

## Recruitment: Is PSU doing enough?

The numbers of minority faculty and students at the University were criticized by three black legislators at a state House appropriations hearing in Harrisburg earlier this year. As of Fall Term 1982, black students made up 2.5 percent of the total University student enrollment; full-time black faculty members made up 1.1 percent of the entire University faculty.

Daily Collegian reporter Anne McDonough talked to University administrators and students about minority recruitment. In tomorrow's issue, administrators and student leaders will address minority retention at the University.

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If you are a white student at Penn State, try to imagine what it would be like to live in a town of 79,000 people — 78,000 of whom are black. For most University students, this situation is very difficult to imagine.

However, black students at the University must try to cope with and to be happy with the exactly opposite situation, said Larry Young, director of the Paul

Robeson Cultural Center. According to the Department of Public Information and Relations, total University enrollment, as of Fall 1982, was 52,672. Total black enrollment during that time period was 1,390 students or approximately 2.5 percent.

### MINORITY RETENTION AT PENN STATE

The state has a minority population of 8.8 percent. The question many minority student leaders and administrators ask is: Is the University doing enough to recruit more minority students to equalize the current enrollment figures?

Admittedly, the admissions office faces severe budget constraints and it must decide whether minority recruitment should be considered as important, James Stewart, director of the University Black Studies program, said.

"The institution has not made the decision. Please see COMMITMENT Page 10.



### Candidates

Republican council candidates R. Thomas Berner, James B. Bartoo, Aura Lee Supina and Joseph Wakeley, Jr., give their views on issues facing State

College during a Candidates Night sponsored by the College Republicans. Please see COUNCIL, Page 4.

## Fall Commencement question needs student input

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A Fall 1983 Commencement ceremony may be in store for seniors scheduled to graduate after Fall Semester if both students and their parents get involved.

Chris Hopwood, president of the Undergraduate Student Government's Academic Assembly, said a Fall Commencement is still viable if enough concern is expressed.

"Students and their parents would have to become greatly involved in order to pull it off, but it's not too late to do something about it," Hopwood said.

But James R. Dungan, secretary of the Calendar Conversion Council, said he is not taking student reaction seriously because he has not yet seen any real evidence of student commitment.

Dungan said he has only received a few letters from parents and students concerning Fall Commencement cancellation. He said he responded to them by explaining

that one commencement per year is the normal procedure for schools on a semester calendar and four commencements a year is practically unheard of.

No additional responses have resulted from his letters, Dungan said.

"There seems to be a vocal minority that is trying to make this a bigger issue than it really is; I haven't seen any large numbers yet," he said.

Dungan sees the student reaction as a delayed response. The decision to cancel Fall Commencement was made two years ago and students are reacting now for the first time, he said.

However, many students were not aware of this decision and as a result there has been a lot of student response, Hopwood said.

"Many students were surprised that there would be no Fall Commencement," Hopwood said. "They feel that this decision was made without giving them any forewarning whatsoever."

Undergraduate Student Government President-elect Emil Parvensky said if students back their complaints with large numbers and present their opinions logically to the administration, the administration could see that a need does exist.

"I can see why the administration is taking such a lackadaisical attitude," Parvensky said. "Students can do all the barking they want, but if we don't have the numbers to back up our argument then they aren't going to listen to us."

Dungan said that the new semester calendar does not allow sufficient time for commencement ceremonies.

Fall Semester is scheduled to end on Dec. 22 and professors and college deans need at least three days after finals to get grades recorded. Consequently, Commencement would interfere with Christmas vacation, Dungan said in The Daily Collegian last month.

But Hopwood said that Dungan's complaint about the interference of a Fall Com-

mencement with Christmas "doesn't hold much water."

"There's no reason why the University can't compensate for students planning to graduate in the fall," Hopwood said. "Graduation could be held after Christmas vacation."

Parvensky agreed with Hopwood. "The University knew that switching to semesters was going to be expensive and canceling Fall Commencement is not the appropriate place to cut corners," Parvensky said.

Another reason the University said a Fall Commencement was impractical was because of the weather, Hopwood said.

"But the weather excuse is not feasible either," Hopwood said. "The University has held numerous commencements in both November and March when the weather is just as bad, and sometimes worse, than in January."

Hopwood does not support a permanent Fall Commencement under the semester

system but said one should be held this year because of the transition.


Parvensky agreed: "Under the term system, more students tend to graduate out of sync because the University encourages students to begin in the summer and many students realize that if they aren't going to graduate on time, staying an extra term isn't really that big of a deal."

However, Parvensky said, "People caught up in the transition should be accommodated for."

