

Housing code intern planned

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The Organization of Town Independent Students is trying to establish an internship for a student to assist the State College housing code enforcer, according to OTIS president Dean Moore.

Housing codes are not being enforced adequately, Moore said. A recent OTIS survey showed that 40 per cent of all State College apartment buildings do not have fire extinguishers on each floor as is required in the housing codes. Moore said that other apartments had no lighting in hallways and some had broken windows.

Codes are now enforced after someone files a complaint to the code enforcer and he investigates it, Moore said. "The ideal situation would be for the borough to have a routine inspection of all buildings," he said.

Tenants are reluctant to file complaints in some cases because they fear the landlord will evict them, he added.

If the codes were enforced more, it might persuade landlords to improve their buildings, Moore said.

Jim Pettingill, State College code enforcer, said another enforcer is definitely needed for the area. "I am presently the only one and it's difficult for me to cover

three townships by myself," he said.

Pettingill added that the borough will appoint another code enforcer within the next few weeks and a student intern wouldn't be necessary.

"I'm not sure two code enforcers could cover the entire town," said Richard Kummer, State College representative to the Centre Regional Code Enforcement Commission.

The commission is scheduled to meet today and Kummer said he will try to get the item on the agenda. Some of the commission members seem favorable to the idea, Kummer said.

There are no set qualifications for the intern yet. Kummer said he thought the student should be in community development, while Dean Moore said he thought the student should be in architectural engineering.

After the idea has been accepted, OTIS and the Centre County Regional Code Enforcement Commission will make definite plans for the internship.

Moore said he thinks the internship will be voluntary and will offer credits. "The whole idea is to save the borough the money by having a student do the work rather than hiring more professionals and raising taxes," he said.

Dean says proof is lacking

Theory of new ice age disputed

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According to Dr. Charles L. Hosler, dean of the college of Earth and Mineral Sciences, theories that say the ice age is coming lack conclusive proof.

He says there are as many reputable climatologists who hold to the ice age theory as there are those who believe the earth's temperature is rising.

"There are as many theories as there are people who think of them," Hosler said. "But all of this is just speculation."

"We can forecast a week ahead at the most," Hosler said. "The only prediction we can count on is that the weather is variable."

This winter's cold spell is definitely not an indication of an ice age, Hosler says. He pointed out new records are made every year in the amount of rainfall, hot and cold temperatures and the amount of snowfall.

But Hosler said the past 50 years have people concerned. "If you look at temperatures in the Northern Hemisphere over the last 1,000 years, and then at temperatures over the last 50 years, you will note there hasn't been a period at any time in recorded history when it has been so warm for so long as it has been over the past half century."

And so this winter proves that there is no way of predicting what is to come. Hosler said over billions



of years there have been certain trends, but throughout this period some years are much colder or warmer, than others. These exceptional years are only normal deviations.

He said 10,000 or 15,000 years ago there was an ice shelf that came as far as Williamsport.

"The odds makers would say that chances are that these last 50 years have been the exception and in the future the weather should fall back to

something like it's been over the past millennium — which means considerably colder weather to which we are now accustomed.

"But by studying the data throughout the period, it would seem logical to expect some cooling down over the next decade, perhaps," Hosler said, stressing there is no way to predict what nature will do.

He said trying to predict the weather of the future could be compared to a person going outside at a certain time during the day and predicting what the weather will be the next week.

Some factors which affect the weather are the westerly winds, currents in the oceans, the sun, and to some extent, man.

Because of pollution some of the earth's heat is trapped inside the earth's atmosphere. He said however we can predict the future, "we have to have a better understanding of nature."

"Regardless of what's ahead, the time is long overdue for some serious planning regarding food and fuel resources for the future," Hosler said.

He added that the media had a lot to do with the rise of wild speculations about the weather. "Newspapers latch onto people who have wild ideas," he said.

He said people should not really worry about an ice age now because it would take thousands of years to happen.

Embassy aid suggested to help foreign students

The University Council yesterday suggested that the University work with foreign embassies to alleviate problems foreign students encounter.

The suggestion was made during an informal discussion concerning the conditions foreign students face at the University. Other problems discussed were the foreign students' difficulties with the English language, health care, institutional food, housing and financial problems.

The Council is an advisory group to University President John W. Oswald made up of faculty and administrators.

