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Phil Geigert working the board. WoNDeR is back on the airwaves again. For WoNDeR story and survey, see page 4. photo by bob foster

Sticker money stuck at University Park

According to the director of student affairs, the money used for snow removal on campus comes from the general operation budget and not parking sticker sales.

Jerry South, director of student affairs, said that \$25,000 is expected to be collected from sticker sales from summer '78 to spring '79. About 90 percent of this will be sent to a university wide parking lot construction fund at University Park. The remaining 10 percent will be used to defer costs for administering parking sticker fees. Many students on campus are under a misconception on how snow removal operations are funded.

The parking construction fund is a pool of all Penn State Campuses fees for parking sticker sales—less than 10 percent is kept to pay costs for selling the stickers. Each campus can request funding for building parking facilities through the main campus.

A request by Capitol Campus to expand facilities near the Multi-purpose building was rejected by officials at University Park. The last parking lot built at Capitol was constructed around 1975.

School regulations call for

salting or plowing roads and lots when there is "three or more inches of accumulation of ice or snow", according to Russ Rorabaugh, manager of campus maintenance and utilities department.

Due to inadequate snow removal equipment and no budget allocations for purchasing new equipment, the university contracts with two outside vendors to do the job.

Lower Swatara Township was contracted to cinder and salt campus roads. Harrisburg Asphalt Co., Harrisburg, plows school lots under contract with the campus.

Capitol's equipment amounts to several scout jeeps equipped with plows, and a 48 inch cinder and salt spreader pulled behind a scout. The equipment was purchased to clear walkways from the dorms, Meade Heights, and school buildings.

Rorabaugh said the campus equipment isn't large enough to plow lots and roads, and budget doesn't allow for purchasing equipment only used during winter months—the reason for contracting with outside companies to do the work.

During the "ice storm" two weeks ago the accumulation

didn't amount to three inches so the contractors weren't contacted to clear snow and ice.

Attempts by the maintenance department included removing ice and snow from walkways and plowing driving lanes between parked cars on school lots.

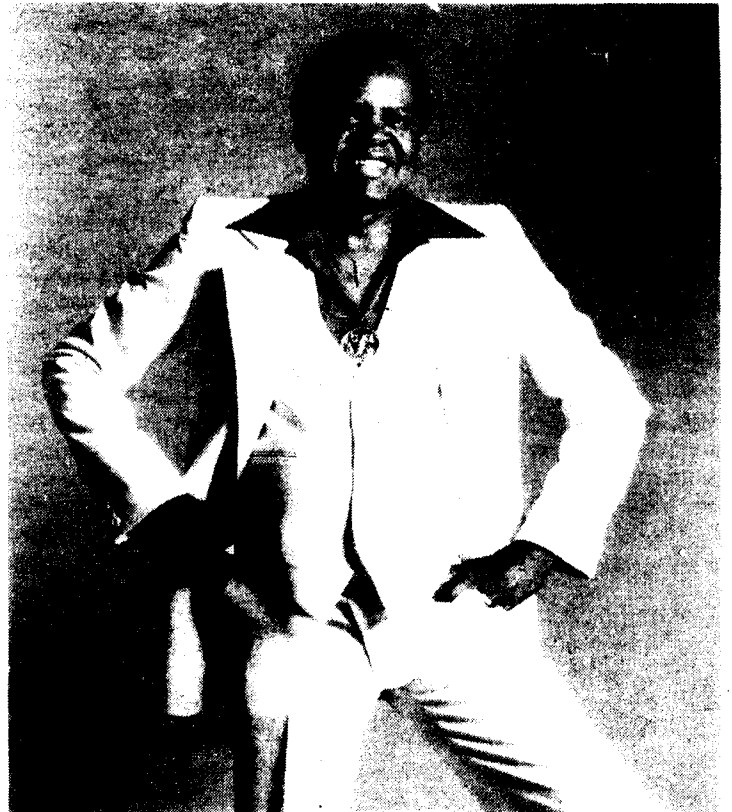
"They didn't close the campus (two weeks ago), and we don't have the capability to salt lots at 6 am—an hour before it begins to fill up with cars," Rorabaugh noted.

This year's budget figure projects about \$9,000 for snow and ice clearing. Rorabaugh said last year's expenditure was about \$19,000—because of excessive snowfall. A normal year without heavy snowfall amounts to about \$4,500.

"This year we've had to do very little plowing," he said, noting that "about half of the road budget had been spent."

An attempt at the business office to find the hourly cost paid to the two outside vendors resulted in a statement calling for "no release under any circumstances" by direct order from Wilber Burget, director of purchasing at University Park.

by wendy hawthorne



Good People's Productions, a student organization on campus, will sponsor a jazz concert featuring noted tenor saxophone artist Stanley Turrentine, plus special guest performers, at the Forum in Harrisburg on Fri., Feb. 16 at 8:00 p.m.

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