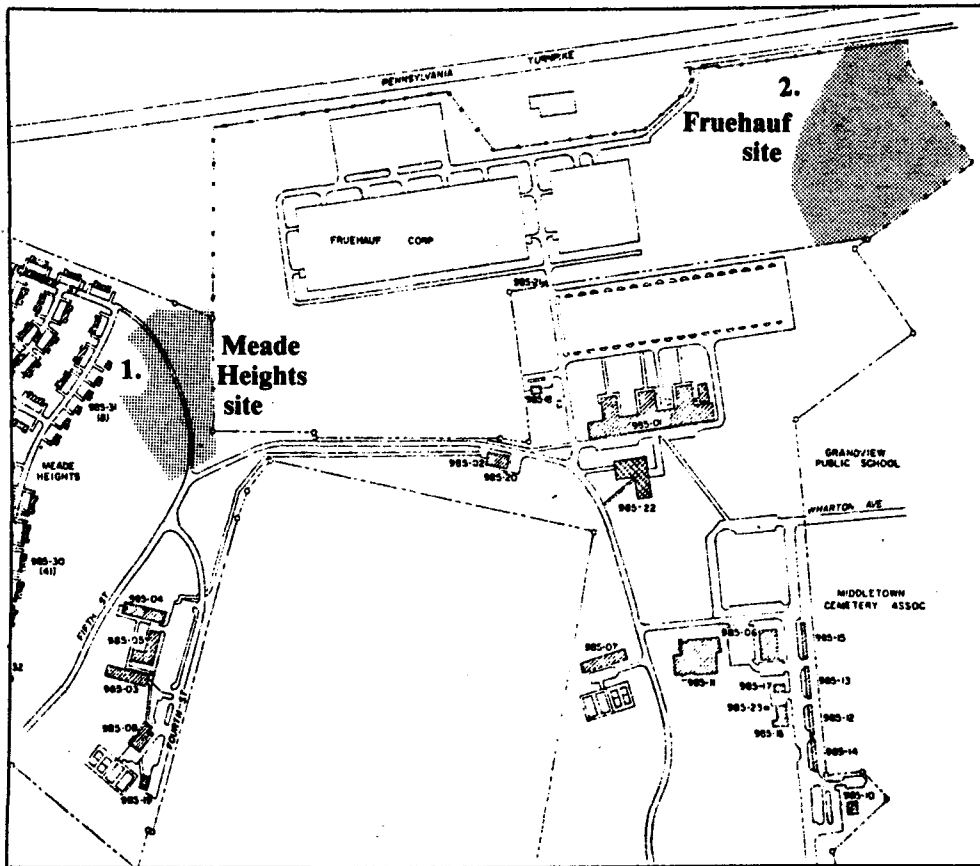


# Air Force names new dumping sites



Map courtesy P.S.U.; D.E.R. info.

Map shows dump sites: 1.) Meade Heights and 2.) Fruehauf.

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Additional sites named by the Air Force include:

--Lisa Lake, a residential area west of the campus. Records show that this site was used between 1956 and 1963 as a landfill for demolition waste, drums containing oils and other unknown liquids, trash, airplane parts, lumber and other debris.

DeBenedictis said some of the drums were crushed to save space. Testing by D.E.R. in July, however, showed no chemical contamination in the lake.

--A fire/emergency training pit west of the runway at the Harrisburg International Airport just south of the campus. This pit was filled with solvents and other flammable materials and used for fire-fighting practice. The wastes have now spread out of the pit.

--Two incineration areas under what is now the runway and near the taxiways at the airport.

--The Sunset Golf Course south of Middletown.

D.E.R.'s DeBenedictis said it is

quite possible that additional sites will be found.

The investigation that uncovered the new sites was begun after T.C.E. was discovered in February of 1983 in well water at the Harrisburg International Airport, which supplies water to Capitol Campus. At that time, several wells were shut down and the airport switched to four relatively clean wells. The water from these wells is now being mixed to dilute the T.C.E. concentration, according to D.E.R.

