

Ackerman wants areas for offices

HUB space conversions sought

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The President's dining room in the HUB is one of the areas being considered for conversion to student group offices, according to Undergraduate Student Government President Grant Ackerman.

Ackerman proposed the conversion of the President's dining room to office space at Saturday's Board of Trustees meeting. At that meeting, the trustees authorized the name of the dining room to be changed to the George L. Donovan room, in honor of the former director of student activities.

Ackerman said he plans to organize a task force this fall to examine certain rooms in the HUB and other buildings for possible conversion.

He said he thinks University President John W. Oswald has strong feelings about keeping the dining room as it is. If student groups cannot have that room as office space, Ackerman said he will look for other areas to be converted.

Ackerman said he believes he represents all student organizations when he speaks of the need for more office space.

Many organizations are in need of space, Ackerman said. He said the Free University is one of the first groups that deserves more space.

USG itself has space problems — it has four departments working out of one room and 32 senators sharing one desk, Ackerman said.

Organizations such as the Organization for Town Independent Students and the Association of Resident Hall Students are large but are now working out of a small amount of space, he said.

Some of the areas Ackerman said he wants examined by the task force are a large area beneath the Terrace Room, a lounge on the second floor of the HUB, and some meeting rooms on the third floor. Meetings normally held in those rooms could be held elsewhere on campus, he said.

"It's a matter of priorities — what you need first, meeting rooms or office space," he said. "I'll go with office space."

Ackerman said that, to his knowledge, the President's dining room had not been used much in the past year.

Melvyn S. Klein, student activities director, said that the dining room has not been used much recently because it was being renovated. The room will probably be used extensively in the fall, he said.

Klein also said the student groups may need more office space, but the HUB also has a responsibility to serve other students and faculty who depend on the HUB to provide them with lounges.

He said that he is not aware of what Ackerman is planning at this time and will have to reserve judgment on the plans until he has more information.

Ackerman said that he will not discuss conversions of rooms with Dr. Oswald until he has recommendations on specific areas from the task force. He added that he is very optimistic that he can help the campus student organization get more office space.

"I have no doubt that I can document the need and also the feelings of other student leaders," Ackerman said. "There is a need and enough opportunities available to us to reach a positive solution to the problem."

