

Picnic Food Threatened By Weather

Outbreaks of food poisoning generally occur during hot, humid weather and usually follow picnics, warns Mrs. LaRue Hefner, extension foods specialist.

At home, foods are refrigerated and protected against the development of bacteria that causes spoilage. But when transported to picnic areas and held for several hours, foods may become warm and are then susceptible to dangerous spoilage, Mrs. Hefner said.

BACTERIA NEED warmth and moisture for growth, so soft moist foods such as salads, custard pies, etc., provide ideal conditions for rapid growth, she added. Acid in foods retards bacterial growth, but low-acid foods require very careful handling for bacteria grow quite readily on them, she continued.

Sandwiches, salads, meat, eggs and cream filled or custard pies and cakes need refrigerator temperatures until you are ready to eat the food, Mrs. Hefner explained. The chilled foods can be carried in insulated containers to picnics, then kept cold until eaten, she said.

Mrs. Hefner said that foods must be kept either very hot or very cold. It is the lukewarm temperature, which is most dangerous, for at this temperature (50-120 degree Fahrenheit) bacteria multiply rapidly, she warned.

COOKED FOODS, such as meat loaf, soups, stew, and casserole dishes should be cooled rapidly and kept cold until reheated, Mrs. Hefner said.

"Food may seem to undergo no visible change when it is contaminated and therefore one should avoid eating anything that might be prone to bacterial growth," she warned.

Food prepared in large quantity may stay warm in the center for a long time while being cooled. Mrs. Hefner said that this can be prevented by cooling large quantities in several small containers or spreading them out so that they will cool more quickly.

Penn State is believed to be the first school to adopt the mountain lion as a symbol.

Coeds to Hear Dean of Women In McKee Hall

Dean of Women Dorothy J. Lipp will speak on "College Dating and the Penn State Woman" at 6:30 p.m. today in the McKee Hall Recreation Room.

The informal talk is sponsored by the Association of Women Students Summer Council and is the last of the faculty-guest social hours for the summer term.

The Association of Women Students Summer Council at a recent meeting also decided to allow men visitors in the residence halls Wednesday and Thursday next week from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The special permission to men visitors was given for the purpose of helping women move out of the residence halls.

Men will also be allowed in the residence halls from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day during Orientation Week, Sept. 17 to 23.

Parking Meters

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The full name is finally being displayed on McKee Hall. For several weeks the identification had been Kee Hall. The "Mc" added in blue paint this week, was reportedly the work of two girls living in the hall.

University officials said the reason for the unfinished name was that when the letters for the hall were received the C was not the required lower case. The correct letter had been ordered, they said.

Experts Study Missile Flight

University scientists and engineers are conducting a study for the Army Ballistic Missile Agency on the possibility of establishing simulated missile flights using electronic computers, Paul Ebaugh, assistant dean of research in the College of Engineering and Architecture, said yesterday.

Ebaugh said the study is being conducted under a six month contract in the amount of \$10,277 recently awarded to the University by the missile agency.

Although there are at present computers capable of simulating some phases of a missile's behav-

ior in flight, Ebaugh said that University personnel will seek ways of improving existing methods and instruments.

If new techniques can be developed for simulating missile flights it will enable the Ballistic Missile Agency to plot a missile's behavior without going through the costly and time consuming procedure of actually firing a missile.

The present study to show how to build a device which will simulate a missile in flight is being conducted by researchers in the Department of Electrical Engineering. Dr. Carl Volz, professor of electrical engineering, will direct the research. It is expected that the project will be completed by the end of the year.

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