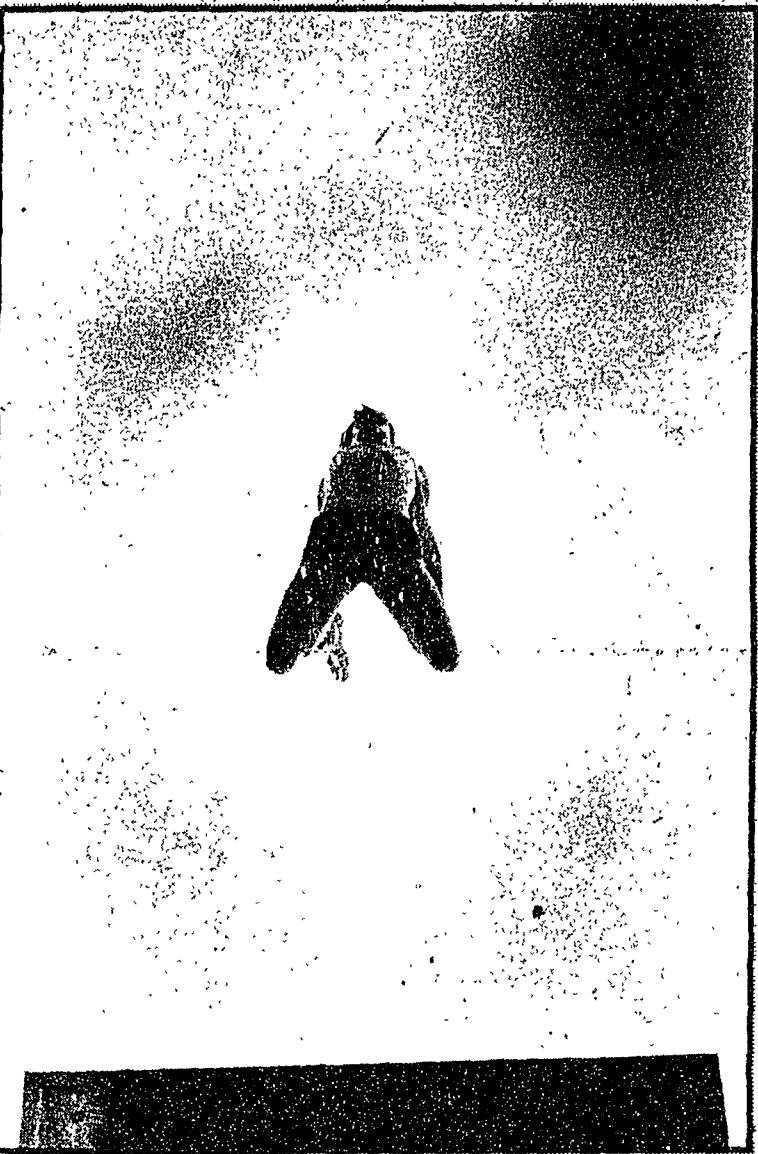


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With the greatest of ease

Apparently doing an imitation of a trapeze artist, Mark Landiak (4th-business) above pulls out of a tuck begun on the Outdoor Natatorium's 10-meter board and prepares for entry into the water. He performs a "Hawaiian Suicide" leap off the same board at left.

Photos by
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Brezhnev garners Soviet presidency, gains stature

See the wire digest on page 10 for results of other European elections.

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet Communist party leader Leonid I. Brezhnev took over that nation's presidency yesterday to become the first top Soviet official to combine the power of party chief with the dignity and honor of president.

In the biggest Kremlin power shuffle since Nikita S. Khrushchev was ousted 13 years ago, the Soviet parliament removed Nikolai V. Podgorny from the largely ceremonial office of president by unanimous vote and gave it to Brezhnev.

Podgorny, Brezhnev and Premier Alexei N. Kosygin made up the troika leadership that took over from Khrushchev in 1964. In recent years, however, real control of the country has centered more and more around Brezhnev.

In St. Georges, Grenada, where he attended a meeting of the Organization of American States, U.S. Secretary of

State Cyrus R. Vance said Brezhnev's election to the presidency had been "anticipated," and added:

"I would expect relations of the Soviet Union and the United States will continue on the same course and hopefully improve in the period ahead."

Brezhnev's assumption of the presidency puts him on a ceremonial level with other heads of state and will allow him to receive the 21-gun salutes and other honors accorded to them.

His new office, however, was not expected to change Brezhnev's policy of consulting with other Politburo members and governing by a form of "collective leadership in contrast to the one-man rule of Stalin and Khrushchev."

"I don't think the new presidency adds one jot to Brezhnev's real power," one Western diplomat in Moscow said. "It does add to the dignity of his position,

but he will continue consulting with the other leaders."

