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Climb and cut

A member of a tree caring crew found a shady place to work yesterday in the tops of the Mall (trees) near Pollock Road.

Mao Tse-tung dies; power struggle likely

TOKYO (AP) — Chairman Mao Tse-tung died yesterday, plunging China into an uncertain political future and leaving a gaping hole in the leadership of the world's most populous nation.

As if anticipating a power struggle for Mao's mantle, the Central Committee of the Communist party issued an appeal for unity.

In a statement, the committee pledged to "carry on the cause left behind by Chairman Mao."

The No. 2 man in the party has been Hua Kuo-feng, 57, regarded as a compromise candidate between the quarreling radicals led by Mao's widow, Chiang Ching, and the moderates led by followers of the late Premier Chou En-lai and his protégé, ousted Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping.

But the succession to the chairmanship was uncertain and severe jockeying for power had already begun going on for some time. The official Peking People's Daily recently hinted of "armed struggle" between the two factions, although no reports of bloodshed have surfaced.

PSU prof calls Mao 'great leader'

Mao Tse-tung was one of the great leaders in human history because of the great influence he had over so many people for such a long time, Parris Chang, a political science professor at the University, said yesterday.

Chairman Mao, ailing political leader of Communist China, died yesterday at 82.

Mao has ruled for more than a quarter of a century, and since 1949 he has promoted revolutionary change in China, Chang said. Mao's revolutionary ways have created a division in the priorities his successors will set for China, he said.

The 82-year-old Mao died at 12:10 a.m. — 12:10 p.m. EDT Wednesday — the Hsinhua news agency said. He had been ill for some time and had acted more as a mediator in China's affairs than a day-by-day boss of the country.

Hsinhua said no foreign governments or groups would be invited to send representatives to a memorial rally set for Sept. 18.

The news agency did not give the cause of death or say where Mao died. American and other recent visitors to China reported he was frail and had trouble speaking. Medical experts who studied films of his recent appearances said he showed symptoms of Parkinson's disease.

The Central Committee ordered a mourning period to last until the memorial rally in Peking on Sept. 18.

There was no immediate indication who might emerge as a successor to Mao, leader of the People's Republic since he declared its founding on Oct. 1, 1949. Under the party constitution of 1973, the central committee of 195 members must choose the chairman.

Chang added that Mao's death will cause a struggle for succession to his position, and no peaceful, orderly transition of power will take place. "Those who want to rule will have to fight it out among themselves, and Mao will have caused it," he said.

China's foreign relations may improve as a result of Mao's death, Chang said, especially Sino-Soviet relations. "However," he said, "I do not foresee any alliance between China and Russia, as took place in the 50's."

"I also do not foresee an alliance between China and Russia in order to 'gang up on' the United States," Chang said.

Residence halls also to vote on issue

Canvassing policy faces court decision

By MIKE MENTREK
Collegian Staff Writer

The pros and cons of the University's canvassing policy continue to be argued on two fronts: residence halls and the Superior Court of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

Several dorm areas will hold a vote among residents later today to decide if the residence hall's doors will be closed to canvassers.

At the same time, attorneys representing the University and the American Civil Liberties Union are preparing opening arguments to be presented next Wednesday in appeal

proceedings for a suit challenging the University's canvassing policy.

The ACLU is appealing Centre County Judge R. Paul Campbell's December 1975 ruling that upheld the University's canvassing regulations. The policy gives on-campus residents the right to vote to restrict canvassing in their individual dorm.

Steve Brush, former director of the Undergraduate Student Government department of student affairs, and two other plaintiffs in the case filed the charges in 1975 after Brush was prohibited from going door to door in the dorms to campaign for a Centre County candidate. Brush contends that the canvassing policy is a violation of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, which guarantees freedom of speech.

ACLU attorney Virginia Eisenstein and the legal representatives of the University will each be given 15 minutes in the proceedings to argue their views. The Superior Court judges then will deliberate on the case, deriving background information from briefs filed by both sides and from Centre County Common Pleas Court records and testimony transcripts.

Both Eisenstein and Grant Fleming, an attorney with the firm defending the University, said they did not expect a final ruling from the Superior Court for at least a month.

Meanwhile, Paul Stevenson, director of USG's department of political affairs,

continued to question Residential Life's handling of the canvassing voting procedure.

The Department of Political Affairs had distributed flyers in dorm students' mailboxes last week urging students to keep their dorms open to canvassing and to ignore what it claimed was a campaign on the University's part to convince them that canvassers were bothersome.

