Collegian Briefs

Joseph Conrad topic of luncheon series

Thomas Smith, associate professor of English at the Schuvlkill Campus, will discuss "Joseph Conrad's Autobiography and Ritual Violence" as part of the Comparative Literature brown bag luncheon series at 12:15 p.m. today in the Kern Building.

Those interested in attending the lecture only should arrive before 12:45 p.m. Coffee and tea will be provided.

USG sponsors campaign for safety

The Undergraduate Student Government Department of Safety will sponsor The Campaign for a Safer Penn State this week

A program titled "AIDS and Safe Sex" will kick off this week's events at 7 tonight in the HUB Assembly Room. A program on sexual assault awareness will take place at 7 p.m. tomorrow in the HUB Assembly Room.

A discussion on "Recycling and the Environment" will follow a short film at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the HUB Reading Room, and members of Mothers Against Drunk Driving will speak on drinking and driving at 7 p.m. Thursday in the HUB Reading Room.

Author to speak on black feminism

Michelle Wallace, a writer, critic and assistant professor of English and Black Studies at the City University of New York, will talk about 'Invisibility Blues: Black Feminism and Cultural Resistance' at 7 tonight in the Paul Robeson Cultural Center.

Wallace's speech is part of Women's History Month.

Sponsors include the Black Caucus, the Black Studies Program, the Paul Robeson Cultural Center and the Women's Studies Program.

Spread the word

If any group, organization or individual has information they would like printed about an upcoming event, please deliver it to The Daily Collegian at least one week prior to the event. Our address is listed below.

Collegian Notes

Penn State Students for Life will sponsor Doug Scott to speak on "Is There Anything Wrong With Planned Parenthood?" at 7 tonight in the HUB Fishbowl. The event is part of Human Life Awareness Week.

Men Stopping Rape will show the movie "The Accused" followed by a presentation and discussion at 8 tonight in 304 Willard.

Penn State National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws will meet at 8 tonight in 71 Willard.

Penn State Students for Life will meet at 8 tonight in 314 Willard.

The Association of Residence Hall Students will meet at 6:30 tonight in 225 HUB.

■ The Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Student Alliance will meet at 6:30 tonight in 131 South Henderson.

Kappa Alpha Psi will hold Diversity 101 at 7 tonight in 320-322 HUB.

■ The USG Department of Safety will sponsor The Campaign for a Safer Penn State this week. The first event will be an "AIDS and Safe Sex" program at 7 tonight in the HUB Assembly Room.

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Speech contest tests skills, draws a wide array of topics

By JAMES DUFFY Collegian Staff Writer

Twenty-four students tested their public speaking skills Saturday when they competed in the 121st John Henry Frizzell All-University Speaking Contest in Willard Building.

John Henry Frizzell, the founder of the Penn State speech communication department, created the program, which is the nation's oldest running speech contest, said Dorothy Nam, assistant director of the University's Forensics Council, the sponsoring group.

'It gives students the opportunity to speak publicly and be recognized for their ability," Nam said.

The council's vice president, Kymberly Morris, said 35 students

entered, but only 24 competed because of the snow. This is the first year we've actual-

ly had more Commonwealth campus

students compete than University Park students," she said.

Morris said the competitors can give informative or persuasive speeches of seven to nine minutes. and any student can enter.

Council secretary Bonnie Schaedel said contestants were judged on organization, content, audience, analysis, adaptation, language and communication.

The 24 contestants competed in two rounds of judging with only eight advancing to the final round. "Usually six students make it to the

finals," Nam said, "but this year there were ties, so we had eight."

Four University Park students and four Commonwealth campus students made it to the finals.

"It wasn't planned that way," she said, "it just happened."

Contestants placing first through sixth received certificates. Along with the certificates, first place won \$100,

second won \$50 and third and fourth each won \$20.

Speech topics ranged from mainstreaming the handicapped to chemical castration of men convicted of rape.

During her first-prize-winning speech, Christy Parsyck (freshmanjournalism) said, "We have to get fired up about life again.

Parsyck's speech, titled "Did You Touch Someone Today," centered on the need for a caring society and how to create one.

"I think it's something people should be concerned about," she said.

Competitor Beth Taubman (sophomore-speech communication) spoke about different types of athletic shoes and won second prize.

"It was a speech I used in class," she said. "I just choose the topic one day and did the research downtown. It worked out pretty well."

Trendy Calif. store offers ecologically correct items

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) - Fred Segal, who opened the nation's first jeans-only boutique 30 years ago, has a new marketing concept. ecologically correct shopping.

Segal, whose fans spend hours in line to shop at his trendy Melrose Avenue and Santa Monica boutiques, is building an "eco-store" to offer organically grown cotton shirts, formaldehyde-free linen sheets, drought-resistant plants, solar-powered lawn mowers and other items

'The entire concept of being environmentally conscious is in fashion today," said Segal, 58. "It's the fashion statement of this generation.

Segal hopes to open the environmental marketplace in July. Customers will have to bring their own bags or use his canvas ones, he says - no plastic allowed.

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Corrections

A news article in Friday's edition of The Daily Collegian misrepresented a statement by Undergraduate Student Government presidential candidate James Van Horn. Van Horn said University students already pay a hidden student activities fee, and that they should be allowed to vote in a referendum on how much they pay for student activities.

If you have a correction and cannot reach the responsible reporter, editor or department, please ask for Ted M. Sickler, editor.

USG write-in candidate hopes to rebuild group

A write-in candidate for the office of **Undergraduate Student Government** president said last week he will campaign but not participate in USG-sponsored debates or publicity.

Aldo Barovero (junior-political science) said he is running for the presidential office, but his name will not appear on the ballot.

"I'm looking forward to winning," Barovero said, adding that his friends encouraged him to seek the position.

Barovero said he does not want to pay the \$25 fee to the USG Elections Commission to be an official write-in candidate.

The fee would allow him to participate in this week's debates and have his name included in election advertising, Goldstein said.

Five official presidential and vicepresidential candidates are in March 27's USG elections, but write-in votes are accepted. Head Elections Commissioner Wendy Goldstein said that write-in candidate's names must be spelled correctly on the ballot to be counted.

Barovero said he also does not need

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a vice-presidential candidate to run with him. If elected president, he hopes to restructure USG into a 22-member organization that would exclude a vice president

Vie According to Barovero, the new USG would have one representative from each housing area on campus, a president and a secretary. The other 14 members would include representatives from student organizations such as the 32 Graduate Student Association, Interfraternity Council and Black Caucus, as well as a student liaison to the State College Borough Council, he said.

Barovero said he would keep the University Student Advisory Board and USG Academic Assembly. Visiting Harrisburg regularly would

be a priority, Barovero said.

-by Jessica Hartshorn

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