Craig Millar, director of International Student Affairs, and three foreign graduate students participated in the discussion.

James Bartoo, chairman of

the Council, said that the Council will continue discussing the problems international students encounter during the next several meetings.

Bartoo said the Council plans to meet with officials from Housing and Food Services as well as members of both the University

Committee for International Programs and the International Hospitality Council.

The Council is looking into the International students' situation at the request of Oswald. Oswald asked the Council to make recommendations to alleviate the problem at the last Council meeting.

Union information center to be set up in Pattee

A collective bargaining information center, containing a collection of literature for and against faculty unionization, will open in Pattee Library Feb. 16.

In addition to the information center, acting University Provost James B. Bartoo announced special University mail services for unionization materials. The mail services will be for the period up to the faculty unionization election March 30 and 31.

Information may be added to the center by interested groups and individuals.

Decontamination of Kepone soil planned

Plans for the decontamination of soils thought to be the source of Kepone contamination in Spring Creek will be negotiated by government agencies and Nease Chemical Co., Dale Summit, according to the state Department of Environmental Resources (DER).

Surveys by state and federal agencies have found quantities of Kepone and Mirex, carcinogenic pesticides, in

former waste disposal sites and drainage ways of the Nease Co. The company produced Kepone in the late 50s and again in 1963. A similar compound, Mirex, was produced in 1973 and 1974. The chemicals are no longer being produced at Nease.

The levels of Kepone and Mirex in fish taken from Spring Creek in September were found to be higher than levels allowed by the federal Food and Drug Ad-

ministration (FDA). A study done by DER found that samples of the fish contained levels of .025 parts per million (ppm) to .23 ppm of Kepone and .02 ppm to 1.0 ppm of Mirex. The FDA allows levels of 1 ppm for each substance.

Charles Gummo, chief of operations for the DER office in Williamsport, said there was no immediate danger to people who consume the fish. "We don't feel anyone can eat enough trout where there can

be a danger," he said. State agencies, however, have advised that fish taken from Spring Creek should be consumed only occasionally.

Periodic fish sampling will continue until the sources of contamination are eliminated.

The DER is also studying the chemical levels of Bald Eagle Creek and Thornton Spring, both running below the Nease Co. Studies have shown the presence of Kepone in those waters.

Gummo said DER knows where the source of the contamination is, but they are not sure what can be done with it. He said DER will meet with the Nease Co. within the next two weeks to decide on a method of decontamination.

Some decontamination methods suggested by DER are: storing the soil in watertight containers, taking the soil to an approved storage area or burning it

Pa. police commissioner resigns office

HARRISBURG (AP) — State Police Commissioner James Barger, awaiting trial in connection with alleged falsification of state police records, has resigned, Gov. Shapp said yesterday.

Barger becomes the second straight Pennsylvania state police commissioner to leave office after being accused of misconduct.

His predecessor, Rocco Urella, was fired by Shapp in 1973 in a case involving wire-tapping of state policemen by their fellow officers.

A spokesman for Shapp said the governor did not request

Barger's resignation. Shapp, in Fayette County to review the energy situation there, said Barger informed him four weeks ago that he intended to resign.

The governor said he at first tried to persuade Barger to remain, but "let it be known in no uncertain terms he wanted to leave this year."

"He's had one kind of problem after another, but we have had one crisis after another. What a lot of people don't realize is the strain that has been placed on my whole team. After five or six years many of them are tiring of it."

He said Barger has done an excellent job.

Barger, 56, joined the force in 1941 and was named commissioner after Urella was fired.

"I find it necessary at this time to consider other personal commitments," Barger said in his resignation letter to Shapp.

A state police spokesman said that one of Barger's brothers died last month, and another is seriously ill in a West Virginia hospital. Barger went there Thursday to donate blood, the spokesman said.

Maj. Paul J. Chylak, 45, considered Barger's right-hand man in recent months, will be sworn in as acting commissioner next week. His name will be submitted later to the state Senate for confirmation as commissioner.

Barger made no mention in his letter of his indictment last Feb. 10 on charges of conspiracy and perjury.

He was one of three state police officials accused of ordering state troopers not to mention if fellow troopers were involved in accidents had been drinking.

