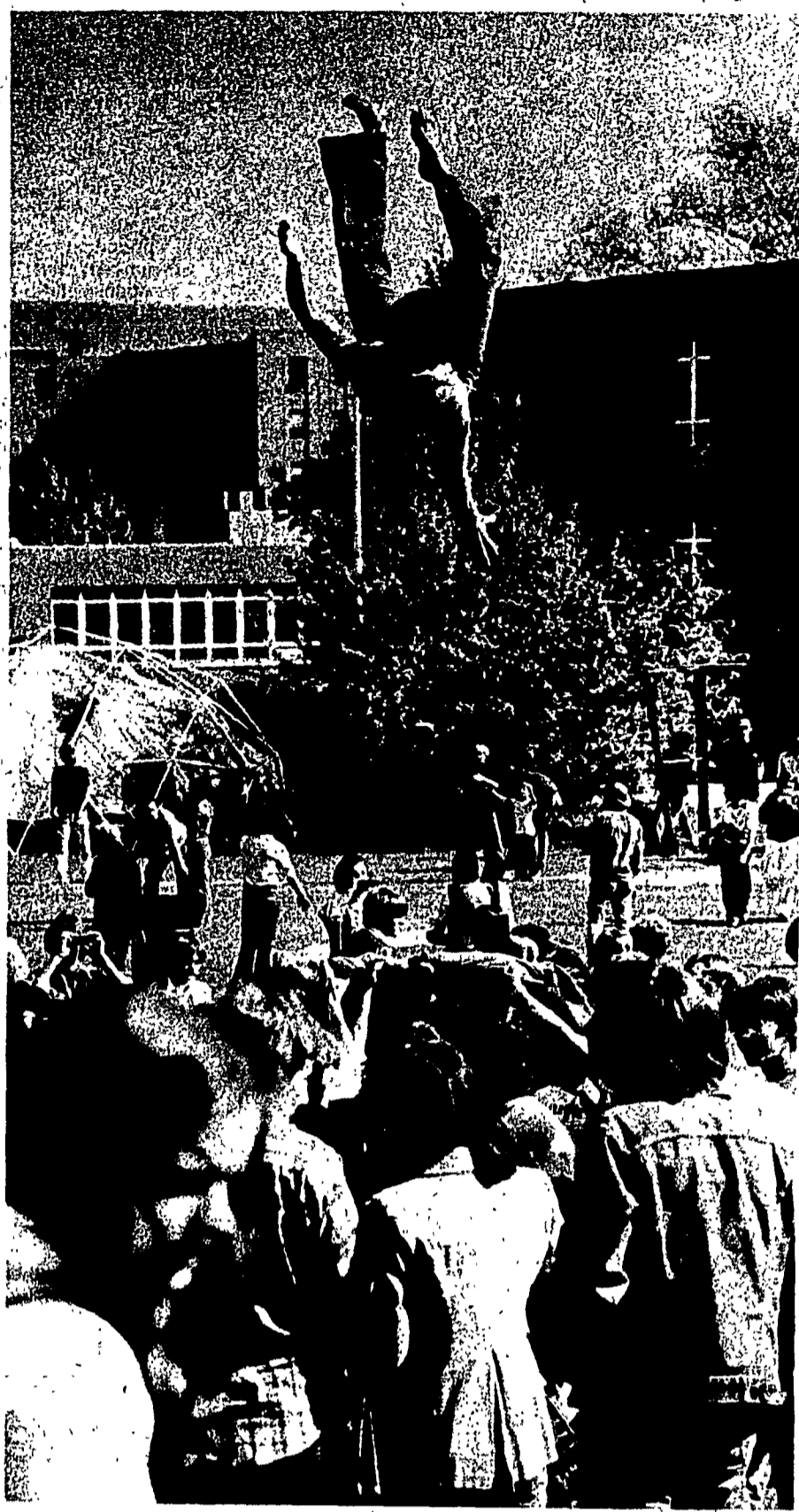


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The mood of yesterday's Gentle Thursday festivities brought frisbees, music and a chance for trampolining on a picnic blanket. See more photos page 7.

## Gentle Thursday a success

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The mood for the day was set at daybreak. The weather had done its part, painting State College skies blue and pouring streams of sunlight from above. Spring had returned to greet Gentle Thursday.

