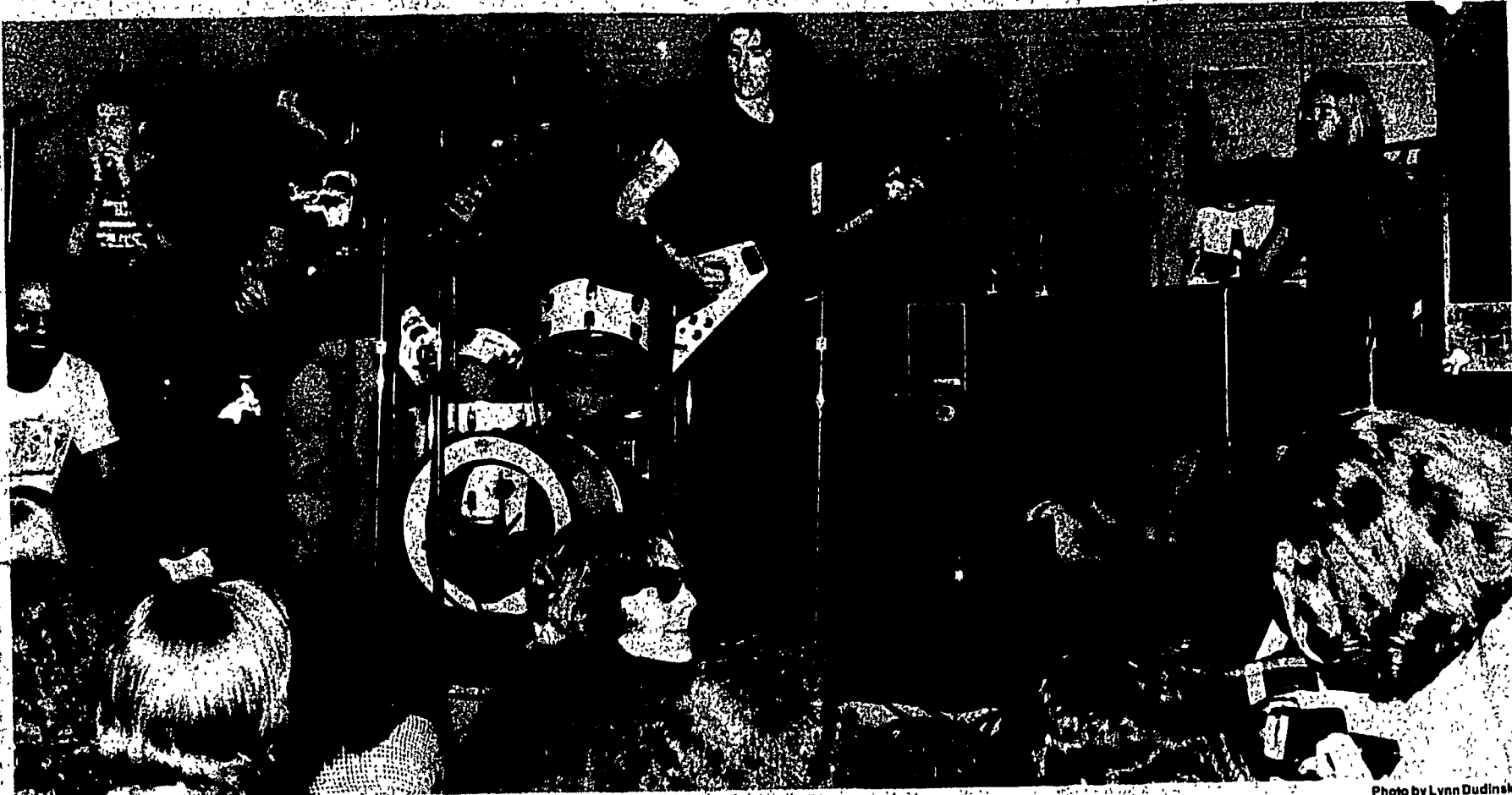


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Playin' the blues

Greg Allman, right, of the former Allman Brothers Band, made his second and third appearances in the area Monday night as he played with the Nighthawks

at the Scorpion bar. For a review of the band's hot performance in front of a packed house, see page 3.

