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WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

By Kathy Kern

The Book Store is operated by Penn State. Wrong. The Book Store has absolutely nothing to do with Penn State. Wrong again. Well then, what is the Book Store here at Capitol Campus and what is it doing here?

The Book Store here at Capitol is not university-operated but is university-supervised, get it? Well, if not, I'll try to explain.

Ms. Pearl Prouser, head of the Business Office, supervises the Book Store. According to Ms. Prouser, the Book Store operates as a "auxiliary enterprise and is run without university funds." In other words, the Book Store pays its expenses, such as salaries, out of the store's receipts. Any profits made by the Book Store are sent to University Park for use in a general fund for all PSU campus book stores. Money from this fund is given to those book stores which express a need for money to remodel or to make other improvements within the store.

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Associate Professor of Engineering Michael Bubel is head of the faculty committee on the Book Store. Prof. Bubel explained the Book Store's connection with PSU one step further by adding that the Book Store must petition this fund in order to draw money from it. If the amount of money requested is approved by University Park, it is given to the Book Store. If the amount is not approved, a lesser sum is usually given.

But, if the store can draw from this fund, why are the store's prices the way they are?

"When people see a high price on a text book they think, 'There really raking in a profit,' but this isn't so," says Prof. Bubel. Bubel discloses that the Book Store here usually operates at a two percent net profit, that is after expenses and losses are deducted. The professor notes that suggestions have been made to the committee that the Book Store should carry toiletries such as toothpaste, razors, and various other items. However, if these items do not sell, they cannot be returned to the

company as can be done with unsold textbooks. The cost of these unsold items would have to be deducted from the store's profits, thus possibly leaving the Book Store unable to reach its minimum two percent profit necessary to operate.

In regard to a request made by the committee for suggestions on the Book Store through a notice in the C.C. Reader from the Capitol Campus community, Bubel says the "committee felt that there were not any good recommendations from either the students or faculty." He also noted that there were only two responses from students to the notice printed in the Reader by the committee for suggestions for the store. A meeting at a future date will be held by the committee to discuss the Book Store situation.

Although there are grumblings as to why the Book Store is the way it is, Bubel comments that "it is natural, when one compares one book store to another, to notice the differences." One of the primary reasons for the store's appear-

ance, according to Bubel, is the amount of space available to the Book Store.

Ms. Prouser also notes that the space-or lack thereof-of the Book Store makes a difference. When asked if there was any chance that the Book Store could be moved to another location within the Main Building, Ms. Prouser said there is "not one inch of space available in the building to move the store to." Though a wider selection of items sold in the Book Store would be welcomed by students, Ms. Prouser says, "We do what we can with the space and money available, and with funds being what they are we must set our priorities." So, at least for the time being, T-shirts and other non-academic items will have to take a back seat to textbooks and traditional school supplies.

But despite the priorities being set and the goals being achieved, the Book Store still holds a reputation among students as being "a drag" and as being

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A DELEGATE SUBJECT

By Harry H. Moyer

The Ninth Annual Capitol Campus Model United Nations officially begins with its opening ceremonies tonight at 6 p.m. in the auditorium.

The Model United Nations, sponsored by IAA (International Affairs Association), is designed to promote greater understanding 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 Alan Foote, president of IAA, discussed the upcoming three-day event.

"This year the Model U.N. will attract around 200 high school students plus teachers, which will be one of the largest groups ever," Gilpin said.

According to Foote, 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," Foote said.

The conference delegates will debate international issues through various committees of the General Assembly - Political and Security Committee, Social and Humanitarian Committee, and General Assembly Plenary. Also, the Security Council decides implementation policy for the recommendations from the General Assembly.

Gilpin and Foote were both concerned about the long lines in the dining hall which will occur Friday and Saturday during lunch and dinner. "The students will enter the Dining Hall after 12:30 p.m. for lunch and 5:30 p.m. for dinner," Gilpin said.

Foote recommended that Capitol students who normally eat late Friday and Saturday either make it to the Dining Hall earlier than usual, or be prepared to wait in line behind more than 200 hungry delegates.

When asked if they felt that the students enjoy the three-day conference, both Gilpin and Foote agreed that the Capitol Campus Model United Nations leaves a tremendous impression on the students involved.

"I know several students who participated in the Model U.N. as high school students that now attend Capitol Campus," Gilpin said.

He also mentioned that some of the college students who help with the conference return to Capitol in order to attend the conference.

The Model U.N. is beneficial for all those involved because it helps to break up the routine of winter term for Capitol students, and it provides a chance for high school students to come in close contact with college students.

Gilpin said that the conference "forces me to realize that not everyone in the world is a junior or senior college student."

Foote remarked that there is a certain twinkle in the eyes of many Capitol males concerning the young female delegates. However, he was quick to add that "these young ladies are too intelligent for the twinkle-eyed collegiate men."

Gilpin noted that there are agendas and schedules of the conference posted throughout the Main Building, and students should feel free to observe any session.

Both Gilpin and Foote expressed their thanks to Capitol students. "The IAA is very appreciative to all students who have been willing to give their room and floor space to help make this conference a huge success," Foote said.

News Briefs

ADDITIONAL HOURS

Heindel Library will remain open until midnight on the following evenings:
Monday, March 16
Tuesday, March 17
Wednesday, March 18

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Keystone Athletic Conference will be holding its First Annual Basketball Tournament here at Capitol Campus on Friday and Saturday, March 6 and 7. Four teams from the KAC will compete in the event.

There will be a \$2 general admission charge. Students with an ID will be admitted for \$1.

ART EXHIBIT

Local contemporary artist Edith Socolow will exhibit her paintings in the Gallery Lounge of the Main Building from Monday, Feb. 23, through Friday, March 13.

Ms. Socolow's repertoire includes oil, watercolor, and acrylics. She has exhibited her paintings throughout Pennsylvania, Maine, Maryland, and Massachusetts.

CANCELLATION

Due to the lack of response, the wrestling tournament scheduled for March 4th and 5th was cancelled. Efforts will again be made to hold a wrestling tournament during Spring term.



Tonight marks the beginning of the Ninth Annual Capitol Campus Model United Nations Conference which features about 200 "delegates" from high schools in the surrounding areas.
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