



Photo by Tony Perry

A "soldier" and a "human eye" were among the many costumed students at Capitol's annual Halloween dance. More photos on page 5.

Mondale leads poll

By Mark Edquid

Walter Mondale is the presidential favorite of Capitol Campus students according to a straw poll conducted by the *Capitol Times* here this week. The poll shows Mondale with 44% of the vote, Reagan with 32%, and undecided/other with 24%.

Mondale's primary supporters in the sample were black, female, and students living off campus.

Reagan Support came from the white, male, students living on campus.

Students in the Behavioral Science and Education, Business administration, Humanities, and Public Policy prefer Walter Mondale, while those in the Science, Engineer-

ing, and Technology programs support Ronald Reagan, according to the straw poll.

Polling was done at the Olmsted building last Friday afternoon and Monday morning. The poll asked the students if they were registered voters, if they plan to vote, for whom they will vote, and other demographic questions.

50 students were polled, approximately 2% of the student population. Although the poll was not a scientific survey, it covered a good cross section of the student body. Of the students polled: 40% were students in the Science, Engineering, and Technology programs; 24% were Behavioral Science and Education majors; and 8% were in the Humanities.

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Suicide 'immoral' says SGA

By Tony Perry

Capitol Campus' elected student leaders are thinking today about adopting a resolution that condemns the stockpiling of cyanide pills by college campuses for use during a nuclear war.

The first draft of a "statement concerning Capitol Campus response to cyanide stockpiling referenda" was issued to the members of the Student Government Association earlier this week just after the students of Harrisburg Area Community College joined the

growing list of collegians attempting to have cyanide pills available for "optional student use in the event of nuclear war."

"We don't necessarily support the idea of suicide, nor do we support the idea of nuclear war," Peter Mekosh, SGA president, said during the organization's Oct. 30 meeting.

Mekosh said the campuses that have proposed the use of the pills as an optional solution for nuclear war are promoting a cowardly image of college students and have no real affect

on the nuclear weapons policies of the world.

SGA seeks to inform students on the dangers and possibilities of nuclear war instead of offering an "easy way out," according to Mekosh.

"We want to be seen as proceeding in a positive manner and avoiding this suicide nonsense," he said.

The resolution says the issue of stockpiling cyanide pills is "moot," and rejects suicide as "irrelevant and immoral."

The document was drafted by a committee of five SGA senators and, if accepted in its final form by the entire organization, will represent the student body, according to Mekosh.

"We are elected representatives of the student body," Mekosh said. "If SGA votes to accept our proposal, it will stand for the entire student body."

Mekosh requested the student senators to submit comments and reactions at the next SGA meeting on Nov. 6, after which the ideas will be incorporated into a final resolution.

Referenda may hurt nuclear freeze fans

PROVIDENCE, RI (CPS) - Attempts by students at Brown University, the University of Colorado, and more recently at Harrisburg Area Community College to stock cyanide pills for use after a nuclear war may be doing the campus freeze movement more harm than good, some activists warn.

Last week -- in the largest student vote turnout in six years -- Brown students voted 1044 to 687 in favor of a measure asking college officials "to stockpile suicide pills for optional student use exclusively in the event of a nuclear war."

At the same time, Colorado student leaders voted to hold a similar referendum on that campus in late October.

Officials at both schools point out that the student referenda are not binding and steadfastly refuse to consider stocking the lethal pills.

One Brown administrator declared the referendum would be enforced "over my dead body."

The students, of course, admit they're after headlines as much as they are an easy way out from doomsday.



Photo by Neil Myers

The Student Government Association discusses plans for a class gift to the school during their weekly meeting. Story on page 3.

"Our motivation is purely educational," says CU student Kyra Grossman, co-director of Students for a Sane Nuclear Policy, the group which drafted the student referendum.

"Even if people say, 'This must be a joke,' then at least

they're talking about (nuclear war), and that's what we're trying to accomplish," she adds.

Brown students, too, were trying to convey "the feeling of fear" of nuclear war, says Jason Salzman, a junior who originally got 700 students to

sign a petition calling for the suicide pills.

"There's been a tremendous increase in discussions on disarmament," Salzman says. "People have been able to per-

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