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Allegheny, Monongahela Rivers Flood Low Parts of Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH (AP)—The flooding Allegheny and Monongahela rivers poured water into low-lying sections of Pittsburgh last night and continued rising.

At Meadville about 800 to 900 homes were surrounded by the flood waters of French Creek.

The Allegheny was reported about stationary in its northern reaches early last night.

Snow, Rain Give County Flood Scare

By JOEL MYERS

Melting snow and rather heavy rain have created the danger of flooding in all sections of Pennsylvania including Centre County.

Flash flood conditions on Shaver Creek in Huntingdon County prompted University officials to close the gate on the Stone Valley dam yesterday morning. This was done on the recommendation of Rex Metlon, associate professor of forestry and resident director of the University Experimental Forest at Stone Valley.

Meanwhile showers, some heavy, combined with rapidly melting snow to swell streams and rivers in other sections of the state. The Susquehanna River has risen to dangerous heights and residents along its path have been warned to follow the latest advises on its progress.

Flood warnings were issued for the Pittsburgh area yesterday. The Ohio River is expected to crest at 30 feet today, some five feet above flood stage.

The Allegheny River reached flood stage at Warren yesterday.

The warm weather has melted a good portion of the deep snow that accumulated during the last six weeks of the winter from an unprecedented barrage of winter snow storms. However, many of the higher mountain areas in Central Pennsylvania still have nearly two feet of snow on the ground.

The soil is saturated with moisture due to the melting snow and recent rain. Any further rain could lead to a major flood disaster and since a snow storm is moving this way, residents of low-lying areas appear to have more trouble ahead.

IFC-Panhel Ball Tickets

Tickets for the IFC-Panhelnic Ball go on sale today at the HUB desk. Tickets are \$5 per couple.

The ball will be held tonight in Recreation Hall and will feature Richard Maltby and his orchestra.

Tickets will also be on sale at the door tonight.

And in southwestern Pennsylvania, the Monongahela and its tributaries were reported stationary or falling at many spots.

A state of emergency was declared by the police department in Wilkes-Barre due to a flood threat. The emergency was decreed after the Susquehanna River rose above flood level.

The river is expected to crest Friday at 26 to 27 feet. Families along Hurlock's Creek and Plymouth Flat's area were warned of high waters.

Route 14 from Montoursville to Muncy and parts of it from Watson to Northumberland were reported under water by State Police. It was a similar situation on parts of Route 11 from Shamokin Dam to Northumberland. All civil defense units in those areas were alerted.

At Towanda the Susquehanna River was expected to crest at 22 feet around midnight yesterday. Flood level is 19 feet but no serious conditions result unless the river goes to 25 feet. Low areas were flooded up to three feet.

Charles H. Lange of the U.S. Weather Bureau's river forecasting service in Pittsburgh predicted that the Ohio River would crest at about 29 or 30 feet early today at its point of origin in Pittsburgh. Flood stage is 25 feet.

River water covered several streets, wharfs and ramps in low-lying spots in downtown Pittsburgh.

The rivers began rising several days ago as a spring thaw melted snow. Rain Wednesday and Wednesday night added to the rivers' loads.

Only light rain was reported in western Pennsylvania yesterday. French Creek rose more than three feet above flood level at Meadville.

The high water closed the Erie Railroad's freight repair shop and the plant of Frontier Homes, a trailer manufacturing company.

Elsewhere in the Meadville area, French Creek and other streams flooded roads.

Fraternity Men to Get Room Deposit Refunds

Men who have paid their \$10 room deposit for the residence halls and who have since pledged a fraternity and plan to move into the fraternity house next September will be able to get their deposit refunded.

James Kline, head of the assignment division of the Department of Housing, said that only new fraternity pledges are eligible to cancel housing contracts. They must notify the department before April 25.

LaGalleria Relinquishes Liquor Right

The LaGalleria Restaurant on E. Beaver Ave. has surrendered its liquor license to the State Liquor Control Board pending an investigation by the board.

It was reported that three students had taken over the operation of the restaurant from Peter Nastican and that the liquor license had not yet been transferred to the new owners.

These reports apparently prompted the March 18 raid by the boards in which 36 minors, most of them University students, were apprehended.

Twenty-six of these students were fined \$25 and costs of \$9 in a mass hearing held at the Municipal Building on Monday evening. The students pleaded guilty to the borough ordinance which prohibits minors from drinking or being in a place licensed to sell alcoholic beverages after 7 p.m. unless accompanied by an adult.

Hollobusch, supervisor of enforcement for this district, commented from his Altoona office that he is conducting an investigation of the LaGalleria, but refused to say what implications it might have on the operators of the establishment. He refused to verify the report that students were running the restaurant until his investigation is completed.

A spokesman for the Liquor Control Board in Harrisburg said that he did not know what action, if any, would be taken against the operators. "It's up to the board," he said.

Rains Predicted For This Weekend

Heavy rain will begin tonight and should continue tomorrow with possibly an inch or more falling by tomorrow afternoon.

Today will be cloudy and colder with a chance of light showers or a brief snow flurry. The high temperature will be near 46 degrees.

Cold and rainy weather is expected tonight with a predicted low of 38 degrees. Winds will increase tonight.

Decision on SPE Upheld by Board

By KAREN HYNECHEAL

The Interfraternity Board of Control last night upheld its decision to recommend that Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity lose its social privileges until April 24. The Board had also recommended that the fraternity be placed on social probation for the remainder of the semester.

