

Art prof brushed out of the picture

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An assistant art professor in his second year of teaching at the University was notified a few weeks ago his teaching contract will not be renewed, and the department has given him no reasons for the action.

The professor, William T. Litvin, said he knows of no reason for his dismissal, with the possible exception of an incident which occurred at a December art department meeting.

"I did nothing more than use a few four letter words, which happens all the

time at department meetings," he said. Litvin said he does not plan to pursue the matter. "I feel I have taken it as far as I intend to," he said.

Litvin's dismissal comes at a time when the campus is particularly sensitive to faculty firings. Tenure denials here and at other campuses — some with political overtones — have caused student and faculty groups to question student and faculty review procedures.

Art department students and some faculty met last Thursday to discuss Litvin's dismissal.

The meeting was held "to demand that as a professional courtesy, the instructor

(Litvin) be told the reasons behind the contract not being renewed," according to an art graduate student who declined to be identified.

At the meeting, Litvin read a statement, the substance of which "was to make students aware that the teachers they might like to study under might be gone," Litvin said.

Friday, the day after the meeting, 17 students met with Walter H. Walters, dean of the College of Arts and Architecture, to request a meeting of the art faculty and students to air the reasons for Litvin's dismissal, and to clarify faculty review procedures within the department.

Contacted this week, Walters said there were no plans for such a meeting. Art students are still in the dark about the reason for Litvin's dismissal.

The decision to dismiss Litvin came from a department steering committee consisting of three tenured faculty members now in the process of reviewing all non-tenured art faculty.

The committee was created by Walters to handle art department administration in the absence of a department head. It has been functioning since August.

Members of the steering committee have declined comment on the reasons for Litvin's dismissal. Stuart H. Frost, associate professor of art, said, "There's no need for a person in his first three years to be given a reason for his dismissal."

Art professor Harold Altman, another committee member, was equally non-committal. "In any case where an employe is discontinued by his employer, no one can give out information except the employer."

Whether or not students were consulted in the decision to dismiss Litvin is unclear. Asked who was responsible for the decision, Walters said the matter was left entirely in the hands of the steering committee.

Members of the steering committee have refused to comment on the matter of student input in the Litvin case, although Altman noted the steering committee is receptive to student opinion about the competence of faculty members.

There appears, however, to be no formal procedure in the department through which students participate in the review of faculty members.

As a result, students in the department are initiating a procedure for students to rate faculty members.

Andrea Russell, (10th-art-Pittsburgh), said the art student council plans to draw-up a survey form that will be distributed to students in the department for evaluation of faculty members.

Ms. Russell said she plans to present the evaluation form to the department steering committee today. She is hopeful the committee will accept the survey for formal usage within the department.



Trash in bloom.

CAMPUS SCENES on a warm, almost-spring day: Budding March flowers don't stand a chance outside of Beam Hall. Residents who apparently find an open window a convenient waste can have planted a garden of trash around the building. At right, the "wall community" reappeared to celebrate the warm weather. They generated their own brand of industrial trash in the form of soda cans, cups and empty beer bottles. It wasn't too long ago that environmental quality was a big issue among college students. Does anyone remember Earth Day?

—photograph by John Pharr

Caused by carelessness

Students surveyed on dorm problems

By KEN CHESTEK
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The problem of security in the residence halls is caused by student carelessness and an inadequate number of security personnel, according to a survey of student opinion to be officially released later this week.

In addition, the survey reveals general student support for the present system of Resident Assistants, and even sentiment for increasing the number of R.A.'s.

According to Charles C. Spence, director of Residence Hall Programs, the survey "was conducted to obtain student attitudes about the security and theft problem, the roles of the R.A.'s, and residence hall staffing patterns." The survey was prepared mainly for use by his staff, but has been released to the students as a point of interest.

The survey consisted of a 19-item questionnaire given to a randomly selected group of residence hall students. 123 replies were received of the 176 copies originally distributed.

In the majority of responses, general carelessness by the students was cited as the major reason for the increase in thefts. Fifteen per cent felt inadequate security personnel was the major problem.

There were many ideas concerning how to reduce the theft problem. The most frequent answer was to place student receptionists in the residence halls to check visitors as they enter the building.

Many students felt keeping all outside doors locked and providing residents with a key would serve to reduce the

problem. An increase in the number of Campus Patrolmen would have that effect as well, according to another group of students.

A large number of people felt that the R.A.'s main job was to refer students with problems to the appropriate place. Other roles of the R.A.'s as seen by the students were to interpret University policies and regulations, and to keep order in the residence halls.

