

## Black community reacts Price's post rated

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Members of the University black community have reacted both positively and negatively to the appointment of Thelma T. Price as assistant vice president for special services and programs.

James Lomax (2nd-pre-law-Philadelphia), and representative of Black Caucus to the University said, "As far as the appointment of Mrs. Price to the assistant vice president to student affairs for special services and programs I would say the black community would not have negative reactions if Mrs. Price was promoted not acting-or-assistant-damned-anything but was promoted like her white counterparts to the position of full vice president."

Mrs. Price was appointed to the newly created position Thursday by University President Oswald, who said the action recognized the "need to expand the University's services for minority and disadvantaged students."

Mrs. Price will supervise University programs for disadvantaged students in three major areas: the Educational Opportunities Program, the Black Cultural Center and the new Division of Community Awareness, a program aimed at improving race relations on campus.

Lomax said, "the majority of students I've talked to are dissatisfied with the University's continuing method of handling affairs relative to the equal treatment of black students at Penn State."

Black students, according to Lomax, are tired of acting leaders and he claimed the University capitalizes on these people by promoting them to an assistant or acting position because of their charisma.

"Historically, we can trace the emergence of this method of treatment of blacks to Booker T. Washington," Lomax said.

According to Lomax, the University has tried to solve its racial problems by

transferring black staff members from other campuses or departments and putting them in charge of various black organizations.

"These transfers are made leaders in an acting capacity. It must be assumed on the part of the people responsible for the recruitment that the black community must be stupid if they tell us that it will take six months for a permanent director to be found," Lomax explained.

"There are many black talented people who have a positive desire to work for the betterment of their kind and not be subject to compromise."

Lomax claims the University is slow in finding people to fill the vacancies because "they are actually looking for 'house niggers'." "In this day and age they are hard to find; this is one of the reasons for the formation of the Black Caucus," Lomax said.

"By promoting Mrs. Price, the University has shown that she has the expertise to do the job. If this is the case make her vice president. Only then can she conduct her office in a non-compromising fashion so it will be beneficial to the black students of Penn State," Lomax said.

Warren Colman, acting director of the Black Cultural Center said he believes, "It is a move on behalf of students. It will be very helpful because most black people are not placed in higher positions and do not have an opportunity to offer input or receive input. There is a need for a black administrator to offer black feelings because many policies affect them."

Michael Cook (6th-division of counseling-Philadelphia), is skeptical of Price's new position.

"I dig the fact that she was appointed but the significance of her appointment can be questioned because white administrators have a way of putting brothers and sisters in positions that are meaningless in the function of the University."

Cook said, "Black-white relations on campus would be good because it would

give blacks a voice. When the white administrators convene, they would get a black point of view."

More black administrators are needed, according to Cook, but "not because they are black but because they are qualified."

Priscilla Reid (5th-education-Philadelphia), a black staff assistant for Centre Halls, also voiced her doubts about Price's new position.

"I think it's OK, and beneficial to the students. Mrs. Price is doing a great job but I can't say her appointment is good or bad because that depends on what she does and what the Administration lets her do."

Stanly Washington (9th-history-Philadelphia), said he feels her appointment will be beneficial for "black and white relations on campus because the black community can relate and respect her. She is like a mother image, very receptive to brothers and sisters."

Washington said a black person should be in the administration not for the "sake of tokenism" but because he is qualified.



—photograph by David Dale

### Galactic pinwheel

ANY CHILD OF THE UNIVERSE would love a plaything like this. Actually, the sun filtering through the trees is augmented by a filter and a piece of wire screening provided by an imaginative photographer.

## Tenants suing Centre Towers

By NANCY LOWRY  
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Thirteen tenants have filed claims against Centre Towers Apartments, maintaining the complex is delinquent in repaying security deposits.

The claims come amid charges that the corporation is financially unstable, since Accent Associates, the corporation that owns Centre Towers, was involved in mortgage foreclosure action.

"The organization doesn't seem to be financially stable," Alan Green, treasurer of the Organization of Town Independent Students, said. "First they refused to return the security deposits at all, and the few they did return bounced."

Green said some of the tenants who sued had won their cases but "still haven't gotten their checks."

On Dec. 27, 1971, Queens County Savings Bank of Flushing, N.Y., filed a mortgage complaint against the Mason Corporation, — of which Accent Associates is a part — for \$1,378,000.

Centre County Sheriff Richard V. Waite said nothing ever came of the complaint. "I don't know if the company is bankrupt or not," Waite said.

"These complaints are only filed if you are behind in payments. If payments are not made up, the mortgage is foreclosed," he said.

"I sent the papers to Montgomery County to be served, but haven't heard anything since."

According to Lillian Raycroft, the local attorney who handled the case, the bank filed an action for the foreclosure then dropped the charges. "They are not bankrupt," Miss Raycroft said. "I think they (the Mason Corporation) must have paid something since the charges were dropped," she said, adding, "Most banks are satisfied with about \$20,000."

