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Paper shortage eases in area

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The worst of the newsprint shortage appears to be over in State College. The Daily Collegian and The Pennsylvania Mirror have ample stocks, although the Centre Daily Times may be forced to shut down Sept. 19th.

The Centre Daily Times buys paper from Price Brothers, one of the largest Canadian paper manufacturing firms. Two of three mills owned by Price are still striking, with no settlement in sight.

"We are hoping to get a truckload of paper from the Gaspé plant in the near future," said Eugene Riley, associate publisher and business manager of the Centre Daily Times.

"Until then, we have cut our editorial page in half, along with the comic page. The picture sizes have been cut and the news condensed as much as possible to save the remaining newsprint we have in stock," Riley added.

The situation at the Pennsylvania Mirror is much better than at the Centre Daily Times, said Mirror Publisher Blair Bice. One hundred and thirty-two rolls of paper tied up during the recent rail strikes have begun to move and the threatened strike at the Abitibi paper mill supplying both papers has been settled.

Bice said, "The future looks bright. The strike at Abitibi has been settled and the mills are in full production."

The contract signed by the Abitibi workers is expected to provide the basis for new contracts for the other three striking plants.

Although the immediate paper supply looks good, the paper shortage is expected to continue for two or three more years, Bice noted. The plants now in operation are using old, outdated equipment, he added.

"The owners are hesitant to replace the worn-out equipment because the profits they are now making do not justify the investments in the machinery," Bice said. "It's all a matter of economics."

According to Bice, in addition to the paper shortage, the price of available newsprint has gone up. There have been two cost hikes this year, raising the price of paper \$10 a ton. If this continues, the price is expected to reach \$175 a ton by the end of the year, compared with \$150 per ton earlier this year, he said.

Speech aid course widens enrollment

Speech 198, a course for anyone having difficulty in normal speaking situations, is now open to anyone wishing to enroll.

Course instructor Nancy Metzger said Speech 198 is being offered to help prospective students learn "how to meet strangers and carry on a conversation, prepare for a job interview, participate in group problem-solving tasks and give formal speeches."

Although one credit may be earned by taking the course, Gerald Phillips, professor of speech at the University, said anyone is welcome to enroll without academic requirements. He said University students, faculty and townspeople have been enrolled in the course in the past.

Metzger said the course offers "a chance for people to define specific goals they would like to achieve that involve communication."

Students choose and analyze a goal they would like to achieve, rehearse ways of attaining it and then perform what they have set out to do.

Metzger said the course follows an "analytical" approach. The instructors "try to get people to pre-think moves, as opposed to spontaneity," she added.

The same approach also is offered in special sections of Speech 200, which also helps students experiencing difficulties in social interaction.

Students who have taken speech in these special sections often enroll in Speech 198 afterward, Metzger noted.

According to Metzger, the course is also a way to "solve the problem of loneliness in some students." She said students are put in groups according to their interests and goals and rehearse with other students in the class. "There is a lot of individual contact," she said.

Speech 198 will be offered from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday evening beginning next week.

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