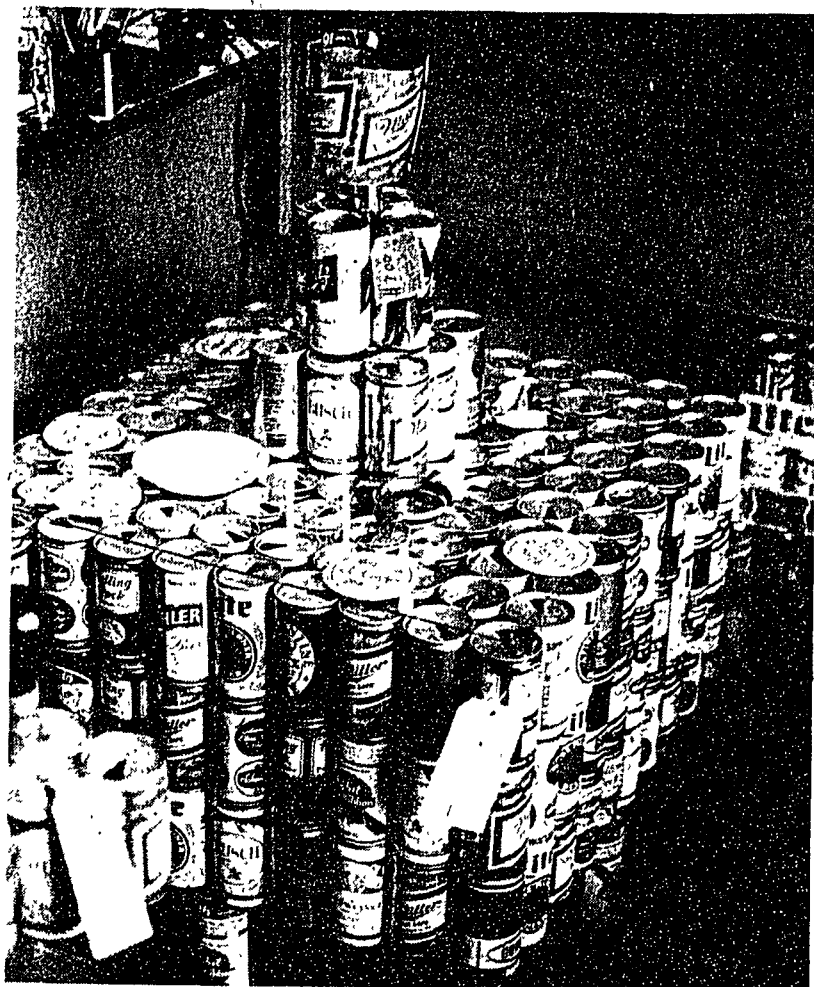


Photo by Sally Hunter

Beer can art, by Brian Tepper and Jim Balogh, is becoming quite the style in Snyder Hall. The two began their art as a hobby and have recently begun to sell their creations for cold cash.

Revelers marketing beer can furniture

By SALLY HUNTER
for the Collegian

For those of you who've always dreamed of decorating your dream house in Early Budweiser, follow your nose up to East Halls.

Thanks to the efforts of a couple enterprising Snyder-Hall residents, you can now buy tables and chairs made from beer cans. Brian Tepper (1st-meteorology) and Jim Balogh (7th-meteorology) have been making and marketing beer furniture for the past two weeks.

"It's a hobby," Tepper said. He explained how the cans are glued with epoxy, allowed to dry and then soldered on the top, after they have been washed.

"The first (table) we made, we didn't wash 'em," Tepper added, "and it kind of smelled. So we sprayed it good with Lysol."

Tepper said after they had finished their first, which took about a week and a half to build, they took it down to the lounge and started playing cards on it. They also placed a beer can lamp on top of the table. A passerby

inquired about the cost of the lamp, and after thinking about it, Tepper sold it for several dollars.

Tepper was originally ready to sell the lamp for three dollars, but after considering labor, upped the price. The lamps take about 13 cans to construct and come with bulbs when sold.

The tables come in three sizes — 108 cans for the small, 120 for the medium, and 180 for the large-size table. A piece of glass is added on top to make the piece more useful. The tables stand two-feet high and are quite sturdy, considering the lightness of the building materials. The tables retail between \$17 and \$23.

Getting the beer cans, so far, has not been a problem.

"We've even got our RA saving for us. The case of Pabst is his," Tepper said.

The two have netted about \$30 total and admit that business could be better, but realize that students just don't have the money to spend on these items.

"Our main problem is no money," Tepper said. "A lot of students look at them, but don't come back to buy."

Line hearing expenses approved

The Centre Region Council of Governments (COG) Monday approved up to \$5,000 for "expert testimony" and legal fees for hearings on the proposed Milesburg-Shingletown power line scheduled for this fall.

The issue concerns the proposed route by West Penn Power Company and two possible alternatives.

COG's experts will argue in favor of the central alternative, the shortest

route which runs along an already existing power line, Thomas S. Kurtz, COG general secretary, said.

West Penn's proposed eastern route runs around Boalsburg, up Penns Valley and across Nittany and Bald Eagle Mountains.

In other business, COG voted to keep its offices in State College Municipal Building at 118 S. Fraser St.

"You can't find a better centrally

located spot," council member Victor Dupuis said.

Some members suggested moving to the State College bus depot where the parking is better but Borough Manager Carl Fairbanks said the Center Area Transportation Authority could only do that.

COG also voted to pay off the debts of Schlow Memorial Library in 10 years as opposed to 14 years.

Kern bomb scare is 'isolated incident'

An unidentified female caller told University Police yesterday afternoon that a bomb was set to go off at 4:30 p.m. in Kern Building.

Police searched the building, but no bomb was found, Police Services' Thomas R. Harmon said.

Police received the telephone threat at

3:46 p.m., Harmon said.

Harmon said a sign was posted on the building about the bomb threat, but the building was not evacuated.

However, most of the building's occupants who were warned of the danger left Kern, Harmon said.

Harmon added that the police do not

believe there is a connection between this bomb threat and the bomb scare in Pattee or the car that exploded recently in a Graduate Circle parking lot.

"At this point in time, we have no reason to believe that these are more than separate, isolated incidents," he said.

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