

## Grad student day scheduled

Graduate Student Day will be held 8 tonight in 112 Kern. Rep. Helen Wise, D-77, speaks on the budget crisis and its impact on graduate students.

The Health, Physical Education and Recreation Honor Society presents a talk on the 11th International Olympic Academy in Greece at 8 tonight in 51 White Building.

The Liberal Arts Student Council meets 7:30 tonight in 124 Sparks.

Circle K meets at the HUB desk at 5:45 tonight to meet the bus to Park West Manor.

The Penn State Biological Society meets 7 tonight in 8 Life Science.

The Keystone Society will hold an All-U-Day

meeting 7:30 tonight in 312 Boucke.

The National Student Speech and Hearing Association meets 7 tonight in Thompson lounge.

The Eastern Orthodox Christian Fellowship holds Vespers service 7:30 tonight in Eisenhower Chapel.

Froth meets 7:30 tonight in 319 HUB.

Colloquy meets 7:30 tonight at the Delta Chi fraternity.

A forum on "Feminism and Socialism: The Fight for Women's Rights" will be held in 171 Willard tonight at 8.

Campus Crusade for Christ meets 7 tonight in the HUB lounge.

## Additional student housing not needed

By VICKI FONG  
Daily Collegian Staff Writer

More student housing is not necessary because of an expected decline in student enrollment, according to a 1977 Housing Vacancy Study prepared by the Centre Regional Planning Commission.

The study showed that enrollment was up by 230 students, a 7.2 per cent increase, from Fall 1976 to Fall 1977. The university has almost reached its peak enrollment of 32,500; it is anticipated to go down by 1,000 by 1980, according to Ronald N. Short, Centre Regional planning director.

The University added housing for 650 in the dorms. More housing was built by businessmen in 1977. At the time of the

study, there were 114 vacancies for an estimated 505 students.

"Fall term is the peak enrollment term," Short said, "I've heard that by Spring Term, it decreases by 1,500-2,000 students." All these factors indicate sufficient housing is available for students, according to the study.

However, the study revealed that housing is still tight. The rental apartment vacancy rates fell from 1.4 per cent to 1.35 per cent.

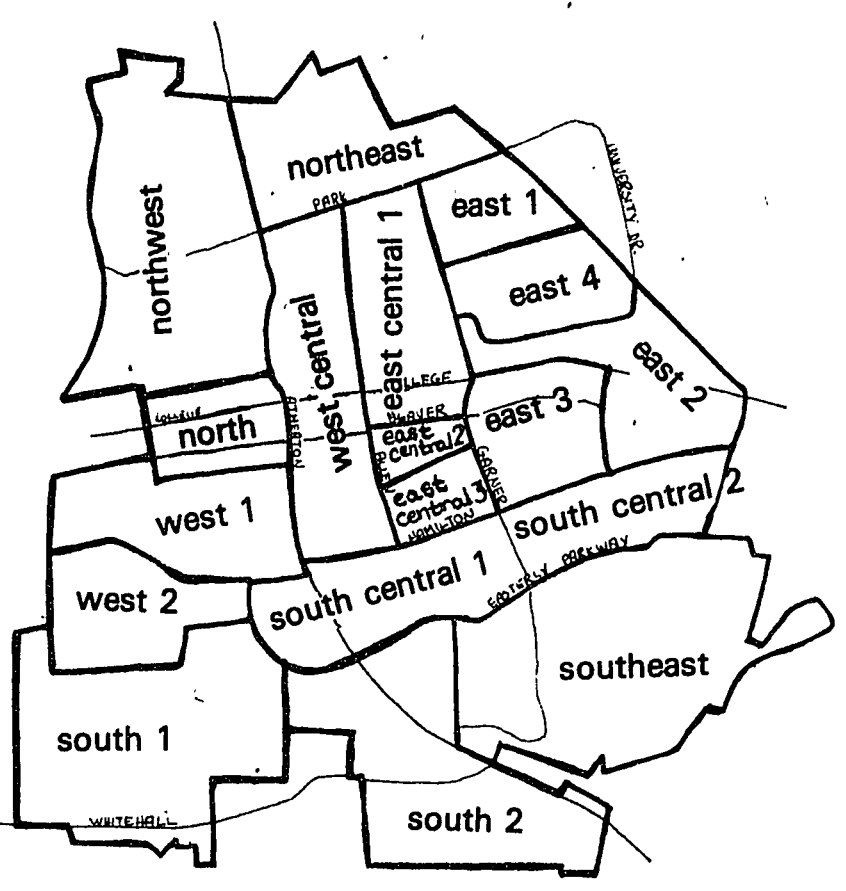
Jeremy Abrams, president of the Organization for Town Independent Students, said the vacancy rate is under one per cent in State College. He said there should be more housing to increase competition for apartment owners. Then

