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Penn State Harrisburg's student voice

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Dr. Clemmie Gilpin (left) was honored for 25 years of service to the Model U.N. at Penn State Harrisburg. George Daka (right) presented Gilpin with an African wood carving on behalf of the International Affairs Club.

International issues discussed at PSH's Model U.N.

"The Penn State Harrisburg students who planned and conducted this conference did a great job and received praise from several of the high school teachers."

--- Dr. Clemmie Gilpin
Conference Coordinator

Jeff Warren
Staff Reporter

Nations of the world united at Penn State Harrisburg (PSH), that is, at least in theory.

The gathering of more than 300 high school students - representing 26 school districts - were part of the annual PSH Model United Nations Conference held from February 20 to the 22nd.

This was the 25th year PSH hosted the event which is intended to provide a forum for discussion of major international issues and concerns. Among the many topics being discussed this year were international drug enforcement, AIDS and Bosnia concerns.

The anniversary of the Model U.N. also marked 25 years of involvement for Dr. Clemmie Gilpin, conference coordinator and assistant professor of community systems at PSH and vice president of Middletown Interfaith Housing, Inc.

In honor of his dedicated service to the program, Gilpin was presented with letters of commendation read by Provost John Bruhn from President Clinton, U.N. Secretary General Kofi

Annan, and University President Graham Spanier.

In addition, Gilpin was also honored with an African wood carving from the International Affairs Association and a plaque from the PSH student government association.

Keynote speaker Pierre Quiblier of the United Nations Environmental Program and former ABC News correspondent spoke about the theme of this year's conference - global environmental concerns.

Quiblier told students how international issues are inter-related. For example, he stressed the relationship between population growth and environmental concerns.

He said that the solution to many of these problems was "[global] participation, to solve the problems we face together." And it was just this participation that continues to make the PSH Model United Nations such a success after 25 years.

Gilpin said students from participating districts spend months preparing for the event. In October, students find out what committees they will sit on and start researching their topics and countries.

The committee's

responsibilities range from social and humanitarian issues to political and security issues.

Prior to the conference, students submit a possible resolution to the problem they were asked to analyze and it is then distributed to and reviewed by students in other districts. Notes on revisions are made to the resolutions before they are discussed at the conference.

Many times, preparation for the conference is incorporated into student's class activities, Gilpin said.

"That way, [conference activities] reinforce what happens in the classroom," he said.

He added that much of the conference's success can be attributed to the support of participating school districts and faculty.

New to the conference this year was Donegal High School of Lancaster County. But students even came from as far as Central Bucks and Delone Catholic schools from the Philadelphia area.

There are other Model U.N. conferences across the country, but PSH ranks high in attendance among other conferences at prestigious [See U.N. pg. 2](#)

ASA organizes Food Bank and Habitat For Humanity projects on campus

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The officers of the Association of Student Accountants (ASA) at Penn State Harrisburg (PSH) feel that community service is a very important part of life. This club gets involved with their community through organizations such as South Central Pennsylvania's Food Bank and Harrisburg's Habitat for Humanity.

Diane Wert, treasurer of ASA, organizes all South Central Pennsylvania Food Bank projects at PSH. The Food Bank is the main distri-

bution center of food for Central Pennsylvania. They supply food for organizations such as Project Share in Carlisle.

"We are always looking for more people to get involved," Wert said.

Wert works closely with Glenn Pickering, the volunteer coordinator for the South Central Pennsylvania Food Bank.

She tries to schedule meetings with Pickering and volunteers once a month, which are held at the South Central Pennsylvania Food Bank on Corey Road in Harrisburg (next door to Twin

Ponds Ice Skating Rink).

Wert organized the first meeting last December. The meetings will continue to take place on varying days of each month. This month's meeting took place on February 28. Seventeen volunteers from PSH sorted food from a delivery which came from Quaker Oats - consisting of cereals and rice, etc. which volunteers sorted into categories onto wooden skids. They inventoried the food and disposed of the damages as well.

Habitat for Humanity,

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Campus Parking Fee: Where does your money go?

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The \$40 per semester parking fee, preferably called the Vehicle Registration Program, is a costly figure to pay every semester, according to many students at Penn State Harrisburg (PSH).

Where does all this money go? According to James D. South, associate provost for administrative operations, the money raised from the Vehicle Registration Program helps maintain operating expenses and enhance parking conditions.

South's reply to those students who believe that \$40 is too much to pay per semester, is "for what they are paying, they're receiving a lot." Referring to other Colleges and Universities, South states, "a fee is not unusual."

South says that the money raised this year is presently being used to add and replace

lights throughout the campus, specifically, Mead Heights and the Educational Activities Building (EAB).

Additionally, the funds will help expand parking adjacent to the EAB and build new sidewalks.

Furthermore, South stated that everyone pays to park at PSH. Students, faculty, staff and even visitors, dip into their wallets to have the privilege to park at PSH.

