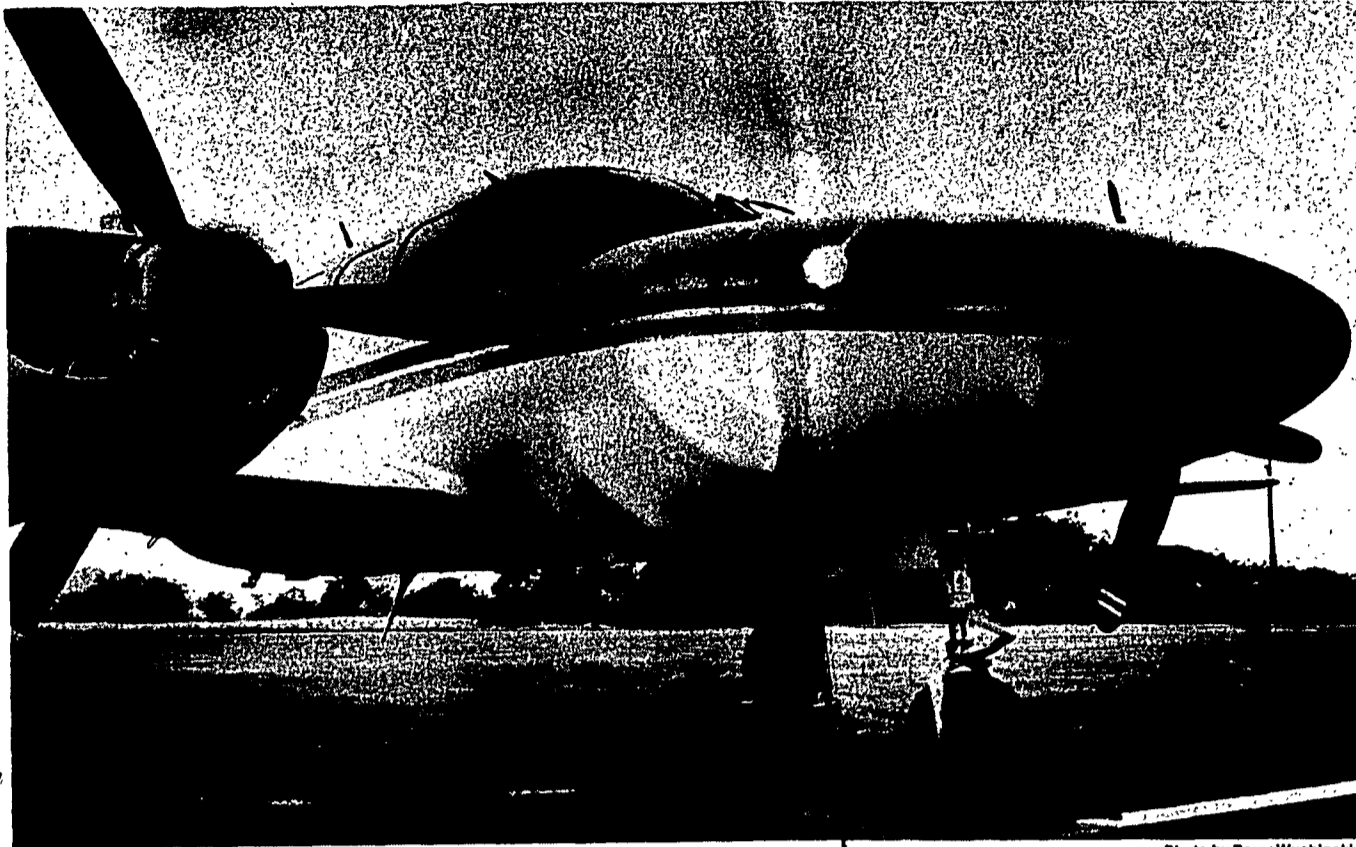


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**Sitting pretty**

The new Navajo Chieftain airplane, valued at approximately \$249,535, is shown at the University Park Airport runway Monday.

Photo by Barry Wyshinski

## University purchases another Navajo plane

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third in a series on the University Park Airport.

The University Park Airport apparently just purchased another airplane — a Navajo Chieftain valued at approximately \$249,535.

The Chieftain, according to reliable sources, was delivered to the airport Monday to join the University's \$275,805 Navajo PA 31P, apparently to replace its more modest Aztec valued at \$103,009.

