

Model United Nations Comes To Penn State Harrisburg

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Clem Gilpin, IAA advisor addresses a group of newly-arrived participants.

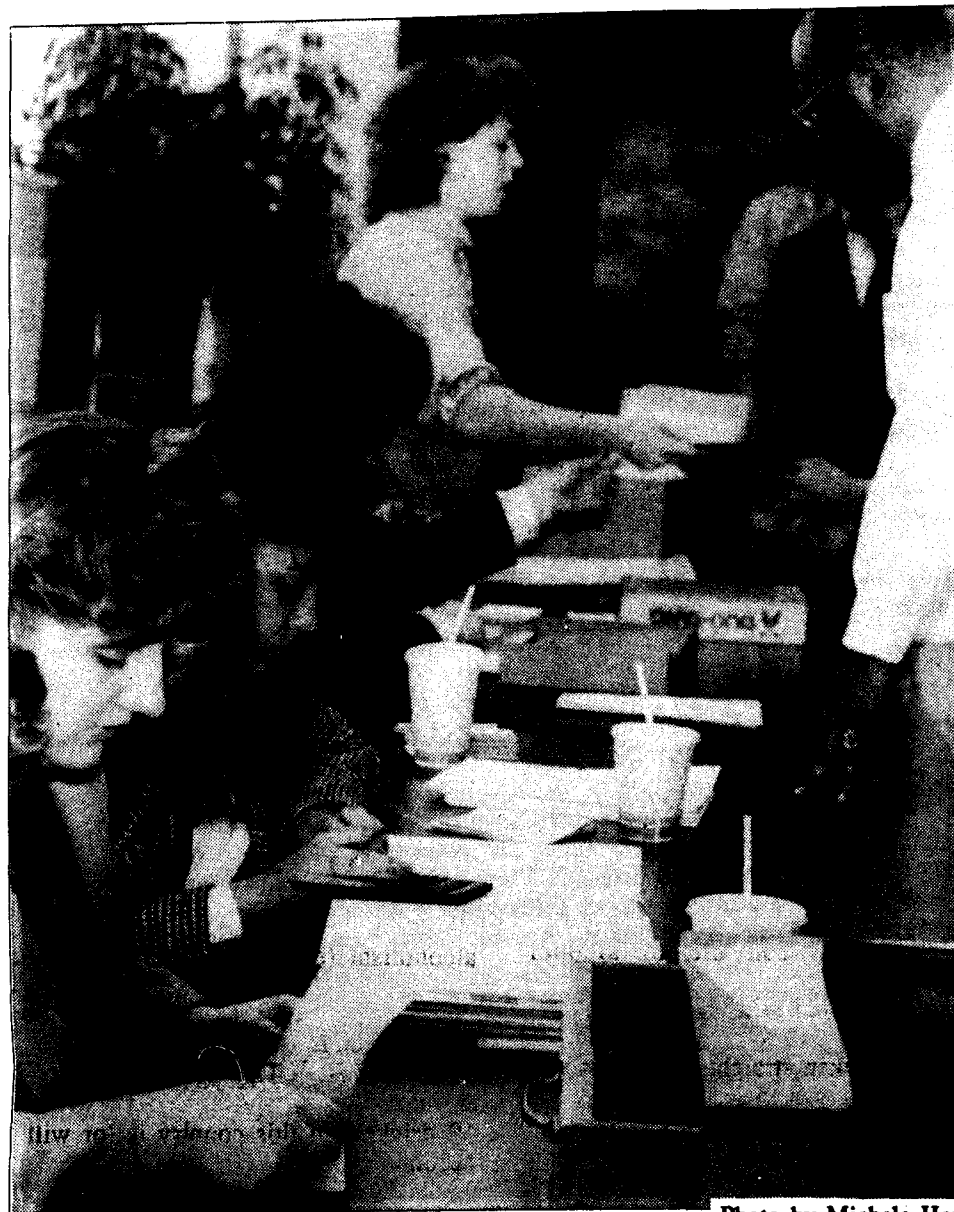


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Maria Rusnyk, secretary/treasurer of IAA works to get U.N. participants registered.

145 High Schoolers Invade

by Michele Hart

Capital College was invaded this weekend by 425 high school students from 29 area high schools.

The students were here for the 16th annual Model United Nations, sponsored by the International Affairs Association.

The students came as delegates from 130 countries to debate issues of international importance. The delegates were divided into four committees; special political, political and security, social, humanitarian, and cultural. The fourth committee was the security council modeled after the real United

Nations.

Maria Rusnyk said that the committees are given agendas of topics to discuss.

"We don't really limit them on time unless they get really lengthy," she said.

The Model U.N. proves to be a lot of work for members of the I.A.A. Of the 425 students at this year's U.N., 125 stayed on campus with Capital College Students.

Rusnyk said, "We have to start preparing in the fall. The students start asking for their country assignments in October."

Capital College Has a Sister School

by Laura Karinch

Penn State Harrisburg recently signed a two-year contract with Kolej Damansara Utama, a Malaysian junior college, agreeing to provide consultation and assist the school in faculty and curriculum development. Damansara is located in Kuala Lumpur, tropical Malaysia's capital.

Dr. Frank Swetz, Professor of Math and Director of International and Intercultural Activities at Capital College, says that this partnership is an opportunity to assist the Malaysian school in emulating an American-styled program of education while acquiring a better understanding of their culture. Swetz has been involved in Malaysian education for 20 years, teaching on and off in the country during that time. He has already provided Damansara with two

American faculty from other schools, and hopes to see more faculty and student exchange in the near future.

Dr. Robert Simko, Associate Professor of Geography and Planning at Capital College, will be traveling to Malaysia this fall to teach at Damansara for a semester.

Our partner school has approximately 2000 students and confers an Associate of Arts Degree. The school opened in 1983 with 146 students when the government of Malaysia relaxed its policies on allowing private institutions to found junior colleges. Until 1960, there was only one government-run college in Malaysia. By 1980, there were six colleges.

The main goal of the college's American program is to provide an American style of education to prepare

its students to attend schools overseas, usually in the United States, and to help the students gain a better mastery of the English language.

Damansara's library holds an insufficient collection of about 2000 books, hence the formal book drive which ended last week. Student Activities will accept books at any time from students, and they may be dropped off in Room 212. Texts and reference books on business subjects, computer science, history, politics, and writing are especially needed.

This partnership, says Dr. Swetz, is an example of the goal of the International and Intercultural Program: "to seek out opportunities to increase international and intercultural awareness of Penn State's community of faculty and students."

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