

Room Could be Lost

Task Force Report Complete

By Michele Hart

The recommendations for the improvement of common teaching facilities by the Task Force on Teaching Facilities and the Physical Plant Committee are complete. And, as expected, the report suggests that the clubs meeting room, the SGA office, and the Student Activities office be moved from room 216 to the CUB.

Before any final decisions are made, however, Dr. Jerry South, associate provost for administrative operations, said that he will accept input from faculty, staff, and students.

"It is important that every campus constituency...has an opportunity to make their needs known," he said.

The redesignation of room 216 is only one item in the lengthy proposal.

In the report, the task force calls for the campus to be recognized and used as a "multi-building campus," by establishing the Olmsted building as the "prime instructional and administrative area" and the CUB and CRAGS buildings as the "prime student service areas."

This can be accomplished, according to the report, by moving the SGA and Student Activities to the quiet lounge in the CUB. Instructional Services would then move into the room along with a warm-up and dressing area for the auditorium.

The report also proposes that the east and west wings of the Olmsted be used for instruction; the middle areas be used for administrative functions; and soundproofing and other improvements be made to classrooms throughout the building "expeditiously."

South said that examining the usage of space on campus is necessary because of the growth of the college. "We've grown to the point where we need to think about the fact that we have 225 acres," he said.

Dr. Donald Alexander, chairman of the task force and associate professor of education said that discussion in the task force ran "far and wide" as to what areas of the buildings were appropriate

for what uses.

Alexander said that a concern of the task force was what should be moved if every campus function cannot be in the Olmsted building.

"We didn't talk to anyone who wanted to be anywhere but in this [Olmsted] building," he said.

The recommendations were made, he said, on the basis that services people want to use, not just stumble upon, could be located anywhere.

"It isn't because we don't care about the students," he said.

Alexander said that it is "a shame" that the CUB is not used more and that by locating student services there more student traffic would be generated.

Roger Notarian, a member of Chi Gamma Iota, said that he does not think that students will utilize space in the CUB because it is inconvenient for students to go there between classes.

"I think they [student activities] should be localized where the classes are...where the students have to spend most of their time," he said.

Notarian also said that moving the clubs to the other side of campus will effectively "shut them down." "It's going to destroy communications," he said.

Maria Rusnyk, a member of the SGA, IAA, XGI, and Beta Chi, said that she thinks that it is "ludicrous" to turn room 216 into dressing rooms.

Rusnyk said that if the student organizations must be moved from room 216, moving them to the basement of the Olmsted is a good alternative.

"It would keep all three elements [clubs, SGA, Student Activities] together and utilize rooms that need work to be classrooms," she said.

Ron Cox, a senior who uses room 216 mainly as a study lounge, said that if students must give up the room, he will not go to the CUB.

"It's not as convenient as using this room," he said.

Students have until Mar. 21 to express their opinions in writing to Dr. South.

Spring Break in Siberia

Photo by Ed Hein



Six members of the Capital College community left the campus Friday, Feb. 26, for a spring break trip to the Soviet Union.

RSC Asks Clubs for Money

By Bernie Mixon and Michele Hart

Resident Student Council (RSC) is seeking donations from other student organizations in an effort to raise money for the annual semi-formal.

A letter was sent to presidents of each club on campus encouraging them to "dig deep" into their unrestricted funds. To clubs without extra resources, RSC suggested applying for additional funds through the Student Government Association.

In the past the function was sponsored by RSC and the Student Union Board of Governors (SUBOG). Because of financial difficulties this year SUBOG cannot contribute its share, which in past years has totaled approximately \$2000.

SGA has alleviated some of the fiscal pressure from RSC, but it is not enough.

Debi Everett, RSC vice-president, said that she hoped that clubs would consider donating funds "in the spirit of pride...to make this [the semi-formal] a success."

Some club presidents, however,

expressed reservations about the ideal.

Black Student Union President Cleveland Wilson said the plan was a "bad idea" because of the uncertainty of budget proposals. He said that an alternative to RSC's plan could be the purchase of blocks of tickets by clubs to sell to members at reduced prices, instead of donations.

According to Melissa Wohrle, RSC president, most clubs have opted to purchase tickets rather than give donations.

"Financially, we have not received any of them [donations]," she said.

RSC will be able to meet its goals if the clubs follow this course of action, Wohrle said.

Faye Fox, accounting club president, said the idea proposed by RSC was a good one, but should only be used in situations where the event will affect more people.

Capital Iron Treasurer John D'Ambrosia said that funds are low at this point in time for all clubs and additional money has been hard to come by this year.