

Title IX may hurt OTIS

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The University may be forced by federal regulations to stop lending secretarial help to the Organization of Town Independent Students.

Raymond O. Murphy, vice president for students affairs, said Thursday that under Title IX's proposed guidelines, the secretaries may not be

able to help OTIS mail off-campus housing lists in the summer.

Title IX is one of the 1972 Amendments to the Higher and Secondary Education Act which prohibits sex discrimination in any educational program or activity receiving federal funds. The University receives federal funding.

"In my opinion, the guidelines of the title indicate if the University assists an organization in a substantial way in locating off-campus housing for students, it would have to assume responsibilities. To be sure there is an equal number of facilities and an equality of facilities," Murphy said.

This would include inspection of facilities, he added.

"I think it is inappropriate for the University to get in-

involved in this, because the borough has a housing inspector," Murphy said. This service would cost a great amount of money, he added.

"Under Title IX, secretarial help could be regarded as a substantial support relationship," Murphy said.

The regulations concerning sex discrimination have been published by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) in the Federal Register as proposed guidelines for the implementation of Title IX.

According to Murphy, schools have 90 days to react to the proposed guidelines. HEW will then consider the responses and formulate the final guidelines, he added.

When the guidelines become effective depends on HEW, but "it will come into effect sooner than a year,"

Murphy predicted.

University President John W. Oswald sent a letter to HEW outlining the University's reactions. "The letter called for a greater clarification of some phrases like 'substantial relationships,'" Murphy said.

"Title IX has nothing to do with Associated Student Activities funding of OTIS," Murphy emphasized.

OTIS President Thomas "Doc" Sweitzer said, "OTIS used the University secretaries quite a bit this past summer to mail out the housing lists."

OTIS might need the secretaries much less this year because students are aware of the housing crunch and will be looking for apartments earlier, Sweitzer said.

Students on the work-study program are used during term breaks and could be used in the summer to do the mailing, he added.

Sweitzer predicted it will be at least three years before Title IX comes in effect. Each point will be tested in court he said.

"I don't think there will be any immediate problems," Sweitzer said.

Tuna reports scare public

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Americans, who devour more canned tuna than any other people in the world, are worried over reports that rodent hairs and insect parts have been showing up in some of the 5.5 billion cans sold to them every year.

The Food and Drug Administration reports that its field offices have been besieged with telephone calls and letters since last week's disclosures by Consumers Union.

What got lost in the controversy is the basic fact that neither the FDA nor the Consumers Union, which conducted and published the tests, believes there is anything dangerous or unhealthy about the situation.

However unappealing the idea may be, the minute presence of these foreign objects is "just an esthetic consideration," in the words of one CU spokeswoman.

The FDA issued a press release saying basically the same thing — that it had "no reason to doubt the general safety and sanitary condition of canned tuna."

The agency, in other words, was not denying there might be some contaminants present — just saying it really did not make any difference.

CU, which publishes the magazine "Consumer Reports,"

collected the canned tuna from store shelves around the country. A total of 312 samples of 52 brands from 16 major distributors were tested.

Only brands from three of the distributors were found free of contaminants. Those three brands are "Grand Union," "Geisha" and "Empress." CU said, however, that only small quantities of those brands had been sampled and the fact nothing was found did not guarantee that a wider sampling would have produced similar negative results.

Among the samples which showed contaminants, one contained part of a fly maggot; others contained rat hairs as long as three-fifths of an inch, as well as pieces of feather.

CU said tuna is still a good source of protein and is high in vitamins, iodine, flourine and phosphorus. It also is a good bargain compared to frankfurters, bologna or pork chops in terms of price per pound, the organization said.

Abe Kleks, head of the FDA's Los Angeles district office, told UPI the agency went out and bought 36 cans from various manufacturers after the CU disclosures but found nothing unusual. He admitted, however, that the sample was a random one and did not produce a definitive conclusion.

Bulletin endorses Shapp, Schweiker

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — With some reservations, the Philadelphia Sunday Bulletin endorsed Gov. Shapp in his re-election bid and Sen. Richard Schweiker was backed by the Bulletin and the Sunday Inquirer in his bid

to return to the U.S. Senate.

"Gov. Shapp got the income tax through and persuaded a mediocre and fractious legislature to accept orderly budgeting procedures," the Bulletin said in its editorial, blaming Pennsylvania's

legislature for many of the governor's problems.

However, the paper said that Shapp's "driving political ambition has been a weakness. It has led him to make deals, in effect, with political devils." "But, flaws and all, we think Mr. Shapp is better qualified," the Bulletin said.

Last Sunday, the Inquirer came out in support of

Republican Drew Lewis in his gubernatorial bid.

In Schweiker's re-election bid against Democrat Peter Flaherty, the Sunday Bulletin said that "Sen. Schweiker is better qualified."

Although the paper praised Flaherty for his "courage and vigor" and his independence, the editorial said that Schweiker's record on social welfare measures is one of "broadly humane concern."

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Gamma Pi Epsilon program, 8 p.m., McElwain piano lounge. Dr. Burton B. Hart, speaker.

SEMINARS

Inter-Science Series, 4 p.m., Room 333 Whitmore. David Wilson, University of Pennsylvania Johnson Research Foundation, on "Mitochondrial Oxidative Phosphorylation and Respiratory Control."
Entomology, 4 p.m., Room 204 Patterson. Dr. Ring D. Carde, Cornell University, on "Chemical Communication in Moths."
Plant Pathology, 9:45 a.m., Room 213 Buckhout. S. C. Dalmacio on Biology and Control of Corn Downy Mildew.
Genetics, 4 p.m., Room 111 Tyson. Dale Baker, soil chemistry, on "Breeding Plants for Efficiency in Ion Uptake."
Architecture, 8 p.m., Room 105 Forum. Peter Hourihan, president of Building Science, Inc., Buffalo, on "The Construction of Management Issues." The seminar is co-sponsored by the Department of Architectural Engineering, and the Division of Man-Environmental Relations.
Biochemistry, 11:10 a.m., Room 101 Althouse. Dr. J. V. Maizel, Jr., Laboratory of Molecular Genetics, NIH Child Health and Human Development.

OFFICIAL

First day for signing NDSL (National Direct Student Loans), SEOG (Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants), BEOG (Basic Educational Opportunity Program), and University Long Term Loans for Winter Term. Last day Nov. 1.

MEETING

OTIS, 6:30 p.m., Room 203 HUB.

EXHIBITS

Museum of Art — Twentieth Century Potters, Gallery B.
Zoller Gallery — Graduate Show.
Arts Bldg., Room 212 — Twenty Photographs of Children by Bruce Horowitz.
Sackett Gallery — Models of Spatial Constructs.
Chambers Gallery — Dan Fitch, paintings, drawings, constructions.
Kern Gallery — Ken Kuhn, wall reliefs. D. Blumenthal, paintings. Winfield House, jewelry, pottery and stained glass.
Carnegie Bldg. — Photos by Jan Kreicsbergs, Latvian photographer, arranged by School of Journalism.
Cultural Center, Walnut Building — "The Black Presence in the Era of the American Revolution, 1770-1800," a Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit.

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