

PSORML seeks county D.A. candidates' support

The president of the Penn State chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (PSORML) said last night he plans this summer to try to change the attitudes the Centre County district attorney candidates have toward marijuana.

Both Republican Robert B. Mitinger and Democrat David E. Grine have said they oppose reform of marijuana laws.

PSORML president Bill Cluck also said he will attempt to get recently elected state Senator J. Doyle Corman (R-34th District) to co-sponsor a bill in the General Assembly that would reduce the penalty for smoking marijuana to a civil offense.

Cluck said a proposed amendment to the current bill would reduce the penalty for possession of marijuana to a sum-

mary offense for which an offender may be arrested.

In a civil offense, the violator is not arrested but may be fined up to \$50. Currently, possession of marijuana is punishable with a fine from \$250 to \$300 and-or up to 30 days in jail. The offender also may be put under probation for up to a year.

Cluck said he has several meetings scheduled with key Harrisburg lobbyists and legislators this summer.

"The only way the law will be changed is by public support," Cluck said.

He stressed writing letters to legislators as an important way to work for marijuana law reform. Letters should emphasize that the writer is a marijuana smoker and a registered voter, he said. He also advocated having

students get their parents to write legislators for marijuana reform.

Cluck said several prominent musicians are being asked to perform a benefit concert for PSORML for needed organization funds.

Cluck said NORML's purpose is not to encourage marijuana use but to achieve reform of marijuana laws.

He advised marijuana smokers in the dorms to place a wet towel under the closet door to prevent smoke from escaping into the hall and to light incense to mask the odor of burning marijuana.

He also advised closing the windows when smoking in the dorms because he claimed telescopic surveillance has been used to enforce University policy against marijuana smoking in the dorms.



Construction has begun on the borough's senior citizens housing project on Bellaire Ave. near Eastgate apartments. Photo by Patrick Little

'Georgia Mafia' is still strong Carter power

WASHINGTON (UPI) — After 100 days, President Carter's team is intact and in good standing where it counts.

Controversy has swirled around U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young, HEW Secretary Joseph Califano Jr., and White House congressional liaison Frank Moore. But the bottom line is what counts, and all remain in Carter's good graces.

analysis

The so-called "Georgia Mafia," if anything, has increased in stature and strength.

Youngsters Hamilton Jordan and Jody Powell, Carter's aides since he ran for governor, remain his two top assistants.

Domestic advisor Stuart Eizenstat, criticized during the campaign by political pros, has cleaned up his act. Questions about his political acumen have disappeared.

In a town where power and prestige accrue to those closest to the president, no one doubts that Jordan, Powell and Eizen-

stat are as shrewd and tough as they come.

Budget Director Bert Lance is another with unquestioned clout. He is the closest to Carter of any Cabinet member.

And two unlikely newcomers, Vice President Walter Mondale and energy advisor James Schlesinger, have become close professional advisors of the President.

Carter chose the liberal Mondale as his running-mate and said he intended to make the Minnesota senator a most active vice president.

He has.

Besides Lance, only Mondale has a weekly lunch date with the President. Mondale sits in on far more presidential meetings than his predecessors. Carter sent him on a round-the-world trip immediately after inauguration, assigned him to handle the administration's election reform package, and put him in charge of policy toward Africa.

Carter did not meet Schlesinger, a Cabinet and agency head in the Nixon and Ford administrations,

until during the fall campaign. The rapport between the two scientists was immediate.

Privately, Carter has praised Schlesinger's brilliance and his skill in putting together an energy package in 90 days.

Much of Carter's attention the first 100 days has been in three areas — foreign policy, energy and the economy.

In foreign policy, his key advisors have been Young, Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and national security aide Zbigniew Brzezinski.

Vance was a member of past administrations and came with a reputation as a highly polished lawyer. Brzezinski was drawn from the academic world. Young was a black congressman from Atlanta to whom Carter owed much and who was, in the President's words, "the best public official I have ever known."

There's a rough parity among them. Blumenthal is brilliant. Schultz has sure Washington instincts and a capacity for clarity in talking about economic matters.

Cost not key factor in selecting housing

By DAVID COLBORN
Collegian Staff Writer

Four hundred forty-two students were forced to cancel their dorm contracts for next fall because of lack of space, despite the strict residence hall alcohol enforcement policy. M. Lee Upcraft, director of Residential Life, said a decline in requests was expected because of the policy.

"No one really knows why" so many requests were filed this year, but students might be reacting to differences in costs between dorms and apartments," he said.

"Generally speaking, it is cheaper to live on campus than off," he said.

But direct cost comparisons between living on campus and downtown are difficult. The \$491 per term dorm housing

fee breaks down to \$56.67 a month for rent and \$25 a week for food. However, "It all comes down to the individual," said Bob Costagliola, chairman of the Residence Halls Advisory Board. A dorm resident could be the type who snacks a lot downtown and ends up spending more than he might in an apartment, he said.

However, apartment dwellers also go to McDonalds, Charlene Harrison, assistant director of Residential Life, said. "Food costs go up when people hit the fast food chains and mini-marts," she said.

Furthermore, cost is only one of several variables a student is concerned with in choosing where to live, Harrison said.

In a study conducted by

Residential Life in 1974, nearly 60 per cent of 732 students surveyed said lower costs were an important factor in their decision to move into an apartment.

Yet other factors rated higher. Quietness of apartments was important to 85 per cent; 76 per cent said the freedom to choose their own roommate was crucial and 75 per cent cited a desire for privacy as an important factor for leaving the dorms.