there would be lower rents and better services.

The ideal vacancy rate is 5 per cent, Short said. More apartment complexes have been proposed and approved. The study also attempted to survey the cost of rental housing. Apartment costs have gone up almost 24 per cent in the State College Borough from 1975 to 1977, while the increase is only about 8 per cent in the surrounding townships.

The mean rent for a one bedroom apartment is \$228.23 in State College Borough compared to \$216.58 in the townships. For two bedroom apartments, the mean rent in State College is \$291.87 compared to \$255.50 in the surrounding townships.

## State College polls open



These are the polling places in State College for today's election:

North — social room, Church of Christ, Martin Terrace

Northeast — College Heights School, N. Atherton Street

South No. 1 — Junior High School, Westerly Parkway

South No. 2 — Salvation Army Building, 1321 S. Atherton St.

Southeast — Easterly Parkway School

South Central No. 1 — State College Area High School, Westerly Parkway

South Central No. 2 — Christian Church, Easterly Parkway and Williams Street.

East No. 1 — room 118, Wagner Building (second floor)

East No. 2 — Stevens Hall, rec room

East No. 3 — Grace Lutheran Church, social room, S. Garner Street

East No. 4 — Pollock Dining Hall, room 129

East Central No. 1 — Wesley Foundation, 256 E. College Ave.

East Central No. 2 — Zeta Psi fraternity, 225 E. Foster Ave.

East Central No. 3 — Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity, 501 S. Allen St.

West No. 1 — Corl Street School, learning resource room

West No. 2 — Our Lady of Victory School, room 101, 800 Westerly Parkway

West Central — Rider Oldsmobile Garage, 121 S. Burrows St.

Northwest — Automotive Supply Co., 616 W. College Ave.

## Pledge problems hurt PSU sororities

"Penn State is losing sororities instead of gaining them which for a campus of this size isn't good," according to Jeff Fremont, advisor to the Panhellenic council.

Alpha Delta Pi was one sorority which last year closed its doors. One reason for the loss was that the percentage of rushees who became pledges was low, Fremont said.

According to Fremont, some major schools maintain a rushee-pledge ratio as high as 90 per cent.

In other Panhel news, secretary

Donna Borgman reported that Junior Panhel — the step in which new pledges become acquainted with Panhel's procedures — has been dropped until Winter Term.

Laurel Bogowski, chapter council advisor for Alpha Gamma Delta, said, "Panhel is to be congratulated for the success of this year's activities, specifically the rush revising committee and the Cyclethon."

President Janet Plavetich commented on her recent trip to Ohio State University for a meeting with other

sorority leaders. She said it was "a very worthwhile experience" and that she received ideas about rushing, possibilities for a Greek newspaper, and activities for the Spring Fling.

Plavetich also pointed out how effective a good sorority system can be, saying that Michigan State University Sororities now boast a 3.7 grade point average with the individual low GPA being 3.3.

Winter Term rush sign-up will be held in the HUB from November 29 to December 2.

— by Mark Breakey

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