Brezhnev, 70, served previously as president from 1960 to 1964 before taking over Khrushchev's job as party chief, and was succeeded first by Anastas Mikoyan and then by Podgorny.

An official announcement to the nation's 1,500-member parliament yesterday morning proposed that Podgorny, 74, be dropped from the presidency "in accordance with his own desire and in connection with his retirement on pension."

The action had been expected. Podgorny was removed on May 24 from the Communist party's ruling Politburo and has not been seen in public since. His name ceased to be included on official documents, and he has been absent from state functions.

He was not present yesterday to confirm his desire to step down.

Something to croak about

County vote fraud discovered

By JIM LIGHT
Collegian Staff Writer

Elmer Toad lives at 924-B Walnut St., State College. Elmer Toad is registered to vote in Centre County. Elmer Toad received an absentee ballot this spring. Elmer Toad does not exist.

Donald A. Asendorf and Edward J. Todd, both of State College, wanted to show everyone how easy it is to defraud the voter registration system. They procured an absentee ballot for an Elmer Toad using Todd's address, then, afterwards they wanted to make it public to point out the weaknesses in the system.

Asendorf, the Centre County controller, said he and Todd were not sure how to release what they had done. Then one day Paul Dobbs of the Pennsylvania Mirror was in his office and they decided to give the story to him.

The plan seems to have backfired. The state officials were not impressed, the county solicitor doesn't know what to do and legal action may result from the fraud.

In a letter released Tuesday State Secretary C. DeLores Tucker asked that the county commissioners investigate the Toad affair for possible violations of voter registration and mail fraud laws. Tucker said she wished to be notified of what action the county takes.

Tucker said that the phony mail registration form and the subsequent request for an absentee ballot are misdemeanors punishable by a fine of up to \$100, imprisonment of up to five years and a loss of voting rights for ten years.

Furthermore, the state is not any happier just because there was no criminal intent, or because Elmer Toad never actually cast his ballot.

In order for there to be postal fraud the law says that either money or property must be obtained by the defrauder. If the Post Office sees it that way, Asendorf and Todd will only have to worry about the commissioner of elections.

Sally Kagen, acting commissioner of elections for the state,

said she was alerted by the county of the Toad affair. The job of her department is to advise the county if the law has been broken, she said, and to recommend an appropriate course of action.

Kagen said yesterday if a false name was, in fact, put on a registration form, the facts of the case should be turned over to the district attorney. Kagen said she understands the reason why Asendorf and Todd carried out the Toad affair, but she said there are better ways of showing that fraud can be committed than by committing fraud.

Kagen, who said she was speaking for the state secretary, said that the registration system is not as weak as the Toad perpetrators would have one believe. "The only weakness there could be," she said, "is if cases of fraud which are found are not followed up."

Kagen said that the real strength of the system is it involves the federal government and there are fairly strict penalties.

She blamed the Post Office for delivering something as important as an absentee ballot without checking that the addressee actually lived there. She said the Post Office is not supposed to deliver mail to mailboxes without the addressee's name on them.

Kagen said she is aware of the difficulty of enforcing that rule in State College because of the transient nature of most of the residents, but important documents should be delivered with more care.

Kagen pointed out that the mail delivery policy, if adhered to, will make the mail registration system much harder to defraud.

The good intentions of Asendorf and Todd and the fact that they publicized the affair themselves is not going to affect the recommendation of the secretary of the commonwealth. "We are not the courts," Kagen said, "it's not up to us to determine what the intent was."

Asendorf expressed some regrets yesterday and said he hoped that the state drops the whole thing.

Religious work breaks denied

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court ruled yesterday that employees don't have a legal right to take a day off from work for religious reasons.

The case involved a Trans World Airline worker who wanted to take Saturdays off for religious reasons. But the court said that to require TWA to give the employee Saturdays off when his seniority did not afford him that privilege would "involve unequal treatment of employees on the basis of their religion."

Specifically, the court's 7-2 decision held that employers are not required to give an employee certain days off to accommodate religious beliefs when a union seniority system stands in the way or when the accommodation would result in preferential treatment for that worker.

The result is a legal setback for the millions of persons throughout the nation whose religions dictate that they not work on particular days of the week. It

has particular impact for those whose religions observe any day other than Sunday because American work schedules free most persons from work on Sunday.

A 1972 amendment that Congress tacked on to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 orders employers to accommodate workers' religious beliefs and practices when such accommodation does not involve "undue hardships" for the employer.

Without ruling that such a law is an unconstitutional establishment of religion, the court's decision Thursday effectively nullified the impact of the 1972 amendment.

In dissent, Justices Thurgood Marshall and William J. Brennan called the court's action a "fatal blow" to the government's intent of protecting religious freedoms.