However, maintaining order was not seen as the job solely of the R.A. Eighty per cent felt that it was the responsibility of the students to maintain an atmosphere conducive to studying. But, 66 per cent also felt the R.A. should be the actual enforcers of regulations.

The vast majority of students felt the development of community spirit was important to residence hall living, and 66 per cent of the responders felt the R.A. helped in developing this spirit.

Seventy-seven per cent of the students expressed support for the R.A. system. 24 per cent of all responders felt there should be more R.A.'s, while none wanted fewer R.A.'s. Three per cent felt there should be no R.A.

Spence pointed out several interesting statistics. One was that 75 per cent of the students were living in the residence halls because they had to (for example, parental pressure, cost, and University regulations).

Another interesting result was that only 46 per cent of the students felt area student governments were effective. Spence commented, "apparently the governments will need to improve their effectiveness."

300 beds to serve State College area

Hospital unit to open in spring

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The Centre Community Hospital will have more than 300 beds — nearly twice the current number — when its Mountainview Unit opens this spring.

Although 10 miles separates the new unit, located about a mile from Beaver Stadium, from the Willowbank Unit in Bellefonte, they are facilities of the same hospital — sharing the same staff, administration and board of trustees.

According to Jack E. Brannigan, director of development at the hospital, there has been pressure to build a hospital closer to State College for more than 10 years. State College is considered the population center of the county, Brannigan said, noting from the start the idea has been to expand the existing hospital rather than to establish a new one.

Brannigan explained the total cost of the building and furnishing the Mountainview Unit has been about \$8.9 million, with funds coming from four sources:

- The hospital obtained \$3.1 million in federal funds through the Hill Harris and Appalachia programs. Hill Harris is a special fund set up in 1947 for the support of hospitals.
- The hospital had accumulated \$1.4 million in cash reserves.
- Local contributors donated \$1.7 million in a fund raising campaign.
- The hospital has borrowed \$2.6 million.

The 30 acres of land on which the facility was built were donated to the hospital by the University for the token fee of \$1 in 1966, Brannigan added. The initiation of new services and the expansion of existing services at the Centre Community Hospital will be carried out in two phases. During the first phase both units will provide physical and respiratory therapy, x-ray and laboratory services. Initially, all

surgery will be performed at the Mountainview Unit.

There will be expanded out-patient and diagnostic services at the Mountainview Unit, and the possibility of providing mental health care services at the Bellefonte unit will be explored.

During the second phase there will be an expansion of patient facilities at the Bellefonte unit, including intensive care facilities and addictive medical care services. Addictive medical care is the part of the mental health care services treating persons addicted to alcohol, drugs or smoking.

Brannigan said no exact lengths have been set for the two phases because it is impossible to take into account now all of the changes that might occur in Centre County or medicine in the future.

Expanded out-patient services are needed because hospitals are now in a position where they must provide primary health care, Brannigan said. Primary health care — the type of diagnosis and treatment done by a family doctor in his office — is not readily available to everyone because of a shortage of doctors, he explained.

"In State College, the service could be used by the family of a graduate assistant or a new professor who hasn't yet been able to get hooked up with a family physician," he said.

The out-patient facility will be staffed by doctors employed by the hospital, Brannigan explained. Presently, doctors who have private practices in Centre County rotate shifts in manning out-patient out-services, he said.

Currently, the Centre Community Hospital employs only four physicians. The rest of the 41-doctor staff are private practitioners who care for patients in the hospital. This is the usual way in which community hospitals are staffed, Brannigan explained.

Another new service at the Mountainview Unit will be nuclear medicine

— an improved diagnostic technique.

The technique involves the radio-isotopic scanning of body organs to provide the doctor with information at a minimal risk to the patient. The technique can be used to diagnose ailments of the brain, thyroid, lungs, heart, liver, spleen, pancreas, kidneys and skelton.

Brannigan said the hospital expects to have the service available within two years.

Within two years, the hospital also will have mental health care facilities at the Bellefonte unit, he said. Presently the

hospital only can care for mental patients on an overnight basis and must transfer them to the state hospital in Harrisburg for treatment, he explained.

Brannigan said the job of recruiting physicians to staff the new programs as well as to replace retiring doctors is a never-ending job.

But Penn State students are a good potential source for staff members, he said, citing that the last two physicians to come to the area did their undergraduate work here.



New Centre Community Hospital addition

Commonwealth voters to elect Pa. delegations

By LINDA MARTELLI
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Pennsylvania Democratic and Republican delegates this summer will arrive at Miami Beach and San Diego respectively, to relay the presidential preferences of Commonwealth voters at the national nominating conventions.

