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equipped to protect us, or we're in trouble."

Sourbier says, "In a perfect world, folks would behave in such a fashion that people like me would be unnecessary." Sourbier believes campus police officers should be allowed to carry firearms, and points out that dangerous situations have arisen on this campus. He cites a number of cases of armed robberies on campus, stolen vehicles, aggravated assaults, and one situation where a young man who was picked up at Penn Gate a few years ago had a 9mm shoved in his waistband.

"Our job is to be prepared for when bad things happen," says Sourbier, "to be properly prepared, to be trained, to be equipped, to be educated, to deal with it properly, promptly, effectively, and then after we do all those things, to hope that it never happens. For me, that's the bottom line. But we don't have the resource to prepare for those bad things, and it troubles me that we don't."

The debate over arming officers is not new. It has been an issue on campus for several years. Prof. Steve Zemyan argues that "the crime statistics of the campus ... are just a bunch of zeroes. I don't believe that it is necessary to give the campus cops firearms." To those who believe the need to arm campus police is exaggerated, Sourbier says, "You're not the one people will call and expect to take care of [a problem], knowing that you're properly trained, but not properly equipped to deal with it." Sourbier feels that the campus security staff has a responsibility here to assure the safety of the people that come here.

Prof. John Bardi says in the natural world there is a "landscape." In the cultural world there is a "mindscape." It is possible to pollute either one. One way we pollute a mindscape is to weaken the cultural efficiency of taboos. Ironically, we do this when we act pre-emptively to protect ourselves from taboo behaviors.

Here is how. When we take practical steps to protect ourselves from uncommitted taboo acts (like arming policemen ahead of the need to do so), we simultaneously redefine the cultural status of the behavior we are acting to protect ourselves from, raising it out of the strict confines of "taboo" status into the much less confining category of "immoral and illegal." Unfortunately, to change the cultural status of a behavior from "taboo" to merely "immoral and illegal" is to destroy our best protection against that behavior ever happening in the first place. It is the same mistake we are making in the war on terrorism.

Applicants for an entry level police officer on this campus must have a minimum of a bachelor's degree in criminal justice or a related field, be a police academy graduate, and have experience from another municipal police department. These requirements are higher than what is required for state police.

Woodsmen off to Good Start

Dan Erdman

The Woodsmen team began another competitive season October 2 in North Carolina with the Woodsmen's Meet at the Cradle of Forestry in America.

The fourteen events, including the axe throw, orienteering, and horizontal speed chop, provided "a good learning experience for the freshmen," according to team captain Kyle Furman.

This year's team hopes to build on the recent success of two of its members at the Games of Logging in Antigo, Wisconsin. Joey Gilbert took first place and Furman fifth at the competition held September 18.

The Games of Logging focus primarily on the precision and finesse rather than on the power and speed that is typical of most competitions. Events such as

Precision Stump, Precision Bucking, and Precision Felling forced competitors to rely heavily on technique and safety.

Each school was allowed to send two entrants to the highly competitive event and Furman and Gilbert did not disappoint. Gilbert won \$1000 and a new chainsaw for taking first. Both won safety equipment for placing in the top five.

Tryouts for upcoming events will be held in the near future for anyone interested in joining the Woodsmen or participating in competitions. Those interested should contact Craig Houghton or Elizabeth Brantley or talk to any Woodsmen team member for more information.

Mont Alto Sports Schedule October

Team Tennis Coach Alan Smith	Golf Coach Bill Burke	Co-ed Soccer Coach Ron McKinney	Men and Women Cross Country Coach Mike Doncheski	Women's Volleyball Coach Rob Harner
Monday, October 4 PSU Schuylkill Away 3:00	Monday, October 4 EPCC Tournament Golden Oaks 11:00	Saturday, October 2 PSU Worthington Home 1:00	Saturday, October 2 PSU Worthington Scranton Away 1:00	Monday, October 4 Delaware Home 7:00
Thursday, October 7 PSU Hazleton Away 2:00	Sunday, October 10 CCAC/CAAC Championships Penn National TBA	Thursday, October 7 Manor CC Away 4:00	Saturday, October 16 PCAA Championships UP TBA	Wednesday, October 6 York Home 7:00
Saturday, October 9 PSU Abington Away 12:00	Monday, October 11 CCAC/PCAAC Championships Penn National TBA	Saturday, October 16 Delaware CC Home 1:00	Saturday, October 16 PCAA Championships UP TBA	Tuesday, October 12 CCAC Playoffs UP TBA
Wednesday, October 13 Penn College Away 3:00	Tuesday, October 12 CCAC Playoffs UP TBA	Tuesday, October 19 Reading CC Away 4:00	Saturday, October 16 CCAC Championships UP TBA	Saturday, October 16 CCAC Championships UP TBA
Sat/Sun, October 16-17 CCAC Championships UP TBA	Saturday, October 16 CCAC Championships UP TBA			
PSU York Home TBA				