



Where have all the flowers gone?

They're probably planning their spring surprise under this blanket of snow and ice near Houserville.

Photo by Chip Connolly

Coal strike hikes prices Power may cost more

By ALLEN REEDER
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The coal strike may mean that West Penn Power Co. customers will pay more for electricity, according to Friday's Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

Power purchased from the Pennsylvania-New Jersey-Maryland Interconnection in order to conserve West Penn's coal supply is costing more than power produced by West Penn would have, a West Penn spokesman said.

West Penn controller, William Wagner said Thursday it cost \$8.5 million to buy power between Jan. 8 and 23. The same amount of power, if generated by West Penn, would have cost \$1.7 million, he said.

The costs are different because coal is a less expensive power source. Most of the interconnection's electricity is generated by oil.

Last week, West Penn was buying less than 10 percent of its total demand from the Interconnection, Robert B. Van Atta, supervisor of public information, said.

The Public Utility Commission said the added cost would probably force a special rate increase, because such expenses cannot be included in the fuel adjustment charge.

West Penn residential customers had been paying the lowest rate in the state for power, PUC commissioner Robert Bloom said. Ninety-five percent of the company's power is coal-generated.

The United Mine Workers have been on strike since Dec. 6.

In other strike-related developments: — The State College Area Chamber of Commerce decided to ask President Carter to work for a quick end to the strike. Board of directors President Robert G. McCarty said the strike could

hurt the economy. He expressed concern that threatened power cutbacks would be harmful to the public. The president will be asked to use federal agencies to mediate a strike settlement and, if necessary, invoke the Labor-Management Relations Act to force the miners back to work.

— West Penn's coal stockpiles continue to diminish. The utility now has less than a 40-day supply. Even shipments of union coal mined before the strike cannot be delivered, Van Atta said. Fifteen coal barges were halted along the Monongahela River after a towboat operator was shot at.

— Gov. Shapp had not decided by Friday whether to order electricity conservation as requested by three utilities, including West Penn. The PUC is to meet Tuesday and may make a decision then.

University uses \$51 million for research

By BOB HEISSE
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More than \$51 million was spent on research projects at the University last year, according to Richard G. Cunningham, vice president for research and graduate studies.

Sponsored research accounted for 71 percent of the funds, while University funds and state appropriations made up 22 percent. Federal appropriations for agriculture projects accounted for over 6 percent, Cunningham said.

Cunningham said he expects about \$54 million from the various sources to go

for University research in 1977-78. Statistics supplied by Cunningham show that money for University research has increased by slightly more than \$20 million in 10 years.

About one-third of the increase, however, has gone to the College of Medicine, which last year received nearly \$7 million or 13.3 percent of all University research dollars.

Other areas of the University and their percentages of research dollars in 1976-77 included: The College of Agriculture, 23 percent; the Applied Research Laboratory, 20 percent; The College of

Earth and Mineral Sciences, 13 percent; The College of Engineering, 7.8 percent; The College of Science, 7.3 percent; and The College of The Liberal Arts, 2.9 percent.

Although money supporting University research has increased gradually, Cunningham said the overall program could still use additional funding.

Money for sponsored research is harder to come by each year, he said. For example, the number of proposals written by University faculty members to obtain various grants for research has doubled in the past 10 years, Cunningham said.

"We run harder to stay in place," he said.

Cunningham said that University research, which is conducted at University Park and The Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, provides the graduate program with all its essentials except courses.

"If it weren't here, our graduate program would be a mere shadow of what it is," he said.

He estimated that about one out of four University faculty members are involved in research at any given time.

Woman asks for help to avoid rabies shots

A woman bitten by a large black mongrel dog Jan. 25 has asked anyone with information about the dog to call the State College Police Department.

The incident occurred about 11 p.m. at 532 W. College Ave. The dog's owner may be a blond man, age 20, between 5'6" and 5'8", tall, the woman said. Information is needed immediately if the woman is to avoid a painful series of

rabies shots.

Two vehicles, operated by Gary S. Williky of Oakridge, N.J., and Clair J. Merritt of R.D. 1, Tyrone, collided on Shortlidge Rd. at 9:33 a.m. Friday, University police services said. Damage to both vehicles was estimated at \$1,500.

