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Campus Reacts to U.P. Protests

By Todd R. Ross

Responding to minority student demonstrations at University Park, Provost and Dean Dr. Ruth Leventhal said she felt that the demonstrations were positive and hoped the effect on this campus "would be along the same vein."

Speaking specifically about the Feb. 18 demonstration at a University Park basketball game Leventhal said "this is the first time I see the Afro-American students clearly saying that administration is a part of the 'we' and not the 'they.'"

The President of the Black Student Union, Wayne Ravenell, said he sees the demonstrations as part of a continuum that began taking shape at last spring's occupation of the University Park Telecommunications building, in which 89 people were arrested.

Ravenell said "students are moving in the right direction, the things the students are fighting for are relevant for all students, not just the African-American community." He added that the effect on the Capital College is

positive "because people will see these students trying to make a positive change at Penn State"

The BSU President agreed with Leventhal's assessment of the administration becoming a part of the 'we.' "I see the administration showing concern; not all, but some." Ravenell said.

Leventhal said the administration is working closely with the leadership of the BSU. "We are keeping them informed as to what is happening at University Park and what the University is doing."

Ravenell said he appreciates the information provided by the university because it is not good to rely only on media reports that are "sometimes incorrect." He added that he feels providing information is a good way for the administration to be receptive "to the situation" and to "keep a cap on demonstrations here."

On Feb. 20 Dr. Leventhal issued a statement reaffirming the university's existing Acts of Intolerance policy. This was the latest action taken by the Capital College's administration.

Staff Member Suffers Tragedy

By David A. Blymire

A fire all but destroyed the house of Student Support Counselor Felicia Brown-Haywood early on Friday, Feb. 24. No one was injured.

The fire caused an estimated \$75,000 to \$90,000 worth of damage to the two-story house, leaving Brown-Haywood, her husband, three teenaged daughters and a young son, with little more than the "pajamas we were wearing," Brown-Haywood said.

The fire was detected by Brown-Haywood's daughter Alexia, 17, around 1:15 a.m., who alerted the family, she said. They ran outside to a neighbor's house to escape the smoke and flames.

"Once I knew my family was safe," she said, "I didn't care about the material things."

The firefighters were able to protect some of the furniture on the first floor of the two-story house, but the second floor

was completely destroyed, she said, leaving only the block foundation standing.

The family became what she called the "bag family," staying first at the Capital Travelodge Motel, and then a friend's home.

They are currently living at the home of Penn State Harrisburg Provost Dr. Ruth Leventhal, until they can find something more permanent.

Brown-Haywood's colleagues initiated a relief drive, which so far has netted "a U-Haul truck load of clothing," she said.

"The response to the crisis has shown me that there are folk out there who still have a heart," she said. "It's exciting to know that people still care."

The fire apparently started when a crock in the chimney of a wood-burning stove cracked, she said.

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The Brown-Haywood Family

SGA elections for 1989-1990

Applications are now being accepted for 1989-1990 SGA Officers and Senators. Deadline for applications is March 17. Applications may be picked up in room 212. Elections will be held March 29 and 30.

Trees Can Reduce Greenhouse Effect

By News USA

Problem: The Earth is heating up at an ominous pace--the so called "greenhouse effect"--threatening our planet with drought, heat waves and water shortage.

Solution: plant trees.

That's not the whole answer, notes the National Arbor Day Foundation, but it's an important one that every concerned citizen can take part in.

The global warming condition predicted by scientists and apparently seen in last summer's heat wave that destroyed nearly a third of the nation's grain crop is a result of several factors. They include destruction of the world's forests and the burning of fossil fuels, which release excess carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

Carbon dioxide is a one-way filter. It lets the sun's energy pass through but traps the heat rising from the earth, resulting in what scientists call the greenhouse effect.

Trees remove carbon dioxide from the air, but mankind has destroyed a third of the world's forests, and continues to do so at a rate equal to a football field a second.

"Much can be done to slow the greenhouse effect," said John Rosenow, executive director of the National Arbor Day Foundation. "We must decrease our use of fossil fuels, stop destroying the world's forests, and plant trees."

Trees may be "our best line of defense," added Rosenow, with those planted near homes absorbing carbon dioxide directly as well as providing shade in the summer and slowing winter wind--resulting in the burning of less fossil fuel.

One such tree can be as effective as 15 forest trees in fighting the greenhouse effect, according to the nonprofit foundation, which has 800,000 members and supporters throughout the U.S.