The HUB lawn soon became a mass of people, gathered to relax in the sun and forget about pressures for at least a day. The diverse crowd included young and old, and dress' went from jeans and T-shirts to double-knit suits to costume and bizarre facial makeup.

The afternoon music seemed appropriately thematic, as gentle folk sounds flowed cleanly through the wall of speakers and reverberated off the bricks of the HUB. The sounds were of consistently high quality, as all performers delivered polished sets of music. Yet somehow the music seemed less than an integral part of Gentle Thursday.

Throughout the day and night, few listened closely to the music. The music seemed more a background, blending with the weather to help create atmosphere. Most of those on the HUB lawn yesterday were content to sit with friends in the warm afternoon sun and sip a bottle of their favorite beverage.

Alcohol was in great supply, and there was hardly a cluster of people who weren't stocked with quarts of Schlitz or pints of Johnny Walker to keep them company through the afternoon. Pot seemed slightly less prevalent than alcohol, yet drifting wisps of lead-tinted smoke were common.

The Campus Police were lenient, as drinking was openly permitted, yet there were reports of some arrests for the possession of marijuana.

Although violations were overlooked

for the most part, a handful of arrests were made. In the afternoon, three juveniles were arrested for setting off firecrackers and one student was arrested for unlawful possession of alcohol. The student, a minor, was issued a non-traffic citation and released.

Later, in the evening, Donald J. Kitko, Beccaria, Pa., was arrested for the possession of marijuana. He was arraigned and released on \$40 bail.

Shortly afterward, Eric L. Nelson and Mark Shaffer, both University students, were issued non-traffic citations for fighting on the HUB lawn. Both of these arrests took place about 8:30 p.m.

Large crowds always seem to bring out the unusual, and Gentle Thursday proved no exception. Making guest appearances were a leash-drawn cow and several students who had painted their faces for the occasion. One student, who looked like a refugee from "Kiss", stood perfectly still, posing for pictures and yelling at anyone who crossed between himself and the camera lenses.

Getting people's reactions about Gentle Thursday proved just as bizarre an enterprise.

"Molecular gas has made this a truly genuine experience," one man said, grasping his hippit cannister firmly.

"They should move the event up a day next year and call it whippit Wednesday," said David Douglas (12th-English education).

It seemed that State College had corned the nitrous oxide market, as whippits, small tubes of nitrous oxide that are inhaled to produce laugh-gas-like effects, were in almost as great a supply as alcohol.

Free food and merchandise were distributed throughout the day, as students mobbed distributors, groping madly for yo-yos, frisbees, oranges, apples or slices of watermelon.

Toward evening, the crowd began to disperse, and the piles of garbage that had accumulated throughout the day became visible.

The balmy spring weather, the fine music, and the carefree atmosphere all combined to make Gentle Thursday a success. The most important thing about the day was that it provided an oasis of respite from academic pressures, a chance for everyone to unwind and enjoy the company of friends before again confronting the chores of college.

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## Measles inoculation set

Ritenour Health Center has announced an immunization program for students who have never had measles.

Dr. John Hargleroad, director of Ritenour Health Services, said he decided on the program yesterday after nine more measles patients were admitted to the dispensary. The number of

measles patients now numbers 18.

Hargleroad said Ritenour would have an immunization sign-up table set up Monday and Tuesday next week on the HUB ground floor. He said students should find out over the weekend whether they have ever had measles or have ever been immunized.

# HHH refuses to campaign

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Hubert Humphrey announced yesterday he will not launch a stretch-drive campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination but would accept a draft at the national convention.

His eyes brimming with tears, the 65-year-old "Happy Warrior" of the Democratic party ended speculation he would enter the New Jersey primary as a possible springboard to winning the nomination.

Humphrey's decision to forego the New Jersey primary left a virtually clear field for Jimmy Carter's presidential campaign until convention time in July. The candidacies of his active challengers are badly crippled.

Sen. Walter F. Mondale, D-Minn., Humphrey's close friend and political protege, said the significance of Hum-

phrey's decision was "that it is very unlikely he would get the nomination."

The veteran Minnesota senator conceded, in a prepared statement at a news conference, that the chances were "highly unlikely" he would be drafted as the party's standard-bearer.

