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'You've got a friend'

James Taylor puts his heart into yet another song as he performs before a near-sellout crowd of 4,500 fans in Rec Hall last night. Please see the concert review on Page 14.

University debates replacement for BDRs

By COLLEEN BARRY
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By Fall Semester 1988, the University's baccalaureate degree requirements will be replaced with an updated concept of general education.

However, exactly how the University will approach improving general education remains uncertain.

"We have a vacuum that needs to be filled. Our fear is that it will be filled in too quickly," student Faculty Senator Tracy Brant said.

Under the present general education program — the BDRs — it is possible for undergraduate students to graduate without a coherent overview of their culture, said Judd Arnold, chairman of the Faculty Senate's Undergraduate Studies Committee. An aim of general education is to provide a general framework into which students can fit their knowledge.

Promoting a new general education program, University President Bryce Jordan has pointed out that the national trend is toward more coherence and fewer choices in general education programs.

But Brant questioned whether watching trends is a valid concern for the University.

"Integration is a good thing to provide a base of knowledge, but does

it necessarily fill our needs?" she said.

The many issues related to general education and the variety of approaches to forming a new program complicate the planning.

"Everyone feels they have the right idea, but everyone can't be right. That's why it is taking so long," said Laurie Dieffenbach, assistant vice president of the Undergraduate Student Government's Academic Assembly.

Some people are satisfied with the current general education system while others want it totally restructured, she added.

One criticism of BDRs is that students do not make connections between the many courses they can choose from, Brant said.

Also, faculty and students approach BDRs as courses that must be taken to satisfy requirements, resulting in problems with attitude, said Jerry Covert, chairman of the senate Curricular Affairs Committee.

"We don't want that atmosphere. We want something that would benefit students in their personal lives and in their professional lives," said Covert, associate professor of biology at the University's Hazleton Campus.

The senate took its first step toward improving general education last Spring Semester by passing a definition of general education that looks at it as a program enabling students to grow intellectually.

Two senate committees will use the approved definition and present credit requirements while studying possibilities for a new curriculum, said Arnold, also an associate professor of English.

In addition, information from deans' offices, departments, the senate and students will be used to get a workable solution, he said.

One possibility is to trim down the number of available courses, but Covert said, "We don't know that's the only route."

Brant said general education should be a place where students can explore disciplines.

"Less choice means less advising. They are saying that we don't have enough qualified advisers, so they want to take our choices," Brant said. "As a student, I like my choices, but a lot of students don't know their needs and don't know how to make choices."

She added that general education at the University could be better with improved advising. However, there is pressure to change the present "smorgasbord" of required classes.

Last spring, the senate rejected "Linkage" — an attempt to force integration by requiring that a subject is studied from several points of view or that courses are taken in a specified order. The proposal was supported by Jordan.

Riots explode in London

By The Associated Press

LONDON — More than 500 youths, most of them Blacks and a few firing shotguns, battled police in fierce street fighting last night in North London. Officials said one policeman was stabbed to death and more than 80 people were injured.

Scotland Yard said 40 policemen were among the wounded and that two policemen and three reporters were struck by shotgun pellets. It said one officer was seriously injured when he was hit by a piece of concrete dropped from a balcony.

It was the first police fatality and the first gunfire reported in the rash of recent violence including riots that hit the south London district of Brixton last weekend and the industrial cities of Liverpool and Birmingham last month.

Clive Appleby, administrator of North Middlesex Hospital, said a policeman died shortly after being admitted with a stab wound in the neck.

Press Association, Britain's domestic news agency, reported earlier that three policemen were shot during the fighting in Tottenham district, and quoted one officer as saying, "They are now using shotguns."

The trouble began a day after a black woman died while police were searching her home. Police said the woman apparently suffered a heart attack, but her family disputed that.

About 200 youths, most of whom were Blacks and some wearing masks, hurled bottles and stones at the Tottenham police station yesterday afternoon, and then sat in the street. They blocked traffic for about an hour before dispersing, and no one was injured.

At about 7 p.m., gangs of black youths started throwing objects at patrolling officers, and riot police in helmets and carrying shields converged on the area, a racially mixed neighborhood with mostly low-income housing.

The violence escalated quickly, and reporters at the scene estimated more than 500 youths had taken to the streets.

Demonstrators overturned cars and set them on fire and set ablaze at least one house, Scotland Yard reported. Authorities dispatched four fire engines but police advised them not to go into the area.

Scotland Yard spokeswoman Gillian Humphrey said the situation was "pretty volatile," but the rioting and looting appeared to be tapering off around midnight.

Police from all over London were sent into the area and came under repeated attack. Each time police charged the demonstrators showered them with bricks, stones and bottles, some containing burning gasoline.

Television coverage showed police in running battles with youths amid the flames and smoke of fires started by firebombs.

Police reinforcements were equipped with tear gas but it was not used immediately.

