

Capitol gets new degree programs

By Neil Myers

A doctoral program in adult education, a graduate program in parks and recreation, and a bachelor's degree in administration of justice are three of seven new programs that could be offered here as early as next fall, according to Dr. Robert Graham, Associate Provost and Associate Dean of Faculty.

Dr. Robert Lesniak, Coordinator of the master's degree program in Teaching and Curriculum, confirmed that a cooperative doctoral degree program is being developed with University Park.

"I'm hoping we'll have something going next fall," Lesniak said. The major in adult education would use faculty members from both campuses. The program here

would differ from its counterpart at University Park because Capitol Campus would emphasize training programs used in business and industry, whereas the University Park program stresses "mostly agriculture and adult basic education," he added.

The parks and recreation major would also be a cooperative venture with University Park, Graham said Tuesday.

The undergraduate administration of justice program should be in place next fall, Graham said, and will be a part of the Public Policy Program in the Division of Public Administration.

Dr. Robert Bresler, Chairman of the Public Policy Program, said he had not seen details of the planned major.

"To my knowledge, nothing

formal has been done," Bresler said, "We've had some discussions about it."

Graham listed undergraduate programs in telecommunications, health care and food technology that are also being "explored" as a part of the ongoing strategic planning process. He said many of the programs would be in place by September, 1986.

In addition, Graham said that the Humanities Division is considering a graduate program in media.

Eton Churchill, Assistant Professor of Humanities and Multi-Media Journalism, said that two possibilities are being considered. Under the first plan, a concentration of media courses would be available under the existing Master of Arts in Humanities degree

program.

The second possibility depends on a decision that could be announced as early as next month by Penn State President Bryce Jordan.

Churchill said the University is planning to consolidate several communications programs under either a school or college of communications. He said it may be possible to arrange a cooperative degree program that would include a Master of Arts or Master of Science in Communications.

A cooperative program would combine Capitol's strong internship potential with faculty experience from University Park, said Churchill, noting the move would "enrich and broaden the curriculum."

Churchill also described several new media courses that

will be introduced in the next two years.

"Editing the News," "Media Management," and "Advanced Public Relations" are scheduled for next fall. Spring, 1986 will include a re-structured screenwriting course featuring visits and critiques by authors and screenwriters. Also next spring will be a three-part "mini-course" in advertising. The course, which may be scheduled for one, three, or four credits, will include sections on concept and copy writing, design, and production in either a print or video medium.

Also scheduled is "Public Administration and Social Responsibility," with "Government Public Information" and "Changing American Media" coming in spring, 1987.

Baja car to go to Canada contest

By Carman Amerson

Engineering students at Capitol Campus are once again providing an entry in the annual Mini-Baja Event sponsored by the Society of Automotive Engineers. The event, which is being hosted by McGill University in Montreal, Canada, is slated for May 10 and 11.

This year, as in 1983, Capitol Campus students are the only ones in the Penn State system to provide an entry in the contest. 1983's entry failed during the event due to clutch problems.

The vehicle being entered this year is the result of a great deal of pain and effort by many groups and individuals. The original concept and design are those of Joseph Zimmerman, senior, MDET. Besides time and labor, Zimmerman has also contributed a major portion of the funding for the vehicle. The \$150 dollar entry is being shared by SAE, ASME and the Engineering Division. The labor and engineering involved has been shared by a number of students and faculty members. Some of the major contributors are: Rich Enders, Ken Renninger, Ted Wrobel, Gary Linderman, John Deppen, John Fudala, Joseph Zimmerman, Dennis Caldwell, and professors Donald Miller and William Aungst.

The vehicle, which should be ready for its initial test run

sometime during the 10th week of this semester, is approximately 4 feet by 8 feet and has a turning radius of only 5 feet 3 inches. It has an all-steel frame and a tubular steel roll cage. The front suspension is a "trailing arm" type with the rear being "solid" or without suspension.

The engine, which is provided by Briggs and Stratton shortly before the race to prevent alterations, is a single-cylinder, 8 horsepower model.

The events in the competition are divided into two categories--the judged events and the performance competitions. The performance competitions, which are torturous to both car and driver, are intended to test the vehicle's strength, speed, maneuverability, amphibious ability and braking, among other things. Some of these events include endurance races, hill climbs, obstacle courses, tractor pull-type events and amphibious tests.

The judged events, which are based on a point system, include appearance (appeal), construction, creativity, safety and post-race inspection (how well did the vehicle hold up).

According to Zimmerman, most of the students directly involved in the car's production, as well as some faculty members, are planning to attend the event in Montreal.

Zimmerman said his group will sell T-shirts and sweatshirts in an effort to offset expenses.

Financial setbacks plague car

By Carman Amerson

"The world is full of thinkers and doers," claims Joseph Zimmerman, senior MDET student here.

Zimmerman is the main figure behind this year's all-terrain, amphibious "Baja car" created by Capitol Campus engineering students.

"Some sit around and think about it and others go out and do it," says Zimmerman, "I went ahead and did it. I took my chances."

In May of 1983, after seeing a previous Baja car project on display at an open house on campus, Zimmerman became interested in the possibility of organizing a similar project. Zimmerman began by talking to Professor Paul, an instructor no longer on campus, who assured him of at least \$600 being available for such a project, with an additional \$300

possible.

During the summer of 1983, Zimmerman met and became friends with a Honda dealer who gave him discounts on much of the hardware and tires necessary for the project.

"I wondered, should I go ahead and hope the school pays me back or what? I went ahead and did it. I thought there was a 90 percent chance of getting my money back."

Returning in the fall, after having written to Dr. William Aungst, Associate Professor of Engineering, during the summer about what he had done, Zimmerman learned that he "hadn't used the proper channels" and that "there were no funds available for the project."

"Well, I decided to go ahead with it regardless," said Zimmerman, admitting to his mistake and taking his losses in stride. Continuing, he

stated, "I'm not going to take it with me or anything like that. If it stays here, it'll be a lot less expensive the next time. Besides, I'm not like that. I don't want the next student to have the money problems we did. This way they'll have more time to spend on the car instead of the other hassles."

What did bother Zimmerman was the next problem he encountered.

"We spent three weeks trying to get \$150 for the entrance fee before the deadline," he said.

After trying various means, Zimmerman said he went to Aungst, who referred him to Miller to write out the check for \$150.

Upon encountering Miller a few days later, Zimmerman said he asked if he had sent the check yet (fearing the deadline).

"Miller," claims Zimmerman, "said he hadn't and that

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B-ball has best season ever

By Dave Donlin

The 1984-1985 boys' basketball team recorded its best season ever with an 11-15 record.

Among the highlights of the season was the Nov. 17 game against Swarthmore. Capitol, in a thrilling upset, defeated Swarthmore College in overtime 134-128. It was a game which showcased the scoring ability of Bill Ochall, who had 52 points, the most in his col-

lege career. Ochall ended his season with 1189 points in his two years at Capitol, the most ever by any player in campus history.

Another highlight of the 1984-1985 season was the team's third place finish in the competitive Keystone Athletic Conference (KAC). PSU/Capitol finished the regular season with a 4-4 mark in conference play.

In the KAC Tournament, Capitol lost to tournament

champ Misericordia in a tough game, 80-81. Capitol then defeated Beaver 83-87 to take third place in the tournament.

Head coach Charlie Bowen said the team came on strong at the end of the season and everyone's play had improved.

The 11-15 record is the best in Capitol's history. Senior guard Bill Styche thinks "it's good for the future" and it will help out tremendously as a confidence builder for next year's

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