Michael Sheldon by Friday, April 25th. The meeting will be open to all members of the Campus community.

IAA Briefs

The following topics were discussed at the last I.A.A. Meeting.

A. Fund raisers for the I.A.A. Refugee Relief Project (Goal-\$500)

1. Sale of the I.A.A. International Cookbook. Tentatively, 200 copies will be printed. Sale should start by late April. If copies are not available by the 25th of April, orders will be taken at the international dinner.

2. Softball or Basketball Marathon

3. A basketball game with the local radio station possibility I.M. Champs vs the station's D. J. "all stars"

4. Bike hike

5. Pool, backgammon tournament

6. Frisby Golf, or tournament

B. The International Dinner

The date for the dinner is the 25th of April at 7:30 in the Student Center. Individuals not wishing to bring a dish may purchase a ticket for \$3 dollars at the door. A troupe of Caribbean Folk Singers will perform at 9:00.

Our target date for a decision on Relief fund raisers is set for Thursday April 10, 1980; please plan to attend.

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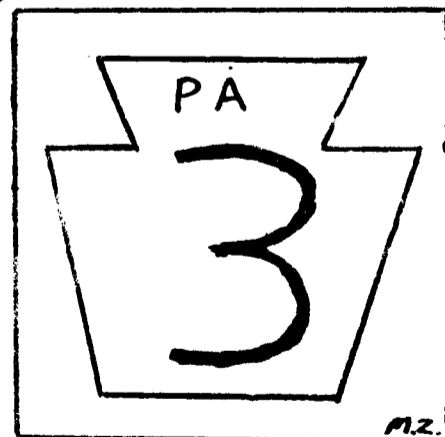
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Also, our News Department could use your help. Journalism and Multimedia majors, here is your chance to add experience to your resumes.

Tune us in at 640 (dorms) or 1520 AM

YEARBOOK TO TAKE CLUB PICTURES

The Capitolite will be taking club pictures for the 1980 yearbook within the next two weeks. To schedule your club pictures, contact Fred Vereb in the Capitolite office (W 129) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday from 9:30 to 12:00 noon.



#3 Inspections Due

The Capitol Campus Police Services Department wishes to remind all students, staff, and faculty members that the #3 Pennsylvania State vehicle Inspection Stickers expire on 30 April 1980. Any person operating a motor vehicle after 30 April 1980 with an expired #3 Inspection Sticker is subject to receive a Commonwealth Traffic Citation resulting in a fine of \$25.00 plus \$10.00 court costs for a total of \$35.00. Presently, PennDot officials report that there will be no extensions granted for the #3 Inspection Stickers.

Allen Ertel's Weekly Report to the People

The U.S. House of representatives will next week begin debate on perhaps the most important legislation of the current session. The House will vote on a budget resolution for the fiscal year 1981, which calls for the federal budget to be balanced for the first time since 1969. In fact, the budget resolution might provide for a \$2 billion surplus for 1981.

This action is long overdue. I have been a long-time proponent of a balanced federal budget. I think my position is the majority view, and am optimistic that we will see a balanced budget in this country by the end of 1981.

The present inflationary spiral can be attributed to a number of factors besides an unbalanced budget, including the decline in labor and business productivity and the strangling effects of continued OPEC price increases. But federal deficit spending is the chief problem that we must deal with to turn our economy back into the stable system it should be.

Federal deficit spending is not always an indicator of unsound fiscal policy. In those years when the economy is in a slump and unemployment is extremely high, the added

stimulation of deficit spending may be desirable. But the large federal deficits of recent years have occurred in the context of an expanding economy, and this has added to inflationary pressure. As a remedy to this—in addition to supporting the balanced budget—1 am co-sponsoring legislation to limit federal expenditures as a percentage of the gross national product. Specifically, the bill would limit federal spending to 20 percent of the gross national product. This action would mean not only a balanced budget, but a tax cut for citizens by 1982.

At this point, I want to add a cautionary note. While recent deficit spending certainly has contributed to some of the economy's inflation, balancing the budget will not be the panacea some undoubtedly are expecting. Estimates are that balancing the federal budget in fiscal year 1981 will reduce the inflation rate by only 1 or 2 percentage points. The Brookings Institution predicts that a balanced 1981 budget might knock only half of 1 percent off the annual inflation rate. Still, this step ought to be taken as a strong symbol of our resolve to crawl out of our financial quagmire.

To be sure, it will mean sacrifices: likely to come under the axe are Saturday mail delivery, the Youth Conservation Corps, and the state share of general revenue sharing. Former CETA employees face the elimination of unemployment benefits, all Law Enforcement Assistance Administration grants may be halted, and a number of social-aide programs would be slowed. Some \$600 million might be saved by tightening up the eligibility requirements for low-income energy assistance, CETA employment, food stamps and welfare. None of this will be easy.

In addition, the Budget Committee is planning some austerity measures for retired civilian and military federal workers. Where these retirees now receive adjustments in their payments twice a year to keep up with inflation, it would be only once a year under the House proposal. This arrangement will be uncomfortable for some, but it is projected that the measure will save over \$1 billion a year.