



A set for sunset

A student takes advantage of the cool air beneath the waning sun to play some games of tennis near the football practice field.

Photo by Chris Newkumet

## Upcraft, students at odds on dorm canvassing vote

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Dorm canvassing will re-emerge as a center of controversy this week as residence hall dwellers vote on whether to close their dorms to door-to-door canvassers.

Under a University policy adopted during Spring Term 1975, dorm residents are required to vote to determine if their residence halls should be closed to canvassing.

The Undergraduate Student Government Department of Political Affairs launched a campus-wide campaign last week to persuade residence hall students to vote for keeping dorms open to canvassing. Thousands of leaflets urging students to "keep an open mind and an open door — vote for canvassing" were distributed through residence hall mail services.

"You've been told that if canvassing is approved, hoards of fanatics will swarm your dorm floor, night and day, haranguing you to become a Buddhist or support Joe Politico for office," the flyers said. "That's just what the University wants you to think. The University would like to keep students

uninformed and apathetic. That way students can't make trouble or have a voice in decisions affecting them."

USG Department of Political Affairs Director Paul Stevenson said a lot of students had been misguided by the University into thinking that all canvassers were bothersome. He said the structure of the University's policy was anti-canvassing, thus giving students the impression they would be constantly harassed by canvassers.

He contended that under the canvassing voting regulations, a student who did not vote would be recorded as voting against open canvassing. He described that rule as "stacking the cards against canvassing," and said that the issue of opening or closing the dorm should be left to a vote of a quorum of dorm house residents.

M. Lee Upcraft, Director of Residential Life, later said that a non-voting student counted as a vote for canvassing, not against it. He said that policy was set when the University decided to open all dorms to canvassing except when a majority of dorm residents voted against it. No-show voters were considered to be in support of the status quo — open canvassing.

Upcraft also said there was no substance to the accusation that the University was against canvassing.

After being informed of Upcraft's statement, Stevenson said "If Upcraft really believes that not voting counts as an open (vote), he'd better get back to his staff because a lot of people are under the impression it's the other way around." Stevenson said his previous statement had been based on information given to him by dorm residents and members of the residence hall governments.

He said that despite the confusion about the non-voter policy, he continued to look at the University's regulation of

voting on canvassing as "demagoguery." "You cannot put to the vote of the majority the right of a student to restrict another student from hearing or speaking to a third student," Stevenson said. "That is not in the true spirit of a university. The rights of the minority — those who want to hear — must also be upheld."

Stevenson also claimed that resident assistants were prodding students to vote against open canvassing and that the University was exercising its influence through them as employees to close the residence halls.

Upcraft said Stevenson called the RAs' expression of opinion on the canvassing issue unethical. Upcraft said many RAs air their opinions concerning open canvassing, both pro and con, at house meetings.

However, he pointed out that for every RA who spoke against open canvassing, there was usually a representative of the dorm area governments who, by his description, were traditionally proponents of opening canvassing, to argue the other side.

Upcraft said Residential Life did not tell RAs to influence dorm voters. "It doesn't matter to us what the vote is. We leave it to the students to decide. That's the whole basis for the policy," Upcraft said.

Stevenson cited University policies closing Board of Trustees committee meetings to the public, rules requiring students organizations to be registered with USG before they can use University property for meetings and the prohibiting of public inspection of certain University financial records as further examples of administrators' attempts to restrict students' freedom of movement, speech and hearing.

## New student voters talley 3,700

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More than 3,700 new student voters chose national political parties during last week's registration at the Intramural Building, according to Paul Stevenson, director for the Undergraduate Student Government Department of Political Affairs.

Democrats became the new majority party in Centre County with 1,567 new members registered. Republicans added 881. Others registered include 761 Independents, 11 Libertarians, two Constitutionals, and one each Conservative, Socialist Worker and Crap (Coalition of Responsible Americans for Progress).

Stevenson charged several county officials, notably John Saylor, chairman of the board of county commissioners, and Democratic County Chairman Guy Rudy, with claiming undeserved credit for the success of voter registration.

"People who were fighting this voter

registration all along are now trying to claim the lion's share of the credit for the mouse's share of the work," he said. Stevenson said people often have criticized students who do not exercise their voting right when the fault actually lies with county officials.

"In the past, they've made it so hard for the students to vote," he said. "And both parties would put up rinky-dink candidates so there was little reason for students to find interest in the county elections."

Saylor said he felt Stevenson's criticisms were unjustified. He said he was disappointed that Stevenson was projecting an image of no cooperation from the county commissioners.

"I think we're cooperating 100 per cent," Saylor said. "We helped make arrangements for voter registration in the HUB." Saylor said the HUB registration, which will be held September 15, 16 and 17, formally was adopted and partly is sponsored by the



county commissioners. He said he had been against registration in the I.M. building because it was not accessible to the public at large.

"This was not arbitrarily decided to discriminate against students," he said. "A place must be accessible to all the public and this was not our decision but what is specified in the

## Carter would fire FBI chief after scandal

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Jimmy Carter said yesterday if he were president he would have fired FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley, adding that "when you see the head of the FBI break a little law and stay there it gives everybody the sense that crime must be okay."

