

Weather Forecast:
Mostly Cloudy

The Daily Collegian

FOR A BETTER PENN STATE

A Report,
But No Backing
--See Page 4

VOL. 61; No. 116

STATE COLLEGE, PA., FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 14, 1961

FIVE CENTS

House Committee Quizzes Top U.S. Space Officials Following Russian Feat

WASHINGTON (AP)—Bothered and bewildered congressmen put America's top space officials on the grill yesterday over the latest and most dazzling Soviet space orbit feat.

Taking over the largest hearing room available, House Space Committee members one after another quizzed the top

Supervisor Accused Of 'Pounding'

See Related Letter on Page Four

Two students have accused the Simmons dining hall supervisor of "pounding" a student on the back at the close of Wednesday evening's meal.

In a letter to The Daily Collegian, Mark Dance, sophomore in division of counseling, and Charles Reilly, freshman in liberal arts, said the supervisor pounded a student on the back while he was drinking a cup of coffee and then pulled his chair back in order to get him to leave the dining hall.

Robert C. Proffitt, director of food service, said that if the action occurred as the students described it, it was "indefensible."

However, Proffitt said, "I don't want to indicate any preconceived judgments until I've talked to both sides."

Edward S. Evers, the dining hall supervisor, said "no comment" when asked about the accusation.

Dance and Reilly said that waiters, in trying to hurry several students out of the dining hall Tuesday evening, had taken their food away while they had gone to get some milk.

Wednesday evening, a group of students, "outraged" because of Tuesday's incident, came to the dining hall just before closing time and "did not intend to be rushed" through their meals, Dance and Reilly explained.

"When the waiters realized that they might have to remain a few minutes longer . . . they resorted to their usual discourteous heckling," the letter said.

The Simmons dining hall closes at 6:15 p.m. and the waiters are supposed to leave the dining hall by 7 p.m.

Dance and Reilly said that the supervisor then came over to the table and pounded one of the students on the back and that the student was told to leave the table or he would "get the coffee in his face."

Army to Build Training Center

The Army will lease a four-acre site one mile north of Beaver Stadium for construction of a reserve training center, Walter H. Wiegand, director of the physical plant, said yesterday.

The center will probably serve the whole State College area and replace the training center now located in a rented garage on N. Atherton Street.

According to Rep. James E. Van Zandt, R-Pa., President Eric A. Walker said he was willing to provide the land because he thinks the training center will not only benefit the State College area, but will also be beneficial to the University. Many students are in the reserve.

Congress last year approved \$366,000 for the construction of the center, Van Zandt said.

men of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Out of a welter of suggestions, criticisms and wistful maybe-next-time remarks came these ideas:

Rep. Victor L. Anuso, D-N.Y. —"I want to see this country mobilized to a wartime basis, because we are at war. I want to see schedules cut in half."

Rep. David S. King, D-Utah, said that the United States should push big solid-fuel space boosters to do a quicker and better job than liquid-fuel rockets: "There are no prizes for second place — we all know who Lindbergh was but who in this room remembers who was the second man to fly across the Atlantic?"

Rep. James G. Fulton, R-Pa., called Yuri A. Gagarin, the Soviet globegirdler, a hero of the human race. "Let's be broad-minded about this, he said. Why don't we give him a ticker tape parade in New York? He's a very brave man."

Doing their best to answer the drumfire of questions were James Webb, newly installed NASA director, and Dr. Hugh L. Dryden, deputy director who has been with NASA since its inception.

The most clearcut answers seemed to these:

Dryden said: "The race was lost . . . before the space agency was founded." The Soviet Union began its major effort in 1954, he said, and NASA was not set up until 1958. "There is some question, sir, that you can make up four years in two years."

Time and again, committee members — Republican and Democratic — asked if the space program had enough money.

Dryden said, "Money is not a complete substitute for time."

The target date for an American in orbit, they said, is still late this year or even early next year.

2 a.m. Permissions

The Association of Women students has announced that coeds may have 2 a.m. permissions both tonight and tomorrow night.

Haber Sets Dates On Spring Elections

Richard Haber, SGA president, set definite dates for spring elections—May 2-4—using executive powers given him when SGA Assembly adjourned into a committee of the whole.

Haber said that the elections will only be for the president, vice president, secretary-treasurer of SGA and the senior class president.

In a directive to the Assembly last week, the Senate Committee on Student Affairs

stipulated that these positions be filled this spring. Haber gave this reason for setting the election date.

Speaking at the Annual Encampment Reunion, Haber referred to SGA reorganization and the elections by saying, "No matter what government you (SGA) decide on, these four officers will be essential to it."

Later, in a meeting of the executive committee he formed Wednesday night, Haber said, "Time is running out for reorganization. You are losing face by not presenting a plan."