'Son of Sam' pleads guilty

From our wire services

NEW YORK — Without the slightest outward flicker of emotion, David R. Berkowitz pleaded guilty Monday to the six random .44-caliber killings committed during a year-long reign of terror as the furtive Son of Sam.

"I'm an excellent shot," Berkowitz said quietly at one stage in a unique interrogation by three different judges.

At another point, the 24-year-old Berkowitz coolly detailed the slaying of 18-year-old Donna Lauria of the Bronx, the first of his six victims.

"You bastard," the girl's mother, Rose, sobbed through a handkerchief from a fourth-row seat in the courtroom where emotions among parents of the victims ran high and seemed in stark contrast to the defendant's self-control.

Berkowitz faces a maximum of 25 years to life in prison for each of the six slayings and a maximum of 25 years in prison for the attempted murder of seven victims who escaped with injuries. Sentencing was set for May 22 on all counts.

However, under New York State law, any cumulative sentence for the ex-serviceman and former postal clerk

cannot exceed 30 years to life, making him eligible to apply for parole when he is 54.

The only surprise in the 2½-hour hearing came when Bronx District Attorney Mario Merola revealed that Berkowitz kept a diary in which he logged up to 2,000 arson fires he claimed to have set, predominantly in the Bronx, from 1974-1977 — a period overlapping his savage career as the night-time Son of Sam.

Security was unusually tight as Berkowitz arrived at the courthouse shortly after 9 a.m. in a heavily armed motorcade. A police helicopter hovered overhead, and police and court guards frisked spectators and reporters who had to go through two metal detectors inside the building.

Not once in his lengthy question and answer session was Berkowitz asked, nor did he volunteer, information about his widely publicized role as Son of Sam. He had said previously that he was driven to kill by hordes of demons marshaled by a 6,000-year-old devil incarnate whom he identified as a Yonkers neighbor, 64-year-old Sam Carr.

USG again rejects funds for capital trip

By MARY ELLEN WRIGHT
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A bill which for the second time requested money to send University students to Afrikan Liberation Day in Washington, D.C., was voted down Monday night at the first official meeting of the 1978-79 Undergraduate Student Government Senate.

The defeated bill would have appropriated \$468 for the Penn State Jazz Club to send one bus — containing approximately 40 students — to the Liberation Day on Saturday. A similar bill requesting over \$900 for Black Caucus to transport the students in two buses was defeated by the 1977-78 Senate in April.

East Halls Senator Takesha Dockery, the sponsor of the bill, said the organizations working to send the students to the Liberation Day — a worldwide political, educational and cultural event of fellowship for persons of African descent — have raised enough money to send one bus to the event themselves.

During the debate over the bill, South Halls Senator Jim Pfeifle and Town Senator Thomas Feeney said passing the appropriation bill could set a precedent for all other student groups wanting money for educational trips to come to the Senate for funding.

USG Treasurer Rod Prior warned the Senate during debate on another appropriation bill that USG finances are running tight since it is near the end of the term, and that the Senate should be cautious about how much it spends before the end of the term.

Pollock-Nittany Senator Kevin Spangler, during the Liberation Day

bill debate, said he was impressed by the sincerity of the organizations requesting the money and by the fact that the groups had gone out to raise money on their own.

"The argument against funding the trip because of certain political participants in Afrikan Liberation Day — such as the Palestinian Liberation Organization — and certain topics to be discussed at the event — such as getting rid of the 'racist' regimes of countries such as Israel and the United States — was presented by senators at both the April Senate meeting and the one held Monday night.

"You're a bunch of fucking racists," past Black Caucus president Butch Randolph said to the Senate after the bill was defeated.

Black Caucus president Charles Kennedy said he felt the black students' presentation had been rational and logical. He added he felt the reason the bill was defeated both times was because some senators "harped" on the political questions involved with the bill.

"I think the USG is afraid to face world issues," he said.