“The potability of the wells is as good as six months ago. We’re talking between one and two parts-per-billion (of T.C.E. concentration)—one half the warning level,” DeBenedictis said.

D.E.R.'s Mashek said the delay in announcing the second round of sites was a result of the need to conduct extensive reviews of old Air Force records at different locations, interview former employees and residents, and conduct initial inspections of the new sites.

“The Air Force didn’t have a file for waste dumping. It involved a lot of leg work,” he noted.

DeBenedictis said the state is hoping for money from the E.P.A. “Superfund” that is available to clean up the most serious dump sites across the country, and that the Defense Department may also contribute to the cleanup.

Meanwhile, D.E.R. will monitor the wells closely and assist the air Force in its “Phase Two” inspection, which will include analysis of samples from the various dumpsites, DeBenedictis said.

Plans produced by Wright Associates, a consulting firm hired by Penn D.O.T., call for the continuous pumping of one contaminated well and discharging the water into holding ponds. This action is intended to slow the movement of contaminated ground water toward the wells used for drinking water.

T.C.E., the major contaminant identified so far in the water, is a possible carcinogen if ingested but is not considered dangerous for skin contact, according to Frank Fair at D.E.R. Fair said the chemical has been shown to produce cancer in mice but not in rats. He cited a National Academy of Sciences report, which he said found that, “If a 154 pound human drank two litres of water contaminated with T.C.E. at 4.5 parts-per-billion every day, at the end of 70 years his chance of getting cancer would increase by one in one million.”

The danger could be greater at higher concentrations, Fair said.

## Turnout light for S.G.A. election

By Linda McCarty

Voter turnout for the Spring Student Government Association Election was lighter than last year’s turnout, according to former S.G.A. president Joe Oddo. An estimated 15 percent of the student body cast their ballots on during the election held on the third and fourth of this month, down from slightly over 20 percent last year, he said.

Public Policy major Peter Mekosh won the nomination for president, beating opponent Linda Licata by 64 votes with a total of 210.

Although no candidates appeared on the ballot for the offices of vice president and secretary, Bob Dopkosky won the bid for vice president with 18 write-in votes, and Cindy Kurtz was named secretary with 33 write-in votes.

According to Oddo, one student received more write-in votes than Dopkosky for the vice presidential position, but was disqualified due to a rule regarding academic standing which requires S.G.A. members to have at least a 2.0 G.P.A.

While the newly elected members have filled their seats, Oddo reflected on his year as president. What did he like best?

“Just being involved in a little bit of everything. I had to

make policy decisions and delegate responsibilities. I think in the long run it has helped me.”

But, he added, “I’ll miss the office, not being in charge. I had my year.”

Now it is Mekosh’s turn. Although he has held no prior position within the S.G.A., he has begun to set his goals.

“The first thing I would like to see is a greater participation of students in S.G.A. The bottom line is that the students are paying for S.G.A., and the only way they can have any affect is to join.”

Mekosh also said he feels that the S.G.A. has not been representing all students but rather “only S.G.A. members expressing their own views, not necessarily the view of all.”

He said the “recent proliferation of write-ins to actively running candidates” can be attributed to “a lack of knowledge about the functions of S.G.A. and its benefits to both the individual student and the student body.”

### S.G.A. election results Spring 1984

#### President

**Peter Mekosh, 210 votes**  
**Linda Licata, 156 votes**

#### Vice President

**Bob Dopkosky, 18 votes**

#### Treasurer

**Sharon Corcoran, 227 votes**

#### Secretary

**Cindy Kurtz, 33 votes**

#### Senators:

**Behavioral Sci. and Ed.**

**Theresa Vilcheck, 32 votes**

**Business Administration**

**Rita Weyant, 112 votes**

**Humanities**

**Michele S. Haley, 14 votes**

**Public Affairs**

**open position**

**Science, Eng. Tech.**

**Ed Bardella, 108 votes**

**Senator-At-Large**

**Dave Fitzgerald, 76 votes**

**Jacki Greytak, 67 votes**

**Dave Bealer, 46 votes**

**John Grodis, 16 votes**

**S.U.B.O.G.**

**Jeff Schnier**