On Saturday, Cynthia Jarrett, 49,

collapsed while police were searching her house for stolen goods following the arrest of one of her sons, Floyd. He had been arrested in an investigation involving a stolen car.

A police statement said Cynthia Jarrett was very cooperative "but towards the end of the search another of her sons arrived home and began strongly objecting to the police presence."

"She collapsed and the officers were physically shoved out of the house," it said. "Eventually they persuaded the occupants to let them back in and one of the officers trained in first aid administered mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, but without success."

Jarrett's daughter, Cynthia, 23, claimed a policeman pushed her

mother and caused her to fall.

"My mother weighed 20-odd stone (280 pounds) and she lost her balance, stumbled and fell to the floor. She was gasping for breath," the daughter said.

The family called an ambulance, but less than 15 minutes later she was dead.

The independent Police Complaints Authority ordered an investigation of the death. Floyd Jarrett demanded a public inquiry.

Riots broke out in Brixton last weekend when police shot a black woman, Cherry Groce, 37, after entering her home in search of her son. Cherry Groce was paralyzed from the waist down.

Police called the shooting "a tragic accident."



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A police officer, carrying a truncheon, leads away a youth in Tottenham, North London, last night. Officials said one policeman was stabbed to death and 80 people were injured in clashes between riot police and more than 500 youths. It was the first police fatality reported as a result of the violence that has hit England recently, including riots in the London district of Brixton last weekend and the industrial cities of Liverpool and Birmingham last month.

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Centre County residents must register today to vote in the Nov. 5 elections.

Students who are not Centre County residents may register to vote here or vote in their home counties by absentee ballot. Applications for absentee ballots are due Oct. 29 and ballots must be submitted by Nov. 1. Students have until 4 p.m. today to register to vote in 203 HUB.

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Today, breezy with a mixture of sun and clouds. High 65. Tonight, becoming mostly clear. Low near 40.....Heldi Sonen

New demands set for Soviets' release

By RODAINA KENAN
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BEIRUT, Lebanon — A caller saying he represented the extremist group holding three kidnapped Soviet Embassy personnel said yesterday they would not be freed until the Soviet Union and America end Lebanon's 10-year-old civil war.

The anonymous caller told a Western news agency that the group that kidnapped the Soviets, the Islamic Liberation Organization, also appealed to another terrorist organization not to free the American and French hostages it holds.

Guerrillas of the Islamic Liberation Organization, a Moslem fundamentalist group, kidnapped three Soviet diplomats and a Soviet Embassy doctor on Monday and the body of one, Cultural Attache Arcady Katkov, was found Wednesday in a west Beirut suburb. He had been shot in the head.

In its initial report of the abductions, the Islamic Liberation Organization threatened to kill all four Soviet hostages unless Syrian-backed militias halted their offensive against the Moslem fundamentalist Tawheed militia in the northern port city of Tripoli.

But the caller said the Islamic Liberation Organization would not free the Soviets even though a ceasefire took effect yesterday in Tripoli, with Syrian troops moving into the city and disarming the rival militiamen after three weeks of fierce fighting.

"The heretics think they can invent this truce to deceive us into releasing the hostages," the caller said in Arabic. "We emphasize that this (kidnap) operation will not end that easily and it will not be the last. We shall not release the hostages."

"Therefore, we appeal to our brothers and comrades of Islamic Jihad (Islamic Holy War) to intensify operations against the Soviets and Americans alike and plead with them not to

release the hostages they hold."

Islamic Jihad is believed to hold at least five Americans and four Frenchmen hostages. It claimed that a sixth kidnapped American, diplomat William Buckley, had been "executed" in retaliation for Israel's air raid Tuesday against the Palestine Liberation Organization headquarters in Tunisia.

There has been no confirmation of Buckley's death.

The caller said all Soviet, American and European hostages in Lebanon should not be released unless President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev agree on "terminating the Lebanese tragedy and the sufferings of the Lebanese people."

He noted Reagan and Gorbachev are scheduled to hold a summit meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, next month.

The other American hostages held by Islamic Jihad are Terry Anderson, the Associated Press' chief Middle East correspondent; American University of Beirut librarian Peter Kilburn; a Roman Catholic priest, the Rev. Lawrence Jenco; American University Hospital Director David Jacobsen, and the American University dean of agriculture, Thomas Sutherland.

Islamic Jihad also claims it is holding French Embassy Vice Consul Marcel Fontaine; Protocol Officer Marcel Carton; Michel Seurat, a researcher at the French Center for Studies and Research of the Contemporary Middle East, and journalist Jean-Paul Kauffmann.

Islamic Jihad is a Shiite Moslem group with close links to Iran's fundamentalist Islamic government.

Iran helped arrange the Tripoli ceasefire, with Syria agreeing to send some of its troops stationed in northern and eastern Lebanon into the embattled city. Syria, the Soviet Union's main ally in the Middle East, has supported Persian Iran in its war with Arab Iraq.