

## Undergrad enrollment plummets 8.8 percent

by Pam Bromily and Alice Martin  
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Undergraduate enrollment dropped 8.8 percent at Capitol Campus according to statistics from Admissions Director Sandra Zerby.

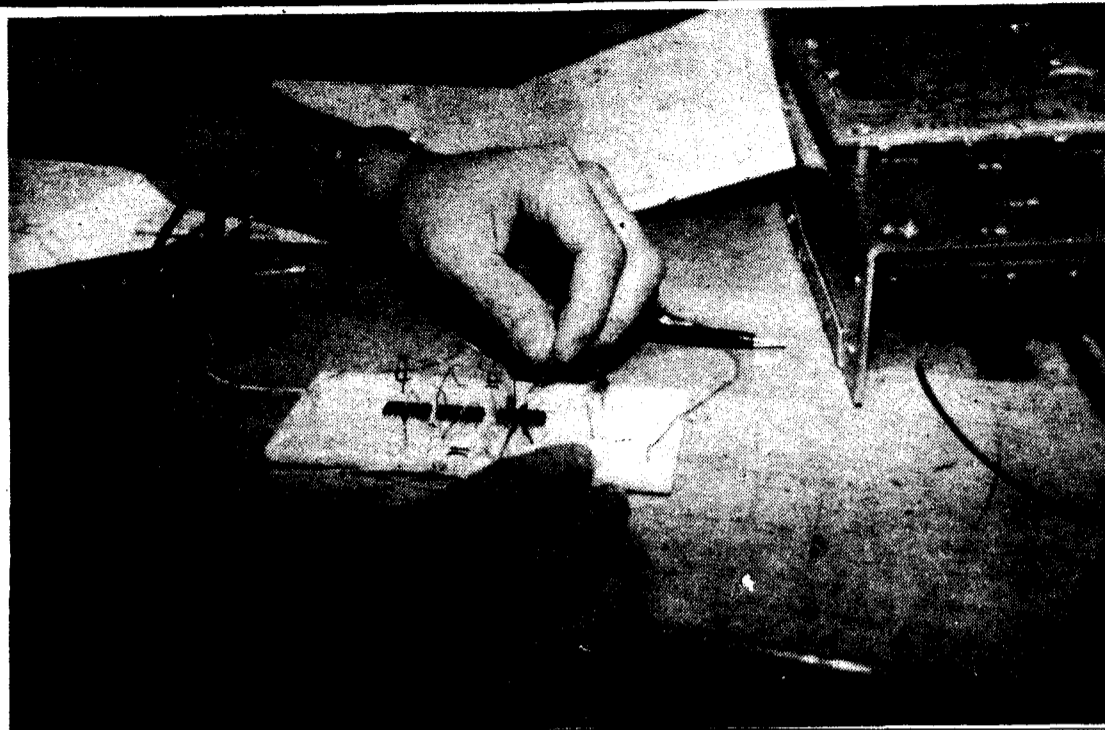
Enrollment figures for 1985 were unavailable at press time. However, admissions figures show a drop from last year of 55 students. Admissions are those students who have been accepted and paid the admission fee; enrollments are those who register for classes.

Reasons for the decrease in undergraduated enrollment is unclear since graduate enrollment has increased in the same time period, Zerby said.

A fourfold master plan is being developed to increase recruitment of undergraduate students, Zerby said. The plan includes mailings to prospective students, visits to college campuses, open house visitation programs and contact days, she said.

To implement the plan, information about the campus will be sent to students at Harrisburg Area Community College and the Pennsylvania State University Commonwealth campuses, Zerby said.

Open house programs are planned to give prospective (continued on pg. 2)



Some of Capitol's engineering students work on applications in one of the campus' laboratories on the second floor.

