

Trustees propose coal conversion at Capitol

Faced with rising energy costs and the inevitable cold of winter, Penn State Trustees have taken action in the installation of a medium-sized coal fired boiler at Capitol.

The trustees approved sketch plans for the boiler which will complete the conversion from gas and oil-fired to coal facilities on campus.

"Of the three boilers in the heat plant, two boilers were previously converted from oil and gas to coal in the 1960's," said Joseph Kemp, Manager of Maintenance and Utilities Operations.

Kemp also pointed out that previous conversions helped during the energy troubled times of the early 1970's by making the need for heating oil less of a priority on this campus than at other facilities.

Along with the oil-to-coal conversion, this campus will abandon one-half mile of distribution lines that carry heat from the power plant to the residence halls. The current process of conveying the heat underground leads to an excessive amount of heat loss.

The conversion process is pending. Preliminary plans will be submitted by next January for final board approval. Project cost is estimated at \$1.1 million following a feasibility study by an architect. The study included an analysis of cost for the conversion.

The University will receive funding from the state Department of General Services.



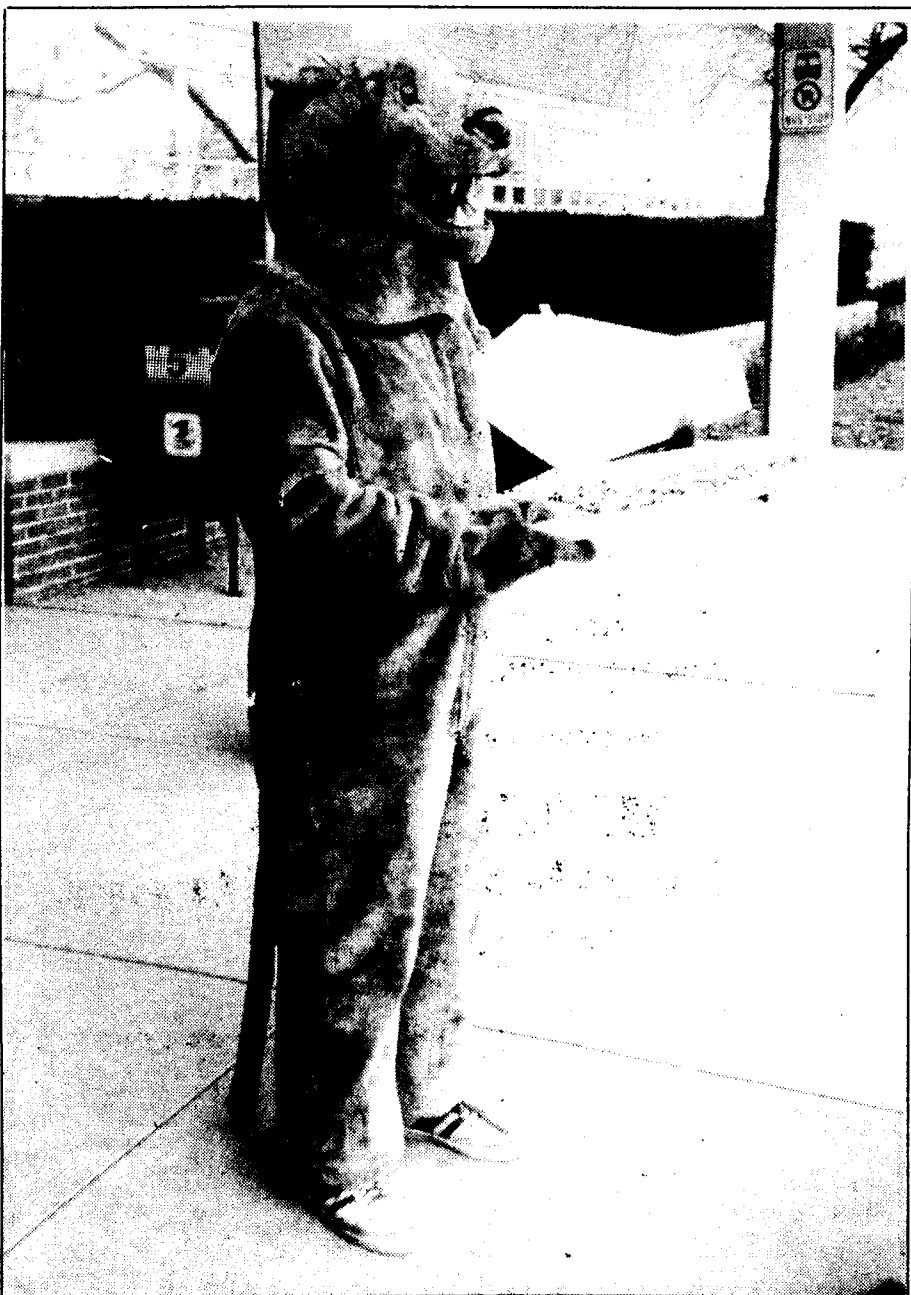
Photograph by Joe Hart

Anarchists!

Students had the rare experience to see both film and makers when "Anarchism in America" was shown on campus last month.

Immediately following the 75 minute documentary, the work's producers Joel Sucher and Steven Fischler entertained mixed audience reaction and also made a brief appearance in a media class the following day.

The 1981 documentary was made with the aid of a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and depicted various representations of anarchism and its involvement in our nation's history.



Photograph by Kim Guzzi

Smokers butt out but just for a day

By Kim Guzzi

Smoke-out Day, held on November 18, was a national event—and a local success. Of the students, faculty, and staff sampled on campus who smoke cigarettes, over one-third quit smoking for the smoke-out day. One-quarter of those who quit smoking for the day also quit smoking the day after.

Pi Sigma Chi helped to make the day a success along with the co-ordinated efforts of Food Services. Throughout the day, members of Pi Sigma Chi canvassed the Lion's Den and other student and faculty areas.

The Pi Sigs asked smokers for a few unused cigarettes and urged them to stop smoking for the day.

The Lion's Den sponsored a "Cold Turkey Special" which allowed a twenty-cent discount on a turkey sandwich in exchange for a few cigarettes. The Dining Hall held a similar promotion by exchanging candy and lollipops for cigarettes.

At 3:00 p.m. a "mock funeral" was held for the collected cigarettes. Starting at the Lion in the lobby of the

Olmsted Building, a procession was led by the Capitol Campus Nittany lion, who held the "coffin" filled with cigarettes, and Christine Aversa, the "drummer girl" for the ceremony who banged a slow, solemn beat. A line of students followed the two leaders to the "grave site"—a huge dumpster located in the rear of the Olmsted Building. At this site, a proclamation declaring the "ills" of smoking was read by the lion. The coffin was then put to rest.

During the day, students, faculty, and staff had the opportunity to measure the amount of carbon monoxide in their lungs. Susan Snell Austin, representative for the Central Pennsylvania Lung Association, measured breath with an ecoloyzer machine. Many students were surprised to find that, even though they do not smoke, their lungs show traces of carbon monoxide.

The National Smoke-out Day has been an annual event for the past six years, always being held on the Thursday before Thanksgiving, according to Patricia Minsker, Field Representative for the Dauphin County Unit of the American Cancer Society.