Under the new executive committee, Haber said each member will be responsible for speaking to the constituents, i.e., students, in order to get a "multiplicity" of viewpoints on SGA revision.

"Rather than discussing the Machiavellian concepts of government we have been doing for a week under the committee of the whole, we'll start with concrete proposals," Haber said.

Since the Encampment Reunion favored the community living government set up by Duane Alexander's Reorganization Committee and the Senate Committee also favors the revised constitution, the executive committee will use this as a basis for discussion, Haber said.

"It is our job to please the students and the Senate Committee, who must approve any form of government we want to adopt," Haber said.

Haber said he will divide the executive committee into sub-committees to facilitate discussion and bring evidence of past student governments before the group.

The committee will incorporate the debate on representation which went on during the committee of the whole meetings, Haber said.

Every member of the Assembly may participate in the discussions and periodic reports will be given to the Senate committee, he added.

The committee set Monday night at 6:30 p.m. in the SGA office for its first meeting.

3 'Sisters' Comment On Opening Play

"We're all bored to death and are engaged in a constant struggle to better our lives." This was the comment of the three leading actresses on the lives of their characters in Anton Chekhov's "The Three Sisters" which will open tonight at Center Stage.

Grace Shearer, junior in arts and letters from Perulack, who will portray Olga, the eldest sister, commented, "All the people in the play suffer from boredom—they know that their lives are falling apart and yet refuse to admit it."

Miss Shearer's part is one of repression as she is older than her sisters and has experienced the frustrations of their dull life that the others are going through.

Masha, the middle sister, is played by Penelope Gray, junior in theater arts from Berea, Ohio.

"The play is very difficult to give as it takes much study to understand its full impact. For this very reason, many audiences have a hard time comprehending it. All things start and end in the middle," Miss Gray said.

"I feel that Chekhov is presenting people whose talents were not appreciated at that time in Russian society. In 'The Three Sisters' no one gets his first choice in life—all must take second best," she continued.

Miss Gray felt that the play has audience appeal because of its humor, philosophy and character evolution. "It is a study in the adaptation of escape mechanisms," she said.

Susan Young, sophomore in theater arts from Philadelphia, who plays Irena, the youngest sister, said she felt that "the play reflects our lives where little events become calamities."

"Take for instance my character who is completely frustrated by provincial life. She tries to relieve boredom by working—can't stand it and rebels, but soon goes back to it when she realizes she is caught up in society and cannot escape," she said.

Considerable Cloudiness Due Today

One of the worst snowstorms to strike this area so late in the season slowed traffic and downed power lines and trees yesterday morning.

The wet, sticky snow accumulated to a depth of 6 to 14 inches in Central Pennsylvania with an official 6.3 inches measured at the University weather station. This boosted the month's total to 13.1 inches, making it the snowiest April in 32 years.

The season's total was raised to an unprecedented 91.5 inches of snow, which is nearly two and a half times the normal seasonal amount and 17 inches above the previous record.

The record-breaking spring cold wave should continue for several more days, although today will be somewhat milder than the last few days.

Today should be mostly cloudy and cool with some afternoon sunshine. The high temperature will be about 48 degrees.

Mostly clear and chilly weather is indicated for tonight and a low temperature of 31 degrees is likely.

Mostly cloudy skies and cool temperatures are indicated for tomorrow.

Greeks to Hold Jazz Festival

The Inter-fraternity and Panhellenic councils will present a new concept of jazz entertainment at 8 tonight in Recreation Hall. The IFC-Panhel Jazz Festival, which features George Shearing, Eli's Chosen Six and Frieda Lee, will replace the annual IFC-Panhel Ball.

Mary Del Kahle, chairman of arrangements, said, "I think our generation is growing more and more informal and the jazz festival will suit our needs better than the dance."

"This is something the campus has wanted and needed," Edward London, publicity chairman said. Next year the combined councils hope to devote an entire weekend to jazz contests and entertainment by amateur and professional groups, London added.

Approximately 5200 tickets have been sold for the festival tonight, London said, and there may be several hundred more available at the door.

Flag Ceremony Cancelled

The flag-raising ceremony in honor of Pan-American Day, scheduled for 11:50 a.m. today in front of Old Main has been cancelled due to inclement weather.



—Collegian Photo by Rick Bower

NEW COLLEGIAN SENIOR BOARD was announced yesterday by John Black, the editor. They are, seated from the left: Sue Eberly, Pat Dyer, Karen Hyncekeal, Black, Meg Teichholtz, Lynne Cerefice and Polly Dranov. Standing from the left are: Jim Karl, Dick Leighton, John Morris, Joel Myers and John Beauge. See story on page 3.