Humphrey, who agonized over the decision and did not finally reach it until near noon, said that with 11 weeks to go until the convention, he could not raise the money or put together the organization needed for an effective campaign.

And, he added, "one thing I don't need at this late stage in my life is to be ridiculous."

With his wife, Muriel, and Sen. Walter Mondale, D-Minn., at his side, the veteran Minnesotan and former vice president said he reached the decision

not to run after 36 hours of political strategy sessions, consultation with his family and intense pressure from friends and party regulars around the country to make one more campaign.

"I shall not enter the New Jersey primary nor shall I authorize any committee or committees to solicit funds, organize or work on my behalf," Humphrey said. "I intend to run for reelection to the Senate from Minnesota."

He said he will continue to speak out on issues "as a citizen, a senator and a non-candidate" and expects to "actively participate" in the Democrats' nominating convention in New York City.

"If my party should need me or per chance — although I think it highly

unlikely — should nominate me, I would be fully ready to serve," he said.

During a question and answer session, he told reporters, "I shall not seek it (the nomination), search for it, scramble for it, but I'm around."

The crowd of supporters and onlookers, estimated by Capitol Police as about 1,200 strong, broke into laughter and applause.

The decision was one of political reality, said Humphrey who had sought the Democratic nomination in 1960, 1968 and 1972. He won the nomination in 1968 only to lose to Richard M. Nixon.

"I've been down this road before and I know what it takes," he said. "It takes time, it takes organization, it takes planning, it takes public relations ... and frankly we do not have the mint."

# House marijuana hearing held. Experts call Pa.'s pot laws strict

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** see related story page 10.

HARRISBURG (AP) — A parade of expert witnesses told a House committee yesterday that Pennsylvania's present marijuana laws are too strict.

The Law and Justice Committee held a final hearing on legislation that would change penalties for possessing a small amount of marijuana or hashish.

Previous hearings were held in Pittsburgh and Montgomery County.

Possession is now a misdemeanor and carries a penalty of 30 days in jail or a \$500 fine. The proposed law would list possession of 30 grams or less as a summary offense and impose a \$100 fine but no jail sentence.

A person charged with possessing 30 grams of marijuana would be treated somewhat like a traffic violator. A summary offense can be handled by a district magistrate instead of in criminal court.

"House Bill 1699 (the proposed legislation) takes the state out of the business of ruining people's lives for their own good," said Dennis Duncan, a spokesman for the Commonwealth Association of Students.

The Rev. William Deane Jr., a Episcopal priest who has worked on a variety of juvenile programs in Pennsylvania and elsewhere, said about half of the young people in the nation have used marijuana.

"It would appear that current marijuana laws are used as a club against young people," he said.

"The psychological oppression created by the current marijuana laws is that many young people who use marijuana end up viewing the police as their enemy," Deane said.

"The government has enough to do without fiddling

around with marijuana," said Richard Wood, the attorney for Pitcairn County in Colorado.

Wood was asked to testify because Colorado recently reformed its marijuana possession laws in ways similar to those provided in the proposed Pennsylvania legislation.

He said the government should stop short of legalizing marijuana, but should treat it more like alcohol or tobacco.

"I think the government's function should be to discourage, not to use a shotgun to kill a fly," he said.

Some of the strongest criticism of the proposed legislation came from Allen Ertel, Lycoming County's district attorney. But even Ertel did not strictly oppose lessening the penalties.

He attacked the bill as poorly drafted and said it failed to contain one important provision now used by courts.

Ertel said courts can now impose "probation without a verdict," meaning, for example, that a person charged with possession can plead no contest and be put on probation for 30 days. At the end of probation, the individual's criminal record can be cleared.

He said the proposal will mean every possession case will require judicial disposition and "will increase the work of law enforcement people ...

"At the summary level, you will still need an expert to testify that the substance is marijuana," he said.

Ertel also said juveniles accused of possessing marijuana can be handled in juvenile court, where the law permits almost wide discretion. Under summary

offenses, juveniles are normally handled as adults.

Tow other experts took a harder line.

State Police Capt. Russell Anderson said illegal drug traffic is a major problem for law enforcement people, and would increase with less severe marijuana possession penalties.

"The punishment is still a major deterrent to crime. This deterrent factor is very significant and beneficial to law enforcement in restricting the demand for marijuana and other illegal drugs," he said.