"The ultimate tragedy is that despite Congress' best efforts, one of this nation's pillars of strength — our

hospitality to religious diversity — has been seriously eroded.

"All Americans will be a little poorer until today's decision is erased," the two justices said in an opinion written by Marshall.

Justice Byron R. White wrote for the majority in reversing a decision in the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that had been won by Larry G. Hardison, a former TWA employee at the carrier's Kansas City maintenance shops.

Weather

Summer weather will be here for the next couple of days complete with high temperatures and thunderstorms. Partly sunny and warm today with a high of 85. Partly cloudy tonight and tomorrow with a few showers or thundershowers possible. Low tonight 65, high tomorrow 83. The outlook for Sunday: Partly sunny with the possibility of a shower or thundershower.

Borough water supply adequate

The State College Water Authority has more than enough water to supply all of its customers in the near future, a State College Chamber of Commerce official said yesterday.

Speaking at a chamber Area Development Committee meeting, chairman Arthur Rose said the water authority will soon relax restrictions on the installation of new water lines, but reports on the long range water supply are not available yet.

Money needed for the drilling of new wells, Rose said, will be the key factor in

evaluating the long-term water supply for State College.

On July 1, the State College Water Authority will absorb Patton Township's water system, but the system must be upgraded and will not add significantly to State College's water supply.

The committee also considered the installation by West Penn Power Company of a 230,000-volt power line from Milesburg to Shingletown to replace or supplement the present 46,000 volt line.

Shingletown substation, which powers western Centre County, is presently

connected to a 230,000-volt line from the Pennsylvania Power and Light company, and Milesburg's substation, which powers eastern Centre County, is connected to a 138,000-volt line from Ridgeway.

The 46,000-volt line is becoming less reliable as more facilities tap the line, according to Fred Sovyak, a West Penn Power representative, and small voltage problems have already begun to occur.

Growth projections of State College, Sovyak said, predict the present line will reach its capacity in 1978-79.

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The crook giveth and taketh away

Just about any major poll on the subject will tell you that crime in our country is spreading.

That may be true for the inner city, but for State College, although things aren't perfect, they are looking better.

Case in point: Roy Smith, who lives at 2848 S. Atherton St., had his 5-speed

Schwinn bicycle stolen from his house sometime during the second week of June.

But the story doesn't end there. Instead of just stealing his bike and leaving Roy without any transportation other than his feet, the thief left an old, junked-up bicycle where the other bike had been.

It wasn't exactly a fair trade, but it does give the thieves in State College a more compassionate image.

Knock three times on the ceiling

Code enforcement officers lead interesting lives.

Consider the case of the officer who, according to Free Lance, a School of Journalism publication, ran into a landlord who had converted his basement into apartments with 5-foot ceilings.

He said he planned to rent to short Asian students.

Another landlord tried to rent a basement apartment in which the sewage pipe ran above the floor.

Instead of lowering the pipe, he decided to build a toilet with steps.

In another part of Free Lance, an editor's column called "In addition" appears.

The editor, R. Thomas Berner, assistant professor or journalism, said he wrote the column as a chance to use a pun.

He should have called it "In remission," in apology for a bad pun.

We didn't know he indulged

Quote of the Week: Bill Cluck, president of the Penn State Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws at the organization's last meeting, after saying he had met with leading political figures: "I didn't get to meet Dr. Oswald — he's too high for me."

Thanks for the memories. Right?

A student government is important, right? To become involved in an organization run by students and

designed to serve them certainly says something for your personal character and abilities, right?

Well, your average Joe Campus might think so, but apparently, some folks who have done it don't.

Joe Seuter and W.T. Williams, both USG presidents, (Joe for the '75-'76 school year and W.T. for the '76-'77 school year), graduated last term, but in the yearbook, neither listed being a USG president as one of their extracurricular activities.

Joe did list the Racquetball Club as an activity and W.T. listed the Vet's Club.

Old presidents never die, they just seem to forget.

—Mark Van Dine and Dave Skidmore

Oh where, oh where has my little dog gone?

Imagine a dog with wings, flying through the air, building a nest, digging for worms (imagine the holes!), and in general doing everything that a bird would do.

That, you'll admit, would be a problem.

The real problem isn't quite so bad as that, but it's close.

Recently, Municipal Council ap-



proved an allocation of \$8,063 to fund a research program aimed at figuring out how to rid the State College area of its starlings and blackbirds, which have been cited as a local nuisance and potential health hazard.

The allocation has sparked some controversy, and few have been more outspoken on the matter than Ms.

Yvonne Hunter of State College.

The birds are not the real problem in the eyes of Hunter. In her opinion, "Council should stop chasing birds and their imagined problems and go after the real problem... dogs."

The real problem could be dogs or birds, we're not really sure. Any way you look at it though, it is a fairly sticky problem.