

## Banquet Honors Members

by Bernie Mixon

On Friday, April 22, 1988, the annual Awards Banquet was held in the CUB. The banquet, sponsored by the Student Government Association, was held to honor those individuals who contributed to student clubs and organizations throughout the past year.

In his welcome address, Luke Hess, chairman of the Awards Committee, said that the banquet was an "opportunity to recognize those students who [contributed] to student organizations throughout the year." Dr. Robert Graham, associate provost and dean, cited the efforts of all students involved in club activities as "a learning experience embracing more than the classroom."

Of the many awards given out, there was a new award which was given in recognition of the excellent financial management of three clubs throughout the year. This award went to Pi Sigma Chi, PSPEC, and IEEE.

The club Presidents Award was given to IEEE president Scott Hawk; ASA president Faye Fox; and Capital Times editor Michele Hart.

The club member contributor awards were given to those members

who made outstanding contributions to their organizations. The winners were Carol Kilko, DTK; Maria Rusynyk, IAA; Kimberly Anastas, Capital Times; and Nick Roslevege, SGA.

Penn State Awards were also handed out. Those graduating seniors who were added to the list of "Who's Who" were: Mark Baroni, Faye Fox, Ronda Graby, Todd Hammaker, Luke Hess, Donna Levins, David Rat, Jan Travers, Kay Trebatoski, and Andrea Willard.

The Eric A. and Josephine S. Walker Award is given to an undergraduate Capital College student in recognition of outstanding character, scholarship, leadership, and citizenship. This year the award was given to Jan Travers.

Graduating senators were recognized for their contributions to SGA. Those senators were: Amanda Bartholomew, Denna Levins, Luke Hess, Cleveland Wilson, Maria Rusynyk, John Geissler, Gene Albano, Darvin Geyer, Nick Roslevege, and Mike McClure.

In his closing remarks, Luke Hess thanked the Awards Banquet Committee. Hess remarked that "they [had] done most of the work."

## Alcohol Awareness Emphasized During Week

by Kimberly Anastas

Penn State Harrisburg commemorated Alcohol Awareness Week April 11 through April 17 with movies and a panel discussion.

Dr. Mona Cardell, a counselor in the Counseling Center, said that this was the first time staff, students and faculty got together to make people aware of the effects of alcohol.

"We were seeing high incidents of people coming in for alcohol-related counseling. There are a number of students on this campus who have drinking problems," said Cardell.

Last Fall, the staff at the Counseling Center compiled a survey to determine the counseling needs of the campus, Cardell said. Two items on the questionnaire concerned alcohol-related problems. Cardell said 30 percent of the people who finished the survey expressed a need for a program dealing with Alcohol and Drug Abuse and 23 percent expressed a need for a program designed for Adult Children of Alcoholics.

Cardell said the numbers of people who said they knew of other people the programs could benefit were much higher.

As a result of the surveys, the programs for Alcohol Awareness Week were arranged. On Monday, April 11, a panel discussion was presented by Chuck Mazzitti who has a practice in drug and alcohol counseling, Officer William Eynon of the Middletown police department, Tim Leo who spoke about alcohol and the process of recovery from alcoholism and Kay Trebatoski, a student who talked about her experience

of being in an accident caused by a drunk driver. Eynon talked about drinking and driving and demonstrated the use of a breathalyzer.

Two films were featured Wednesday, April 13 at noon in the Gallery Lounge. "Calling the Shots" deals with the advertising of alcohol, its objectives and effects and the methods advertisers use to promote their product. "My Father's Son" examines the genetic as well as the environmental implications of alcohol and depicts an alcoholic's drinking and the effects on family members.

Cardell said she has counseled students who were experiencing the last stages of alcoholism which is a very serious problem. She said that although the problem of alcohol abuse may not be as bad at Capital as it is on other college campuses, it is still a problem.

Some warning signs of early alcoholism are: occasional relief drinking which develops into constant relief drinking, increases in alcohol tolerance and the onset of memory blackouts.

If you or a friend are experiencing any of these symptoms, now may be a good time to seek counseling--before the problem gets more serious.

Cardell said "students need to monitor their use of alcohol and whether it's affecting their health, productivity or relationships."

"Alcohol is a dangerous drug like other drugs and just because it's legal doesn't mean it's not dangerous," said Cardell.

## Local Officials Gather to Discuss Car Thefts

by Joe Kupec

Members of local police and juvenile probation departments, car dealerships, and the Capital College held a panel discussion, moderated by criminal justice major James Coleman, April 14, in the CUB to explain how a popular television show and lack of stable home environments contributed to the wave of car thefts in Harrisburg last year.

An episode of an adventure series, McGyver, showed juveniles, most between the ages of 11 and 17, how to break into cars by pulling the door and ignition locks with a dent pulling tool.

Screwdrivers were then used to start the cars.

By the end of 1987 police had made 227 juvenile arrests connected to 336 car thefts in the Harrisburg, York, and Lancaster areas.

Ninety-nine percent of the youths involved were black males from low income, single-parent homes that had histories of alcohol and drug addiction, domestic violence, and previous arrest histories in the family.

Dr. James Rooney, Penn State Harrisburg sociologist said that the materialistic message of television advertising tells these kids that they can have everything they want now.

Television heroes who never suffer the consequences of their actions reinforce the juvenile misconception that nothing will happen if they steal a car.

The average offenders in these cases were not hardened criminals, but kids looking for fun and adventure according to Lt. Peter Brooks, Harrisburg City Police Department.

Brooks said the juveniles would make a game out of car theft, driving to school to show off, giving the car to friends, or seeing who could steal the most cars.

Detective Rena Harden of the Harrisburg Juvenile Offender Unit said that the first reaction a juvenile driver would have when confronted by a police car would be to run away.

Harrisburg City Police Sgt. Robert Miller, who called the theft wave the worst he had ever seen, agreed with Harden pointing out that police officers were reluctant to pursue the offenders because of potential harm to pedestrians, other drivers, and the juvenile.

"The last thing I want to do is go to a home and tell the parents that their son or daughter was killed at school by a juvenile driving a stolen car," Miller said.

The first few offenders caught were given stern warnings, put on probation, and released to their parents.

Dr. Steven Sukniac, Dauphin County chief juvenile probation officer, said that going easy on the juveniles only reinforced the assumption that kids could steal cars and get away with it.

Blaming the juvenile detention system won't help matters, Brooks said.

Brooks pointed out that the family system of instilling values has broken down and society has so far been unable to implement a substitute.

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