

Study says colleges not preparing graduates

(CPS) — America's system of higher education is not preparing graduates to meet the nation's future needs in terms of skills, knowledge, and ethics, a report charges.

The report, issued in December by the Wingspread Group on Higher Education after a year's study by business and education leaders, challenges the nation's 3,400 colleges and universities to engage in a candid, far-reaching

assessment of the state of higher education.

"A disturbing and dangerous mismatch exists between what American society needs from higher education and what it is receiving. The mismatch is most dangerous in the area of undergraduate education," the report said. "The American imperative for the 21st century is that society must hold higher education to much higher expectations or risk

national decline."

The United States will find it increasingly difficult to compete in global economy unless undergraduates gain a higher degree of skills and knowledge than they are currently getting, said Willia Brock, a former U.S. senator, secretary of labor and the current chairman of the study group.

"We have issued this 'wake up call' to alert the leadership of the nation's college and universities that they must rethink their basic assumptions and how they go about their business," Brock

said. "Too much of higher education and education at every level seems to be organized for the convenience of educators.

"Too many of our institutions of higher learning fail to put student learning first. Too many are conveying to students that individual and community values — civility, tolerance, hard work, compassion — don't matter very much," he said. "And, too many are failing to create the habits necessary for lifelong learning."

The report also challenges trustees, administrators, faculty,

and students to:

- Evaluate themselves against a 42-point "self-assessment checklist" and make public an institutional development plan to build on strengths and remedy weaknesses.

- Define and publish higher standards of admission and graduation and develop ways to measure institutional and student progress toward those standards.

- Develop a required curriculum to assure students a broad liberal education in addition to professional education.

Penn opens drug-free dorm

(CPS) — Penn State established a drug and alcohol-free dorm area for students who don't want to be in an environment where drugs and alcohol are prevalent, officials say.

The third and fourth floors of a dorm are part of LIFE House, or Living In a Free Environment. Residents who live on these floors sign a contract not to use drugs,

alcohol, or other controlled substances.

"One of the reasons the university created LIFE House is to serve as an alternative to living with students who use alcohol — neighbors whose behavior translates into all kinds of disciplinary problems," said Bryan Moody, assistant coordinator for residence life.



"We're looking for a few good people."

Are you interested in having fun, laughing a lot, and helping out, too? There is a space for you on the Campus Activities Board. We can always use help and input in the movie selections and activity selections. Also, it's a great way to have fun and meet others.

Take some time, think about getting involved in an organization where you can help choose the campus entertainment!

For more info, or if you'd like to join the Campus Activities Board (CAB), call Sue at 5227!

Spring 1994 Activity Schedule

Friday, Feb. 4	"Fantastic Friday," Spades Clinic and Tournament, Doc's
Saturday, Feb. 5	S.N.C.* presents "Sleepless in Seattle," Doc's
Wednesday, Feb. 9	Comedian, Troy Thirdgill, Doc's
Friday, Feb. 11	Valentines Day Dance, SAC
Saturday, Feb. 12	S.N.C. presents "Used People," Doc's
Tuesday, Feb. 15	"Open Mike Night," Doc's
Wednesday, Feb. 16	Magician and Escape Artist, "Rondini," SAC
Friday, Feb. 18	"Fantastic Friday," Bingo, Doc's
Saturday, Feb. 19	S.N.C. presents "Poetic Justice," Doc's
Mon.-Fri., Feb. 21-25	Contemporary Arts Festival and Spring Symposium
Friday, Feb. 25	"Fantastic Friday," Bowling, Bowling Center
Saturday, Feb. 26	S.N.C. presents "Leap of Faith," Doc's
Wednesday, March 16	Singer, Carl Rosen (Cover Tunes), SAC
Friday, March 18	"Fantastic Friday," Spades Clinic and Tournament, Doc's
Saturday, March 19	S.N.C. presents "The Firm," Doc's
Tuesday, March 22	Comedian, Cary Long, Doc's
Friday, March 25	"Fantastic Friday," Sega Clinic and Tournament, Doc's
Saturday, March 26	S.N.C. presents "In the Line of Fire," Doc's
Tuesday, March 29	"Open Mike Night," Doc's

Spring Fling Week Begins

Monday, April 4	Delta Sigma Phi, Goofy Olympics, Edge Lawn NCAA Championship Party, Doc's
Tuesday, April 5	Sigma Phi Delta's Talent Show, SAC
Wednesday, April 6	Pi Epsilon's Tye Dying Party, Edge Lawn
Thursday, April 7	SNCAE's Pie Throwing Contest, Patio "You Laugh, You Lose Comedy Game Show," SAC
Friday, April 8	Beach Blast!
Saturday, April 9	"Sun Tan Jam," Band Day
Tuesday, April 12	Bloodmobile, SAC
Friday, April 15	"Fantastic Friday," Bring Your Own Banana Party, Doc's
Saturday, April 16	Busch Gardens Trip S.N.C., TBA
Tuesday, April 19	Comedian, Mike Sullivan Irwin, Doc's
Friday, April 22	"Fantastic Friday," Bowling, Bowling Center
Saturday, April 23	S.N.C., TBA

*Saturday Night Cinema