

Campus photographers discuss humanities' role

By Monica Auld

Five Capitol Campus students are \$30.00 richer when they received awards for their photography on May 5, in the Gallery Lounge.

James Sein-Lwin and Mark Weidhaas, engineering students; Alice Duncan and Judith Faruquee, two Humanities majors; and Wendy Rogos, a graduate student, each received an award for their work. In return, the Humanities Division keeps the winning entries to display on campus.

Different approaches to photography highlighted the group's program. Sandy Starobin, photography instructor, sees photography as an art form.

"Photography has nothing to do with reality. It is a superimposition of the photographer and can be used to express personal feelings, thoughts and attitudes about the world."

The competition was open to any student who has been enrolled in the photography courses offered at Capitol Campus. The winning photos will be displayed in the Humanities Suite, W-360 and in other campus offices.



Photo by Joe Hart

New bookstore construction termed "optimistic"

By Joseph Guberman

Better than improvements, Capitol Campus may get a new, half-million dollar bookstore out of this year's controversy over the current bookstore's shortcomings.

Dr. Theodore Gross, Provost, recently made an official proposal for a new bookstore which could be completed as early as the fall of 1984.

Final official approval from University Park's board of Trustees won't come until July, but administration officials are optimistic. "The time is right," according to Assistant Provost, Dr. Dwayne Smith.

Ever since the Capitol Times began a series of articles on the bookstore's problems, Dr. Gross and his staff have moved swiftly to address the concerns. Indeed, Gross says, "I've taken it as a mandate, and I'm grateful to the students for calling this to our attention."

A lot of planning needs to be done before the project is approved. Dr. Smith says he'll be seeking input from students, faculty and staff. He wants recommendations on what ought to be in the

bookstore, including product-mix and the physical set-up.

In the meantime, Dr. Gross and his administration will be working on details such as where to locate the proposed new facility. One idea under consideration is somewhere between the Multi-Purpose and Olmsted Building, but the actual site has yet to be

make the campus more attractive.

The funding for this facility, if approved, will come from the Central Fund of the Penn State University Bookstores. Despite the autonomy of Capitol Campus' Bookstore, all the profits from our school's store go to the University Park's Central Fund.

Because of that, John Bischoff,

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determined.

With the new Bookstore will come some badly needed changes. One of the most important is space. The current store is cramped. The new location, according to officials, will have about three square feet per student. This added space will allow for the expansion of supplies and texts. At the same time would increase the amount of space inside the Olmstead Building, as well as

Director of the Commonwealth Bookstore system says, "If Capitol Campus needs improvements, then the Central Bookstore Fund will be its source."

Bischoff and Robert Zilly, Vice President of Business at University Park met last week with Capitol's administration to discuss the proposal.

But Bischoff adds a word of caution: "With a new President

at Penn State this year, (Dr. Bryce Jordan), the possibility exists that he may not want to fund it. He might have other changes in mind, but we'll just have to wait and see."

Dr. Gross is a little more optimistic. Although still in the proposal stage, he thinks it looks very favorable. And Smith agrees, adding "We owe thanks not only to your paper, but also to Ted Gross, for his impressive work in establishing this."

William Kistler, Bookstore Manager, has also been working hard to make some changes. He's traveled to a number of different schools to look over their bookstores for new ideas and better ways of working here at Capitol.

The swiftness of response has come as a surprise to almost everyone. According to Smith, "We have a new Science and Technology Building that will be constructed soon. We spent three years planning it before we could even make the proposal. So it is a surprise, and I would have said a few months ago this was impossible, but a lot has happened since the Capitol Times articles."