

The State of Society at Capitol Campus

By Gary Pellett

Man, I need it bad! If the cold doesn't get me, all this studying will. I think I'd go south if I weren't paranoid about Air-Florida jets. But at least we have some student organizations that are trying to get something going.

Two weekends ago, the offices of Student Activities and Student Affairs got a bunch of student leaders together--to try to get them psyched up for an active term. Though nothing really constructive got done, it did get them talking together, and the talk sounded like there was going to be some good programs and parties coming along.

The biggest kick is to try to get more Juniors involved. Most of the clubs are made up of Seniors, which could be fatal to their existence once these people graduate. Wonder why there's been no ski trips organized this year? Last year the club graduated--leaving no one to run it. C'mon Juniors, get involved! Being part of a student organization gets you to meet a lot of people and have some good times, let alone looking good on your resume. And it's the only way to guarantee that those dances, parties, trips, or whatever that you enjoy now will still be here next year. Stop in at the Student Activities Office, W108, and they'll be glad to tell you what organizations are available, and who to get in touch with.

One other thing we got out of the leadership conference: Student organizations--cooperation and well-planned

promotion will get you everywhere. A lot of clubs think they can't do anything with their limited budgets, but put two or three of those limited budgets together and you can get almost anything going. The Meade Heights Board of Governors, XGI's, and SGA Social Committee proved that a lot last term. And for promotion, stop in and see Mike Breslin, the campus Public Relations man. Also, the C.C. Reader and WNDR advertise for either a low fee, or free.

The Student Government Association meets every Monday at 3:30 in the Black Student Union Lounge (W132). Visitors are welcome, though they seem to be a little confused about introducing guests at the meetings. Go ahead and introduce yourself if they ask you to. It doesn't mean that they're expecting you to address them during the meeting. You'd have to get on their agenda first, anyway.

Speaking of agenda, lately the SGA has been kicking around ideas about movies, fusesball or other machines in the Student Center, football plaques, and microwaves. Putting games in the Student Center or microwaves in the dorms is too restricted for SGA, so talk to the Resident Student Council about them first. RSC is in the position to get SGA money for these things. If the SGA approves money to pay for RSC's dorm football tournament trophies last fall, it will set a precedent as far as I know--the

first time SGA has paid for an event that had already taken place, and independently of it. If they do provide money, clubs, watch this--it seems like an award for pulling off a good program. Maybe that's the kind of initiative we need to get some of these clubs going.

Finally, I'm going to bring up a tired subject, mostly because we had to devote a good chunk of the afternoon at the leadership conference to it. Is alcohol really necessary at parties? In my experience, the answer is yes. The general rule is that turnout is directly proportional to the number of kegs on tap. Proof of this so far this term was the Autumn Buzz Weekend and last weekend's dance. Autumn Buzz had an excellent turnout each night, and the kegs

never ran dry, while the dance was BYOB, and not nearly as well attended. Still, the school takes a liability risk during every student organization party with booze, and they have been very relaxed about it. State law states that underage drinkers at school functions are the school's responsibility, and also the responsibility of those students in charge. Penn State rules say no to lots of booze. So be cool! Our administration and student leaders are sticking their necks out for you. It'd be a lot easier for them--and safer, too--if they stopped it altogether again.

As for me, I'm going down to Thirsty's for some anti-freeze. Here's to a social life at Capitol!



HAPPY C.C. PARTYGOERS

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News Briefs

PUBLIC LECTURE

On Friday, February 5 at noon in the Gallery Lounge there will be a public lecture by Kenneth Thigpen, Professor of English at the Pennsylvania State University, University Park. Dr. Thigpen will speak on "Images of America in Romanian Folk Poetry." The lecture is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Humanities Council and the Humanities Division of the Pennsylvania State University-Capitol Campus.

Professor Thigpen is a renowned authority on Immigrant Folklore and Folksong, Epic Poetry, and Pennsylvania Folk Culture. He received his Ph.D. from Indiana University and has since taught in both the United States and Europe. He is president of the Pennsylvania Folklore Society and has published widely in major folklore and literary journals.

The lecture is open to students, faculty, staff, and the public. The lecture will be accompanied by slides and tapes. Refreshments will also be available.

For more information contact: Simon J. Bronner, Assistant Professor of Folklore and American Studies, Penn State, Capitol Campus.

ATTENTION: INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The Immigration and Naturalization Service will not be requiring its annual alien address report this year.

BIGGER THAN LIFE

Heindel Library has recently acquired a Visualtek system to enable people with visual impairment to read and write easily and independently. The Visualtek camera magnifies print from books, microfiche and other printed material up to 60 times the normal size on a monitor screen. You can also place a pen or pencil under the camera and watch as you write!

To learn how to use the Visualtek system, please call Charles Townley, Division Head (6079).

WOMEN'S HISTORY WEEK

On Tuesday afternoon, the 17th of November, the Group Concerned With Women's Issues held a brainstorming session to generate ideas for a Capitol

Campus Community Celebration. The week of March 8, 1982 has been named Women's History Week and this group has taken on the task of organizing its recognition and celebration.

The group is calling upon the entire Capitol Campus Community to prepare for and participate in the proposed activities and displays. One interesting idea brought up at the meeting entails independent research projects on topics in women's history undertaken by interested students and faculty. These independent research studies could be implemented through humanities, beha-

viour science, history courses, etc. and then presented at a conference or seminar here on campus.

Another idea calls for a musical celebration. Do any of you write lyrics, poems, or music related to women's issues or history? If you do or you know someone who does, it is possible that some sort of musical performance, mini-concert, or workshop could take place.

Also in the planning stages are film possibilities and a display of old photos of historical women, women in our own personal histories, and artifacts which represent the plight of women over the years.

If you have any additional ideas or would like to contribute your time and energy to Women's History Week, please contact Libba Winston in W-360, 948-6191 or Monica O'Reilly in W-352, 948-6202. The next planning meeting will be held in January and signs will be posted throughout the Main Building specifying time, date, and place. ALL ARE WELCOME!

WINNER ANNOUNCED

Through a drawing, the Name the Cafeteria Contest Committee chose a grand prize winner from the 41 persons who submitted the winning name, "The Lion's Den." Since 41 persons submitted the selected name, a drawing was the only equitable way of choosing a grand prize winner.

The winner is Jim Faracchio, and he will receive the \$25 grand prize. The other 40 who submitted the winning name will receive \$1 worth of credit for a food purchase in the new cafeteria.

Clubbin' Around

WSDC

The Wrisberg Social Drinking Club is an unchartered campus organization which promotes social interaction and campus growth. In its past three years, it has enjoyed an increasing membership and a large variety of interesting activities.

The club was originated on 3rd floor Wrisberg (hence the name) but has expanded throughout the dorms and Meade Heights. Our major goals for the remainder of this year are to again "outphone" all chartered campus organizations in the phone-a-thon and to increase our junior membership to insure the continuity of the club.

A membership meeting will be held on Tuesday Feb. 2 at 8:30 in Room 131 on 1st floor Wrisberg. Bring your favorite beverage and a friend and check out WSDC.