The Senate's 1978-79 officers were also elected at the meeting. Town Senator Molly New will serve as Senate president.

The new standing committee chairmen are: Pfeifle, rules; town Senator Jim Neely, government relations; Hal Shaffer, from town, appropriations; Mike Baker, from town, Programs and Services; and North Halls Senator Vicki Sandoe, programs and services.

Council increases parking fees

By TONY GRECO
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It will soon cost more to park in downtown State College at borough-owned facilities.

The State College Borough Council last night unanimously overrode a veto by Mayor Arnold Addison and increased parking rates and overnight fines.

An estimated \$73,000 could be collected annually by the borough from the rate increases, according to a report given to the State College Parking Task Force in December by James H. Miller of the Pennsylvania Transportation Institute at the University.

Under the amended ordinance, parking at all facilities, including the Pugh Street Parking Garage, will be 25 cents an hour, which is 5 cents for 12 minutes at a meter, with a maximum rate of \$4 per day in the garage.

The fine for overnight parking will be increased from \$3 to \$5, and from \$5 to \$7 if the fine is paid 48 hours after it's issued. Overtime parking fines will remain at \$1, and \$3 if paid after 48 hours. It was originally proposed to raise overtime fines to \$2 and \$4, respectively.

The rate for a rental space in the garage will be increased from \$17 to \$22, with a 10 percent discount if the rental fee is paid a year in advance.

Also under the new ordinance, all lots will have a maximum three-hour parking limit, overnight parking rates for lots will be discontinued, meter capping rates

for contractors will remain at \$2.50 per day and loading permits will be discontinued.

The new meter rates will take effect as soon as the meters are adjusted, Borough Manager Carl B. Fairbanks said, and the new garage rates will take effect July 1.

Fairbanks said the meters will be changed by a "phase-in" operation, with a few meters at a time sent away for adjustment. He said for a period of time some meters will be on the new rates, while others will still be on the old rates.

Changing the meters will cost the borough between \$12,000 and \$14,000, Fairbanks said.

Miller's report said, assuming no decrease in utilization of the parking facilities, the parking rate increase will bring the borough an estimated additional \$73,245 annually.

The rationale for the rate increase is to increase revenue and to look ahead to providing parking five years from now, Addison said. The increased overnight fines will cover increased costs of printing new tickets and postage and will be "more severe" on offenders, he said.

Addison said he vetoed the ordinance mainly because of the increase in overnight fines. He said the ticket cost is covered by the present rates, and the increased fines will be an "overkill," especially to visitors.

"When you have a violator in any part of your com-

munity, and you rap him \$3 or \$5, you're cracking his knuckles," Addison said, "but when you charge him \$5 and \$7, you're breaking his arm."

The cost of each ticket, including printing and postage and before it's placed on a car, is 51 cents, Fairbanks said.

Addison said he had no objection to the increase of parking rates and thanked the council for deciding not to increase overtime fine rates.

Chief of Police Elwood G. Williams Jr. said between 600 and 800 overnight parking fines are issued every month. He said overnight parking is mostly restricted in residential zones "where people really have sufficient room to get off the street, but don't want to take the time."

Williams said the borough seems to be getting nowhere with the \$3 fine. The last increase, from \$2 to \$3, had no effect on the number of fines issued, he said.

"The public has found that \$3 is a very cheap overnight parking rate," he said.

Councilman Ronald F. Abler said he favors the fine increase because the "pocketbook nerve is pretty sensitive." Council member Mary Ann Haas said the increase may remedy the problem of crowded streets.

"Anything we can do to keep streets open for moving traffic is a priority," she said. "Overnight parking is one of the biggest pains."

Kissinger urges larger jet sales package to Israel

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger urged on Monday that the administration increase sales to Israel in its Mideast jet fighter package amid growing signs that a compromise was under discussion.

Kissinger appeared before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which decided to delay until Tuesday a planned closed session for further discussion of the administration plan to sell fighters to Israel, Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

"Asked about the significance of the postponement of the private session, Senate Minority Leader Howard H. Baker Jr., R-Tenn., replied, "you might

assume something was going to happen."

