

Teamsters accept University's contract



Photo by Eric Fleck

Teamster Local 8 member Sandra Arrison checks the identification of a fellow employe Ivan Owens before the union voted last night on the University's latest contract offer.

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Teamsters Local Union 8 last night accepted the University's latest contract offer in a vote 84 short of the number needed for a strike.

Some 625 members, a 59 per cent majority, voted to reject the contract and initiate a strike, and 437 voted to accept the offer. The contract was accepted, however, because a two-thirds majority was required to reject the contract. A vote of one third of the members was sufficient to accept the offer.

Union officers had recommended acceptance of the contract by a 6-1 vote.

After Local 8 Secretary-treasurer C. Rodney Knepp announced that the contract had been accepted, several union members voiced their disapproval from the floor of the University Auditorium, where the vote was held.

"Are you happy, Rodney?" one member shouted, "You pushed us down the Goddamn drain."

"I had one vote, one ballot, same as you," Knepp answered. "We're going to suffer through another two years," another member said.

A total of 1,078 union members voted. A committee of 12 members voided 16 ballots and accepted the rest.

Union members, on the recommendation of their officers voted 1,068 to 196 to reject the University's first offer Aug. 26.

After the rejection, the negotiations went to mediation. The present contract is a result of the mediation.

The new proposal offers the same wage rate as the previously rejected offer.

However, while the rejected offer provided for an additional six cents an hour raise to employees with 10 years service, the new contract provides an additional six-cent raise to all employees effective next Jan. 1. This amounts to an average 7.5 per cent increase during the first year of the new contract, exceeding the 6.6 per cent increase of the rejected proposal. The pay raise is retroactive to last July 1.

The new contract which covers the two years from July 1976 to June 1978 calls for new wage negotiations at the end of the first year.

The University said it is willing to discuss an increased insurance payment plan to include coverage of employee dependents for the second year. The union's demand for the plan was not met in the current offer.

The University also did not meet the union's demand for vacation schedules that matched those of other University employes. However, the University did agree to a clause in the contract forbidding the University to use outside contractors for work that could be done by Teamster employes.

Local 8 represents more than 2,000 University employes, including dining hall, maintenance and farm workers.

Judges split 4-2-1

Court kills Rizzo recall

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Sipping from a glass of champagne, Mayor Frank Rizzo said yesterday he was "pleased and gratified" that the Pennsylvania Supreme Court had killed a recall petition that would have forced him to defend his office in a yes-no election Nov. 2.

"It's over. Finished," Rizzo told newsmen. "I never had any doubt that the Supreme Court would rule fairly based on facts and the law and not on emotion. The law was on my side."

In an 83-word order, the state's highest tribunal upheld a ruling by the city commissioners that petitions submitted to force a recall vote were invalid. The high court, by a 4-2-1 vote, reversed an order placing the issue on the ballot by Common Pleas Court Judge David Savitt.

In killing the recall action, the court said it would issue opinions explaining the order later. Lawyers for the 55-year-

old mayor said the ruling also declared the recall question unconstitutional, but the court did not immediately release their opinions.

Last spring, a committee of dissident voters organized the recall effort. They said the mayor withheld information of a growing financial debt during his campaign and then raised property and wage taxes by a record 30 per cent.

During that stormy period, Rizzo stayed at arm's length from the media,

refusing to hold press conferences or answer questions on the matter. Those heading the recall movement also charged the mayor of involvement with a union action against the Philadelphia Inquirer that shut down the paper for one edition.

The ad hoc Citizens Committee to Recall Rizzo collected more than 211,000 signatures. For the petition to have forced Rizzo to a recall showdown, 145,000 valid signatures were required.

Syrian forces pound Palestinian guerrillas

ALEY, Lebanon (AP) — Palestinian guerrillas suffered a major loss to Syrian forces early yesterday and the top guerrilla leadership met in this mountain resort to decide whether to continue fighting or to negotiate.

Syrian armored units kept up their advance and clashed with guerrilla forward positions five miles from the villa where overall guerrilla chief Yasir Arafat met with his senior military lieutenants.

A Palestinian source said they were choosing between "war or talk."

After meeting for six hours, the guerrilla leaders were reported moving their discussions to Beirut. Nothing was revealed of the talks.

Lebanese leftist sources said Syria was demanding that the Palestinians give up their positions on the Beirut-Damascus highway and start withdrawing to refugee camps to the south.

Aley is on the highway 10 miles east of Beirut. Forward positions of the guerrillas and their leftist Moslem allies are five miles east around another resort town, Bhamdoun.

There was no word yesterday on responses to Egypt's call Wednesday for a limited Arab summit within 48 hours to deal with the worsened crisis in the 17-month-old Lebanese civil war. Cease-fire efforts by new Lebanese President

Elias Sarkis and Arab League mediator Dr. Hassan Sabri Kholi have so far proved futile.