One source told the Collegian that he believed this replacement was true because the Aztec log book that records flight destinations, number of passengers and any costs incurred such as landing fees, no longer sports the number N909PS but instead is labeled N59908 — the number on the side of the new Chieftain.

Airport officials have neither denied nor confirmed either the purchase of the white Chieftain with orange and gold trim or the possibility of selling the Aztec.

Charles Shilke, airport manager, told the Collegian that he had no comment on either of these two transactions and added that Collegian reporters should talk to administrators in higher positions.

Bud Goehring, director of transportation services and Shilke's immediate boss, also had no definite comment on the purchase.

However, in a phone conversation, Goehring did tell the Collegian this:

"Where did you get that information?" To which the Collegian reporter answered, "I can't tell you." Goehring then said, "Well, neither can I tell you anything," and hung up the phone.

The Chieftain has two 350-horsepower engines and can travel 202 knots at 12,000 feet compared to the Aztec's 250-horsepower engine that cruises at 190 knots.

However, according to a Piper Aircraft spokesman, the Chieftain's direct and indirect operating costs for 600 hours of flight time amount to \$67.02 per hour while the Aztec would cost only \$52.99 per hour.

Operating costs include expenses for gasoline, oil, inspection maintenance, minor repairs and depreciation on engines, avionics and propellers, as well as insurance and hangar rental.

The Chieftain has the same number of seats as the Aztec, but they are arranged in a conference setting with seats facing one another. This Navajo, however, does not have the pressurization that the PA31P has.

According to a reliable source, airport records show that as of April 1, the Aztec had 1,232.4 hours of flight time logged in and 1,992.9 hours as of July 16. The Navajo, however, had fewer hours of flight time. April 1 records show 910.9 hours while July 16 ones show 1,032.7 hours.

In an interview two weeks ago, Richard Crowley, assistant vice president for business services, told the Collegian that he was sure the University planes were more often full than not.

"You don't see too many times that the planes are flying with only one person," Crowley said.

Since that time, the Collegian was told flight records show otherwise. These records show that the Navajo, from April 1 to July 17 — 108 days — flew 60 flights on which the number of passengers averaged slightly more than two per flight. All five passenger seats were filled only twice, on April 17 and 28, and the plane flew with only one passenger a total of 18 times.

The Collegian has also been told that airport employees have been strongly urged, to the point of feeling that their jobs may be threatened, not to talk to

Collegian reporters. They have been told not to give any information and to refer all questions to the airport manager.

Meanwhile, Collegian reporters have been told that the only way they can get airport-related information is by submitting written questions to either Shilke, Goehring or Crowley.

"This is the way it's done in the government," Goehring said. "We are doing the thing right for the sense of accuracy. Don't think we're just trying to stall, because we're not."

The Collegian submitted written questions to Shilke last Tuesday. Shilke then passed the answers on to Goehring who okayed them and then passed them on to Crowley where they apparently were as of last night. The Collegian has, up to last night, received no response.

## Chugging episode stiffens rules

By MIKE GRICE  
and  
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The recent fourth floor Beaver chugging incident has forced Association of Residence Hall Students (ARHS) coordinators to intensify enforcement of drug and alcohol policies and has led to the dismissal of the fourth floor resident assistant.

Last week freshman Phil Wilts was hospitalized after he chugged a half-gallon of Southern comfort in less than a minute on a \$75 bet. He has since been released.

Beaver Hall RAs last night informed residents of the new policy which prohibits floor parties with alcoholic beverages; any quarter, half, three-quarter or full kegs in the dormitories; possession and/or transportation of all alcoholic beverages in the building; and alcoholic beverages in the rooms of minors. One Beaver Hall RA said this policy will be in effect for all dorms for the rest of the summer.

Students bringing alcoholic beverages into a residence hall may be stopped by campus police or residential staff members. When stopped by police, the student must present proof of age and an I.D. on request. If stopped by a residential staff

member, the student must present only an I.D. card. Refusal to present an I.D. on request results in a double referral and a guaranteed probation, according to one RA.

Coordinators may legally enter a dorm room for "administrative search" purposes, an RA said. If illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages are found in the room, the occupants are subject to punishment, he added. In the past, coordinators have checked the dorms on weekends, according to several sources.

