

GSA event open to everyone Bike rally set for Aug. 5

Area bicycle riders will have a chance Sunday to participate in an event unique to this region — a bike rally.

The Graduate Student Association will sponsor a bike rally scheduled to start at 11 a.m. Sunday from Kern. After the rally a picnic will be held near the finish area.

According to Roger Richards, co-chairman of the event, the rally is different from a regular bicycle race. "The rally is more an intellectual race than a physical race," he said.

The riders will start at one-minute intervals. When each rider reaches the starting line, he is handed a set of instructions describing his route.

These instructions may use landmarks, such as buildings, and signs to guide the participants. For example, Richards said one method of giving the

clues is by revealing "only two words of a six-word sign." While riding, all competitors must keep a sharp lookout for the clues or they will go off the rally course.

Unlike a regular bike race, the person with the fastest time will not necessarily win, Richards said.

"In a rally, the riders must travel the course at a certain average speed," he said. "Usually in a bike rally the speed would be about eight or nine miles per hour."

Each participant will have a stopwatch, and there will be several checkpoints where the official time and speed will be checked. The winner will be the rider whose finishing average speed comes closest to the correct average speed that was established for the rally.

Richards said these differences make a rally easier for the average rider than a race. Everyone has a chance and there is not an emphasis on speed, he said, adding this would make it easier for girls to compete.

Richards said the tentative plans divide the bikes into classes for one-speed, three-speed and five- and ten-speed bikes. Three prizes will be awarded in each class, he said.

The rally is open to anyone, but participants must register by Friday at the Kern Graduate Center desk. A \$2 fee must be paid at person registration. Richards said each participant will be provided with a box lunch for the picnic. Richards said GSA hopes to hold the bike rally annually in the future. —S O

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New government in Laos

VIENTIANE, Laos — The Communist Pathet Lao announced last night a political and military agreement with Prime Minister Souvanna Phouma that will establish a provisional government equally divided among Communists and non-Communists.

Sources said the agreement provides for geographic zones of control, with the Communist zone encompassing about 80 per cent of the country.

The accord reportedly also calls on the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency to dissolve its paramilitary forces in Laos and to end the "secret war" that only now is coming under congressional scrutiny.

The settlement was announced in general terms at the headquarters of the 50-man Pathet Lao Mission in Vientiane and was confirmed by royal Laotian and U.S. sources.

'Damn Yankees' preview tomorrow

The musical-comedy "Damn Yankees" will open at the Playhouse Wednesday as the final production of this summer's Festival of American Theatre.

The show revolves around Joe Hardy, a baseball fan devoted to the hopeless Washington Senators, who sells his soul to the devil to become a young baseball player.

"Damn Yankees" represented playwrights' first successful effort produce a hit show based on the nation's baseball craze. It ran for two and a half years on Broadway for a total of 1,019 performances.

The musical was written by George Abbott and Douglas Wallop with music and lyrics by Richard Adler and Jerry Ross.

The Festival production is directed by Richard Edelman with choreography by Judith Haskell and musical direction by Bruce Trinkle. This team also produced this year's

Festival musical "Brigadoon," as well as "Anything Goes" and "The Most Happy Fella" last year.

Professional actors in the cast include Paul Farin as Joe Hardy; Michael Thompson, who played Mortimer Brewster in the Festival production of "Arsenic and Old Lace," as the devil; and Mary Jo Gillis, Meg Brookie in "Brigadoon," as the temptress Lola.

Scenic design is by Anne Gibson, whose credits include the sets for "Arsenic and Old Lace," "Anything Goes," and "The Most Happy Fella."

"Damn Yankees" and the Festival production of "Little Murders" will run every day except Monday until Aug. 11. Tickets are available at the Playhouse box office.

A student preview of "Damn Yankees" is scheduled for 8 p.m. tomorrow. Tickets priced at one dollar will be on sale tomorrow from 10 a.m. to curtain time.

Soth Pethrasy, the chief delegate of the mission, said only minor details, including security arrangements, remain to be worked out before the agreement is signed sometime this week.

Other sources said that in line with Lao custom, each side will consult its astrologers to determine an auspicious day for the signing ceremony.

Senate to vote on fund curb

WASHINGTON — Watergate-inspired legislation to curb political campaign funds comes up for a vote today in the Senate.

