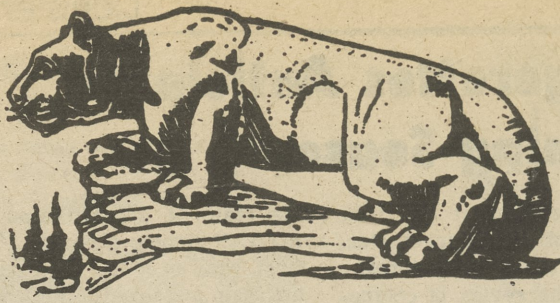


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THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY DELAWARE COUNTY CAMPUS, MEDIA, PA.

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News Notices

"BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTER" PROGRAM

At this time the Community Service Commission under USA is setting up a "Big brother/big sister program with the Old Forge School across the street from this campus. The goal of this new program is to provide companionship for three hours on a weekend to some of the handicapped children at the school. The program is slated to be put into effect the second week of February. Anyone interested in participating is urged to contact the U.S.A. office.

RIDDIFORD MADE LT. COLONEL

John A. Riddiford, assistant professor of military service and 16 year veteran of the Army, has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army.

PHILOSOPHY IN THE SPRING

Four three-credit Philosophy courses will be offered spring term. They are Philosophy 12 - Elements of Symbolic Logic, Phil 110, the Construction of Scientific Concepts, Phil 111 Oriental Philosophy, and Phil 212 Symbolic Logic.

DRAMA CLUB

The Drama Club is hoping to put on a one act play this spring and may put on a larger production using the talents of faculty and students. No experience is necessary. People are needed for all aspects of play production. Contact Craig Camp, president; Julie Turpin, vice president; or Jean Dance, advisor; for further details.

TUTORIAL ASSISTANCE

The Office of Student Affairs is providing free tutorial assistance for students who are encountering academic difficulty. See the secretary in the Student Affairs Building to make an appointment.

FOREIGN STUDIES PROGRAM

Applications are now available for the 1978 general studies programs in Germany (Cologne), France (Strasbourg), Spain (Salamanca), England (Exeter), and Italy (Rome). These programs are open to students of all colleges of the University and run approximately 12 weeks during the Penn State spring term. For more information contact Jean Warda in 212E.

IF YOU SEE NEWS IN THE MAKING,
CALL THE LION'S EYE!

TERM BREAK BEGINS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25th!

Fuel Crisis Affects Campus

By: Steve Tashner

On Groundhog Day, Punxsutawney Phil delivered his furry forecast condemning us to six more weeks of winter and the F.C. Haab Company delivered 3,989 gallons of heating oil to the Penn State Delaware County Campus to cope with the cold weather.

So far this brutal winter has closed the campus only one day and that was due to snowfall.

John Vairo, campus director, said "we've not been adversely affected because we heat with oil."

According to Gene Cloud, campus business manager, with the latest oil delivery the 10,000 gallon supply tank now contains 8,200 gallons, insuring that there will be enough fuel to operate through February.

Cloud elaborated "being an established customer of the Haab Company the campus is a priority and as soon as the tank becomes half empty the company makes a delivery. This heating season I predict fuel consumption will be about 35 to 40% higher than last year."

Efforts to conserve energy have been and will continue to be practiced, Vairo sighted the 62 degree thermostat setting and that lights are turned off whenever possible. "It's not just an

oil and gas that must be conserved, but all energy because they are all interrelated."

Vairo continued "to be comfortable we must dress warmer and this must be what's happening because no one has complained about being too cold to function."

The students and administration, meanwhile, have been quietly cooperating with efforts to conserve energy.

Chris Smith, fifth term biology major, "my house is colder than in here so I usually dress accordingly. Also the cooler rooms help me stay awake through long classes."

Dottie Kaiser, part time secretary, said "I was cold in here only one day, usually the sun shines in on me and I am quite comfortable."

Larry Pupo, second term business major, "I think it's comfortable in the classrooms."

Dave Melvin, business office employee, said "people have to realize we've got to conserve due to the harsh winter."

Despite the high cost and inconvenience of the winter of 1977 Vairo mentioned the worst may be yet to come in the spring when thawing, blocked rivers and streams may bring serious flooding.

Otis Offers Alternatives For Off Campus Housing

By: John J. Callahan and Mary Creekmore

Are you turned off at the prospect of spending six terms in a cramped dorm room but do not know any alternatives? OTIS (Organization for Town Independent Students) can show you what other choices you have and will give you aid in finding what you want. OTIS is organized to serve students who will be transferring to University Park and also helps students while there. Lease reading and complaint mediation are only a few of the services they offer.

At this campus, OTIS is prepared to offer counsel in regard to off-campus (non dormitory) housing at University Park.

At University Park, OTIS is divided into five committees: housing, legal, consumer, branch campus and social.

The Housing Committee can tell you what the lease you may be considering signing really says. They keep records which date back five years of all complaints against landlords handled by them so you can read them. They can tell you exactly what your rights as a tenant are so your landlord can not take advantage of you.