Despite indications that a compromise was in the offing, White House press secretary Jody Powell said at a briefing that President Carter "made it quite clear that the proposals before Congress will not be altered."

But he added: "What is possible outside those limits remains to be seen," an indication the administration does not preclude commitment for an additional sale of jet fighters to Israel separate from the sales proposals already before Congress.

At the State Department, spokesman Hodding Carter refused to disclose

details of negotiations underway between congressional leaders and the administration, but noted changes in the numbers of planes for each country could be made in the present package if the White House and Congress consent.

Elsewhere, Saudi Arabian oil minister Ahmed Zaki Yamani said his country does not see a direct linkage between Saudi oil sales and the purchase of the U.S. fighters. But he said it would be "naive" to think a rejection of one would not affect the other.

The former secretary of state strongly endorsed increasing the number of planes slated for Israel.

He said the 75 F-16s and 15 F-15 jet

fighters were "at the very lowest end of the spectrum" of the numbers discussed during the Ford administration.

"The numbers requested while I was in office were several orders of magnitude above this," Kissinger added.

In addition, Kissinger said the earlier figures were not discussed in the context of sales to Arab nations.

"Israel did not have any reason to anticipate this, which is one reason I feel the Israeli part of the package should be augmented," he added.

While advocating a larger number of jets for Israel, Kissinger also endorsed the sales to Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

Wise recommends more definite plan for success of PennPIRG

By PATRICK KIGER
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State Rep. Helen D. Wise (D-Centre) told Students for a Pennsylvania Public Interest Research Group Monday night that they should develop definite plans for PennPIRG before they ask the University to fund the proposed consumer organization.

Wise, who is also a University trustee, said the students must be able to show how a PIRG exactly will benefit the University before they can expect the Board of Trustees to approve a funding system for PennPIRG.

"Before you (Students for PennPIRG) can get the funding, you've got to convince them that a PIRG will do something that ARHS, USG or the other student organizations aren't already

doing," Wise said. "You've got to show how it will benefit the students."

Wise said she favors the concept of PennPIRG, a statewide student organization which would employ professionals to investigate consumer issues. However, Wise said she believes that at present most of the other 31 trustees oppose PennPIRG.

"If we went before the board with a PIRG proposal tomorrow, we might get eight or nine votes," she said.

Student trustee Dave Hickton, who also attended the meeting, said that instead of concentrating on funding plans, Students for PennPIRG should instead work to establish credibility with the University Administration and students.

Hickton, also a PennPIRG supporter, said most University students are primarily interested in local issues and it may be difficult to enlist their support for an organization with a statewide focus, such as PennPIRG.

"You've got to convince people here that they should look at something beyond just what's going on at Penn State," Hickton said.

Hickton said Students for PennPIRG, which has already received endorsements from the Undergraduate

Student Government, the Intrafraternity Council and several other major student organizations, could continue to build support by publicizing the achievements of PIRGs in other states.

"People want to hear what PIRGs have actually done elsewhere," Hickton said.

Wise said Students for PennPIRG should also consider looking to the state legislature for possible support.

At Wise's suggestion, Students for PennPIRG decided to postpone efforts to arrange a meeting with University President John W. Oswald to discuss the possibility of funding PennPIRG through the University's tuition billing system. Oswald has declined on several occasions to meet with the students and has said he opposes the proposed "refusable-refundable" PennPIRG funding plan.

One member of Students for PennPIRG, however, felt a meeting should still be arranged with Oswald for another reason.

"I've only seen him once — freshman convocation — and that was at a distance," Tom Little (13th-community development) said. "I'd be reassured to know that he is a real walking, talking person and that he speaks English."



State Rep. Helen D. Wise (D-Centre) is shown speaking to a group of Students for a Public Interest Research Group Monday night. She told the students they must be able to show how a PIRG will benefit the University be-

fore the University Board of Trustees would approve the idea. Dave Hickton (second from left), student-trustee, also attended Monday night's meeting.