Reduction of U.S. forces in Europe and the rest of the world is on the House calendar for tomorrow.

The minimum wage, appropriations bills and congressional salaries also are among legislative items this week as Congress prepares to leave Friday for a month long summer vacation.

The campaign spending bill would set the spending limit for House, Senate and presidential candidates to 10 cents per voter in primaries and 15 cents in general elections. It also would limit presidential candidates in general elections to 75 per cent of the amount permitted in each state for Senatorial candidates.

Watkins Glen tops Woodstock

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. — Sun-baked and mud-caked, joyous and jolted, hundreds of thousands of young people struggled out of this picture book valley yesterday, aware they were part of the biggest rock festival ever — the one that topped Woodstock.

Some 600,000 persons came from across the country to the 15-hour, three-band concert on a 90-acre site built for international motor racing. The lure for many was hope of recapturing the spirit and energy of 1969's Woodstock festival 150 miles away. Many discovered, however, that 1973 was a different year.

The crowd, more than three times the size that promoters and authorities planned for, was incredibly orderly. Considering the numbers, the event was almost trouble free. The biggest problem was a monumental traffic jam.

"I feel tired, but very happy," said Shelley Finkel, copromoter of the festival. He said he had expected a maximum of 200,000 people to turn up to hear the music of The Grateful Dead, The Allman Brothers and The Band.

Alka-Seltzer safety probed

WASHINGTON — The makers of Alka-Seltzer were accused yesterday of deliberately withholding a study allegedly questioning the drug's safety until after a government panel had completed its work on proposed antacid standards.

Ralph Nader's Health Research Group, which made the accusation, asked the Food and Drug Administration to censure Miles Laboratories publicly and order removal of Alka-Seltzer from the market until it has been reformulated without aspirin.

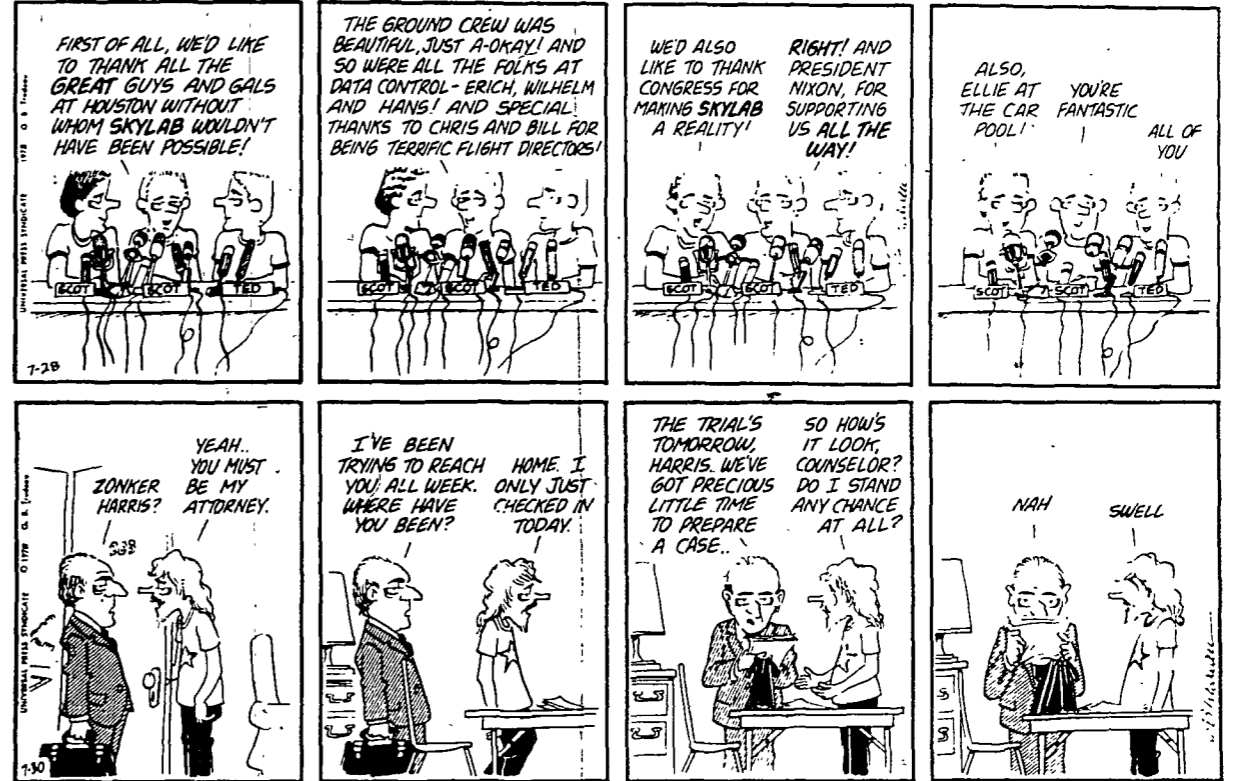
In addition, the consumer organization suggested that the FDA's antacid advisory committee be polled or reconvened "to reconsider its position on Alka-Seltzer in light of this study."

