

## Pennsylvania vocational outlook sunny

There's good news for Pennsylvania's job hunters this spring — there is higher employment, lower unemployment and more factory jobs in the state than expected for the summertime, a University researcher said yesterday.

Figures show that total employment for Pennsylvania increased by 100,000 workers, Alice E. Warne, an economics researcher, said. Unemployment dropped by 51,000, making the total number of unemployed Pennsylvanians 349,000. This is lower than last year's unemployment, Warne said.

"The significant thing about these figures is that employment went up and unemployment

went down in spite of more people having entered the work force," Warne said. "It shows a healthy trend in the economy."

More jobs usually open up in the spring, Warne said, but the employment increase is "above and beyond" what normally occurs.

Warne said there are more factory jobs than had been anticipated, but the factory industries were still depressed.

"The factories are pulling out of a bad period," Warne said.

The steel and coal industries are also picking up, she said. The production indexes for these industries are much improved over those of last year.

Pennsylvania, a strongly industrial state, is affected a great deal by changes in industries like steel and coal, more so than the rest of the nation as a whole, Warne said.

Warne said the national economy has been doing well in several sectors. Personal income of almost every kind is advancing and six of ten leading economic indicators relating to manufacturing activity are rising.

Pennsylvania cannot be said to be doing any better or worse than the nation as a whole because of its special status as a heavily industrialized state, Warne said.

## Group cites hospital abuses

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A group of former mental patients yesterday released a previously unpublished 92-page state report detailing charges of beatings, contraband and deaths at Farview State Hospital.

The group, the Alliance for the Liberation of Mental Patients, opposes involuntary psychiatric treatment and wants the state to close the hospital for the criminally insane in Wayne County.

"Our tax dollars are being used to fund a concentration camp," charged alliance member Diane Baren at a press conference at which copies of the report were handed out.

The report, a series of in-

terviews, was finished in 1975 after a six-month investigation by officers of the state Justice Department.

"I'm disturbed that somebody would hand out results of an official report," said Robert Savard, bureau director. "It's something that shouldn't be done."

In the report, patients at Farview told investigators that they were beaten by guards or that they saw other patients beaten.

Some patients said that a patient died after a beating and others refer to unrecorded graves on the hospital grounds. One investigator advises state police to ask an in-

mate about an alleged murder.

Some Farview employees say in the report that they witnessed patients being hit, while others say they have no knowledge of any mistreatment.

Other parts of the report contain charges that guards received kickbacks and supplied patients with drugs, liquor or contraband.

In a cover letter to the report, state investigations chief Cecil Yates recommends improving the quality of the Farview staff, disciplining guards in cases of proven brutality and adopting written procedures for reporting injuries to guards or patients.

## Committee probes 'beach-partying' ex-general

HARRISBURG (AP) — Parties thrown in a beach trailer at government expense by former Adjutant Gen. Harry Mier were part of a National Guard recruiting effort, a former officer testified yesterday.

"Incentives in the National Guard are few and far between. It (the trailer) was an outstanding recruiting incentive. We need more like it. I even recommended to Mier

we put some in the Poconos," said Col. John McDonald of Scranton, former director of recruitment and retention.

McDonald testified before the Committee on Military Affairs and Aeronautics, which is holding hearings on allegations that Mier abused his office for personal gain.

The committee has no penal powers and has not decided what it will do with the information it is gathering. It

can turn evidence over to the state Justice Department if it feels such action is merited.

Mier resigned March 31 following disclosures that he used the trailer on a Delaware beach to entertain friends and that he arranged the sale of clothing for personal profit. No formal charges have been brought against him.

The federally owned trailer is hooked up at a military reservation in Bethany

Beach, Del. McDonald said he arranged for two commanders who had outstanding recruiting drives to stay at the beach for two weeks in August 1974.

He also said that the sale of sports coats in a hallway of the headquarters at the Indiantown Gap Military Reservation was similar to programs enacted in other states.

Mier owned a clothing factory that produced the sports coats purchased by guardsmen.

McDonald said he placed a sign near the rack that said: "This is another service of your friendly R&R recruitment and retention."

"Apparently, it was very popular because the hallway was loaded. I bought a jacket myself," McDonald said.

## No injuries in cycle mishap

Police Services reported a motorcycle operated by Garry Lee McMarr, 1326 E. College Ave., and a vehicle operated by Lee William Russler Jr., Lewistown, collided on Shortlidge Road June 9. McMarr was uninjured.

Tortsten Bjalme (6th-mineral science) reported the theft of two fire blankets from containers near rooms 9 and 23 Mineral Science Building, Police Services said.

Stephen Clyman, 217 Snyder Hall, reported the theft of the

rear wheel from his bicycle parked outside Snyder Hall, Police Services said.

State College Police reported the theft of two wheels from a bicycle at 532 E. College Ave. Estimated value was \$90.

Weis Markets, Westery Parkway, received a \$699 forged check May 30. John Gorman, owner of the check, had lost it earlier in May at Stone Valley, State College, Police said. — Don Foster

### Collegian notes

The Nutrition Clinic, 243 Ritenour, is open to assist people in weight control, vegetarian diet evaluations and any other areas concerning food. Summer hours are 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, 2-5 p.m. Wednesdays and 9-12 a.m. Thursdays.

The Penn State International Soccer Club for men and women will hold a practice session 1 p.m. Saturday in Pollock field.

Park West Manor orientation will be held 7 p.m. Monday in 323-24 HUB.

Students interested in meeting foreign students and helping them with conversational English should visit the Language Testing Center, 30 Sparks, or call 865-7365.

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