The Board reheard the case after SPE presented a petition for rehearing to Robert Parsky, chairman of the board. The petition had been signed by 51 per cent of the fraternities and was presented to Parsky before the Senate Subcommittee on Group Discipline, which must approve all board recommendations, met.

The Board made its recommendations on March 22 after a Delta Upsilon pledge was arrested in town. The pledge was reportedly intoxicated after having attended a party at SPE.

The Board said that the fraternity had violated an IFC rule which states that a fraternity is responsible for the conduct of members and guests if such conduct is a result of a fraternity function.

The Board said that SPE had not carried out its responsibilities concerning the DU pledge.

SPE was recommended for loss of social privileges and the penalty went into effect midnight March 22. Howard Mears, president of SPE, said that the fraternity felt that the penalty was too harsh under the circumstances and they consequently petitioned for a rehearing.

According to Benjamin Bronstein, secretary of the Board, the Board still maintained last night that the members of SPE who left the pledge in his car on the parking lot of his fraternity had been negligent. "They should have either taken him inside the fraternity house or notified the fraternity members of his condition," Bronstein said.

Earlier on the night of the incident, the pledge had been at two other fraternities but the Board felt that they had sufficient proof that his condition and the responsibility for his condition and conduct rested solely with SPE.

Block 'S' Club Seeks Section For Flashcards

The Block "S" Club will place a referendum on the junior class ballot to seek approval of its plan to occupy the first 22 rows of the new football stadium, between the 35 and 20-yard lines, to establish a flash card section.

According to Lanny Dey, president of the club, the plan will not deprive any student of a seat. The University has allotted 4000 seats to senior and graduate students in accordance with an anticipated enrollment of 4000 for these two classes next fall. The section requested by the club will consist of approximately 700 seats in this area.

Dey said that since there has never been 100 per cent attendance of any one class at football games in the past, no senior or graduate student will be losing a seat under this arrangement. Dey also said that since the club is open to senior membership, the number of seats needed in the area set aside for the graduate and senior students would be reduced.

Ernest B. McCoy, dean of the College of Physical Education, has requested a vote of approval from the junior class before giving his final consent to the plan.

Program Discusses Local Discrimination

Discriminatory practices in fraternities are "unwritten, unspoken and highly enforced," Stephen Blum said last night in a panel discussion broadcast over WDFM's "This Is the Subject."

To illustrate Blum's comment, Robert Grantham said a

group of Negro students, primarily girls, had attempted to enter an open jam session at one of the fraternities several weeks ago and were told "the house was full."

During the program, Nolvert Scott quoted part of a report made by Robert H. Davage, former associate professor of psychology, which said that 46.9 per cent of Negro students found discrimination in downtown housing.

The Davage report titled Racial Discrimination in the State College Community was written in 1958.

When the discussion turned to picketing of Bunn's Barber-shop, Blum explained, "the non-violent demonstration was done to bring to light several facts the community is not apparently aware of."

Racial discrimination "has a more subtle tone here than in other areas," Blum said.

Rev. James Lawson, who was expelled from the Vanderbilt Divinity School for his part in the sit-in demonstrations in Nashville,

compared the State College situation to the one in Nashville prior to the demonstrations. "We pretend we have good race relations," he said.

In discussing pressure on local demonstrators, Blum said that Bunn had been approached by a group of town people and students who asked, "If he would mind if a few things got busted up so they could get this mess cleaned up." Blum added, "We would like to publicly thank Mr. Bunn for refusing the offer."

When the question was raised as to why Lawson felt the legal decisions on integration were only a step and had little bearing on the situation, Blum illustrated the answer by referring to the 15th amendment.

He pointed out that the amendment was 90 years old on Tuesday and the legislative branch of the government had just now taken action on voting rights of the Negro in the South.

Review

Thespians' 'Kate' Called Great Show

By BOBBI LEVINE

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"Slightly great" was the word floating around after the first performance of the Thespians' "Kiss Me Kate" in Schwab Auditorium last night. But that was a gross understatement.

Led by Peggy Peters, Ed Rolf and Robert McLean, the rollicking cast of this "show within a show" supplied two and one-half of the most entertaining hours we've had this year.

The show, a well-balanced mixture of modern comedy and slapstick Shakespeare, is bright and fast-moving from start to finish.

There were no sticky spots apparent anywhere.

The playwrights and Cole Porter supply the ingredients: a pair of self-centered actors trying to put on a performance of "The Taming of the Shrew" and carrying their hilarious personal problems on stage. The Thespians supply the fuel, and the result is a great fun night.

The play owes its success for the most part to the tremendous songs and dance numbers. Rolf and Mrs. Peters come across with rich, strong voices and good delivery—a feature too often absent in Thespian productions.

There are 19 songs and dances in the show, each of them worth the price of a ticket. Four really

stand out. The songs, "Wonderbar" and "So in Love" are done beautifully.

"Too Darn Hot," a novelty number with a fascinating beat, displays the fine singing and dancing talents of McLean, Jerome Dukes and Terri Hood; and "Brush Up Your Shakespeare," done by Hubert Gerstman and Paul Krow, is just plain hilarious.

Gerstman also turns in a fine performance as a Damon Runyon-type hood with important 'monetary mission.'

A play of this type could easily have become a "Comedy of Errors" instead of a good rendition of both Shakespearean and modern wit. Fortunately, it was handled just right.