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Photo by Neil Myers

Campus maintenance officials discuss the excavation of the waste dump at Meade Heights with Marian Dzedzy, a technician from Roy F. Weston Associates. Preliminary testing indicated the barrels did not contain a legally recognized hazardous substance.

Heights dump checked for toxics

By Neil Myers

Preliminary testing of the drums recovered from the Meade Heights waste dump revealed no legally hazardous substances, according to Colonel Robert Lombard, Assistant for Bio-Environmental Engineering in the Surgeon General's Office.

"A chemical is a hazardous waste only if it's listed as a hazardous waste (or) if it possesses certain characteristics. . . such as 'extraction procedure toxicity', corrosivity or ignitability," Lombard said.

Lombard said that nine drums were removed from the site at the north end of the Meade Heights path in December by Roy F. Weston Associates of Philadelphia.

The drums contained a sludge-like substance that the

site inspector from Weston thought was old crankcase oil, he explained.

Marian Dzedzy, the site inspector, said that all of the drums were punctured and their contents had mixed with the surrounding soil. She characterized the substance as "like a tar."

Lombard said additional testing will be done to determine what the substance is. Results of that and other testing on water, sediment and soil samples are expected by December 30, 1985.

Dzedzy said all of the drums, or their remnants, were packed in "overpack drums" and removed by the Delaware Container Company, a sub-contractor.

Maurine Clever, an industrial hygienist with the University's

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Dorms, Heights to get repairs

By Neil Myers

Penn State will spend a "six figure amount" to "completely rehabilitate and refurbish the residence halls and Meade Heights Housing Area" of Capitol Campus starting this summer, according to Dr. James D. South, Assistant Provost for Student Affairs.

South announced the program Saturday at the semi-annual Student Leadership Conference here. He said a list of 33 or 34 items has been circulated to housing staff, student leaders and others suggesting possible actions.

"The next step is to put those items on a priority list," South said.

According to a partial listing issued by the Office of Student Affairs, items being considered include:

- Renovation of residence hall rooms, including sound-proofing and new closets or wardrobes.

- Refurbishing residence hall bathrooms to include individual shower stalls, new sinks, ventilation systems, etc.

- Renovation of residence hall corridors to include suspended ceilings.

- Replacement of residence hall hollow core doors with solid core doors.

- Carpeting residence hall rooms.

- Refurbishing residence hall lounges, with the possibility of creating separate TV, study and recreation lounges in each dorm.

- Installation of a "distributed heat and hot water system for the residence halls."

- Construction of a food service office, dry storage area, mailbox area, interior renovation for the dining hall.

- Repaving Meade Heights streets.

- Repaving Meade Heights driveways.

- Carpeting living room areas of Meade Heights houses.

- Replacing patio doors in Meade Heights houses.

- Paneling living rooms in Meade Heights houses.

- Renovation of bathrooms in Meade Heights houses.

- Construction of a "centralized facility in Meade Heights to serve as a housing office, housing shops, housing

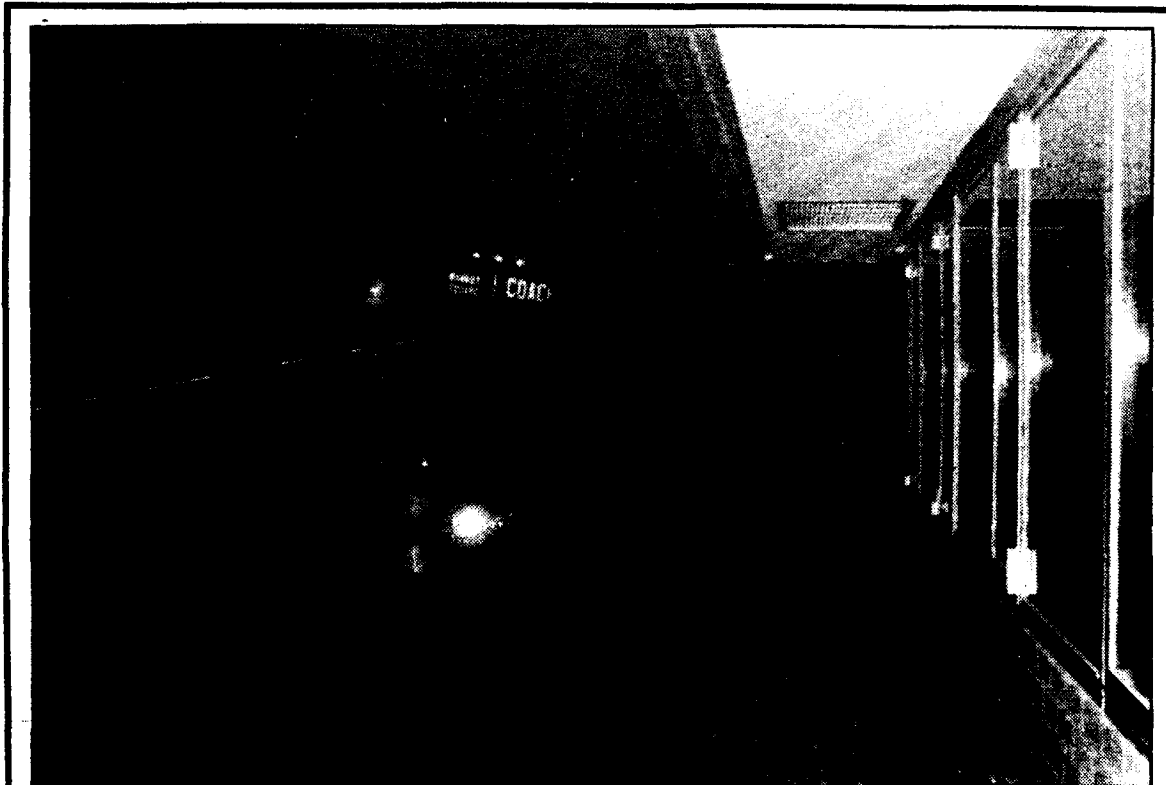
storage, laundromat, residential life program office, social room for Meade Heights and campus child care facility."

South said some of the repairs have been discussed for

up to ten years, while others are new ideas. He said the campus administration would be seeking input and suggestions from students and staff regarding which projects should receive

the highest priority.

The dormitories and Meade Heights residences were constructed by the Air Force when the area was a part of the former Olmsted Air Base.



Oops.

No one was hurt when the driver of this Capitol Area Transit bus missed the Olmsted Building and beached his vehicle on an embankment south of the Science and Technology Building December 17. The accident was attributed to heavy fog by campus police. The bus was later towed away.

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