If an RA suspects there is a party on his/her floor he/she is to tell a coordinator. One RA said there was no clear definition made of what constitutes a party, thus forcing a personal interpretation by the residential staff member.

Mike Morris, former fourth-floor Beaver RA was dismissed for his duties Friday, one source said. Bob DeWitt, the new fourth-floor Beaver RA, M. Lee Upcraft, director of Residential Life, and Tom Eakin, coordinator of Pollock, Nittany and Centennial Halls, refused to comment on the dismissal.

## Bus drivers try to join AFL-CIO union

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The Campus Loop bus drivers recently requested that they be allowed to organize a union under the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, an affiliate of the AFL-CIO, to prevent absorption into Teamsters Local Union 8.

Nineteen of 25 drivers sent authorization cards to the Federation. The union then sent a letter to the University requesting that elections be held to form a union. According to state law, if the University consents, then the union will submit an election request to the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board. If the University denies the request, the Board will hold a hearing to determine whether or not elections should be held.

According to Ray Fortunato, vice-president for personnel administration, the University has not decided what action to take on the union's letter.

President of Teamsters Local 8 Jane Piskouski said that the Loop drivers request shouldn't have any effect since they're already part of the Teamsters' bargaining unit.

According to bus driver Alex Holt, the jobs of student bus drivers would be endangered if the Teamsters Union were allowed to take over. Piskouski said that if the Loop drivers are organized under the Teamsters, it does not mean that students will lose their jobs.

Teamster membership requirements stipulate that a member must work at least 30 hours a week. All Loop drivers are undergraduate or graduate students and all work less than 30 hours.

"If it's a Teamsters contract, it will definitely put students out of a job," Undergraduate Student Government President W.T. Williams said. He said that while the present drivers may not lose their jobs, as they leave or graduate, the drivers would be replaced with full-time non-student employees. "An important source of student employment would be gone," he said. Both the Graduate Student Association and USG passed resolutions denouncing the efforts of the Teamsters.

According to Holt, if the Loop drivers were organized under the Federation, they would be allowed to function as a

separate bargaining unit, thus reserving student jobs. Centre Area Transit Authority bus drivers are also organized under this union. The Loop drivers designated Dave Jackson and Kathy Contair as spokesmen.

Richard H. Brown, assistant to the assistant vice-president for bus services, said that it would cost the University, including fringe benefits, about five dollars an hour to pay Teamsters employed full time. Campus Loop drivers are currently paid between \$2.20 and \$2.40 an hour. Loop driver Kathy Contair said that the drivers are not asking for money.

## Department of Justice to rule on Med funds

By FRANK FRANZONIA  
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The Pennsylvania Department of Justice has been called in to rule on Auditor General Robert Casey's recommendation that the University return \$29,680 because of Hershey Medical Program withdrawals during the 1974-75 fiscal year.

"Since the auditor general has no enforcement powers per se, the Department of Justice is going to decide what happens," according to Harry Yaverbaum, who supervised the report made by the Auditor General's Department.

The report, issued June 22, stated that the University used an enrollment figure of 328 students in computing its costs whereas the actual number enrolled at the end of the year was four less. "The difference of four full-time students amounts to \$29,680 which was not earned by the University according to our calculations," the report stated.

