

# Water Tunnel rumor torpedoed

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**BET THEY USE REAL G.I. JOE DOLLS TOO...**

From time to time one passes the Garfield Thomas Water Tunnel on the outskirts of campus to the west. Is it true that the military tests torpedoes there?

We talked to Richard Bland, of the Applied Research Lab, to find out if your information was correct.

"First of all," he replied, "you couldn't get a full-sized torpedo in the water tunnel. It just wouldn't fit."

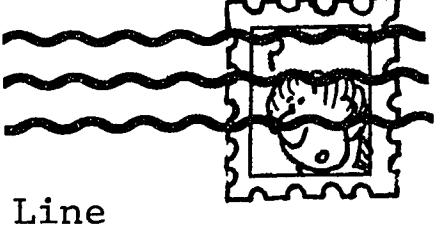
But he added that there are hydrodynamics experiments performed in the tunnel. The lab does tests with miniature torpedoes, submarines, oil rigs and assorted equipment.

But, we asked, are these torpedo tests done for the military?

"Why sure, who else uses them?" Bland said.

Ninety-five per cent of the funding for applied research is supplied by the military, he said. In fact, the military owns the applied research building.

In the midst of our financial problem, at least the University isn't paying for bombs.



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### OH, ROCKY!

A friend told me that there is a soundtrack from "The Rocky Horror Picture Show"; but that since it was made in England, it is expensive to buy here if a record store can even get it. Any information on this?

We know lots of "Rocky Horror" freaks who would pay any price to get the album you're referring to. Trouble is, they can't get their hands on it — mainly because the record stores can't either.

Don Hartack, a Schoolkids' Records Employee, said the movie soundtrack album was originally exported from England and Canada by a company known as GEM distributors. But the movie was made 4 or 5 years ago, and the recording contract has since run out, he said.

Without a contract, no one can legally do any album pressings, yet no company

has been willing to pick up the contract again. Hartack says there's a rumor that Columbia Records is thinking about it, though.

There is another album out called, "The Rocky Horror Show," which is the Broadway version of the musical. But this is not to be confused with the movie soundtrack, because, according to Hartack, it's completely different. "There's no Riff-Raff on it," he said. (Oh heavens! What good would it be without Riff-Raff?) However, it does include Eddie, Frank N. Furter, and Meatloaf. (Incidentally, Hartack informed us that Meatloaf now has his own album out — produced by Todd Rundgren, of all people.)

If you want to settle for the Broadway version, the record stores can get copies of that. But if you want the real movie soundtrack, tell Columbia — the Record company, that is.

# Graduate students get appreciation day

There are two reasons to mark Nov. 8 on the calendar — Tuesday is both Election Day and the newly proclaimed Penn State Graduate Student Day.

"The idea behind Graduate Student Day is appreciation of the role that graduate students perform in terms of teaching and research services to the University," Graduate Student Association executive secretary Marilyn Henry said.

She said the activity for the day will be a question and answer session with State Rep. Helen Wise, D-77th, and Graduate School Dean James B. Bartoo.

Wise and Bartoo will discuss the budget crisis and its impact on graduate students, Henry said.

"We are being affected by it (the budget crisis) as the current graduate enrollment is down, and there is a

reputed decrease in the available assistantships," she said.

In designating the occasion, University President John W. Oswald called graduate students "an important participating and contributing part of our total student body."

"This is the first of what we hope will be an annual event," Henry said.  
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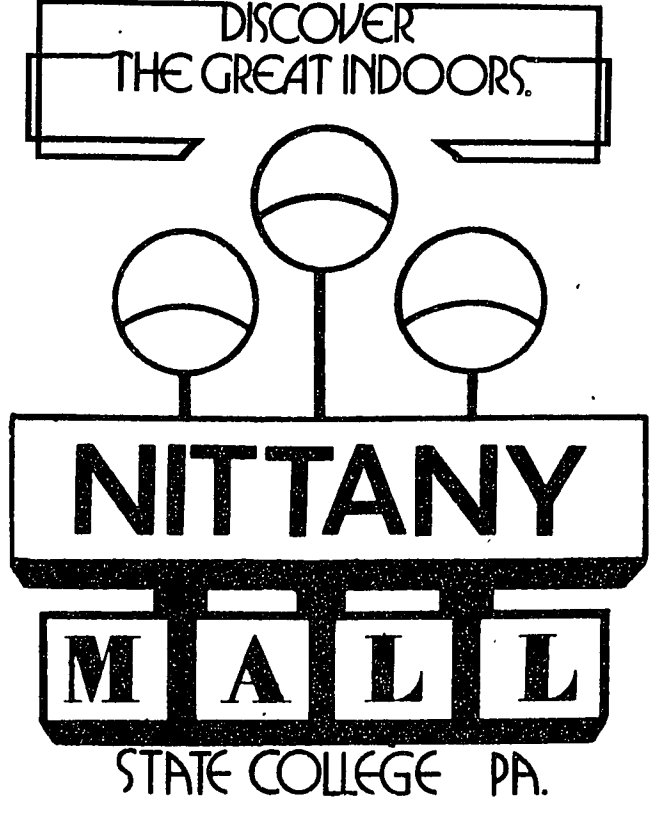


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