When the floor is given to the state's delegations and the television cameras are focused, which local faces might be pinpointed amid the banner-bearing, button-wearing mobs?

In the 34th Senatorial District, three convention-bound Democrats will be elected in the April 25 primary and will arrive at the July convention as part of the state's 182-member delegation.

Christine Grim, a Penn State political science major, is a convention hopeful backing Sen. George McGovern. "I think he's a man I can trust," she said adding

she favors his support for reallocating military spending.

This year, both parties are seeking broader representation in their delegations, and Miss Grim, as a woman and "a youth", answers this call on two counts.

She is the president of the University's chapter of Young Democrats who have endorsed McGovern for the Presidential nomination.

Another McGovern backer is Benjamin Root of Barnesboro, who said he backs McGovern's position on the war. Root operates a furniture store and is a past member of his area's school board and borough council.

"He said he sees himself as a 'maverick' at the convention who 'won't get involved in the political manipulation that goes on there.'"

Alan Patterson of State College is running as an alternate delegate for McGovern. A retired professor emeritus from Lock Haven State College, Patterson was elected last November to the State College Borough Council.

A similar slate of delegate candidates is backing Sen. Edmund Muskie.

Muskie's environmental stands, in particular his stand against the supersonic transport, have brought Terri Novak over to his camp. "He's the only one who can beat Nixon," Mrs. Novak said. Mrs. Novak is a 1971 graduate of Penn State where she is a community development instructor.

G.M. McCrossin, a Bellefonte contractor, is also backing Muskie. He has

served as Democratic state committeeman from Centre County for the past six years.

Asked how a presidential candidate selects his delegates, McCrossin said the contender picks persons who he feels could best garner support for him in their district and who could finance a delegate campaign in his behalf.

The Muskie candidate for alternate delegate is Richard Mattern, a Clearfield County attorney, who commented on Gov. Shapp's early endorsement of Muskie. "It's not the case that (the governor) is shoving Muskie down our throats. He just beat us to the punch." Mattern is the display advertising manager of a Clearfield County newspaper and serves as the County's finance chairman.

Two convention hopefuls have lined up behind Sen. Hubert Humphrey.

Dr. William Henning of State College, retired professor of animal industries and former Pennsylvania secretary of agriculture, supported the former vice president at the 1968 convention. "He's far better now than he was then," Henning told The Daily Collegian.

Walter Haverstack of Clearfield County is also a committed Humphrey candidate. He points out that Richard Nixon defeated Humphrey by the smallest majority in the history of presidential elections. "Humphrey's the only candidate who can give Nixon a run," he said.

Haverstack is the road master for

Letter tells of plan to blast D.C. pipes

HARRISBURG (AP) — The Rev. Philip Berrigan's initial priority as a militant antiwar chieftain was the blowing up of heating tunnels in Washington, according to an FBI-intercepted letter read yesterday at his trial.

"The District is still the elusive golden fleece," the Catholic priest wrote Sister Elizabeth McAlister June 29, 1970.

The letter was turned over to the FBI by informer Boyd Douglas, star government witness at the federal conspiracy trial of Berrigan and six codefendants, including the nun.

"Since resources appear available for the subterranean project in the District this should have priority for the winter of 1970-71," Berrigan is quoted in one of more than a dozen letters read into the trial report by Asst. Atty. Gen. William Lynch.

However, less than two months later, the government claims, a purported plan to kidnap presidential aide Henry A. Kissinger threatened to push the tunnel bombing scheme into the background.

"Why not coordinate it with the one against Capitol utilities?" Berrigan was quoted as writing in an Aug. 22, 1970 letter that is part of the indictment

against him and the others.

Lynch's reading of the letter was timed to reach its climax with the Aug. 22 missive, one of many exchanged between Berrigan and Sister McAlister. She was allegedly his chief lieutenant outside the walls of the Lewisburg, Pa., federal prison.

Berrigan, 48, entered Lewisburg in the spring of 1970 to begin a six-year term for destroying draft board records.

Douglas testified that he was recruited by Berrigan to smuggle letters in and out for the priest; Douglas, a 31-year-old convict, was able to leave and re-enter the prison daily as a study-release student at nearby Bucknell University. He was paroled Dec. 16, 1972 from a term for transportation of fraudulent checks and assault on an FBI agent.

He turned FBI informer while serving as Berrigan's courier, Douglas testified, and provided copies of the letters to the federal agency.

The defense is seeking to subpoena FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover to produce voluminous records relating to Douglas' criminal record and his work as an FBI informant. A government motion to throw out the Hoover subpoena was taken under consideration during the day.