

ARHS discusses Centrex installation

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It would cost a bundle to make a private call to Mom from your room, according to Association of Residence Hall Students research.

At the ARHS meeting last night, ARHS Vice President Joe Davidson said the installation of a "Centrex" phone system in residence halls would cost \$750,000.

With such a system, each room would have a telephone. Davidson said long distance calls could be made from phones under the "Centrex" system.

Davidson said the \$750,000 would pay for necessary wiring. He said the alternative would be a party line, with two or four rooms sharing the same line.

Davidson said the cost of a party line system would be about \$300,000. He said Bell Telephone was reluctant to install such a system, fearing invasion of privacy by people listening in on conversations on a shared line.

According to Davidson, any change would put the University out of the telephone business, with students paying charges directly to the telephone company. He said students possibly could receive a rate reduction by appealing to the Public Utilities Commission or the state legislature.

The group also heard George Nigro (3rd liberal arts), a spokesman for a Speech 200 class. Nigro said his group is collecting signatures for a reduction of the legal drinking age.

According to Nigro, the group has collected 3,000 signatures thus far, and hopes to collect 10,000

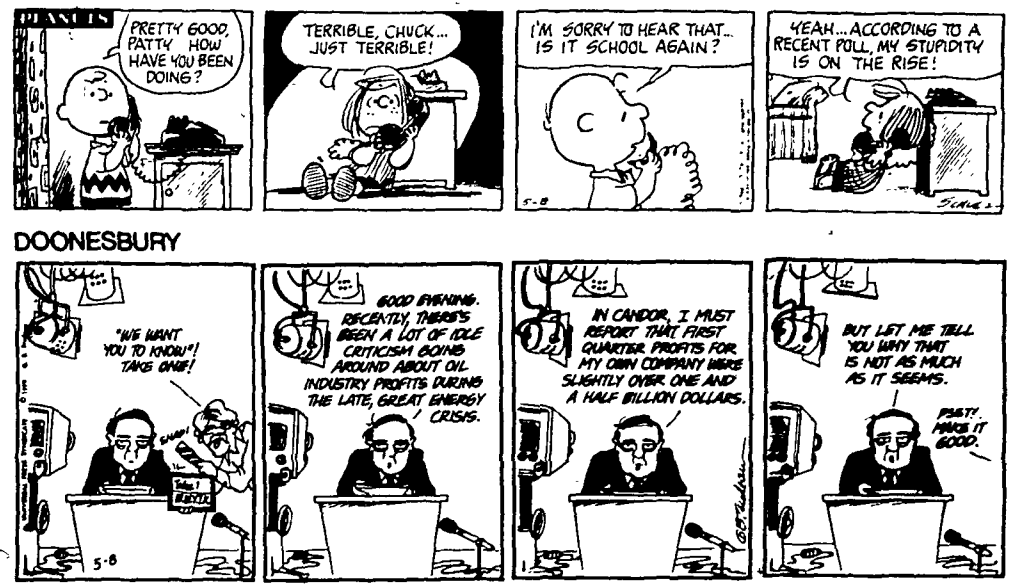
before the primaries on May 21. Nigro said the petitions will be sent to either a state legislator or Gov. Shapp.

Skip Dominick, East Halls representative, said he was contacted by Colin Middlefield, a worker for the United-Farm Workers lettuce boycott, about a possible endorsement by ARHS of the national boycott.

Dominick said Middlefield told him the boycott held on campus on May 1 was not effective, and that he wished to form "a united student front."

ARHS President Wendy Morris said Middlefield had been invited to several ARHS and area meetings but had not appeared.

In other action, ARHS voted to accept the nomination of Pat Corcoran as ARHS secretary for the coming year.



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Governance report accepted

By JIM BARR
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The University Faculty Senate yesterday voted unanimously to accept the final report of a special governance committee and act on its recommendations.

The report and recommendations are the product of the Joint Senate-Adminis-

trative Committee on Faculty Participation in University Governance. The committee has been working since January to find ways to increase faculty influence in the decision-making processes at all levels of the University.

The report lists 35 recommendations designed to give the faculty a larger voice

in decisions made by departments, colleges, campuses, the administration and the Board of Trustees.

One set of proposals recommends that the officers of the Senate—the past chairman, chairman, vice-chairman and secretary—be allowed to attend all meetings of the Board and its standing

committees.

The faculty at present has no formal representation before the Board, although the Senate chairman and several faculty members are routinely invited.

