

Penn State is a deserted oasis

Low enrollment affects jobs, rent

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Every summer there is a drastic cut in student enrollment at University Park accompanied by layoffs, job shifts and vacations.

According to Otto Mueller, assistant vice president for Housing and Food Services, nearly 150 department employees are laid off during the summer.

"Most of these people chose to work only nine or ten months a year," Mueller said. "Another 150 are laid off, but are given alternate work with the maintenance department."

Mueller said during a typical summer only 25 per cent of dorm spaces are filled. "In the summer there are usually 2,000 to 2,200 people living on campus," Mueller said. "Subleasing during the summer is so cheap that the people who would normally live in the halls move off campus to apartments."

Food Services is able to compensate for the low residency rate during June, July and August when there are a number of conferences taking place on campus.

"The summer also is an opportunity to catch up on maintenance work that is hard to do during the year," Mueller said.

According to Frank Clemson, employment service supervisor in State College, the low enrollment "basically has no great effect on the number of unemployed in the area."

"June is always a busy time of year for us due to the large number of recent high school and college graduates," Clemson said. "But generally the low enrollment does not cause us any increase in the number of applicants."

For local businessmen the summer does mean a slowdown, but this does not cause any major problems.

"Business is geared to 80-90 per cent student and faculty business: When the enrollment drops from almost 35,000 to almost 10,000, there must be a slowdown," said Steve Long, University Book Centre manager.

Long said although the store "doesn't take enough in for overhead during the summer," no employees are off because they work getting the store ready for Fall term.

Bill Cluck of the Lazy J said business now is a little slower, "but people always smoke." He said a lot of people come to State College during the summer to visit friends: "After all, Centre County is a summer place."

The job scene in State College during the summer is another story. According to Cindy Steimle of the student employment office, "The market is tight and there is competition with area high school students."

"However, if the student is serious enough about finding a job there is usually one available." She added that there are a lot of people calling for babysitting and yard work.

The summer may be the only time of year that the student has an advantage over the landlord. Most apartments lower their rates during the summer.

"A lot of landlords will either offer discount rate during the summer or give better rates on 12-month leases," said Steve Kufrovich, president of Organization for Town Independent Students (OTIS).

Kufrovich said many students who don't want to stay the summer get stuck with 12-month leases and the ability to sublet depends on how close to campus the house or apartment is. "The problem is that the supply is too great and the demand too low," he said.

Many student feel summer is the best time of year to be in Happy Valley. Classes are smaller (some say easier), lines are shorter, and the Arts Festival brings its own particular brand of sunshine to State College.

Young's frankness helps U.S. credibility

NEW YORK (UPI). — U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young said yesterday his outspokenness has enhanced American credibility abroad and helped stir a healthy debate on racism.

He said he would resign if he felt he were hurting the United States.

"I've tried to view various issues for

the American public from a world perspective," Young said in an interview on ABC-TV's Issues and Answers program.

"I think my being willing to do that in spite of the controversy has probably given me and the United States government a kind of credibility in the rest of the world that I think is helpful to our

foreign policy."

In a recent Playboy Magazine interview, Young described Presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford as racists on grounds they were culturally insensitive to the problems of black people. He later said that definition could apply to most people in modern society.

President Carter, in an interview with the Magazine Publishers Association Friday, said it was "unfortunate" Young had ended a recent 17-day African trip by describing the Swedish government as "racist."

"He recognizes the fact that it did detract from the effectiveness of his past and future service," the President said.

Expensive calculator stolen from campus

Police Services reported a calculator was stolen from 701 Business Administration building last Friday. The value of the calculator was \$700.

A blue 10-speed bicycle valued at \$80 was reported stolen from 423 W. Nittany Ave. The theft occurred over Memorial Day weekend, State College Police said.

Items valued at \$360 were stolen Saturday night, State College police said, from a car parked at 736 E. Foster Ave. Stolen were an AM-FM radio tape player, an electric drill, a saber saw, a tool box, a set of socket wrenches and a chrome exhaust pipe.

An accident at the corner of South Atherton Street and Fairmount Avenue

Friday caused \$1,100 damage when a car operated by Gerald W. Criswell II pulled out in front of a car operated by Allen Benner, both of State College, State College Police said. There was \$500 damage to each car and \$100 damage to borough signs.

Four rakes valued at \$5 each were discovered stolen from sand traps on the University golf course Sunday morning, Police Services said.

An accident on Rock Road at Houserville Road Friday evening caused minor injuries and \$2,500 damage. Charles Breen of State College crossed the center line and struck a car driven by Calvin Struble head-on, State College Police said.

Move makes money bind for On Drugs

A request to move to a new location poses financial problems for State College's On Drugs, Inc., according to Norman Brown, program director.

The request came from the Governor's Drug and Alcohol Council, which funds the organization. On Drugs, a counseling and information service, is currently located at 236 1/2 S. Allen St. This building does not meet fire and safety standards for public agencies set up by the Pennsylvania State Department of Labor and Industry.

A new location at 249 S. Pugh St. was rejected by the department because the third floor does not meet safety requirements, although the

first and second floors do, Brown said.

The third floor is fireproofed but because the building has a wood, not a brick frame, the whole building is unacceptable, Brown said.

"Right now we want to get a waiver from the Industrial Board of the Department of Labor and Industry," Brown said.

Until a verdict is reached on the waiver, On Drugs is at a standstill, he said.

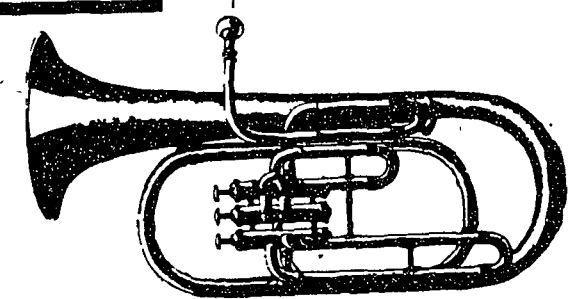
On Drugs, Inc. offers community education programs, drug analysis, counseling and information free of charge.

Stop all that Jazz!

A would-be Jazz Clubber apparently gives Karen Henry a case of the blues at the Free U registration yesterday afternoon in the HUB Ballroom. Participants had the chance to sign up for 52 courses in the HUB Ballroom. Any fees not yet collected for courses can be paid at the 223 HUB Free U office.

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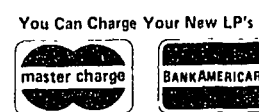
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