

Collegian notes

The Nutrition Consultation Service is open for Winter Term. Call 863-0613 for an appointment or come to 243 Ritenour Monday or Friday mornings from 9 to noon, any afternoon from 2 to 5, or Monday evenings from 8:30 to 9.

The Volunteer Service Center will sponsor an orientation meeting for people interested in volunteer programs at Laurelton State School and hospital 7 tonight in 318-319 HUB.

Delta Nu Alpha, the transportation fraternity, will discuss cooperative education opportunities for business logistics students 7:30 tonight at Kappa Sigma fraternity, 255 Highland Ave.

Lesbian Collective will meet 8:30 tonight at the Women's Resource Center on Beaver Avenue.

Alpha Epsilon Delta meets 7 tonight in 220 Willard.

The Keystone Society meets 7 tonight for its Christmas party. All members are invited. For more information, call Terry at 238-4757.

Professor H. Tanaka of the Japanese language and literature program will present Japanese films for her classes 7:30 tonight in 320 HUB. All are invited. Admission is free. The films include: "Modern Architecture in Japan," "Gardens of Japan," and "Art of Flower Arrangement."

East Halls Residence Association is sponsoring a bazaar in the corridors of Findlay Union Building from

4 to 7 p.m. today through Friday.

Post time for a night at the races in Findlay Rec Room is 9 tonight.

The speech communication undergraduate forum, an organization for all students interested in speech communication, broadcasting, and communication studies, will meet 7:30 tonight in 13 Sparks.

The camera club meets 7 tonight in 67 Willard. Program topics are solarization and care of negatives.

A free introductory lecture on the transcendental meditation program will be given 8 tonight in 111 Chambers.

Persons interested in becoming student advisors in the College for the Liberal Arts for next year may pick up applications in 129 and 131 Sparks.

Seniors, don't miss your last chance to get your picture taken for La Vie. Final sitting dates are today through Friday. Sign up in 206 HUB.

Resident Assistant applications for next year are available at the HUB desk, area coordinators' offices, and the Residential Life Programs office, 335 Boucke. Deadline is Dec. 22.

A program for anyone interested in quitting smoking will begin Jan. 3. For information, call 237-1342 evenings between 6 and 10.

The sexually transmitted diseases workshop meets 7:30 tonight in 314 Boucke.

The finance club will sponsor a talk by a representative from Moore, Leonard and Lynch, Inc. 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in 311 Boucke.

Tonight is the last opportunity to qualify for Saturday's Circuit II air hockey tournament finals. The tournament continues 7 tonight at Armenara Bowling Lanes.

The Econ Club meets 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in 603 Kern.

UNICEF Christmas cards are on sale today through Friday at a table on ground floor HUB.

The Feminist Forum and the Women's Self Help Group will show the film "Taking Our Bodies Back" at 8 tonight in 225 HUB. Use of a speculum will be taught. This week's forum is for women only.

The Free U course, home bartending, will meet 7 tonight in 350 Frear.

The Gas Heart will meet with the Free U course on producing experimental theater 7:30 tonight in 309 Willard.

The Free U course, figuredrawing, meets 7 tonight in 313 Hammond.

Communion services for the Metropolitan Community Church will be held 7:30 tonight in Eisenhower Chapel.

The Association for Women Students will meet 7:15 tonight in 225 HUB. The future of AWS will be discussed.

The Hetzel Union Board presents the videotape, "Christmas in Chinatown," from 12:30 to 1:30 this afternoon in the HUB's Old Gallery Lounge.

An international coffeehouse with Wendy Schneider and Denny Straussogel will be presented from 8:30 to 10:30 tonight in 301 HUB.

A Christmas party with Alpha Kappa Psi will be given 7:30 tonight at Zeta Psi, 225 E. Foster Ave.

Xmas tree thieves face charges

By PAUL CORBRAN
Collegian Staff Writer

You pull your car over to the side of a desolate dirt road and turn the engine off. After looking around to make sure there is no one in sight, you slip out of the vehicle and walk into the nearby woods.

It's quiet... the only sound you hear is the crunching of the snow under your feet. Your eyes are scanning the trees as you pass until you see one and think, "Yeah! That'll look perfect in the living room."

Twenty minutes later you're dragging the seven-foot pine towards the road, still sweating from the strenuous work of chopping it down. Visions of sugar plums dance in your head until you see the police car parked behind yours.

