

## Italians Elect New Prime Minister

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Yesterday marked a new dawn for the Italian people and their governmental system, as Giovanni Scarlotti, the Christian Democrat nominee for Prime Minister, was elected leader of the Mediterranean country by a sweeping majority.

His party's win in the Saturday elections hoisted him to leadership within the parliamentary coalition. Unfortunately his lengthy term came to an end later that hour.

Scarlotti was sworn in at exactly 12 p.m. Rome time, but twelve minutes and thirty-three seconds later, was removed from office in a vote of no confidence by the Italian parliament.

The nation mourns the removal of their beloved leader. One Rome citizen expressed his sorrow.

"When someone serves as Prime Minister for as long as Scarlotti did, one can't help but grow attached."

Due to the short time spans of Italian Prime Ministers, Scarlotti's

12 minutes in office broke the nations all-time record.

The previous record was held by the Socialist Party's Salvatore Santini, who served as leader of Italy from 12:00:00 p.m., November 1, 1957 to 12:11:45 p.m., November 1, 1957.

Because of the short time spans, much significance is placed on the Prime Minister's first five minutes in office.

As head of the country for twelve minutes, Scarlotti accomplished more than anyone since Santini.

During that time, the outgoing leader sharpened some pencils, organized some papers on his desk, called his mother, and was indicted in a sexual harassment case by three of his office secretaries.

"I have a weakness for blonde haired Swedish girls," Scarlotti replied. "What can I say?"

Although stripped of most duties, the Prime Minister will serve until elections can be held later Thursday afternoon.

## Lost Books Found; Scandal Averted

By Ernestine Erstwhile  
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It could have been a black mark on the pristine new library's reputation. Fortunately, the apparent disaster resolved itself at the same time the cover-up of the incident was discovered earlier this week.

According to a staff person, who spoke on promise of anonymity, the disaster was the loss of one of the library's rarest journal collections.

"Libraries pride themselves on never misplacing things," Mary Cozen, Criminal Justice Major commented on hearing of the incident.

"PSH hired the most respected book movers in the country. How could this have happen?" she added.

It seems that after the hundreds of thousands of books, periodicals, journals, microfilm and documents were accounted for following the move, it was discovered that the entire collection of the Journals of

Legerdemain had disappeared.

"Everything had gone so well, it broke our hearts for something like this to happen," the anonymous staff person lamented, "We couldn't bear to break the news to Dr. Shill."

The cover up was a product of the staff's desire to spare the director.

"Only two of us knew," the staff person confessed, "Usually only one or two students a year ask for copies of the journal; we were frantically looking every chance we got while hoping no one would notice they were missing."

The books began reappearing shortly after the annual meeting of the PSH Magicians Club on March 15.

"They started turning up everywhere - and in the oddest places," the staff person reported.

One was found in a graduate study carrel. Another fell from a second floor light fixture during routine dusting by the janitorial

staff.

The 1965 journal has been listed as a factor in the recent library elevator malfunctions.

According to an elevator maintenance company spokesman, the book was blocking a sensor that trips when the elevator is in line with the door opening.

In the oddest of the reappearances, the 1952 Journal was discovered in the coat sleeve of a librarian as she prepared to leave work.

The librarian was adamant, "I swear it wasn't there when I hung the coat up this morning!"

In what may be the biggest clue in the mystery of the missing journals, the 1998 journal was discovered on the library shelf beside the recently published book "Famous April Fools' Jokes."

A spokesperson for the campus police announced that since all journals have been recovered, no charges will be filed against the cover-up conspirators.

## Penn State Football Stands on Shaky Ground

By Fannie Fairweather  
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Next year's squad of Nittany Lion gridders faces a threat more severe than any Big 10 opponent looming on their schedule.

The gentle lowing of cattle will replace the raucous cheers that typically echo throughout Beaver Stadium each fall.

Structural defects in the recent additions to the sports complex have forced university officials to move the Penn State football program from its State College home to PSH.

"The steel that was used to reinforce the extra seats is impure. It simply can't withstand another year of stress from over 100,000 fans climbing in and out of the stands every Saturday," said Fred Farkle, the foreman who supervised the expansion project.

"If something isn't done soon, the consequences could be catastrophic," Farkle said.

University officials say their best option is to implode Beaver Stadium and transplant the football program. The blast is scheduled for March 30 at noon.

"We wish there was another alternative," said PSU head coach Joe Paterno during a phone interview. "But this really is for the best. The safety of our players and fans comes first," he added.

"We'll always have Penn State pride no matter where our stadium is. We're a good team, and we'll survive this. It's just a bump in the road."

The relocation committee explored several venues before settling on PSH. The group said the school's proximity to the state's major population centers and to Harrisburg International Airport made it the ideal home for the new Happy Valley. The amount of land available is also a major asset.

"Penn State Harrisburg has always wanted to expand to a four-year institution and this offers the perfect opportunity," said a spokesman for the provost.

"This will definitely increase our enrollment and create a much more spirited community for our students. Now I think we will finally have the unity we've always lacked in the past," the spokesman added.

Middletown's mayor was unavailable for comment before press deadline, but his top aid, Harley Bargas, spoke enthusiastically about the change.

"Penn State football is exactly what we need to revitalize our community, and the entire area. The money from tourism alone will give Central Pennsylvania's economy an incredible boost each

year."

PSH has scheduled a full slate of renovations to accommodate the players and coaches when they arrive in mid-July for spring training camp.

The basement of Olmsted, which formerly housed The Lion's Den, will now hold a state-of-the-art weight room and track, and separate facilities for whirlpools and training rooms.

A theater to be used for viewing practice and game films is included in the blueprints.

Architects have also devised plans for an in-house clinic and equipment storage room to occupy the remaining space.

The Sunburst, a local bar near PSH, will provide the players' meals during all training camps and the regular season.

The new apartment-style housing originally slated as dorms for graduate students and members of the honors program will instead be used as fraternity houses for the players.

With hopes running high for the Lions' success in the new home, many other sports programs are planning to follow the football team's lead and move to PSH. The basketball squad will likely lead the way.

The former stadium site will now be used as a pasture.

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