

Nittany attracts students

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The Nittany dorm area is one of the most requested areas on campus.

Why? "Nittany is intimate. Where else can you pervert a room to your own desires?" said Andy Smookler (6th-agronomy), a resident assistant in Nittany.

The University allows Nittany residents to paint their rooms, but they must use University-approved colors.

Nittany residents commented on their home.

Craig Mellott (4th-physics) painted his room last year and said it has a more homey feeling. "There's a special feeling I get knowing that this room has been painted to suit my tastes," Mellott said.

"I like the fact that you can put (almost) anything you want in your room," John Saarivirta (10th-electrical engineering) said.

A resident of one of the four Nittany buildings housing women, Janet Flowers (6th-education of exceptional children) said "I like having two of everything, desks, dressers, etc."

Since Nittany furniture is movable, two rooms are seldom alike.

"I dig having a single room and paying less for it," Joe Simoneau (7th-English writing option) said.

Tom Diana (10th-English) said, "Here you have no hassles with roommates. There is no conflict in life styles."

Residents claim studying is easier in Nittany than in a high rise.

"When I want to study, I just close the door and I am assured privacy," Hildi Harms (4th-business administration) said.

Flowers said she likes knowing everyone in her dorm, since there are only 23 residents in one building.

Diana said he thinks there is more group solidarity in Nittany than in other dorms.

Nittany has its disadvantages, too. Simoneau explained his first reaction to Nittany, "I thought it was a dump. It was like a third-rate motel."

But Smookler said, "The advantages of living in Nittany are so great, the disadvantages are overlooked."

Otto Mueller, director of Housing and Food Services, said Nittany costs less because it does not offer facilities other dorms offer. The facilities are older, too, Mueller said.

Residents must take their laundry to the Theatre Arts Production Studio, where three of the six dryers are out of order. The only television is in Nittany 20, the recreation building.

Simoneau complained that "the heating system is all screwed up. You have to hnt the corridor doors and open the doors to the lobby to get the heat started."

Vern Ogradnek (4th-liberal arts) said, "The heat is never there when you want it."

According to Harms, "There is zero security in our hall. One of our corridor doors will not even latch shut."

There are only two bike racks provided for the 24 Nittany buildings. Edward Nazdom, Nittany housing supervisor, said he expects to get more installed.

The view from Nittany is not always the best. "I always have the chickens to look at," Ogradnek said.

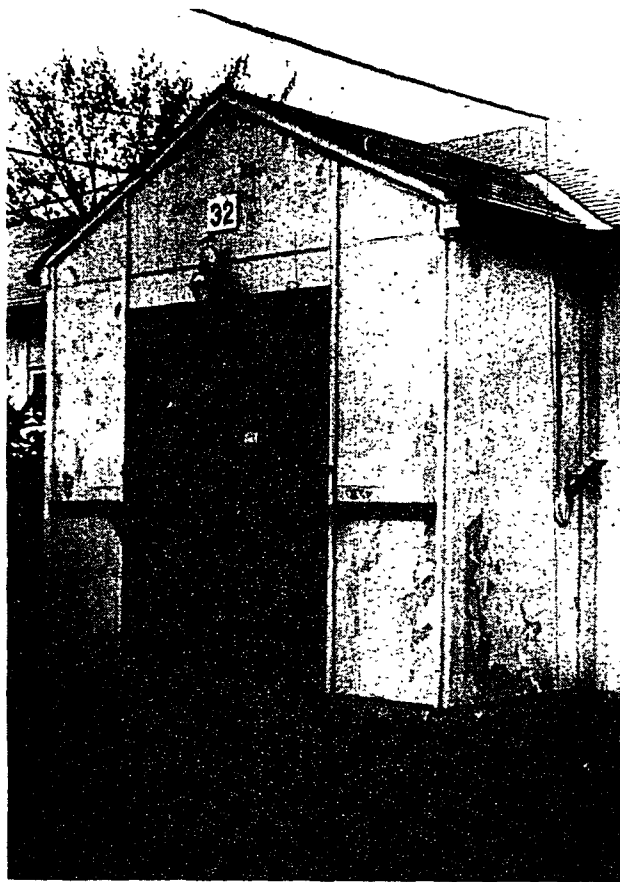
Nittany used to be the last place a student wanted to be assigned, according to Mueller. He said that even today Housing tries to avoid assigning Nittany to freshmen.

Nittany was built in 1947 to accommodate Navy veterans. Until 1960 each room was a double. Nittany residents originally ate in what is now the TAPS building, but moved to Pollock when it was completed in 1960. There are about 560 residents in Nittany this fall.

Mueller said improvements have been made over the years. "All new roofs were put on and the bathrooms were upgraded," he said.

The dorms of Nittany originally were named after alumni who had died serving in World War II.

Tentative plans of the University master plan call for a renovation of Nittany.



Home sweet home

ERA to receive groups' support

The Association for Women Students will join the local League of Women Voters' campaign to support awareness on the Equal Rights Amendment during the next three weeks, AWS president Dorene Robotti announced Wednesday.

The awareness campaign is part of a national effort to focus attention on the amendment to eliminate sex discrimination.

The proposed amendment has been passed in the Senate and the House. A vote of three-fourths, or 38 of the states is needed to ratify it.

Thirty states, including Pennsylvania, have ratified the amendment.

AWS will sell ERA awareness bracelets in the HUB to support the campaign.

AWS publicity chairperson Beth Sieffert said AWS is developing a rape crisis hotline in the State College area.

