

**IN EDITION**

**If it was under my nose, I'd know!**

There's an old rule that says the best place to hide something is in a place so obvious no one would think to look for it there.

Police Services have learned that little trick the hard way.

Last Monday, David Hironimus, a University landscaping employee, discovered (and turned in) a marijuana plant he found growing outside the Police Services offices in the Grange building.

So the next time you discover your own personal stash running a little low, remember an old rule.

**Now for something completely different**

Do you like to make faces at people on a bus? Do you like to stand facing the back of elevator cars? Have you ever considered asking your calculus professor a question like, "Is war ever just?" in the middle of a class? If so, Free U has the course for you.

This term's Free University course guide lists, among several rather original courses, a "creative silliness" class.

The course is geared for "simple-minded public absurdity" and lists as a prerequisite a fondness for "slapstick, Woody Allen and Monty Python."

If this starts a trend, who knows? We might start seeing classes like "Buffoonery 202" or maybe "Clown Ed. 490."

**So Why can't I pay the tuition?**

The May issue of "Changing Times" magazine reports that Penn State students rank second highest in earnings from summer jobs compared to other college students in the country.

The magazine drew their conclusions from information supplied from eighty-two "large and small, public and private, urban and rural" colleges and universities across the country.

According to the survey, Penn State students with summer jobs earn an average of \$1,500 during the summer, second only to Augustana College in South Dakota whose working students earn an average \$1,750 a summer.

However, on the average about 41 per cent of a given student body works; only 33 per cent of the Penn State student body works.

All we have to figure out now is, what in the world could they be doing in South Dakota?

**Another reason to park with a friend**

In their May meeting, the University Trustees approved, among other things, plans for the construction of a parking lot for 125 student cars at Penn State's York campus at an estimated cost of \$119,500.

That works out to \$948 per parking space to be covered by student parking fees.

Presently at University Park, a student can park all term in parking lot 80 for ten dollars. At that rate, you could pay off a 125 space, \$119,500 parking lot in 23.9 years.

That's a lot of time, and for that amount of money per space it might be easier to buy 125 used cars.

But then, where would they park them?

**Australia! Australia! Australia!**

Ever have a sudden urge to drop all your books and take off to the Australian wilderness? Have you ever been seized by a sudden desire to

trade your '70 VW for a Land Rover to tour the mysterious Outback?

Face it, practically none of us have ever felt like that, but if any of us ever should, the HUB information desk is ready.

Along with footballs, frisbees, softball bats, softballs, and volleyballs, the HUB desk also carries one genuine Sportcraft boomerang.

As of yet, there are no kangaroos on campus that you can hunt with the boomerang, but considering the HUB desk, it's probably just a matter of time.

— Mark Van Dine

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## Bill faces House opposition Senate votes lower drinking age

The State Senate voted Wednesday 27 to 21 to lower the drinking age for all alcoholic beverages to 19.

J. Doyle Corman, newly elected State Senator from the 34th district, voted for the bill.

The bill now goes to the House Liquor Control Committee which has a new chairman, James Barber, who is opposed to the bill. Rep. Helen Wise, however, said that she thinks the bill will reach the floor of the House quickly, perhaps in the next few weeks.

Last month Wise told the Collegian that while many Philadelphia and Pittsburgh legislators had thought lowering the drinking age would increase violence in their areas, there was now significant support from these representatives.