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## Engineers tops in the state

by Karen Hubler and Sharon Olmstead  
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Capitol Campus ranks No. 1 in the state and No. 11 in the nation for the number of enrollments and graduates in engineering technology, according to William Welsh, head of the Science, Engineering, and Technology Department at Capitol Campus. Figures in May 1985 support these statistics.

Welsh attributed the high enrollment to the growing engineering needs of industry. Students choose the Capitol Campus engineering program over the four other technology

said. The other four schools are Gannon College, Erie; Garden College, Philadelphia; Pitt at Johnstown; and Temple University, Philadelphia.

"I wish it weren't so high!" said Welsh of an attrition rate which averages approximately one-third. The enrollment in 1982 was 335 while the graduate number in 1984 was 271.

Rich Redling, a senior in the technology department agreed, "it is a difficult program." Ron Cope, a classmate said he frequently had to study five hours a night.

High salaries, beginning at \$23,000, draw students to a technology degree while small class size, averaging 25, draws students to Capitol Campus, Welsh said.

"At Capitol Campus you get personal attention. You also have more control over your curriculum," said Crystal Newcomer, a 1980 water resources graduate.

When she needed a hydrogeology course that was not offered, she said, "They were sensitive to the students needs and very helpful. They created a course for six students." Newcomer now works as a sanitary engineer for

## Student Court appoints four

by Stacy Krnjalic

Three juniors and one senior have been appointed to the positions of Student Court justices after being approved at last thursday's Student Government Association meeting, according to Student Court Chief Justice Eugene Monahan.

After evaluating the 12 applications for the justice positions, Monahan gave recommendations of the four students he thought were "best qualified" for the positions. SGA officials gave their approval after viewing the applications and two of the four members were appointed at that same meeting.

Knansie Griffing, 21, a junior majoring in marketing from Norristown, has been appointed and sworn in as the justice representing Church Hall dormitory.

Also sworn in was Patrick Basso, 21, a second semester junior majoring in computer applications from Harrisburg.

Annette Adams, 20, a junior public policy major who commutes from Mechanicsburg, and James Douglas Pyles, a junior finance/marketing major have both been appointed and are sheduled to be sworn in at tuesday's SGA meeting.

Adams has a para legal degree, according to Monahan, and Pyles will be representing Wrisberg hall dormitory as a court justice.

In viewing the applications for justices, Monahan said he followed the guidelines provided in the constitution - you must have a 2.0 grade point average, be a full-time student, and show qualities of a leader - but most of hes decision mak-

ing was based on "gut feeling".

"I was looking for decision makers," said Monahan, "Not someone who's going to sit on the fence."

Monahan also pointed out that all four of the new justice have at least a grade point average of 3.0, which he said was an important factor regarding their appointment.

The first session of student court is scheduled for wednesday this week. All new justices will participate immediatley, according to Monahan. No formal training will be given.

"Training is on the job training," said Monahan.

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## Minority enrollment increases

by Ken Stiggers and Dave Rhinehardt  
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Minority offers of enrollment at Capitol Campus increased 69 percent this year according to the Capitol Campus enrollment chief.

During the fall semester registration period, 85 black students applied to Capitol Campus. Of the 85 who applied, 25 were accepted and 16 eventually completed the enrollment process and are currently attending Capitol, according to Sandra Zerbe, director of enrollment planning on campus.

Of the 16 black students currently studying at Capitol, 8 are transferees from other campuses within the Penn State system. Ten are females and six are males.

Capitol Campus officials are presently developing plans to launch a "comprehensive recruitment drive within the state using current and past Capitol Campus students as recruiters," Zerby said. "We have an excellent group here."

Many black students suggested a student center for minorities. This would help to further the interests of the university and minority students in particular. The center would serve to establish effective rapport between the minority student population, and the various communities of southcentral Pennsylvania. Other aims of the proposed center would include financial aid to minority students, Zerbe said.

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Students enjoy one of the last days of warm weather at the Provost's picnic before fall weather set in. (Story and more pictures inside)

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