

Office offers aid, counselling Vets get 'helping hand'

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Veterans attending classes at the University will find the Veterans' Affairs Office in Old Main ready to lend a helping hand. Assistant Veterans Counselor Don Turner said, "We're here to assist the veteran in any way we can. Mainly we try to get the vet integrated into a civilian life again. We try to make the transition as smooth as possible for the veteran."

Turner said the office acts as a liaison between vets at the University and the Veterans' Administration office in Philadelphia.

"Another way we help the veteran is through financial assistance," Turner said. "We operate an emergency loan system for veterans."

"Also, we help veterans to obtain scholarships from the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, which operates a separate scholarship program for veterans," he said.

a student is having trouble with his studies, we can get a tutor for him," he said.

The Veterans Affairs' Office conducts the Program to Advance Veteran Education. PAVE notifies all veterans in Pennsylvania about educational benefits available to them.

Turner said many veterans

co-operative training program, a correspondence school, college or flight school. He also may become an apprentice and qualify for the educational benefits, Turner said.

Turner said this program was set up to allow veterans who have not had a chance to complete their education to go to complete their

developed at the University to aid the veteran, is a special summer schooling program.

A college preparatory program is being offered this summer for disadvantaged veterans. The program, now in its second year, is designed to help veterans not qualified to attend college because of their high school background develop the skills needed for admission.

This program, open to both high school graduates and non-graduates, concentrates on developing skills in communication, math, reading and social studies.

Another important part of the program is financial counseling, which explains ways the vet can obtain financial aid in addition to the monthly allotment provided under the G.I. Bill.

At the end of the summer program, participants will be counseled on further educational opportunities, including possible admission to Penn State.

After completing the program, students will be considered for admission to college under special criteria. Of the 65 Pennsylvania veterans admitted to last year's program, 57 completed the course as full-fledged college freshmen.

Another aid to vets is the Veteran's House, which provides inexpensive housing for veterans. Rebuilt by the vets themselves, the house serves as a meeting place.

Also available is the Penn State Veterans' Organization, which often works in connection with the Veteran's House.

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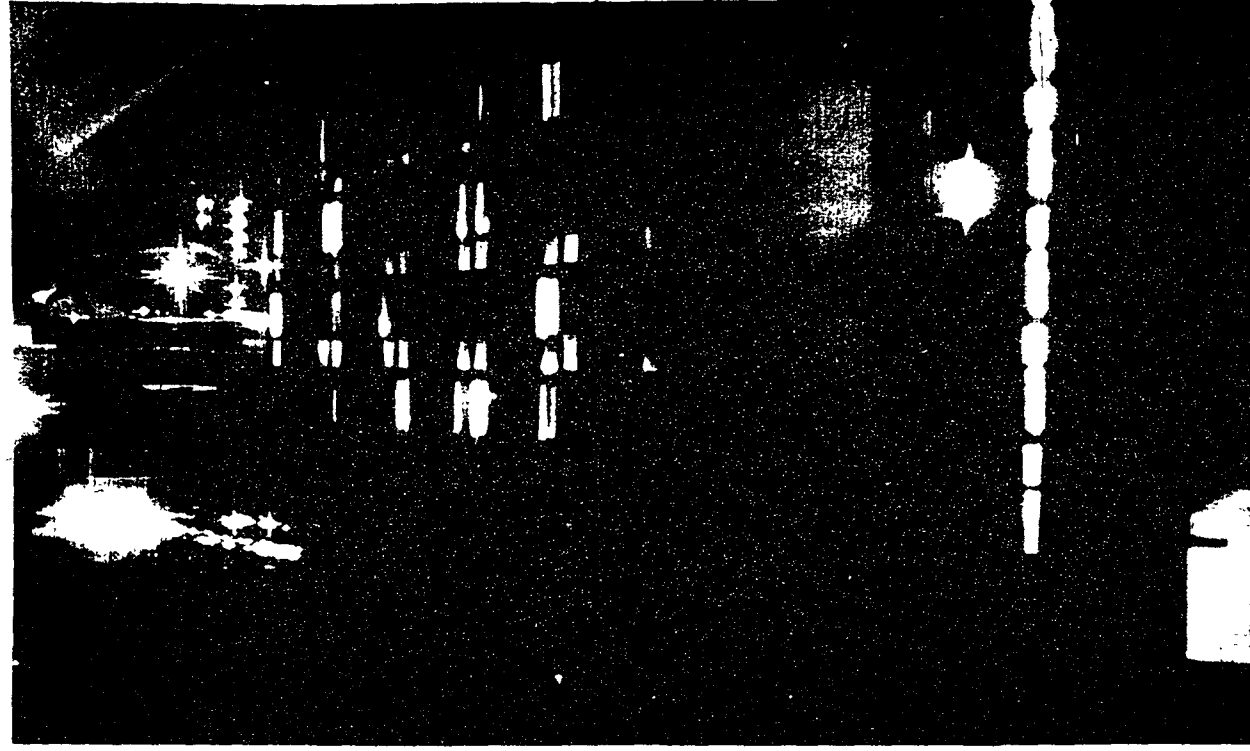


