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SGA official proposes arming campus police

By Shirley Marquet

Student Government Association Vice President, Chris Barrett, has made a proposal to the student senate that Capitol Campus Police be allowed to wear guns.

At present, the five uniformed police officers on campus do not wear weapons, but have completed the Municipal Police Education and Training Program, according to Supervisor of Safety and Police Services at Capitol Campus, Charles Aleksy. The program is required of anyone carrying a weapon due to their job requirements.

Barrett said he was approached by "approximately 30 students following the HACC incident expressing their concern that police here do not carry weapons."

"Considering the area and the crime rate, we see a need to provide a safe environment through prevention and protection, and

perhaps armed officers will better implement that," Barrett said.

Barrett, who is employed by campus security, is not the first to make such a proposal.

In 1980, a similar measure was discussed after armed criminal suspects were believed to be seen on campus.

A four-page study of the issue was prepared by an armament

"They become targets in a dangerous situation just as we do . . . Personally, I wouldn't take the job if I couldn't carry a gun."

**Richard Malwitz, Jr.
Lower Swatara Township
Chief of Police**

committee chaired by Dr. Susan Richman. The report preceded two public hearings held in May of that year.

No action granting the issuance of firearms was taken after those hearings.

According to student newspaper reports, the armament issue was brought up in 1977 by then Student Government Vice President, Ray Martin, who cited an increase in burglary in the Meade Heights area as the reason to necessitate guns.

Aleksy said, "there was a com-

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Pass-Fail option may change status

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Students having saved their pass-fail electives to set sail into Spring Semester may have just missed an easier boat.

The University Faculty Senate at main campus, under a student recommendation, has voted to replace the present pass-fail system with a new program called "satisfactory-unsatisfactory."

Under the new student-initiated option, the lowest acceptable grade will increase from a 'D' to a 'C.' Students electing satisfactory-unsatisfactory will receive an 'SA' on their transcripts for 'A,B,' or 'C' grades; and a 'UN' for 'D' and 'F' grades.

Pending University President Bryce Jordan's signature, the satisfactory-unsatisfactory option could take affect as early as Spring semester.

Executive Secretary of the Faculty Senate, George Bugyi, said the new option is undergoing implementation, such as including it in the course catalog and adjusting the computer to accommodate the new grade conver-

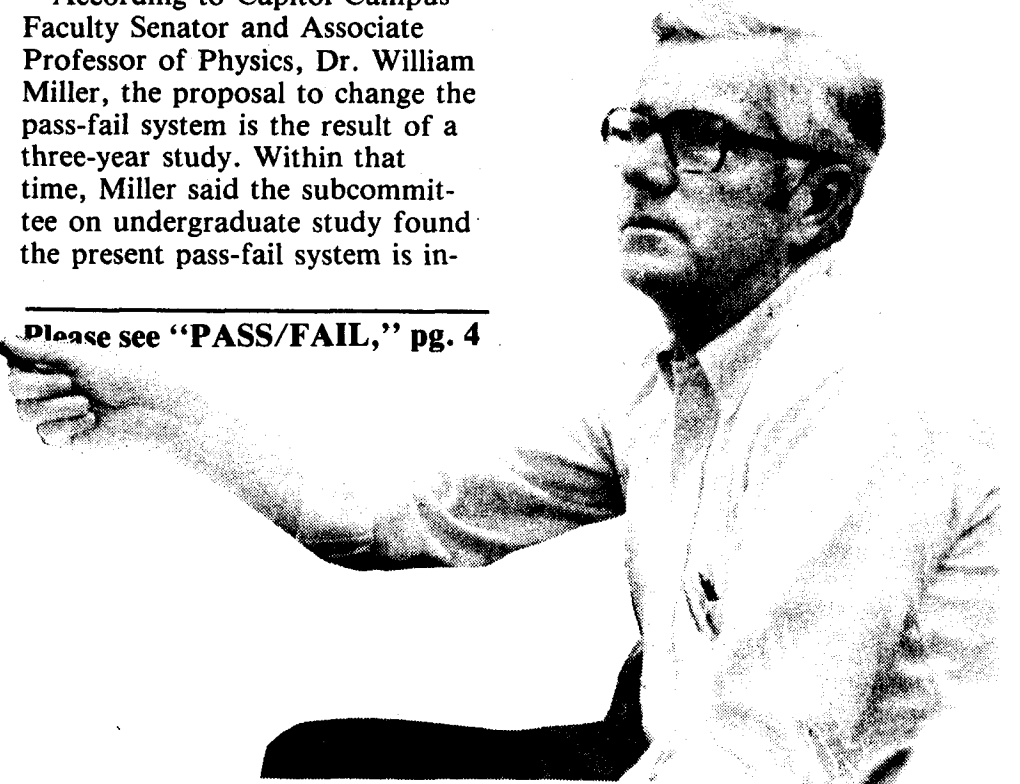
"I've always been in favor of pass-fail, but around here I've found a lot of students use it to lighten their workload."

**Dr. William Miller
Assoc. Prof. of Physics**

sions. Because of these technicalities, Bugyi said implementing satisfactory-unsatisfactory is feasible for the Spring, but more than likely the option will become effective in the Fall.

According to Capitol Campus Faculty Senator and Associate Professor of Physics, Dr. William Miller, the proposal to change the pass-fail system is the result of a three-year study. Within that time, Miller said the subcommittee on undergraduate study found the present pass-fail system is in-

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Dr. William Miller, Associate Professor of Physics, has assumed duties with the Penn State University Faculty Senate. Miller has been working on the pass-fail change with the senate.