The Legal Committee can advise you as to whether or not your car can be legally towed, how to get your security deposit back, and should the need ever arise (they hope not), will accompany

you to your "big day in court." Also, if you should get busted, they have a bail bond fund to bail you out.

Consumer Affairs can help you if, for example, you had your muffler replaced and it fell off for the second time and the garage will not fix it properly, or if you had your television repaired and it smokes when you turn it on.

The Social Committee can rent you casino equipment to make your party a big success or rent you a card table for a friendly poker game.

OTIS also distributes general information such as housing lists, bus schedules, scholarship guides, maps of State College and the campus, bicycle insurance information, fire hazard fact sheets and consumer protection bureau complaint forms.

You can pick up housing lists which list all the major apartment complexes at University Park and what they cost, and also a pamphlet entitled "Guide to Town Living in University Park" at the USA office in the Student Affairs modular building. If you have any specific questions, contact Mary Creekmore, OTIS representative of John Callahan, Assistant OTIS representative in the USA office on Tuesdays and Thursdays bet-

ween 2:15 and 4:00 p.m. or call 565-3300, ext. 78 during those hours.

Try Something Completely Different

By: Chris Smith

The clubs and organizations, with SAC, are sponsoring a semi-formal dinner dance on Friday, February 25th from 7:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Log Cabin Inn, located on Baltimore Pike, just south of Media. The ticket price is now \$7.00, and includes a sit-down dinner (served at 8:00) and music by Silk Wind.

Tables will be reserved for groups of five or more, and everyone is invited to attend (including Continuing Education students, students from other schools, and friends in general). It is not necessary to bring a date.

The dress of the evening includes gowns, short dresses, or nice pants-suits for women; coat and tie or leisure suit for men. In short, the dance will be "slightly more than casual," with the singular request that no jeans be worn.

This is the first time that Delaware County Campus has sponsored such an event while it has been located in Lima. Finals end February 24th, so come have a great night out!

Winter Tips From State Police

By: Maria McKelvey

To children, winter means snowmen and sledding but to drivers the sub-zero temperatures, ice and snow mean potential dangerous driving conditions.

The Pennsylvania Manual for Drivers published by the Department of Transportation and distributed by the state police lists six primary hazards in connection with winter driving. These are reduced visibility, poor traction when stopping or starting, inadequate traction when starting the car, reduced ability to stop and loss of steering, ice on roads and bridges, and ice and snow made slippery by traffic.

One factor that is always underestimated is braking distance. Trooper Carpenter pointed out that the posted speeds refer to safe speeds in ideal weather conditions. In foul weather the driver should allow for the conditions and reduce his speed.

The manual mentions that the minimum safe following distance is one car length for each 10 m.p.h. This allows the driver at least one second to react.

With snow and ice these figures become important when referring to braking distances.

For example, on dry concrete in ideal weather conditions, the stopping distance for a car travelling 30 m.p.h. is six car lengths or it takes 88 ft. to come to a complete stop. However, on packed snow the same vehicle traveling at the same speed will

take at least 12 car lengths or 194 ft. to stop. On ice or sleet it would take 27 car lengths or 430 ft. Of course, these figures will vary depending on the vehicle.

The following are some tips to follow when driving in winter weather conditions:

1. If the car suddenly begins to slide turn into the slide
2. If your car dies pull it off the road as far as possible
3. If you must leave your car stranded you will be notified within 48 hours to remove it and within 96 hours the car will be towed away
4. Call your nearest state police barracks for information on interstate road conditions
5. Keep your car in good working order to reduce your chances of car failure
6. When on snow or ice pump the brakes. If in a stick shift, don't gear down
7. Start up slowly to avoid spinning the wheels
8. When driving through a packed section of snow drive to one side or the other to avoid the slickest surface
9. Keep a blanket, flares, tools, extra anti-freeze, etc. in your trunk in case of emergency
10. Give yourself ample time to get up in the morning, warm up the car and drive carefully to your destination
11. Keep at a safe following distance to give yourself ample time to brake
12. To prevent the steering from locking causing loss of steering, pump the brakes

HARRY F. BISHOP, JR. DIES FOLLOWING ILLNESS

Harry F. Bishop, Jr., financial officer at the Penn State University, Delco campus since 1970, died Thursday, January 6th at Taylor Hospital, Ridley Park, following a brief illness.

A graduate of PMC College, Mr. Bishop worked for Ford Motor Company, the University of Pennsylvania, and Boeing-Vertol before joining Penn State. He was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church choir, the Swarthmore Tennis Club, and the Training Collectors of America.

His son, Harry, is a former campus student and part-time employee and is currently a student at University Park. Mr. Bishop's wife, Florence, also survives.

According to Dave Melvin, who works in the administration offices, "Mr. Bishop will be missed for his pleasant greetings with fellow faculty and staff members and also students at the campus."

The University will miss him very much. He was always willing to help the students, not only with their financial matters but "he was a great supporter of student activities," said Dean Linder.

He will be sadly missed by all.