The Democratic candidate, campaigning through the Northeast, said that Kelley "was caught having government employees, with mine and your tax money, decorate his home."

Carter used the FBI director's acknowledgement that drapery valances in his home were built by FBI employees as the basis for an attack on the morality of the Republican administration.

"President Ford had the attorney general investigate, and the investigations said he (Kelley) did it," Carter told residents of a North Philadelphia community. "Then President Ford said, 'Well, let's let him stay where he is.'"

"When people throughout the country, particularly young people, see Richard Nixon cheating, lying, leaving the highest office in disgrace... when you see the head of the FBI break a little law and stay there, it gives everybody the

sense that 'if bigshots in Washington can get away with it, why can't I?'" Carter said.

He linked the country's escalating crime rate with government lawlessness and said that based on what he has learned about the Kelley case, he would have ousted the director.

Last weekend, Ford rejected recommendations that Kelley be fired or reprimanded for the \$355 worth of work done in his apartment. The director has said he didn't know the work was done by federal employees and has reimbursed the government.

Carter stopped short of demanding Kelley's ouster, saying Ford might have information he doesn't. But Carter said, "Knowing what I know now, yes, I would have fired him."

The Democrat's campaign took him to a subway stop in New York City, a college audience in Brooklyn, a submarine works in Groton, Conn., and a neighborhood in Philadelphia.

Along the way he discussed My Lai Lieutenant William E. Calley Jr., abortion and defense spending. And because he had refused to commit himself in advance to discussing abortion, his meeting with people from the community was not held in a

Catholic Church as planned.

Carter was in a predominantly Italian-Catholic neighborhood and drew cheers when he said he will not retreat from his opposition to a constitutional amendment outlawing abortion.

He said again that he personally opposes abortions and feels the federal government should not provide money for them.

"That's the best I can do," Carter said. "It's what I've been saying for the last two or three years. I don't intend to change it, even in an election year."

After a walking tour of the Italian-Catholic neighborhood, Carter was to have met with residents in a Catholic church to discuss issues related to housing.

But the site was changed to a Lutheran church because sponsors of the meeting said the Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia, which opposes abortion, had informed the Catholic pastor that the abortion issue must be discussed if the meeting were to be held in his church.

After the site was changed, Carter talked about abortion anyway.

"The Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia advised us that we could

not hold any meeting with Carter on church property, even though our organization is headquartered there, if the abortion issue was not on the agenda," said a spokesman for the group sponsoring the candidate's appearance.

"The site was shifted in order not to offend either Carter or the archdiocese," he said.

Carter's appearance was sponsored by Community Organizations Acting Together (COACT). The group said Carter had agreed to speak only about housing, crime and urban reinvestment.

## Flood hits province of Pakistan

RAWALPINDI (UPI) — Flood-spawned rains broke through a 442-foot dam and inundated more than 5,000 square miles of Baluchistan Province, the largest in area, smallest in population and financially poorest of Pakistan's four provinces, the government said yesterday.

Entire villages were washed away, government officials said.

Casualties in the flooding in Baluchistan Province were not known but loss of life among the area's nomadic population, cattle and livestock could be high.

The officials said army units were air dropping rations and helping local relief workers evacuate residents.

The officials said the rampaging flood waters caused by Monday's collapse of the Bolan Dam, an earth-filled structure, swirled across a 5,000-square-mile area in the province, which is three

times the size of Pennsylvania and has a population of 2.4 million persons.

The spokesman said drain-fed flood waters carved a breach in the middle of the army-built dam's 1,650-foot-long embankment Monday night. The breach kept widening until the dam finally collapsed and more than 1,400 feet of the embankment was carried away by the deluge.

The spokesmen said waters from the dam were flowing into the bed of the Bolan River and were fast spreading toward neighboring Sind Province. They said several villages along the way vanished in the onrush.

Baluchistan province is made up of vast arid, rugged and sun-baked stretches of land interspersed with dazzling mountain ranges.

## Busing riot rocks Boston; youths clash with police

BOSTON (UPI) — Police clashed with several hundred youths in South Boston last night when an anti-busing demonstration turned violent on the eve of Boston's third year of court-ordered school desegregation.

Police said 11 persons, including seven police officers, were injured, none seriously. Police said nine persons were arrested.

A police spokesman said the trouble began shortly before 9 p.m. when a motorcade of at least 100 cars entered

Andrews Square at the end of an anti-busing parade through South Boston.

A black MBTA bus driver was injured when his windshield was shattered by rocks. Two officers were injured when they came to the driver's aid, police said.

More than 100 police reinforcements were sent to the area.

Earlier yesterday officials predicted a calm opening of schools today and said police presence in the streets and classrooms would be reduced.



Push me-pull you

Enjoying the end of summer on a skateboard built for two are John Knapp and Bruce Hermanowicz, both of State College, as they roll down the sidewalks near East Pattee.

Photo by Tim Woodbury

### Weather

Enjoy the closing days of summer as sunny, warm weather continues today and tomorrow. The high both days will be 85, and the low tonight 56.