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Pitt announces tuition hike

PITTSBURGH — The University of Pittsburgh announced tuition increase of \$15 a term for Pennsylvania undergraduates and \$50 a term for Pennsylvania residents enrolled in certain graduate and professional programs, effective this fall.

Pitt joins two other state universities, Pennsylvania State University and Temple University, who recently announced comparable increases.

The new rates for Pennsylvania residents in all full-time programs with the exception of medicine, law and dental medicine will be \$500 per term or about 3 per cent over last year's rates.

The tuition hikes come in the wake of state and federal cutbacks in aid to higher education, officials said. However, the state legislature has recommended increases in Pitt's appropriation.

Dent calls veto unlikely

WASHINGTON — Rep. John H. Dent, D-Pa., said yesterday he believes President Nixon will not veto the \$2.20 an-hour minimum wage bill because of the nation's skyrocketing cost of living.

Dent, a sponsor of the bill, said a veto would be "unrealistic and impossible to comprehend." The minimum wage has not been increased for most workers since 1968.

The current federal minimum wage is \$1.60 an hour. However, the measure to gradually up it to \$2.20 was agreed to by both houses amid threats of a presidential veto.

Dent said if there had been a cost-of-living increase built into the 1968 minimum wage it would no be more than \$2.10 an hour.

"If we had given minimum-wage increase the same increases the President has recommended for civil service employees, the minimum would now exceed \$2.20 an hour," he added.

Nuclear plant criticized

ALIQUIPPA, Pa. — Dr. Ernest Sternglass, an outspoken critic of nuclear power plants, renewed his attack yesterday on the atomic generating station at nearby Shippingport, claiming that it has sparked area increases in infant mortalities and virtually every kind of cancer.

Sternglass, a professor of radiation physics at the University of Pittsburgh, was leadoff witness here as a blueribbon governor's panel opened three days of hearings into the Shippingport plant, principally to consider Sternglass' claim that it is unsafe and ought to be shut down.

The Shippingport plant, built in 1957 and owned jointly by Duquesne Light Co. of Pittsburgh and the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, is the nation's oldest nuclear generating facility.

It has been studied repeatedly by AEC and private teams, virtually all of whom report the facility safe. Sternglass has been the facility's only widely publicized foe.

Meat shortage hits Nixon

WASHINGTON — "If Mrs. Housewife feels the meat shortage, so should the White House," says Bernard Goldstein. "They started the shortage and... don't deserve any better treatment than anyone else."

With that he rejected an order from the White House for 15 pounds of filet mignon and New York strip steak.

Goldstein is president of District Hotel Supply, Inc., the largest hotel and restaurant meat supplier in the District of Columbia.