Hopwood urges students and/or their parents to write, call or visit the following people: University President John W. Oswald in 201 Old Main; Calendar Conversion Council Chairman James Bartoo in 805 Kern; University Registrar Warren Haffner, 112 Shields; or incoming University President Bryce Jordan, Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, University of Texas System, 601 Colorado St., Austin, Texas, 78701.

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weather

Mostly sunny this morning with increasing cloudiness later today. The high will be 58. Cloudy tonight with showers developing and a low of 39. Mostly cloudy tomorrow with showers and a high near 60.  
—by Craig Wagner

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Federal and state tax returns should be filed by Friday.

## Extra Block Grant funds proposed

By TONY PHYRILLAS  
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State College could receive an additional \$253,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds this year, Community Development Director Harry F. Lawlor said.

The borough's additional windfall would come from an extra \$71.3 million Pennsylvania will receive in CDBG money under the jobs bill passed by Congress last month.

Lawlor said he was informed of the proposed allocation last week by Don Patch, director of the Block Grant Assistance in Washington, D.C. The CDBG program is administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The final allocation figures and regulations on how the money can be spent will be available in one or two weeks, Lawlor said.

"I have no idea what restrictions, if any, will be

put on the new funds," Lawlor said. "I'm still waiting to hear whether the funds can be added to our existing program or whether a new program needs to be set up."

Because the new allocation was passed as part of the jobs bill, Lawlor said he expects the federal government's regulations to emphasize public works projects with the additional funds.

The State College Municipal Council and the community development office are preparing a \$728,000 CDBG budget for the 1983-84 fiscal year, which begins July 1. This year, the borough has allocated \$705,000.

Lawlor said he has yet to receive formal notification on the exact amount the borough will receive and where and when the money can be spent.

The current CDBG budget year ends June 30, but Lawlor said it is unlikely the additional \$253,000 allocation must be spent before this

fiscal year expires.

"It's too short of a time for cities to respond," Lawlor said.

Of the more than \$71 million targeted for the state, Philadelphia will receive \$21.5 million and Pittsburgh will receive \$7.1 million.

Lawlor said he expects the additional grant to be established in a separate fund. The money could be used to continue projects begun last year using CDBG funds, he said.

Council President Joseph Wakeley Jr. said that because the borough has yet to receive official notification of the additional grant, the council is not making plans on how to spend the money.

Last year, the council allocated money for the first phase of a downtown street lighting program. New street lights will be installed on West College Avenue, from South Fraser Street to South Pugh Street, with additional funds needed this year to continue the program.

## CCB Bancorp may merge with Mellon

By KAREN KANE  
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Mellon National Corporation and CCB Bancorp, Inc., parent of Central Counties Bank, announced yesterday that the organizations have signed a definitive agreement to merge, pending approval by the shareholders of CCB Bancorp and various regulatory authorities.

CCB Bancorp, whose sole subsidiary is Central Counties Bank, is based in State College and provides commercial and retail banking and personal and corporate trust services through 42 locations in Blair, Centre, Clinton, Mifflin and Union counties.

Mellon National Corporation is the 12th largest United States bank holding company with assets in excess of \$25 billion. The

Pittsburgh-based corporation is a multi-national financial service organization whose subsidiaries include Mellon Bank, Girard Bank, Mellon Bank International, Girard Bank Delaware and Mellon Financial Service.

The organization engages in worldwide commercial banking, trust and investment management service, commercial and consumer financial services, leasing and residential real estate financing and investment services.

"We think it is a positive move for our customers," Elmer G. Grant, chairman CCB Bancorp said at a press conference at the Nittany Lion Inn.

Central Counties Bank now cannot afford expertise that larger organizations provide to their customers, Grant said.

The merger will give Central Counties Bank the opportunity to provide additional services without affecting the customer.

The amount of money available for customer loans will be increased as a result of the merger, he said. The present loan limit of the bank is \$4 million.

A council, consisting of representatives from Central Counties, Mellon, and Girard banks, will be established to define the best methods of providing customer service after the merger, said J. David Barnes, chief executive officer of Mellon.

The council said it eventually expects to create a state-wide system that would enable customers to use the banking facilities of all three organizations throughout the state, Barnes said.

Central Counties Bank will remain a separate identity after the merger and will maintain its board of directors and regional boards representing Blair, Centre, Clinton, Mifflin and Union counties.

The merger also calls for Grant to join Mellon's board of directors while retaining his positions as president and chairman of CCB Bancorp and Central Counties Bank.

State legislation was passed last year that provided for the establishment of multi-bank holding companies in Pennsylvania to help meet the demands of increased competition from other financial services, Barnes said.

As many as four independently operated banks may be owned by one parent organization.