People caught stealing trees can be charged with theft and can receive up to \$25,000 in fines and-or up to three years imprisonment, according to District Magistrate Clifford H. Yorks.

Yorks said tree thieves generally are given a third degree misdemeanor charge of theft, but the degree could be higher depending on



the property damages. Once charged, the suspect would receive a preliminary hearing and the case would be sent to the Court of Common Pleas of Centre County. Any fines or imprisonment would be decided upon

by the judge.

The suspect also could be charged with criminal mischief, Yorks said, depending on the arresting officer. A charge of criminal mischief would be settled at the magistrate's office and could carry up to \$300 in fines and-or 90 days in jail.

Yorks said he handles about eight to 10 such cases every year, adding that the first one of this year was brought in this week.

State police said a dozen or so tree thefts are reported to them each year, but only a few have been reported so far this year. State police added that the percentage of such cases solved is low because of difficulties in investigating them.

Yorks said most of the people caught stealing Christmas trees are students from fraternities and parent houses. "It would be a lot cheaper and a lot better if they would just go out and buy one," Yorks said. He added that even if the tree thief survives the risk of a criminal record, it costs more to have the case settled than it does to buy a tree.

Pa. officials back pregnancy coverage

HARRISBURG (AP) — Disability or sick leave programs in Pennsylvania must cover pregnant employees, despite a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling, the state Human Relations Commission said yesterday.

The high court ruled last Tuesday that a General Electric disability benefits plan that excludes pregnancy coverage does not violate the Civil Rights Act or the equal protection safeguards of the Constitution.

"Nothing in the U.S. Supreme Court's opinion persuades us that our interpretation of the state law

is either incorrect or bad policy," Homer Floyd, executive director of the commission, said in a statement.

The Pennsylvania Human Relations Act was amended in 1969 to prohibit sexual discrimination against employees. Floyd said, "The Pennsylvania Supreme Court is the final authority for the interpretation of the... Act."

The commission has a case pending in Commonwealth Court on the pregnancy-disability issue. Floyd said in a telephone interview that the same

court already has ruled once in favor of coverage for pregnant women in 1975.

He said the court's opinion read, "Pregnancy is a physical disability, although naturally limited to women, which may not be treated differently from other long-term physical disabilities suffered by all employees."

Floyd also said that Pennsylvania, unlike the United States, has adopted an Equal Rights Amendment to its Constitution, prohibiting sexual discrimination.

Panel seeks guaranteed family income

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A National Academy of Sciences panel, citing increasingly destructive pressures on families, yesterday recommended that every family be guaranteed an annual income of at least \$7,000 a year for a family of four.

The panel did not propose a specific plan for achieving a

guaranteed annual income but said in a report to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare that some form of tax credit or negative income "is promising."

"A national policy for children and families should begin with a program to ensure that families have the minimum income necessary to provide adequate food, shelter and care for their children," said the report by an advisory committee on child development with the NAS National Research Council.

Panelists explained at a news conference that for a non-farm family of four their recommendation would

translate to more than \$7,000 a year.

The advisory committee was created in 1971 at HEW's request.

It said the family, as an institution, is on the skids and needs outside help like money and improved health care to cope with such pressures as rising divorce and births to unwed mothers.

An estimated 20 million children receive inadequate health care or none at all, the report said. More than 3 million children live in families earning less than \$5,000 a year. Some 1.8 million school-age children have no formal care between the hours of school closing and their parents' return from

work.

In trying to deal with the pressures of modern society, families are increasingly isolated from the institutions that have traditionally played a central role in family life and the socialization of children in this country," the report said.

"Because of urbanization and its attendant anonymity and impersonality... and the growing secularization of society, the family is less likely to receive support in its

childrearing responsibilities from the extended family, the neighborhood and the community, the church.

"Without outside support, therefore, it seems likely that the problems faced by families and children will increase in severity and that the rates of child abuse, crime, drug dependency, failure in school and other indicators of our inattention to the problems of children and families will also grow."

No Shapp job predicted

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Maybe Gov. Milton J. Shapp had a talk with would-be prophet Jeanne Dixon before announcing last week that he was staying put in the state capital.

Mrs. Dixon predicted

yesterday that Shapp won't be getting a top post in Jimmy Carter's administration.

"I like Gov. Shapp very much, but I feel that Carter is not on his wave-length. Not just yet, anyway," she said.

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