Another pair of proposals would set up a faculty Executive Committee to advise the president on issues such as reorganization of the University, the use of resources and the budget and the economic welfare of the faculty. The Executive Committee would be made up of the Senate officers and three other faculty members.

A third group of recommendations calls for rules and guidelines to be developed by each department, college and campus to insure faculty participation in all decisions at those levels.

There was no outright opposition to any of the committee's recommendations. But several senators complained that the report does not contain any guarantee that the administration and the Board of Trustees will not arbitrarily usurp the powers of the faculty again.

Many faculty members consider this a major issue. In 1970, the Board unilaterally decided to reorganize the Faculty Senate, and the faculty still is stewing over this dictatorial exercise of power.

Stanley H. Rosen, a faculty senator, asked, "What is to prevent those who give power from taking it away again?"

Robert Friedman, chairman of the committee, said it was not realistic to expect assurances from the committee on such an issue. The real power over the University is the State Legislature, he said.

Friedman added that the

committee's recommendations are designed to provide a system of checks and balances for the University's governing bodies.

Many of the committee's recommendations require action by the president of the University, and another senator, William Rabinowitz, suggested that the Senate should not act on the report until it knows how University President John W. Oswald felt about the recommendations.

Oswald was at the session, and took the opportunity to reply. He said he felt the committee had made a "carefully considered and valid set of recommendations."

He was reviewing the report with great care, but had not had a chance to discuss it with his administrators yet, he said.

In other action, the Senate approved the extension of a special program for veterans. The program allows veterans who were dropped from other schools for unsatisfactory scholarship before entering the service to be admitted to the University as adjunct students.

The Senate also endorsed the University Council's recommendations on student participation in the academic affairs of the University. The recommendations are from a Council report to Oswald, dated March 8, 1971.

They were brought before the Senate by the Student Affairs Committee at the request of the Graduate Student Association.

A GSA study last summer showed that most of the report's recommendations had not been implemented by the departments and colleges.

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Interior may allow federal coal mines

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Interior Department yesterday proposed to allow about 10 underground coal mines and 31 strip mines on federal land by the year 2000. But it revealed that energy conservation could make eight times that much coal production unnecessary.

The figures were tucked away in a two-volume draft study which also noted underground coal mining has the highest disabling-injury rate of any major industry, while strip-mining ruins its landscape at least as long as the mine is operating.

Interior's study was based on a forecast that coal production, now around 600 million tons per year, would more than double to about 1.31 billion tons per year by the year 2000.

On Monday, however, Interior's assistant secretary, Royston Hughes, urged coal production be more than tripled by 1985.

Interior's study gave no consideration at all to the role of federal coal development or its environmental impact in such a rapid expansion as was urged by Hughes.

The environmental impact statement is subject to public comment before a final version is published.

Most federal coal is found in some 193,345 square miles of the Rocky Mountain and Northern Great Plains regions, the study said.

Reviewing possible alternatives, the Interior Department said "this report finds no measures available which could stimulate an equivalent production potential of alternative energy sources..."

But it described as another possible alternative an all-out campaign to save energy which "could reduce energy consumption by 5.0 quadrillion British Thermal Units a year in 1975, 15.5 QBTU a year in 1980, and 33.4 QBTU per year after 1980."

Interior did not explain what that means in terms of coal production.

What it means, in fact, is that all-out energy conservation could save 647.5 million tons of coal a year by 1980 — 3.6 times as much coal as Interior's proposed production from federal land by the year 2000.

Collegian notes

A rally sponsored by the Committee Against Off-Shore Drilling will be held 3 p.m. today in front of Schwab. Speakers from national COSD chapters and Teamsters Union Local 502 will attend.

The Citizens' Advisory Committee to the Centre Regional Area Transportation Study will meet 7:30 tonight in Borough Council chambers at the State College Municipal Building. Nominations for officers will be received, and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation will report on present road problems.

The Women's Equity Action League will sponsor a discussion on the two-career family 8 tonight at the State College Women's Club, 902 S. Allen St. Speakers will be Helen Meahl, professor of sociology, and Helen Bare (graduate—psychology).

The videotape "Dr. John" will be shown 1 p.m. today in Kern lobby.

Academic Assembly will meet 7:30 tonight in 351 Willard.

The Penn State Amateur Radio Club will hold its last meeting of the term 7:30 tonight in 202 Engineering E.