Harrison said students choose the dorms because of closeness to campus, the social activity, and the convenience of not having to cook, clean, shop and wash dishes. Also, she said, students with practicums or those graduating in fall or winter don't want to be bothered with subletting.

A random survey of 23 students conducted by The Daily Collegian Spring Term found students about evenly divided on the question of whether they chose to live where they did because of costs. Thirteen said cost was unimportant while 10 said it was a factor.

Of those who live on campus, most said it was cheaper to live on campus than off. But students living off campus thought apartment living was cheaper.

Renee E. Stoudt (12th-non-degree) lives off campus because of the savings in food. "I don't want to have to pay for meals I don't eat like I would in the dorms," she said.

Mary Kay Hiegel (6th-individual and family studies) is leaving the dorms next term because "I'm tired of

living in the dorms and want a change."

Pat. S. Presser (9th-elementary and kindergarten education and education of exceptional children) said cost was not an important factor in her decision to leave the dorms. Rather, she said, she "just wanted an apartment for my senior year."

Brian R. Miller (12th-management) said he was less concerned about costs than about the freedom an apartment gave him.

Joe Pugliano (12th-economics) said costs are probably equal on or off, but apartment living is better because of the privacy and increased space.

Lonni E. Eposey (3rd-law enforcement and corrections) said, "It's cheaper to live on campus unless a person really budgets very well."

Mondale enjoying unprecedented power, prestige

WASHINGTON (UPI) — After 100 days, Walter Mondale's dreams of becoming the most influential vice president are intact.

The early assurance from Jimmy Carter that Mondale would be a working partner in his administration were greeted with skepticism. Even Mondale's staff was a bit nervous — not because they doubted Carter, they explain, but because of the "rather dismal" history of the office.

"All of us came into this with some apprehension," says Dick Moe, Mondale's chief of staff. "In recent history, there haven't been too many happy vice presidents, and the relationship between most presidents and vice presidents was a faulty one."

"The thing that stands out from our perspective is how well it's working. It couldn't be better."

Carter's commitment to give Mondale access not only

to the inner circle, but to the Oval Office itself, holds the key to the vice president's somewhat surprising success so far.

Carter has included Mondale in all his meetings, briefings and strategy sessions. Mondale receives the same information as Carter on all issues — domestic and foreign.

The two lunch together every Monday, and Mondale usually is in and out of the Oval Office three or four

times a day.

"Carter is clearly determined to make use of his vice president," Moe said. "That makes all the difference."

Mondale started receiving important assignments immediately. His first, three days into the new administration, was a 10-day, globe-circling diplomatic mission to traditional U.S. allies in Europe and Japan.

His new office is in the White House, a few steps

down the hall from Carter's. Previous vice presidents found a driveway and parking lot kept them at bay in the Old Executive Office Building.

In addition to his foreign policy role, Mondale has received three additional important assignments from Carter — jobs that pose challenge and opportunity.

He played a major role in writing and presenting the administration's election reform proposals.

UNIVERSITY CALENDAR

Friday-Sunday, June 10-June 12

SPECIAL EVENTS

FRIDAY, JUNE 10

HUB Craft Center summer class registration, 1-5 p.m. and 7-10 p.m., Room 312 HUB.

G.S.A. Coffeehouse, 8 p.m., Room 102 Kern.

SATURDAY, June 11

Penn State Wargaming Club meeting, 9 a.m.-11 p.m., Room 101 EE East.

HUB Craft Center summer class registration, 1-5 p.m. and 7-10 p.m., Room 312 HUB.

International Council film, Tapasya, 7:30 p.m., Room 112 Kern.

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

Penn State Wargaming Club meeting, 9 a.m.-11 p.m., Room 101 EE East.

P.S.O.C. Hiking Division, trail clear on R.B. Winter Extension of Mid State Trail with swim and picnic supper, 9 a.m., HUB parking lot.

Free U registration, 1-6 p.m., HUB.

HUB Craft Center summer class registration, 1-5 p.m. and 7-10 p.m., Room 312 HUB.

Opening reception for retrospective exhibition by Florence Eck, 3 p.m., Zoller Gallery.

EXHIBITS

Earth and Mineral Science Museum: Hours are 1-5 p.m., and by appointment for groups. Mineral Industries Bldg.

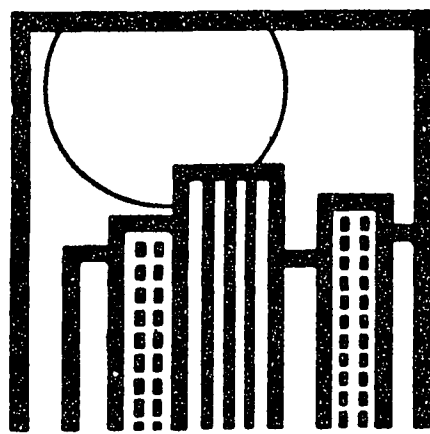
Frost Entomological Museum: Hours are Friday, 8 a.m.-noon, and 1-4 p.m., and by appointment for groups. Room 102 Patterson.

Playhouse Gallery: Hours are Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. "20 Years of Festival Theatre," photographs and related memorabilia. Room 132 Arts Bldg.

Pattee Galleries: Photographs from the Historic Registration Project of Centre County, East Corridor Gallery; Herman Love, photographs, Lending Services Lobby.

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