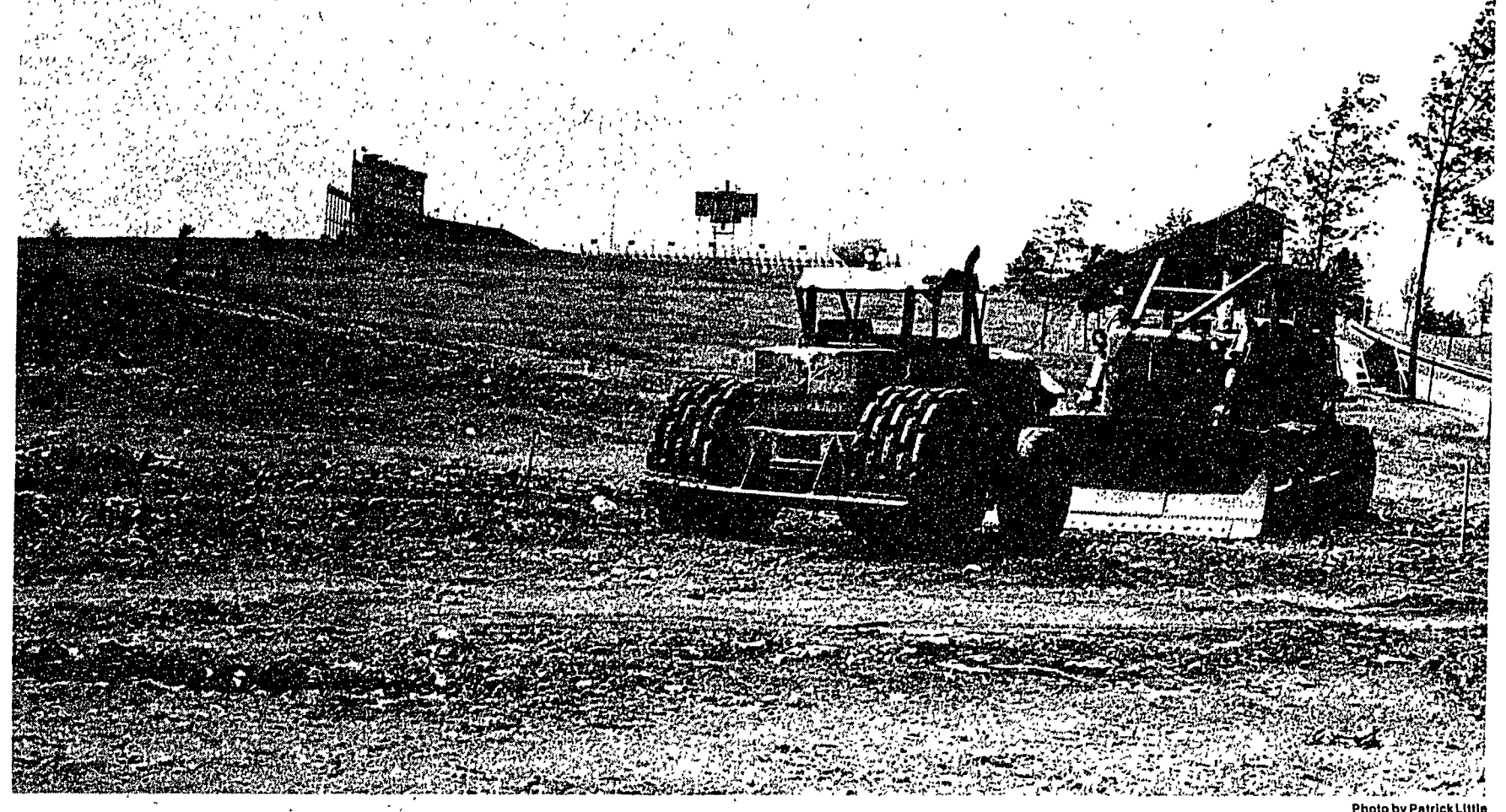
Although the State Senate also passed a bill to lower the drinking age in its 1975-6 session, it was defeated in the House 93-100.

Members of the black caucus are expected to lobby against the bill because they think it will cause community problems.

Another bill, House bill 905, which would lower the drinking age for all alcoholic beverages to 19 is presently in the Liquor Control Committee. Since the Senate bill passed, the House bill will stay there and the committee will work on the Senate bill.

If this bill fails, it is unlikely the House bill will pass either.

Undergraduate Student Government president Grant Ackerman said, "Our efforts now will be to prepare for the bill when it goes to the House." He said USG will continue its campaign to encourage students to write their congressmen.



**Movin'** Excavation continues for the new track and field complex just south of Beaver Stadium.

## Union to hold forum tonight Teamsters to vote on wage offer

**By DAVE SKIDMORE**  
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After an 8-hour negotiating session Wednesday Teamsters Union Local 8 will take a new wage package back to its membership for a strike vote June 30, a University spokesman said.

A two-thirds majority vote of union members is required to reject the offer and initiate a strike. Nearly 2,000 food service, maintenance and technical University employees are union members.

