

Have a problem?... Take it to court

By Elizabeth Crum

You get a traffic ticket and you're madder than hell. Your favorite video machine in the game room was mauled by a maniac. Your heart is in your mouth as you stroll from your night class into the deserted parking lot. Gripe no more—you do have a recourse.

The Student Court of Capitol Campus was established to help alleviate these and other problems. The court consists of eight students, a Chief Justice and seven Associate Justices appointed by an adviser and members of the Student Government Association.

Chief Justice, Sharon Jacoby, says, "The majority of cases we review are simple traffic violations, where a student appeals what they feel is an unjust parking ticket. Students have the option of filing either a paper or personal appeal to the court. Depending on the circumstances, the students can be released from obligation or directed to pay the imposed fine. These fines, incidentally, go into the Student Government to fund student activities and not to the Police Services, as many people think.

"As well as reviewing 50 to 100 traffic violations a term, the Court must determine the validity of ballots during the student government elections, and be present at S.G.A. meetings to decide on the constitutionality of any point that is brought up. The resident Court also serves on the Student Board of Appeals, which reviews instances of vandalism."

The newest project the Court has undertaken is an extended escort service that will include all students. The existing escort service, funded by the university, helps night students only from the nurses' office to the parking lot.

The Student Court has presented a proposal to the S.G.A. to start winter term that will allow for a van to transport students not only to the parking lot, but also into Meade Heights and other on-campus housing. This will be a paid work-study program and will be reviewed by the finance committee on Oct. 25th. "This is so the night class students won't have to walk home or to their cars in fear," said Jacoby.

Barrett names 'Times'

"Pick your paper's name... Win a bond." This headline in the October 8 issue of the C.C. Reader prompted more than 120 entries in anticipation of picking the best new name to replace C.C. Reader and win a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond.

Seventh term Accounting/Pre-Law major Chris Barrett, from Hazelton, PA came up with the winning name... Capitol Times.

Chris, a patrolman with the University Security Force, is active in campus activities. He is a disc jockey with WNDR radio on campus and on Nov. 19-21 he will serve as a delegate to the Model United Nations in Philadelphia.

In addition to the Capitol Times, a new weekly newsletter made its debut in mid-October. Thanks to Leanne Drozdoff of Hummelstown, this publication has been given a name, The Lion's Tale.



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Nuclear lecture series at C.C., HACC

By Donna Kirker

October's nuclear lecture series generated ideas, debate, and—perhaps, most importantly—optimism.

"There was a continuous note in all the lectures...we can, as a society and private citizens, put pressure on our government to negotiate a treaty that would be in the best interest of the United States and the Soviet Union," said Kevin Sweeney, Assistant Professor of Humanities and Philosophy.

The four-part lecture series was created by Sweeney, along with Humanities Division Head John Patterson, Professor of American Studies and History, and Paul Carrick, an Associate Professor of Philosophy at The Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC).

Based on the premise that the issues surrounding a possible nuclear war are confusing, complex, and frightening, the talks were designed to provide straight information from four different professional perspectives. Once informed, the audience could then make some educated opinions.

Sweeney also explained that the series, funded by a grant from The Pennsylvania Humanities Council, had two other objectives.

"First, we wanted to do something that would bring

Capitol Campus and HACC closer," and he said, "we wanted to discuss an issue that was truly of interest and felt nuclear war was such an issue."

Capitol Campus hosted the first two lectures. On October 8th, Dr. Paul Stolley, Professor of Medicine of The University of Pennsylvania's School of Medicine, spoke on "The Medical Consequences of Nuclear War." He was followed on October 15th by Dr. Robert Kennedy, a consultant at the Army War College in Carlisle, who discussed "The Need for Nuclear Arms."

The last two speeches were conducted at HACC. On October 22nd, Capitol Campus's Dr. Robert Bresler, Associate Professor of Social Science/Political Science, spoke on "The Politics of Nuclear Brinkmanship," followed on October 25th by Dr. Axinn, Professor of Philosophy at Temple University, who addressed "Is Nuclear War Morally Justified."

Sweeney stressed that the lecturer's objectives were not "to take the pro's and con's of the issue, just to present and represent their professional perspectives on the topic."

Sweeney continued to explain that the series was designed to take each of those perspectives into account, and then decide for oneself "what to do about the situation."

"I was extremely interested in the subject, because it was a difficult topic to understand," he said, adding "the terminology and the technology surrounding the issue is overwhelming."

"Because of that, most people will say that it (nuclear war) is too difficult to think about, let someone else think about it," Sweeney said.

A believer in true libertarian democracy, Sweeney wanted to provide the needed information to the public, so that they could as individuals become more viable citizens.

Overall, Sweeney believes the lecture series accomplished that goal, plus its other objectives.

"If one attended all four talks, one would be better informed and aware of the issues," he said. "The lectures stimulated debate and discussion...also, it proved that Capitol Campus and HACC can work in a joint venture with good results."

Looking toward the future, Sweeney believes that the success of this series will generate others like it. However, he said, "there are no programs underway as of yet."

Sweeney also suggested that other Capitol Campus departments were encouraged by the series results and may generate similar lecture series designed for their particular interests.