State College District Magistrate Clifford H. Yorks told The Daily Collegian that the manager of Centre Towers, Stan Morrah, testified on behalf of one tenant suing the company for delinquent payments.

Green said the action was "not natural." He added, "We've got to assume something is going on."

Morrah denied this and said, "All I said at the hearing was that I sent the report in to Accent Associates asking for the money to be sent. I never testified on

behalf of anybody."

Morrah said he really didn't understand what the problem was. "The company is 200 miles away, I don't know their financial situation," he said. "Centre Towers has been filled up for the past four or five months. It must be that some of their other investments are not doing well," Morrah continued. "Morrah said he thought the magistrate was prejudiced in favor of the plaintiffs because the checks had not been sent out."

"I am not responsible for repaying these people," he said. "All I can do is request the company in Philadelphia to send the checks."

Frank Cohen, manager of Accent Associates said all the confusion had been caused by a "mix up with the bank."

"We were having a few problems with check clearance for about two weeks," he said. "Eventually, I hope everything settles out."

Joseph Hummer (graduate-forest resources-State College), said he and his two roommates had filed suit against the

company, but had not yet received any payment.

"We went by the book," Hummer said. "According to law, if the company fails to contact us in 28 days, we are entitled to sue for twice the amount of the deposit."

Hummer said he was advised by the magistrate that the corporation "didn't have the resources," and his chances of getting his investment back were "slim."

"At the hearing," Hummer said, "the manager didn't show any interest in defending himself, the corporation, or in finding any loopholes in the contract."

"I got the feeling we wouldn't get our money even if we won the case," Hummer said.

Hummer said he "feels sorry" for people living in Centre Towers who don't know what to expect when they move out.

"If things don't improve," he said, "the tenants should just refuse to pay their last month's rent. That's the only way they can be able to get their deposit back."

Robert C. Cohen (8th-engineering-

Huntington N.Y.), holds the honor of being the only past Centre Towers tenant to receive his security deposit.

"I guess I'm just lucky," Cohen said. "No one really had the facts, the magistrate just made of it what he could, and decided in my favor."

Cohen said he would advise anyone in the same position to sue in order to reclaim their money.

"You don't have to know any law," he said. "I got all my information from OTIS. All you have to do is go to the magistrate and file your complaint. If you win, you even get your \$13 back."

According to Green, OTIS hopes to file charges against Accent Associates and protect tenants currently living in Centre Towers against further financial loss.

"We have been in touch with the Bureau of Consumer Protection in Harrisburg," he said. "They suggested we inform the people of the facts. The company is having financial trouble, and security deposits are not being returned. Possibly, we could arrange an escrow fund, one month's rent held by a bonded agent, to protect the tenants."

## Nixon vows to withdraw Americans from Taiwan

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon returned last night from his historic mission to China, defending his pledge to ultimately withdraw all U.S. forces from Taiwan, and proclaiming his journey had laid the foundation for a new structure of world peace.

Taking tacit note of conservative criticisms of his Taiwan pledge, Nixon said as he returned to the Capital that no secret agreements had been entered into to decide the fate of any nation.

As the chief executive stepped before television cameras to report to the nation, he was under criticism from conservatives upset by his pledge that U.S. troops ultimately will be withdrawn from Taiwan. This is emerging as the most-criticized portion of a communique issued Sunday after a week of talks with Communist leaders.

But he also had endorsements from some members of Congress, including warm praise from Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., a longtime administration critic.

In a communique issued Sunday in Shanghai, Nixon promised to withdraw all U.S. troops from Taiwan and agreed with the Chinese to develop bilateral trade, exchange programs and contacts between the two governments short of

formal diplomatic relations.

According to the 1,750-word communique, the extensive talks with Chou — and a brief session with party Chairman Mao Tse-Tung — brought no change in the two governments' opposing positions on Vietnam.

It was the portion of the communique relating to Taiwan that caused most consternation among conservatives.

Administration officials defended it as a logical application of the Nixon Doctrine that allies should be chiefly responsible for their own defense. And they argued that the broad results justify the concession, at any rate.

The United States "reaffirms its interest in a peaceful settlement of the Taiwan question by the Chinese themselves," the communique said. "With this prospect in mind, it affirms the ultimate objective of the withdrawal of all U.S. forces and military installations from Taiwan."

"In the meantime, it will progressively reduce its forces and military installations on Taiwan as the tension in the area diminishes."

Presidential adviser Henry Kissinger said the wording does not contradict the President's recent pledge to maintain the mutual-defense treaty with Taiwan.

## Penn State: private or public university

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Debate over Penn State's status as a public or private institution in its relationship to the Commonwealth has raged on for more than a century. Whether the issue is solved or not, increased influence by state agencies on the affairs of the University will continue to be a certainty in the 70's.

Since its inception in 1855 as the Farmers' High School, the University has had state officials serving as ex-officio University Trustees. In recent years, to accent further the University's role as the land grant college of the Commonwealth, the governor received the power to appoint six trustees during his term of office.