Chris Trask, 6 McKee Hall, reported to

University police at 1:53 p.m. Friday that several items, including tools and a sleeping bag, valued at \$660, had been stolen from his car in Parking Lot 83 west.

A car driven by Paul Matuska of Grove City slid on the ice and broke through a guard-rail on Branch Road at 10 p.m., Friday, State College police

said. Damage to the car was estimated at \$1,500. Matuska was admitted to the Mountainview Unit of Centre County Community Hospital with minor injuries and released.

Several articles of furniture, valued at \$175, were stolen from the lobbies of Nittany 20 and 24, University police said.

Primaries could hurt marijuana, drinking age bills

By STEPHEN MARTE
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If the drinking age and marijuana decriminalization bills do not get into caucus soon, they may not pass for a long time because of the approaching primaries, state Rep. Helen D. Wise, D-77th, said Thursday night.

"They are not only controversial, but emotional issues, and the longer they go, the less chance there is of them getting through," Wise said last night in a question and answer period in the HUB lounge.

One student voiced strong appreciation of Wise's backing of the bill and asked her to bring it up at a future caucus, which she promised to do.

Wise, also a trustee at the University, said she foresees great fiscal problems in the next five to 10 years.

To combat this, last year the University instituted a five-year plan, which includes the study of future funding and possible cutting of programs.

The plan also includes the study of declining enrollment, which Wise attributed to fiscal problems and the declining birth rate. However, Wise did state that Pennsylvania is 41st out of the 50 states in per citizen funding of institutions because of the large population and the fact that Pennsylvania has more colleges than any other state.

"Even in the face of financial crisis, I think higher education is important," Wise said.

Speaking more as an educator than as a legislator, Wise said that her generation couldn't get the education that people can today because of the depression. She said the key to success in the 40s and 50s was an education. Now she hopes that the emphasis of education can shift to strengthen research and aid Americans in growing energy problems.

Along legislative lines, Wise said all state departments and agencies must submit their budgets by Feb. 1. Because of legislation passed last August, the budgets must be cut by five percent over last year's budget — something never

discussed before, Wise said.

Also, in order to save money in the future, it will be extremely hard for the state to start new programs, Wise said. Money will have to be shifted from programs already in existence.

Wise refused to say who she was backing in the upcoming gubernatorial race.

"I'm pleased that we've got some fine people on both sides and I think whoever among a few people makes it, we'll be in good hands," Wise said.

With some good candidates running, Wise hoped more students would come to the polls in the primary. "I wasn't responsible for Shapp," Wise said.

Congress candidate to speak in HUB

William F. Clinger, Republican candidate for the 23rd Congressional district, will speak and answer questions at 3 p.m. today in 323 HUB.

A Ukrainian Orthodox Moleben Service will be held at 7 tonight in Eisenhower Chapel.

The job market for English majors will be discussed by the Undergraduate English Majors Association at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in 301 HUB.

Collegian notes

The College of Business Administration Phonathon will begin 6 p.m. today in 305 HUB with an informational workshop. Calling will be from 6:30 to 10 p.m.

Dr. Jack Siberski will speak on The Unglamorous Side of Medicine at 7 tonight in 321 Boucke.

A videotape preview of "Saturday Night Fever" will be shown from 2nd through 4th period Monday through

Friday this week in the HUB main lounge.

The Math Club is sponsoring tutoring for courses below the 150 level from 7 to 9 tonight in 117 McAllister.

A talk on "India After Independence" will be given by O.M. Sheopuri of the Indian Embassy at 7:30 tonight in 11 Kern.

Student Counselors will meet at 7 tonight in the Walnut Building.

Eco-Action will hold committee meetings and nominations 7:30 tonight in 207 Sackett.

The Microbiology club will meet to organize a blood typing project at 7 tonight at 250 N. Frear.

The National Student Speech and Hearing Association will hold a practicum workshop from 7 to 9 tonight in Waring Dining Hall C.

Individual and Family Studies T-shirts may be picked up or purchased from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday this week at the HUB table. Cost is \$3.50 for all sizes.

Fraternities, town officials talk

Fraternity presidents questioned State College borough officials Saturday evening about concerns such as fraternity security and the possibility of building additional fraternity houses.

More exchange between the two groups occurred less formally during the cocktail hour and dinner preceding the question and answer session.

— by Debbie Sheer

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