

Model U.N. gives students an international experience

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A model United Nations conference scheduled by the Undergraduate Student Government will help University students gain practical experience in international diplomacy, members of USG's Department of Political and International Affairs said.

The program, which will take place this weekend, will simulate an actual U.N. conference, providing an opportunity for students to learn more about how the United Nations works.

Delegations, ranging from one to five students, will represent different countries in the U.N. on various committees such as the Iran-Iraq committee, which will analyze the conflict between those two nations. Representation will be determined by each country's actual population.

A security committee will focus on stopping the student riots in South Korea.

Bill Bailey and Amy Dusch, department co-directors, have been planning this year's conference since November of last year, with the help of about 40 other students.

As of yesterday afternoon, about 90 students had registered for the conference, Dusch said.

Other universities — such as the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard and Princeton universities — have held model U.N. conferences, but Bailey said he is especially pleased one will be held at the University, and believes it will be "a great opportunity for Penn State students."

"They have a chance to learn a lot about important issues facing the world. It's a great tool to teach people about the U.N.," he said.

Although Dusch said USG will award certificates to participants who debate particularly well, she emphasized that everyone can benefit from the program.

"There are no winners or losers. The winners are the participants who will gain a better understanding of the world," Dusch said.

Students who enter the conference must choose, in order of preference, the ten countries they wish to represent. The final choice of which country a student may speak for rests with USG.

Between the opening and closing ceremonies, participants will take part in a debate with both their nations and their particular committees.

Student response ranged from disinterest to enthusiasm, but many students agreed the model conference will, at the very least, give students insight into the problems of other countries.

Most students who were interviewed said they believe the conference will bring about a better understanding and acceptance of other cultures among students.

Tim Grubbs (freshman-landscape architecture) said he sees educational advantages in the conference.

"I think it's a good idea to get people a feel for what the U.N. is like," he said.

While Grubbs reflected on the educational aspect, Rachel Wilson (sophomore-political science) focused on the cultural aspect of the conference.

"It'll be beneficial, because it can educate those of us who aren't aware of the world's problems," Wilson said.

Although most agreed the model U.N. conference would be an educational and cultural experience, student opinions were as varied as the U.N. itself.

Mark Jackson (sophomore-business administration) and Rochelle Stephens (senior-marketing) both said the conference would provide a forum where blacks could discuss how to stop the oppression of African people in some countries.

Stephens said he believed the conference could bring people closer together. Jackson said if blacks participated in the conference, unity and strength would flourish among their community.

David Kodama (junior-math actuarial science) said he would much rather watch the conference than participate, stressing that the conference would be better suited for the politically inclined.

Darren Sandberg (junior-accounting) and Maria Scamuffa (senior-telecommunications) commented that fresh ideas probably will emerge from the conference.

Registration forms for the conference can be obtained at the USG office in 203 HUB. The conference runs from 10 to 6 on Saturday and 10 to 6:30 on Sunday.

Students are urged to register as soon as possible because participation is limited, and country assignments will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis.

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■ A porch pillar, valued at \$200, belonging to State College Video, 333 S. Atherton St., was reported taken Monday from the same address, State College Bureau of Police said. The pillar was part of a new porch being built at the address. The pillar is white with the numbers 333 on it, police said.

■ Three cartons of copy paper belonging to the University was reported taken yesterday from room 313 Rackley, University Police Services said. Loss is estimated at \$195.

■ An obscenity was inscribed in glue on the second floor wall of McKean Hall Monday. University police reported. The adhesive adage was then set alight, causing unspecified damage, police said.

■ A telephone, an answering machine and a stand-up figure of Joe Paterno belonging to Ellie Flaminio, 478 E. Beaver Ave., were reported taken from her residence, State College police said. The items were reportedly taken during a party at the same address, police said.

— by Bob Bauder

NOTES

■ The Women's Alliance will sponsor an update on the Administrative Fellows Program at noon today in the auditorium of the Paul Robeson Cultural Center.

■ Lions Abroad will hold a general meeting and officer elections at 6 tonight in 222 Boucke.