Confusion surrounding the University's policy for determining the status of dorm residents who cast no vote on canvassing led to the accusations that Residential Life was "biased against canvassing in administering the vote among dorm residents."

Stevenson said in the days following Upcraft's explanation, he found several members of the Association of Residence Hall Students and a few RAs who also were under the mistaken impression that non-voting students were tallied as favoring no canvassing.

Stevenson claimed the confusion was due to "a tremendous lack of communication between Upcraft and his staff." He met with Upcraft on Tuesday and asked if USG, under its own funding, could prepare a kit explaining the canvassing voting guidelines that could be distributed to dorm area coordinators to eliminate any confusion. Upcraft refused, according to Stevenson.

Upcraft later phoned each area coordinator and reviewed the voting

procedure with them. Upcraft said he would impound the canvassing ballots following one vote of each dorm "in case there is a question of irregularity. I am concerned about the integrity of the election."

He said any confusion about the status of no-show voters in last year's canvassing decisions would have had no effect on the closing of any dorms to canvassing. In the actual elections, RAs record no show votes separately from figures on open and closed votes. The area coordinator later incorporates the no-shows from individual dorm houses into the vote for an entire building.

Even if some coordinators had mistakenly tallied the nonvoters as favoring closed canvassing, none of the final results would have been affected. No-show votes were minimal in all areas, according to Upcraft.

Upcraft added that if any confusion did occur, it was to the pro-canvasser's advantage, since students who did not vote would mistakenly have thought they were voting for closed canvassing.

Stevenson said a conflict of interest still exists in the process because RAs, as employees of the University, administer the vote, and he maintains the University is anti-canvassing. He proposed that the canvassing balloting be supervised by representatives of ARHS or the residence hall governments.

By MARTY SMITH
Collegian Staff Writer

Students planning to dramatize their views of the University alcohol policy by putting an end to football tailgate parties may see their efforts go down the drain.

Some RAs and other concerned students had planned to work with the campus police and enforce the University policy, which states that "consumption or distribution of alcoholic beverages is not permitted in any location other than residence hall rooms of students 21 years of age or older."

But, according to David E. Stormer, director of University safety, a lack of personnel may prohibit the police from enforcing the policy.

"We don't have the resources to cover the tailgate parties that we would like to have," he said. "We just don't have the personnel."

Stormer said that officers assigned to traffic details must remain at their posts during the games, and will not be allowed to leave them to enforce the regulation.

The students, however, said they feel that if the policy is to be enforced in the residence halls, it should be enforced at the tailgate parties, since they take place on University grounds.

Similar action taken by students at Michigan State University helped lower the legal drinking age in Michigan from 21 to 18. Stormer said the incident at Michigan State occurred under different circumstances than exist here.

Stormer said that, unlike the Board of Trustees at Penn State, the trustees at Michigan State have the power to enact a state ordinance. At Penn State, the trustee's power extends only to University regulations, and not to state laws, he added.

"In other words, there is a significant difference between what happened at Michigan State and what happened here," he said. "Many people confuse laws and rules. Rules are what we abide by while we are on University property. Laws are things that everyone must abide by."

While on University property, one agrees to abide by University rules, he said.

Although there is no ordinance that prohibits public drinking in State College, University regulations prohibit it. If there is a violation of the University regulations, such as a tailgate party with public drinking, Stormer said action could follow.

"If we chose to follow up on the violation, an officer would warn the tailgaters that a regulation has been broken. If the violation continues, the officer would ask the violators to leave the University grounds," he said.

Stormer said that, unlike the incident at Michigan State, University police can't issue a citation or confiscate the liquor from any person drinking in public who is 21 years of age.

"Legal action can't be taken for the violation of a regulation," he said. "Our resources are just stretched too thin at football games to strictly enforce the policy on the tailgaters."

Drinking policy hearing scheduled

By BOB FRICK
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The Undergraduate Student Government will begin hearings at 7 p.m. next Wednesday in 301 HUB into the controversial alcohol crackdown by the Residential Life office.

USG Vice President Dave Hickton, who will chair the hearings, said, "The hearings will attempt to determine a course of action by getting students' viewpoints."

The viewpoints, in the form of sworn testimony, will be taken from any students who wish to testify.

"It is absolutely essential," said USG President W.T. Williams, "that the student body understands that unless this prohibition is challenged, other transgressions will occur."

"The state drinking age, as a law to be enforced, is not of great concern here," Williams said. "What is the issue is the University's ability to have double and even triple standards regarding the enforcement of laws."