Both the University and Teamsters officials refused to disclose details of the offer or the recommendations of the Teamsters negotiating team to union members until Local 8 informs its members of the offer.

Local 8 president Jane Pikoovsky said she would release more information after the union meets 7:30 tonight at the I.O.O.F. Hall on College Avenue.

No further negotiating sessions are scheduled before the strike vote is taken.

After the last negotiating session, union officials said a strike seemed unavoidable, but one Teamster, a University technician, said a strike was unlikely because most maintenance and food workers were satisfied with their pay, while most skilled workers were not. He said the skilled workers do not have enough votes to carry a strike.

The University and Local 8 signed a two-year contract last fall, but the contract had a one-year re-opening clause for wages and surgical benefits. The contract will expire June 30 unless an agreement is reached.

C. Rodney Knepp, secretary-treasurer of Local 8 said Tuesday that an agreement on surgical benefits had already been reached. The only issue that remained to be discussed on Wednesday was wages, he said.

Last fall a majority of union members voted to strike, however, the vote fell 84 short of the required two-thirds. The union officers had recommended acceptance of the contract. The union voted overwhelmingly to reject the University's first offer last fall after the officers recommended rejection.

## GOP names commissioner nominee

**By FRED LANCASTER**  
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Russell O. Spicher, 59, was nominated Wednesday night by the Centre County Republican Committee to succeed J. Doyle Corman as county commissioner. Corman vacated his seat when he was elected to the State Senate May 17.

Spicher's nomination must be approved by Common Pleas Court Judge Paul R. Campbell, who can accept or reject the Committee's recommendation. The new commissioner cannot be a Democrat because state law prohibits one party from occupying all three seats. Corman was the lone Republican commissioner.

Names of the other thirteen applicants were not released. Ruth Meyers, Centre County Republican committee vice chairman, said:

"In a community the size of Centre County, most of the applicants would know the others who applied. This could create tensions among those who applied. The nominated could be in a precarious position."

The eight members of the selecting committee were chosen by Republican Committee County Chairman Eugene M. Fulmer. A geographical balance was attempted in choosing the panel members, who were: Meyers, chairman, of Beech Creek, Hubert Shirk and Jerome McCrea, both of State College, Edward Agostinelli of College Township, Bonnie McCormick of Patton Township, Robert McNichol of Bellefonte, William Campbell of Centre Hall, Earl May of Benner Township, and James Potts of Phillipsburg.

According to its press release the panel felt a successful business background with fiscal and management skills was the most important asset sought in an applicant. Emotional balance, the ability to handle controversy and accept criticism, was required.

The release also stated the appointee must consider the position of county commissioner of prime importance; decision-making should not be colored by conflict of interest. Another quality strongly weighed by the panel was the ability to sift through different points of view in making fair judgments, according to the release.

Although all registered Republicans in Centre County were allowed to submit resumes, no women or University students applied.

Spicher, a self-employed businessman, has been precinct chairman of the party since 1957.

He served as Spring Township auditor for 16 years, first by appointment by Judge Campbell and twice elected by write-in vote.

Spicher is a director and vice president of the Pleasant Gap Water Company and a director and secretary of the board of the First National Bank of Centre Hall.

If his nomination is confirmed by Campbell, Spicher would serve the remaining two and one half years of Corman's term.

## Idi Amin at home, threatens Britons

**NAIROBI, Kenya (UPI)** — Uganda's President Idi Amin yesterday ended his game of international hide-and-seek with the British Commonwealth, admitting it was all a hoax to disguise what he said was a secret meeting with African revolutionaries.

Radio Uganda also announced that an unnamed Briton had been arrested on spying charges during Amin's absence and "will be executed by firing squad if found guilty."

The report increased fears that Amin, who barred 300 Britons from leaving Uganda on Wednesday, might follow through on his threat to do "something serious" against the Britons. The radio also accused other unnamed Britons of "subversive activities."

The Radio broadcast a series of vague warnings in which Amin thanked France for helping him carry out his hoax, told France to stop helping Britain, appealed to Britain to reopen its embassy in Kampala, warned that anyone who bought British goods did so "at their own risk" and said he was going on a honeymoon.