■ The Lesbian and Gay Student Alliance will sponsor OUtreach, a social/support group for lesbian, gay and bisexual students, at 7 tonight. Call the Gay/Lesbian Switchboard at 237-1950 for the location.

■ Hand in Hand, a group within the Recreation & Park Society, will sponsor "Recreation Fitness for Everyone" at 1 this afternoon on the HUB lawn.

■ WPSU 91.1 FM will feature Todd May, a University graduate student who was placed under house arrest in Israel earlier this month, on its show "Perspectives" at 6:30 tonight. Call in at 865-9191.

■ The Committee for Justice in South Africa will sponsor a silent vigil, at noon today on the steps of Old Main, to remember those who have died in the struggle against apartheid.

■ The Penn State Student Chapter of the Society of Engineering Science will sponsor Phil Bucher from the Career Development and Placement Center, speaking on interviewing at 7:30 tonight in 210 Hammond.

Nine fraternities set to TAAP out during alcohol awareness week

By JENNIFER SALVATO
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Nine fraternities will be turning off their taps and going dry this week as they join Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity for their second annual "TKE TAAP OUT," held as part of the 1988 National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week which began on Monday and will run through Saturday.

"This year we hope to teach the fraternity and sorority members, as well as the rest of the Penn State student body, the responsible use of alcohol in a social setting," said Howard Williams, president of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

Last year Tau Kappa Epsilon, 346 E. Prospect Ave., held an open party as part of "TAAP OUT," demonstrating the possibility of having a successful social event

without serving alcohol, said Tom Lynch, Interfraternity Council chapter programs chairman.

Tomorrow night the fraternity will be joined by Alpha Sigma Phi, Beta Theta Pi and Sigma Pi fraternities when they host a non-alcoholic social for four sororities including Kappa Alpha Theta and Pi Beta Phi. The other two sororities have not yet been confirmed.

"The Interfraternity Council encouraged other fraternities to participate in the 'TAAP OUT' and some of them saw the need to try and run a successful dry party," Lynch said. "Our goal is to raise alcohol awareness throughout the Greek system."

Doug Rhubright, president of Triangle fraternity, 226 E. Beaver Ave., said he thought participation in the event would help to better the fraternity's image.

"Eventually every fraternity is going to have to deal with having a dry party. When enough houses participate more people will come to the (dry) events," Rhubright said, adding the fraternity plans to continue its participation next year.

Triangle will be hosting a non-alcoholic party on Saturday. The band "Toy Memory" will be performing, and any University student who presents a student identification card is welcome.

"Our president decided it would be a good idea to join other strong fraternities in the 'TAAP OUT' and our national encouraged it," said Mike Gilbert, vice president of Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity.

"A lot of our pledges and brothers will be going home, so it's more of a road trip weekend for our fraternity," said Gilbert.

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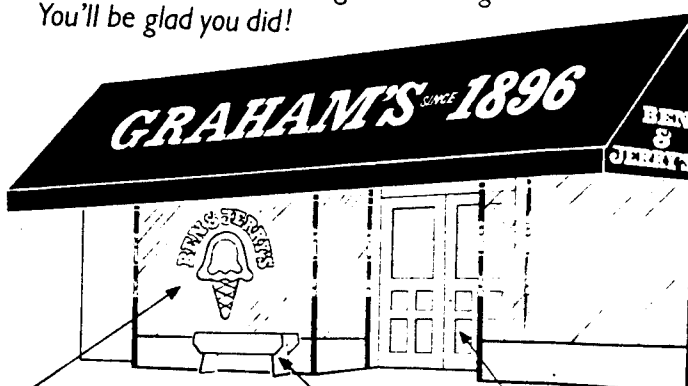
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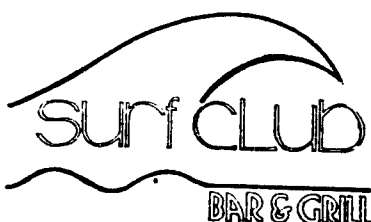


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