AWS has contacted the Rev. Robert Burgie, director of the Oasis Help Center on East Beaver Avenue, about plugging into its hotline. Sieffert said AWS has neither

the finances nor the trained staff to start its own program.

AWS members would be trained and work on a volunteer basis, she said.

Burgie said Oasis' main purpose is counseling but the center would suggest referrals in rape cases.

AWS hopes to develop the program with the center and publicize it in the community, Sieffert said.

AWS also voted to send a resolution stating its position on sexism in the media to all campus organizations and media.

The resolution states AWS "Recognizes the need for greater awareness of sexism in the media" and "recommends that all student organizations direct consideration toward the nature of their future programming and advertising."

Robotti announced that University Affirmative Action Officer Patricia Farrell has accepted the position of AWS adviser. Farrell succeeds Marian B. Davison, who resigned from her post as associate dean of student affairs last spring.

Planet showings to highlight lab tour

An open house featuring a showing of several planets and star formations will be held 7:30 to 10 p.m. Saturday at the new Davey Laboratory.

According to Ronald Wagner, president of the Astronomy Club, the open house will be set up as a tour preceded by a brief lecture. Groups will be admitted to the

open house tour at half-hour intervals, Wagner said.

He said, "There will be three telescopes set up and probably a pair of binoculars, each focused on something in particular." He said that Saturday evening it may be possible to see the planets Jupiter and Mars and later in the evening Saturn, as well as

double stars, star clusters and galaxies.

Wagner said the observations at each half-hour will be basically the same.

Saturday's open house will be the first and only time during Fall Term that the public may use the Davey observation facilities. According to Wagner, during Winter

Term a monthly open house may be possible. Attendance will be limited to those having tickets.

Woman hijacker shot

MARSEILLE, France (AP) — The wife of a prominent public relations executive was fatally shot Thursday inside the Air France Boeing 727 she hijacked for the avowed purpose of going to Cairo.

Three police officers disguised as service personnel boarded the plane, which had stopped at Marseille's Marignane Airport to refuel, and shot the woman in the head and chest

when she aimed her long-barreled pistol at them, Marseille Police Chief Rene Heckenroth told newsmen. She died later in a hospital.

Police said she hijacked the plane on a domestic flight from Paris to Nice and demanded to be taken to Cairo.

Police identified the hijacker as Mrs. Daniele Cravenne, 35, wife of Georges Cravenne, owner of a big Paris public relations firm.

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University Calendar
Friday-Sunday, Oct. 19-21, 1973

SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday-Saturday, Oct. 19-20 - University Theatre, "Amorous Flea," 8 p.m., Pavilion.
Friday-Saturday, Oct. 19-20 - The fifth annual Penn State Basketball Coaches Clinic; Friday, beginning at 4 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Rec Hall.
Friday, Oct. 19 - Sports: Women's field hockey, vs. SUNY-Cortland, 3 p.m., two games; Soccer, vs. Maryland, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 19 - Folk and Square Dance Roundup, 7:30-9 p.m., North Gym, White.
Friday, Oct. 19 - Commonsplace Coffeehouse, 8 p.m., Room 102 Kern.
Friday, Oct. 19 - William Thomas, cellist, MFA student recital, 8:30 p.m., Music Bldg. recital hall.
Friday, Oct. 19 - Free-U jammy, 7:30-11:30 p.m., HUB ballroom.
Saturday, Oct. 20 - Sports: Cross Country, vs. Georgetown and William and Mary; Rugby, vs. Philadelphia, 2 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 20-21 - Artists Series, Samuel Beckett's "Krapp's Last Tape," and "Not I," with Hume Cronyn, Jessica Tandy, 8:30 p.m., Schwab.
Saturday, Oct. 20 - Casino Night, sponsored by OTIS to benefit Centre County United Way, 7-12 p.m., HUB card room.
Saturday, Oct. 20 - Astronomy Department "Open House," roof of Davey Laboratory, 7:30-10 p.m., (tickets required).
Sunday, Oct. 21 - Chapel Service, 11 a.m., Eisenhower Chapel, Reverend Donald Davis, United Campus Ministry.
Sunday, Oct. 21 - Black Christian Fellowship worship service, 11 a.m., Black Cultural Center.
Sunday, Oct. 21 - Sports: Rugby, vs. Pittsburgh Law, 2 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 21 - Sports Car Club Autocross, 1 p.m., Parking Area 80.

SEMINARS

Friday, Oct. 19 - Physical Chemistry, 4 p.m., Room 310 Whitmore. Dr. John Reissner, on "Collision-Manifest Transport Coefficients."
Friday, Oct. 19 - Earth and Mineral Sciences, 3:45 p.m., Room 26 M.S. Dr. K. Vedam, Materials Research Lab and physics, on "Characterization of Real Surfaces - A Survey of the State of the Art."

FILMS

Friday-Saturday, Oct. 19-20 - Student SF films, 7 and 9 p.m., HUB assembly room. "The Caine Mutiny."
Saturday, Oct. 20 - Free-U children's film, 12:30 and 2:30 p.m., HUB assembly room. "Three Caballeros," free popcorn and balloons.

INTEREST GROUPS

Friday, Oct. 19 - New Democratic Coalition, 8 and 10 p.m., Film, "Milhouse,"
Sunday, Oct. 20 - Interlandia Folk Dancers, 7:30 p.m., HUB ballroom.
Friday, Oct. 19 - Badminton Club, 6:15 p.m., Rec Hall South Gym.

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