Guerrilla positions in an area jutting into the 800-square-mile enclave of their right-wing Christian enemies north of the highway were overrun after a two-day Syrian push that began at dawn Tuesday.

The radio operated by the Phalange party, which has the largest Christian militia, said if the guerrillas fail to withdraw by peaceful negotiations "they will be committing military suicide."

Christians demand that the guerrillas stop their support of the leftist-Moslem side in the civil war, return to their refugee camps and submit to Lebanese control of their armed activities.

On other fronts, Palestinians said Syrian guns had been pounding the northern port of Tripoli for 24 hours.

Syria intervened in the Lebanese war with 13,000 troops and 450 tanks in June when the Palestinian-leftist alliance appeared to have the Christians on the run. Syria began aiding the Christian side in the hope of forcing the Palestinians and leftists to negotiate.

The Palestinians are now boxed in, holding less than one-fifth of the country, with their bases along the Israeli border lost and their backs to the Mediterranean.

Firm cleared in Kepone dumping

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A federal judge yesterday acquitted Allied Chemical Corp. of contributing to pollution of the James River by dumping the toxic insecticide ingredient Kepone into a sewer system.

Kepone, in much smaller amounts, was also found this summer in Spring Creek, northeast of State College, Pennsylvania is currently investigating the company that produced it (Nease Chemical Co.) on Route 26.

"There simply isn't sufficient evidence to sustain a guilty verdict" on the 10 charges remaining against the

company after 144 charges were dismissed Wednesday, U.S. District Court Judge Robert R. Merhige Jr. said. "I'm simply not satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt that Allied entered into a criminal partnership with Life Science Products Co."

Allied was acquitted of nine counts of aiding and abetting Life Science Products, which manufactured Kepone for Allied, in dumping the chemical from its plant into the Hopewell sewer system and one count of conspiring with Life Science Products to perpetuate the

pollution. Allied Chemical earlier this year pleaded no contest to 941 charges of violating federal antipollution laws by discharging Kepone into the James over a period of several years when it manufactured its own Kepone at Hopewell.

Life Science Products, which manufactured the chemical for Allied for 16 months beginning in March 1973, was closed by the state in July 1975 after many employees were sickened by Kepone poisoning.

Study lounge living to end soon

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To the delight of some and the dismay of others, temporary housing is swiftly becoming a thing of the past for University students this term.

According to Otto Mueller, director of Housing and Food Services, only seven women and 123 men still need permanent rooms. He expects that all the "women will be moved out within ten days and that the men will be moved by the end of the term."

"Students are being moved out quicker than they have been in recent years," Mueller said. "With 12,000 undergraduates in the dorm areas, there have been enough students dropping out so that we can offer permanent spaces to the people in temporary housing."

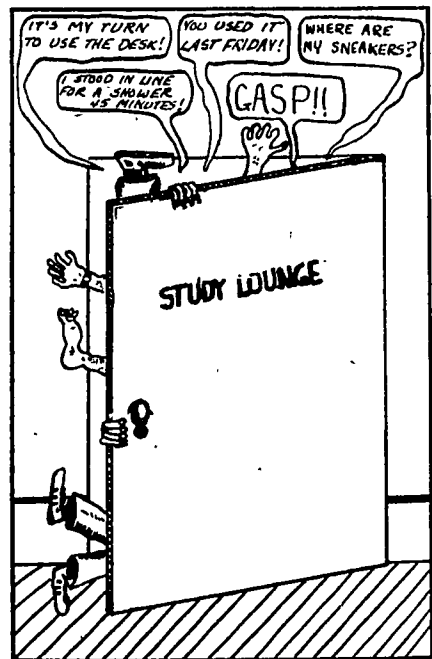
Mueller added that students are offered rooms in the order they filed their contracts. If a student turns down a space, we go to the next one on the list," Mueller said.

When asked if there was anything a

student could do if he was dissatisfied with his new room, Mueller said no student can get out of his dorm contract until the end of the year unless he files for a direct room exchange. "If a student is now unhappy with his room and wants to leave, he must find a person who wants to move in. This person goes into temporary space. People already in temporary housing are moved into the permanent space first," Mueller said.

According to Mueller, students have not complained about the living conditions in temporaries. He said that some students requested to stay in these rooms because they are larger than some of the permanent ones. A good example of this is in West Halls, where temporary housing residents face the chance of being placed in a single room which is much smaller than some of the study lounges.

Students living in small singles converted to doubles, in triples, or in temporaries all pay \$30 less per term for their rooms than students living in other



dorm space. However, another spokesman for Housing and Food Service said that when a person is moved to a regular sized room, he must pay back the reduction he received for the weeks he will be in his new space.

Some students said they really didn't care when they were moved out of temporary housing. One student in Packer Hall, who shared his converted study lounge with only one other roommate, wanted to stay as long as possible because he liked the extra space. Since a telephone is installed in all temporary rooms, he said he would also miss sharing a phone with just one other person.