The issue is the enforcement policy and whether and to what degree RAs should enforce the policy, Hickton said.

Williams said that by playing the role of warden RAs would not be able to have full communication with students.

USG was not requesting that the administration openly advocate the consumption of alcohol by minors; Williams said, although there are strong arguments for reducing the drinking age to 18.

"I think it would be safe to say that USG would be satisfied with either a negation of Upcraft's (Residential Life Director M. Lee Upcraft) directive or else simply a non-enforcement of the policy."

"We've received so much support. The students need something to rally behind," Hickton said. USG is obligated to represent student interests, Williams said, and as such, is committed to seeing the matter to its conclusion.

"They're personalizing it to me," Upcraft said. "If they want change they should change the University's law, not change Lee Upcraft."

The new drinking policy prohibits the possession and use of alcoholic beverages by any student under the age of 21. It also forbids the consumption of liquor on all

University property except in private residence halls of students older than 21.

Residential Life adopted a stricter policy for the enforcement of these guidelines by RAs. At the same time, the warning card system usually used in first offence cases was eliminated. The majority of alcohol violations now will result in immediate referral.

Williams and his advisers have been considering possible USG-sponsored reactions to the stricter policy.

One of these involves bringing the police to football games to enforce the University regulations prohibiting drinking on Beaver Stadium property.

"If some alumni had made the mistake of drinking a quart of whiskey at a football game, would consumption at the games be halted?" Williams asked.

"I find it an unacceptable contradiction that illegal drinking in the dorms is so vigorously searched out while other levels of the University are apparently exempt from scrutiny," Williams said.

Penn State wins praise on report card

By MIKE SEVER
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Four areas for improvement were included in a recent favorable report on University procedures made during an accreditation review.

The regular 10-year review of programs is conducted by the commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association, a voluntary system of academic review maintained by United States colleges and universities.

The commission's report centered on four areas of major concern — emergent patterns of University governance, planning for Commonwealth Campuses, the academic program review and the implementation of the 1972 academic policy plan.

Stanley O. Ikenberry, senior vice president for University development and relations said "taken as a whole, the report was very laudatory." He also said specific recommendations and observations from the report would be brought to the attention of the departments concerned.

According to the report, the investigating team found evidence of

"unresolved problems and tensions" about questions of linkage between the making of academic and educational policy, and the handling of fiscal matters.

They also noticed "unease about the consequences of a one-track, University-wide system for the assignment of rank and tenure in faculty appointments."

Ikenberry said the policy for promotion and tenure is only a year old, so it is still too early to tell what faculty feeling really is. He said procedures for gathering information may be revised but the policy would not be changed.

Ikenberry will speak before the Faculty Senate at its meeting Tuesday on the suggestions made by the accreditation investigating team.

In the area of long-range planning for Commonwealth Campuses, Ikenberry said a preliminary report on branch campus needs and growth potential has been completed.

The University recognizes the need for sufficient detailed planning to allow the branch campuses to meet the changing needs of their clients and to present necessary educational programs for their locales, Ikenberry said.

The accreditation team said it found little evidence of comprehensive five and ten-year planning for the branch campuses. But Ikenberry said the new report on needs meets the planning requirements.

The accreditation report commended the attitudes of staff, faculty and students at Commonwealth Campuses and noted the excellent communications among the campuses and their work within the communities.

The investigating team noted a wide variance in depth and breadth of coverage in the academic program reviews, particularly on the graduate programs.

The report said "almost none of the reviews undertook to look very far ahead." It also noted that very little

consideration was given to study opinion on the programs.

In the comments on the implementation of the 1972 academic policy plan, the accreditation report notes "an unusual satisfaction on the part of students with their access to the decision-making process in all things academic," and with the responsiveness of faculty and administration at the college and departmental level to student needs and concerns.

The report did note that some students seem less content with access to the decision-making process in considerations other than academic. It says that this may be the result of a large number of parallel committees and organizations, and that this may be inevitable in a large student body on a large central campus with a number of diverse programs.



Sacked out

Photo by Barry Wyshinski

A student takes advantage of the last sunny day for a while, napping amidst the hubbub of Dimensions, the activities fair on the HUB lawn yesterday. See story, more pictures on pages 16-17.

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Rain, heavy at times, will continue into Saturday morning. The high temperature today will be 67, the low tonight 54. The rain should taper off to a few light showers or sprinkles by game time on Saturday. It will remain cloudy and windy throughout the game, along with a bone chilling high temperature of only 57. So bundle up!