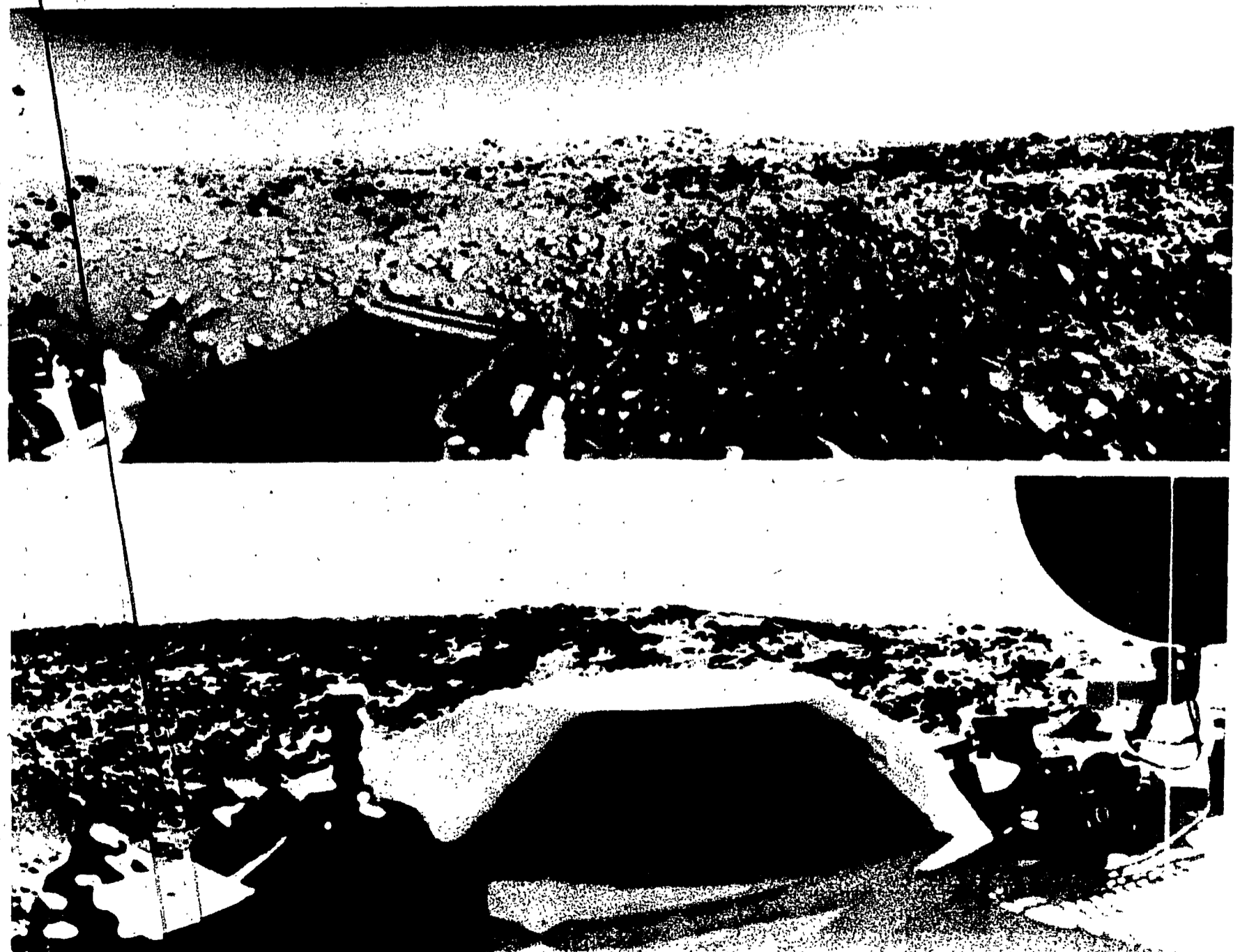
The report also recommended that the Department of Education set guidelines for determining the definition of a full-

time student in order to budget future revenues correctly.

Garban said that since the audit report was issued, he has advised the Department of Education that "the University recommends that the guidelines be a full-term headcount at the beginning of the term for determining the appropriation." If this recommendation were accepted as valid by the Department of Justice, the University would not be obliged to return the \$29,680 requested by the Report.

The auditor general had to formulate his own definition of a full-time student, Yaverbaum said, because the legislature failed to issue its own directive when it made the appropriation. "Our determination of a full-time student became someone who didn't drop out," Yaverbaum said. All agree that it was this discrepancy that resulted in the disagreement over what money, if any, is owed by the University.

Both the auditor general and University officials are hoping that the Department of Education formulates a standard definition that will alleviate future problems concerning the proper appropriation amount. Many variables that now must be calculated in a medical program appropriation audit could also be reduced by a more precise definition, Yaverbaum said. According to Garban, the simplest and most beneficial definition from the University's standpoint would be based on the number of students enrolled for the fall.



**Viking on Mars**

Above are two of the first photographs ever taken of the Martian surface at ground level. Viking 1 touched down at 7:53 EDT yesterday morning. See page 3 for story.

AP Laserphoto

## Weather

Mostly cloudy and cooler today with a few showers likely, high only around 78. Partly cloudy and cool tonight, low near 59. Morning clouds will give way to sunny skies and seasonably warm temperatures tomorrow, high near 81.