Neither Barger nor Chylak would comment on the resignation until Chylak is sworn in, a state police spokesman said.

Shapp had no comment other than his two-paragraph letter to Barger, which wished Barger luck and praised his service.

State Superior Court is considering Barger's appeal that it wouldn't be a crime to delete references to drinking in accident reports. Dauphin County Court already has ruled that such deletions would be a crime.

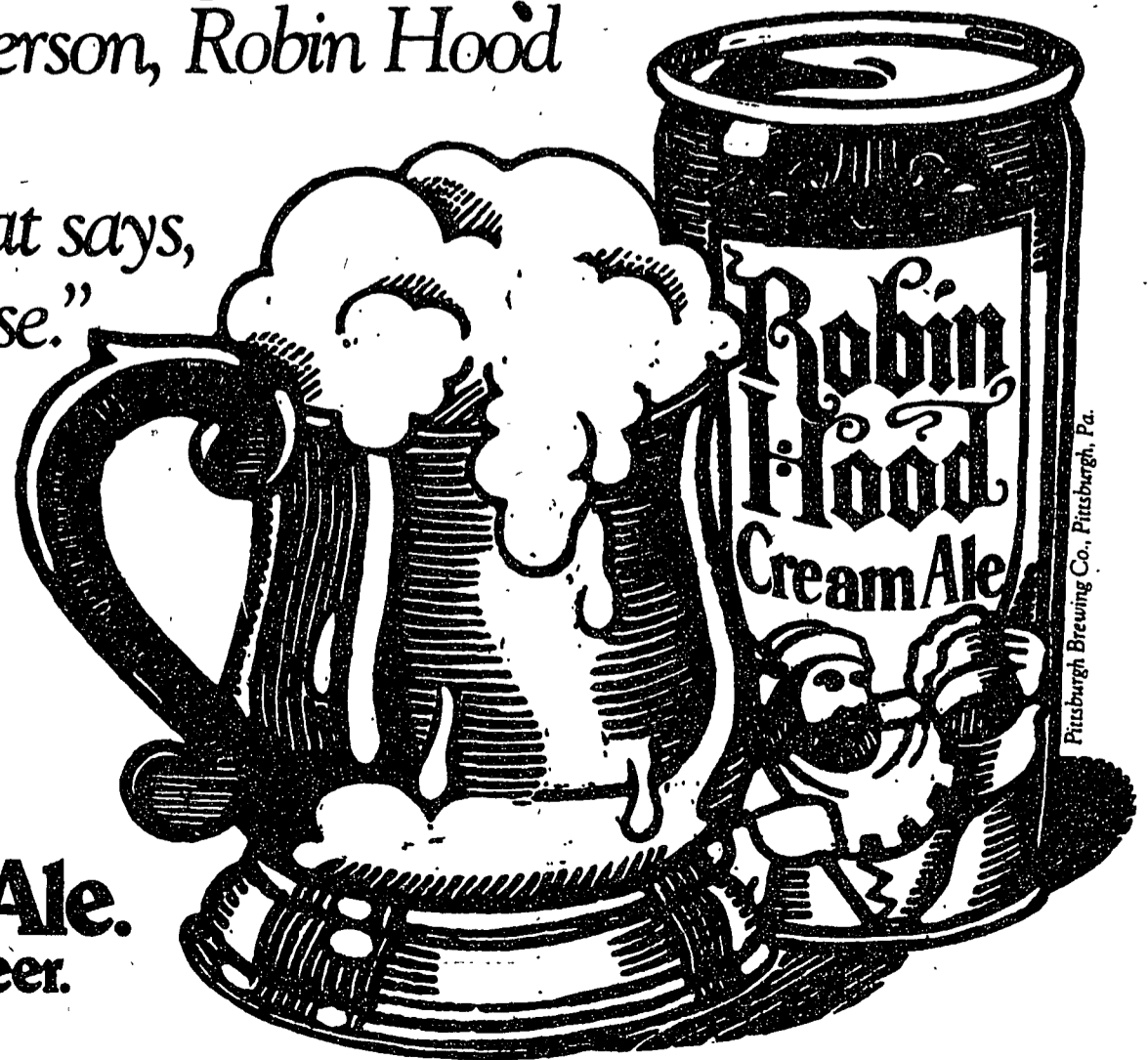
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