At the White House yesterday, Deputy Press Secretary Gerald L. Warren confirmed the order had been rejected. He added:

"We are shopping elsewhere to fill out the normal replenishment. We are in the same position as anyone else... we are buying where we can."

"We've been supplying the White House with meat for 16 years and this is the first time we've ever refused them," Goldstein said.

Guard slain at Leavenworth

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — A guard was killed and four men taken hostage yesterday by a handful of prisoners at the federal penitentiary here, prison officials said.

Warden Loren E. Daggett ordered all inmates locked in their cells after an estimated 100 inmates went on a rampage just before noon, also injuring a number of corrections officers.

A count early yesterday afternoon established that five of the 2,176 inmates were missing. It was believed at least four of them were holding the hostages, apparently uninjured, in the prison laundry.

At mid-afternoon Daggett said he had indicated to the inmates holding the hostages that he would not meet their demands for negotiating their unstated grievances until after the hostages were released.

None of the hostages was armed. It was unknown if their captors had weapons.

Brinegar: no rail collapse

WASHINGTON — Transportation Secretary Claude Brinegar yesterday said he sees little chance that rail service in the northeastern United States will collapse, despite the precarious financial position of the Penn Central and of five other rail carriers.

"We've never been through a big railroad liquidation in this country, you know," he told a news conference.

Penn Central has proposed its own liquidation. The Interstate Commerce Commission has announced hearings will start on that proposal in the next two weeks.

Sen. Vance Hartke, D-Ind., who is pushing for massive financial aid to the ailing railroads, has warned that the failure of the Penn Central would "bring this nation to its knees from Illinois to the Atlantic Ocean."

But Brinegar said Hartke "is basically describing what happens in a labor shutdown," not in a liquidation that would be spread over several months.

Constitution to move?

WASHINGTON — U.S. Sen. Richard S. Schweiker, R-Pa., has been accused of trying to "steal" the historic USS Constitution.

The assertion was made by U.S. Rep. Gary Studds of Massachusetts.

Actually what Schweiker wants to do is bring the historic frigate, "Old Ironsides," to Philadelphia for the 1976 Bicentennial Celebration. And to do this he would have to change a federal law.

The law passed by Congress in 1954, keeps the ship securely moored in Boston Harbor.

Schweiker wrote the U.S. Navy in May pointing out that the Constitution will be without a home when the Boston Navy Yard is shut down in an economy move.

He suggested that "Old Ironsides" could be transferred to Philadelphia and placed in Penn's Landing with the USS Olympia and "many other historic ships."

Rebels break defenses

PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA — Rebel troops pierced government defense lines yesterday and fought Cambodian troops five miles outside Phnom Penh. The thunder from bombing missions by U.S. warplanes was heard all day.

Fighter-bombers flew over the city while heavy bombers hit adjacent targets on all sides of the city.

Three government soldiers were wounded in a battle at Robas Angkanh, a village between the Bassac and Mekong rivers southeast of Phnom Penh.

Northwest of the city, a squadron of armored personnel carriers moved in to reinforce an embattled government outpost in the village of Kap Srau Toch.

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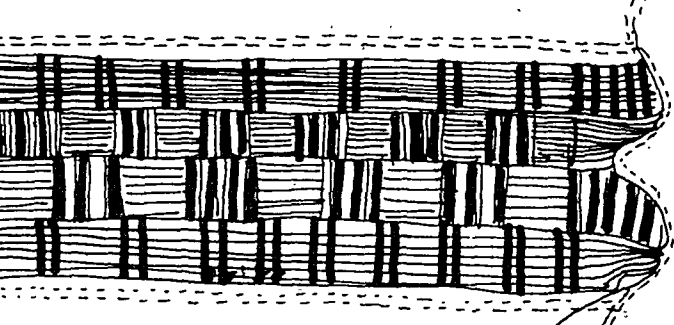
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