Out of the \$169,477.23 raised from the 1995-1996 Vehicle Registration Program, it costs \$186,103.38, a deficit of \$16,616.15, to maintain lighting, seal lots/line painting, signage, stone, concrete, etc., snow removal and maintenance support. This six-dollar figure also includes operating expenses, such as salaries, wages, fringes, supplies, phone, postage, printing and software equipment.

In the financial statement

for the operation of the Vehicle Registration Program, South states that "the program supported the normal maintenance associated with roads and parking lots, and last year the planned task preventative maintenance project of sealing the Olmsted Building parking lot was completed."

Addressing the deficit issue, South said, "the deficit in the operation of this program was due to excessive snow fall and the larger than anticipated costs caused by the use of contract equipment and operators to move snow." He admitted that "the deficit will be recovered from the 1996/1997 revenues."

Profiting from the fines charged to those violating PSH parking regulations, is the Student Government Association (SGA) at \$3000 and the Scholarship Fund at \$7229. According to Nancy

Leister of the student activities office, the money given to SGA is used for allotment purposes, which then reaches the student body through campus activities and helps to better fund clubs and organizations.

To ensure fairness, the "Vehicle Registration Program operates under the guidance of an Advisory Board con-

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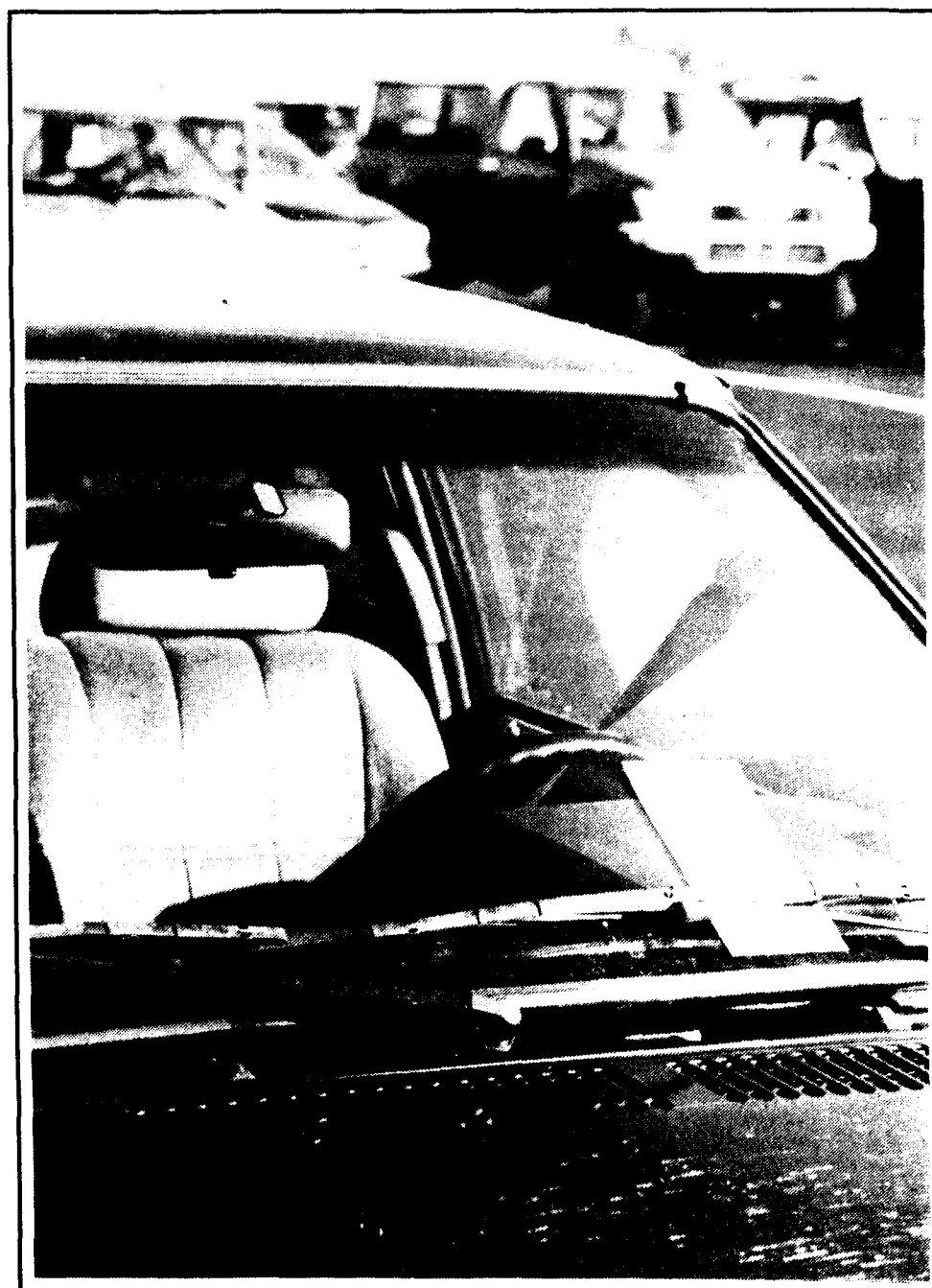


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