"If the criminal penalties were removed from the simple possession clause, the demand for the drug would undoubtedly increase," Anderson said.

Frank Bergman, speaking for the Pennsylvania Association of Secondary School Principals, said marijuana use is a detriment to education.

"The development of attitudes is difficult enough for schools to accomplish without adding marijuana to the legal-but-not-good-for-you list," he said.

### Weather

Get out and enjoy today's weather because rain and cooler temperatures will move in tomorrow and hang around on Sunday. Mainly sunny and a bit milder today. High 71. Partly cloudy and not as cold tonight. Low 42. Increasing cloudiness tomorrow with showers developing. High 58. Rain continuing tomorrow night and Sunday.

# House agrees on \$415 billion budget

WASHINGTON (UPI) — After three days of often bitter debate over defense, education, energy and other domestic programs, Democrats said it would provide a million more jobs than Ford's budget.

It calls for \$363 billion in revenues and a \$52.4 billion deficit, \$8 billion more than Ford proposed.

It rejects \$11 billion in new tax cuts proposed by Ford and also rejects increases he proposed in payroll taxes for Social Security and unemployment.

Ford's budget director, James T. Lynn, reacted quickly and sharply.

"A majority in the House of Representatives proved today that,

when push comes to shove, they are much more inclined to break the American taxpayer than they are to give the American taxpayer a break," he said in a statement.

He said the House decision to reject Ford's tax cuts while increasing spending amounted to a "gamble with post-election double-digit inflation."

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figure proposed by Ford, and the deficit back to \$48 billion.

It rejected 272 to 105 a proposal by Rep. John H. Roussetot, R-Calif., to cut spending enough to reduce the deficit to zero.

It voted down 317 to 85 a proposal by Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman, D-N.Y., to shift \$2.5 billion from defense to jobs, welfare, health, education and law enforcement.

On Wednesday the House rejected 255 to 145 a proposal to cut defense \$300 million.

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From high atop One of the best places to survey yesterday's Gentle Thursday activities was 30 feet above in a convenient HUB lawn tree.

# Document turns up; may be Hughes' will

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (UPI) — A smudged, yellowing hand-written document purporting to be the will of billionaire Howard R. Hughes turned up mysteriously yesterday and was presented in court by officials of the Mormon Church.

A handwriting expert said the will "has a good chance" of being authentic, but a top Hughes official said uncharacteristic references in the will make him think it is a hoax.

Noah Dietrich, a former Hughes executive named as executor in the document, as first was skeptical but then expressed belief with some reservations that it appeared to be in Hughes' handwriting.

After seeing a photocopy of the document, given him by a UPI photographer, Dietrich said:

"I would have to testify that that's Hughes' handwriting and his signature. I don't believe anybody could have forged it."

He added, however, "That bothers me," when asked about misspellings in the document and a reference to Hughes' flying boat as the "Spruce Goose," a term the recluse never used.

The document, bearing "the yellowing stains of time," showed Tuesday — no one knows how — at the Salt Lake City headquarters of the Mormon church. It was brought to Nevada where Hughes had large holdings and filed yesterday in Clark County court.

The purported will, not yet admitted to probate, left one fourth of the nearly \$2-

billion Hughes estate to a Florida medical research institute and the remainder to universities, his two former wives and various associates.

An executive of the Summa Corporation, the holding company for Hughes' personal interests, strongly doubted the purported will was valid. He pointed to numerous misspelled words such as "devided" for "divided" and "children" for "children."

"Mr. Hughes was not that poor of a speller," said the spokesman.

However, the author of the strange document obviously knew much about Hughes' interest and relatives, even though he misspelled the name of one.

And there was even a bequest — worth millions if the will is eventually ruled authentic — to a service station operator, Melvin Dummer, who once gave a lift on a desert highway to a man who said he was Hughes. Dummer thought the man "was a bum" but loaned him money anyway.

Probate Judge Russell Waite said he could not schedule a hearing on the authenticity of the handwriting for at least 10 days because of pressing other matters.

Mormon officials who presented the document to the court, however, said, "Whether or not the will is the actual will of Mr. Hughes or is a hoax, we do not know."

Hughes died April 5 while on an emergency medical flight to Houston, Tex., from Acapulco, Mexico, where he had been living for several months.