While the governor serves as an ex-officio member of the Board, three members of his cabinet also serve as ex-officio trustees: the secretaries of education, environmental resources and agriculture.

Pennsylvania's main tie with the University, however, has been financial. The purpose of the Morrill Land Grant Act of 1862 was to provide federal

distribution of state lands for the establishment of institutions to educate "the sons and daughters of the working class." Each state government involved in the program agreed to at least partially subsidize the school established in its state under the act.

The Farmers' High School became Pennsylvania's land grant college in 1865 and, at that point, the role and scope of Penn State's involvement in statewide education began to broaden. With the University's growth came a continual need for additional state money.

With that additional state money, the University is finding out more state control is on the way. Times have changed drastically since the University began to receive state aid.

When the University of Pittsburgh and Temple University became state related in 1965, the state was forced to reach deeper into its pocketbook for the schools' allocations.

Because the demand for higher education rose, the state founded several state "teachers' colleges. By the 60's, these schools — fully owned and operated by the Commonwealth — evolved into broad based liberal arts and sciences institutions.

At the same time the state schools were growing, Penn State expanded into a comprehensive multiversity under the

leadership of Eric A. Walker, a strictly-business, engineering professor named president of the University in 1956. Expansion under Walker was so great that by 1970, the year of Walker's retirement, more than half the degrees awarded by Penn State had been awarded during his tenure.

The most severe challenge of the 60's was the demand created by the post war baby boom. Walker met the challenge and pledged in his inaugural address "...to study the educational needs of the Commonwealth, then construct programs aimed at satisfying those needs not just at one level, but at several."

According to Walker, new educational programs should be designed "not just for the (Commonwealth's) youth, but for its entire population."

The result of Walker's plan was a Commonwealth Campus system designed to take higher education to local areas, an enlarged University Park Campus, a continuing education program for part time students and a skyrocketing University budget.

Between 1956 and 1970, Penn State's total budget rose from \$34.1 million to \$164 million. Its state appropriation in 1970 climbed to \$67.4 million from \$12.6 million in 1956. Not included in the appropriations are millions of dollars in

building funds provided through the General State Authority.

While Penn State exploded into a state wide institution in the 60's, legislative action and departmental directives already are affecting its course in the 70's.

Gov. Shapp set the tone for the 70's in an address to the Pennsylvania Education Congress last year. De-emphasizing the building stages of education, Shapp stressed quality in the 70's. He also said education would receive a smaller percentage of the state's budget.

In the fall of last year, Shapp named his legislative aid, John C. Pittenger, to replace David Kurtzman as secretary of education. Pittenger's attitudes were indicative of the changing climate with respect to state related schools.

According to Pittenger, schools have built branch campuses "without respect to what the needs are in their areas." Pittenger charged, "They have wasted millions of dollars in 10 years."

Fred Ciletti, director of Commonwealth Relations at the University, said Penn State established Commonwealth Campuses when invited by communities or areas interested in helping to support branch campuses.

Pittenger took issue with Ciletti's remarks, saying, "That's a rather

letters mailed from State College by the corporation to parents of University students.

In a statement released yesterday, USG and the Chamber of Commerce indicated their investigation of the outfit thus far has uncovered the following facts:

—The Undergraduate Services Association, Inc. is not affiliated with the State College Chamber of Commerce or any campus organization;

—The solicitation letter promises no delivery date for the material offered;

—The corporation is not registered

with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Corporations, the U.S. Department of Commerce, the Centre County Prothonotary's Office or the financial consulting firm Dun and Bradstreet. According to a spokesman for the National Better Business Bureau, the corporation could be registered in another state. However, he said in order for it to conduct business in the Commonwealth, it must be listed with the state's Bureau of Corporations.

—The address of the corporation is 1820 S. Atherton Street, which is the address of a local motel. There is no person or corporation using the name "Undergraduate Services Association, Inc." located at that address.

"It appears as though this local motel was used as a mail-drop by a person or persons representing Undergraduate Services Association, Inc.," the joint statement reads.

Mark Jinks, USG senator and a resident of State College initiated the investigation on Friday. Jinks said he became suspicious of the corporation's offer when its letter received by his parents that day bore no local zip code nor his father's first name.

Jinks said he questioned State College postal authorities and discovered that 25,000 similar letters had been mailed on Tuesday. Postal authorities recalled the mailings because no zip codes had been used, according to Jinks.

The owner of the motel said a man asked for a room last week but there were no vacancies. She said she agreed to accept his mail which he said might amount to "several bags." To date, she said she has received "quite a bit" but not bags full.

Jinks and Charles C. Mong, executive director of the State College Area Chamber of Commerce have urged students and their parents who have not yet responded to the mail advertisement to defer action until the validity of the offer can be substantiated.

The Pennsylvania Consumer Protection Board and State Police have joined the investigation.