The bizarre mystery of Amin's whereabouts began three days ago when Uganda Radio announced that the unpredictable dictator was en route to London to gate-crash the Commonwealth Conference from which he had been excluded.

He was reported aboard a borrowed military jet flying over Dublin, Brussels and Paris and later was reported to have stopped in a "friendly African country" to plan his arrival in London.

Earlier yesterday, the radio said that Amin actually had arrived in London and coupled that news with the warning he would do "something serious" against the Britons in Uganda unless the 6-foot-4, 250-pound dictator was carried shoulder high through the streets of London.

Britain immediately denied that Amin was in Britain and Prime Minister James Callaghan said he believed Amin had never left Kampala.

Hours later, Kampala Radio announced that Amin was back in Uganda from a secret meeting he had with "top revolutionary military officers from Tanzania and Zambia" held on the border between Tanzania, Uganda and Rwanda.

## Cool weather a phenomenon

The unseasonably cool and overcast weather that has plagued the State College area for the past several days is not just a local phenomenon but is the general pattern throughout the northeastern United States, said meteorologists at the University weather station.

The temperature fell to 39 degrees Tuesday morning, only three degrees from the record low of 36 degrees. Throughout the northeast 80 to 100 year old low temperature records were broken.

The temperature then struggled Tuesday to a high of only 55 degrees during the daylight hours, making it the coldest June 7 in State College on record. Weather records for the State College area have been kept for 90 years.

Meanwhile, the southwestern part of the United States is sweltering in 90 degree weather.

## Carter energy proposals dealt a 'stunning blow'

**WASHINGTON (UPI)** — The House Ways and Means Committee dealt President Carter's energy program a major blow yesterday by voting down his gasoline tax, and severely abbreviating his "gas-guzzler" auto tax.

The committee voted 27 to 10 to kill Carter's proposal for a gasoline tax that would have come in five-cent amounts each year that gasoline consumption failed to meet conservation goals.

Members voted 25 to 11 against a compromise, one-time three-cent tax for 1978.

Earlier yesterday, the committee voted 24 to 13 for Carter's idea of taxing fuel-inefficient cars, but not before putting the effective date off for a year and considerably weakening the tax on 1979 and subsequent models.

It also voted 31 to 5 to kill the rebate that Carter wanted buyers of efficient cars to get.

In debate on the gasoline tax, Rep. Jim Guy Tucker, D-Ark., said, "There should be some good conservation justification. How much are we going to save and who is going to bear the burden?" He said the poor and people in rural states with long driving distances would be hurt the most.

Carter proposed to return the gasoline tax in the form of income tax rebates at the end of the year. Opponents said that combination would not save appreciable amounts of fuel, which is the main idea of the Carter program.

Rep. Abner Mikva, D-Ill., summarized the shambles the Carter program was in: "I have a feeling that what is left would not be enough to be meaningful. The fuel-efficient car rebate has been shot down. The guzzler tax has been watered down substantially... There are not enough carrots and not enough sticks."

Mikva tried unsuccessfully to persuade the committee to tax existing cars that fail to get a certain fuel mileage. Amid charges by Rep. Bill Frenzel, R-Minn., that the idea is "fairly absurd... totally unworkable" and unfair, Mikva withdrew his idea.

Carter's original gas-guzzler proposal lost on a 23-14 vote, but the committee then passed a compromise far short of his goals.

Chairman Al Ullman, D-Ore., said the compromise was a reasonable way to encourage Americans to buy more fuel-efficient cars, without "disruptions and unemployment" through higher taxes and possibly lower car sales generally.

Rep. Otis Pike, D-N.Y., said, "I don't think we are getting anywhere. We should be biting bullets and we are gumming marshmallows."

Carter's proposed rebate was killed 31 to 5. He would have given the buyer of a 1978 model rated at 20 miles a gallon an \$89 rebate, for example. A 1985 model rated at 38.5 would get a \$493 rebate.

Carter's tax plan wanted 1978 models, which come out in a few months, to be taxed on how far they fell short of gas mileage standards that are already in law.

A 1978 car getting at least 18 miles to the gallon would have escaped the tax. By 1985 models, the Carter tax would fall on any car not getting at least 27.5 miles per gallon. By then the tax would have been \$2,488 on the worst offenders.

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