On the other hand, some students who shared a room with between four and six others were happy to be getting out.

"It was hard because we all went to bed at different times and you could never stay up late without bothering somebody else," said one girl who had three roommates when she lived in temporary housing.

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Minutiae: For it's Dean, Dean, Dean!

John Dean, noted lecturer and convicted felon, will speak 8 p.m. Tuesday at University Auditorium. The speech will be sponsored by Colloquy.

According to reliable sources, Dean's wife, the ever-popular and beautiful Mo, will probably attend the speech and may even be cajoled into answering a few questions from the audience.

Dean's former boss, a well-known resident of San Clemente, Calif., does not plan to attend. And he will not answer any questions. Ever.

Monday is the last day to register to vote in the upcoming Jerry Ford-Jimmy Carter free for all.

Star-gazing shot voyeurism will be the order of the day tonight, as the Astronomy Club opens Davey Lab for those interested in heavenly bodies.

Members of the club will help focus the lab's telescopes on Jupiter and its moons, the Ring and Andromeda nebulae and the moon. The public is invited.

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Rain or cloud date is tomorrow night.

Yesterday was a lousy, soggy example of the State College monsoon season. It was even worse for the local weathermen.

From Thursday's Daily Collegian: "Sunny this morning, becoming partly cloudy this afternoon and tonight."

From Wednesday's Centre Daily Times: "Tomorrow the skies will be partly cloudy with a high of 65."

From Thursday's Pennsylvania Mirror: "Partly cloudy through tomorrow . . . Chance of rain 20 per cent today and tonight."

And the score is: State College weather 3, weathermen 0.

Weather

All right, it rained yesterday. We'll stake our weathervane that a nice Saturday is coming up, a Saturday free of puddles and dark clouds. There will be intervals of clouds and sunshine today with slightly milder temperatures. High 65. Partly cloudy, cool weather tonight will give way to mostly sunny skies and pleasant temperatures on Saturday. High 69.

Dial 'B' (or 116) for Bureaucracy

Resident Assistants and dorm area coordinators had unlisted phone numbers for the first part of the term, thanks to a marvelous case of bureaucratic overkill.

Callers to University information last week were told that M. Lee Upcraft, director of Residential Life, had ordered that the phone numbers not be given out under any circumstances. The operators were upset; they were afraid that somebody would call in an emergency, and they wouldn't be allowed to give out the numbers.

Not so, says Upcraft. Upcraft says his office asked the operators to avoid giving the numbers out until the new student directories were published. He said RAs and coordinators are often called by students seeking numbers, and his office wanted to

spare them that nuisance.

Upcraft says he did not order the operators to keep RAs and coordinators incognito entirely. But somebody took off on the edit, and RAs and coordinators became unpersons, at least for the first part of the term.

Ah, but there is a happy ending to the story. Upcraft's office issued a memo last week, and the numbers are once again available. Resident assistants' numbers are being issued if callers ask for either the RA or his floor; coordinators' numbers are given out when the coordinator is asked for by name, or in case of emergency. Residential Life is happy, the operators are happy and potential callers are happy.

Now, if Upcraft could only do the same thing with beer . . .

Tidy Bowl Man, beware!

It was through last Saturday's Tennessee-Auburn football game. Keith Jackson or Jim Simpson or one of ABC's other announcers finished drooling over a play, and they cut away for a commercial.

Suddenly, Mimi Barash was on the screen.

Mimi Barash runs Barash Advertising, one of the State College's largest firms and the publishers of Town and Gown. She is an alumni member of the University Board of Trustees. She is not noted for acting in television commercials.

But there she was, working in her office as a narrator extolled the virtues of a college education. Then, she looked up at the camera, and said, "It's worth it." And then, it was back to the football game.

The commercial is one of several filmed this summer using local people. The commercials, which will be shown nationally, are aimed at persuading more people to attend college.

Barash says she enjoyed making the commercial, but she hasn't seen it yet.

Hastings meets the paws that refresh

We received a university press release the other day, and we're beginning to understand why Andy Bailey does what he does.

You know Andy Bailey. The Nittany Lion. He of the pushups and hairy paws. Well, Andy has been receiving calls and notes from anonymous admirers for the last term. Finally, the admirer set a date to meet at the Nittany Lion — the limestone lion near Rec Hall.

When he got there, the release says, he "was overwhelmed by 30 screaming coeds" — the women of third floor Hastings, who apparently have had a crush on the fake feline for the past year.

And that, apparently, is where the tail ends.



Photo by Timothy Woodbury

The Lion

Corrections

With all the corrections we have to print, it's nice to know that some other people make mistakes, too. In the easy access section of the student handbook, two telephone numbers were incorrect; the correct number of the ticket office is 865-5767, and the number of the Division of Undergraduate Studies is 865-7576.

Now, for one of our own. Rep. Lawrence Coughlin was identified as a Democrat in two articles in the Collegian this week. He is a Republican, and even admits it.