A spokesman for the Elkhart, Ind. company called charges that it withheld information "outrageous and unjustified."

The FDA said it will "fully consider" the charge and other public comments before taking final action on the proposed standards.



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Merger increases efficiency

Center guides students

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Last September's merger of the University's counseling services into the Career Development and Placement Center has resulted in greater efficiency, according to Gary Scott, the Center's director.

"The Career Development and Placement Center acts as the link between the University and the students," Scott said.

"Many students come in and ask 'What am I doing in college?'" Scott said. "We offer him professional counseling to help him answer the question."

DOC also accepts students who lack prerequisites because of a transfer and need a classification while acquiring them.

Scott said students faced with academic difficulties will be accepted in most cases. Of those dropped from a college because of low academic achievement, Scott said, "75 per cent of those we accept are readmitted and 70 per cent graduate."

A student may remain in the DOC only for his freshman year and three more terms. If a student enters after his freshman year, he is permitted to stay only three terms in accordance with a University Faculty Senate ruling.

For other students the center provides vocational counseling. Despite this service, "most students don't take advantage of it," Scott said, adding that the students who do usually are not those who need it the most.

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These tapes are the fastest growing project in the counseling division. Scott said "Out Reach" recently received funds to develop a program on education information.

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During counseling, Scott said, each freshman and his parents receive individual interpretations of test scores and what they reveal about the student's academic future. Questions about life at the University also are answered.

Scott said the University is one of the only schools that have such a complete testing program.

Another unusual aspect is the Division of Counseling, which is recognized as an individual college. The DOC provides a home for the student who has not decided in what direction he wants to go.

For other students the center provides vocational counseling. Despite this service, "most students don't take advantage of it," Scott said, adding that the students who do usually are not those who need it the most.

To combat this, the center has initiated the "Out Reach" program. The program's main goal is to work with resident assistants, student organizations and various departments to find the struggling student before it is too late.

Another phase of "Out Reach" is group counseling. With the aid of other

organizations the center has been providing videotapes on relevant topics. The three most popular have been "Choices for Women," "What Are You Doing in College?" and "Making Your Own Decision, That's What Counts."

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The center's other main concern is job placement. Individually students can do some research at the career library in the Grange Building.

The placement division also is responsible for bringing

about 700 employers to the University to interview seniors. Most of the employers, Scott said, are from demand fields, and not every department is represented.

But, Scott added, employers from businesses such as banks and insurance companies look for graduates with any degree.

At present the placement division is compiling lists of possible employers who do not come to the University. Most of the list will be for non-technical graduates.

Another placement service for seniors is the skills workshop, in which the student is taught the writing and verbal skills needed to have a successful interview.

One tool used in these sessions is a videotape on the interview. This tape now is being revised. Scott said in the past employers have told him that University students were well prepared for their interviews.

Collegian notes

Today is the deadline for faculty members to submit reserve reading lists for Fall Term. Lists received after today will be accepted only if the material will not be needed until the third week of classes.

Lists must be submitted on reserve forms available at the Undergraduate Library.

Mechanical Engineering

470. "Introduction to Air Pollution Control," will be offered first period Monday, Wednesday and Friday Fall Term instead of the scheduled fourth period. The class will meet in 145 Fenske.

Penn State Amateur Radio Club Station K3CR will operate all summer. For more information contact Virgil Neilly at 865-9031.

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