

Charmaine Kowalski, Miss Pennsylvania, on the runway at the Miss America

Charmaine: a loser who's still a winner

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Juarmaine Kowalski, Miss Pennsylvania, linked arms with Miss Arizona and strode toward the escalator that would take them to the Miss America Ball. Smiling broadly, she introduced Miss Arizona. "She's very intelligent," she said. "Together

we probably have an I.Q. of 400!" Kowalski, 22, had known she was not a winner of Saturday night's Miss America pageant for over two hours.

"I'll be back in State College as soon as I can," she said. "I really miss school."

Kowalski lost out on the top prize of the Miss America pageant, the title and crown of Miss America for 1979. But she did not come away a loser entirely. She said the pageant was an educational and interesting ex-

Kowalski said the Miss America pageant and the Miss Pennsylvania pageant had come along at a "very convenient time" for her. "I had to wait a year to see about medical school anyway, so it was really convenient," she said. Kowalski said she had sent in most of her applications to medical school last week, but she still had a few more to complete.

Kowalski remembered one time during the pageant when she was surprised by a question: In an interview, a reporter had suddenly asked if she was aware there were homosexual backstage workers and what she thought of it.

"It took me totally by surprise, and I kind of said something like well, so what, does it really matter, but I didn't say exactly that. But I think I handled it pretty well. Kowalski said the only aspect of the

pageant that had upset her was the photographs newspapers chose to run. "Photographers had the opportunity to take so many kinds of pictures, but almost all the pictures I've seen have been of the contestants in swimsuits. That kind of upset me.' she said.

The judges' interviews "were not Kowalski said. "They (the questions) were tailor-made to me. They asked me about medicine and homosexuality and who I thought had a great influence on politics." Richard Nixon was one of her answers to the latter question.

"He made people re-analyze the political system," she said. As for her winnings, Kowalski said,

"They're a great way to finance an education.

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Begin voices optimism as summit moves to Gettysburg battlefields

GETTYSBURG, Pa. (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin said Sunday the Mideast summit is "going well" but other sources were more cautious in their assessments.

"We need another two or three days to crystallize things," Ezer Weizman, the Israeli defense minister, commented as President Carter led Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat on a tour of the Civil War battlefield here.

Afterward, Carter met with Begin at Camp David. Md. Key U.S. and Israeli advisers also attended the working session at Holly Lodge.

Sources close to the Egyptian delegation said the summit, now in its fifth day, was moving slowly and that there was no breakthrough so far. Begin made his optimistic comment as Carter joked

briefly with reporters at a monument to Confederate soldiers who suffered a decisive setback at Gettysburg in the Civil War. Asked how the talks were going, the prime minister

replied: "You can see they are going well." He seemed to be referring to the evident rapport

between the participants rather than to the Arab-Israeli dispute itself. Before traveling to Gettysburg, Carter talked by

telephone to the Shah of Iran, whose troubled country is regarded by American officials as a key to Middle East

Hours after the call, the White House press office announced it, saying Carter "reaffirmed the close and friendly relationship between Iran and the United States and the importance of Iran's continued alliance with the West.'

The announcement said Carter expressed "deep regret over the loss of life" in anti-shah rioting in Iran and expressed hope for an early end to violence.

Carter "further expressed the hope that the movement in Iran towar political liberalization would continue." the announcement concluded.

With the talks in temporary recess the three heads of state, traveling together in Carter's bullet-proof black limousine, drove from Camp David, Md., to visit the battlefield where Carter's native south took a terrible

The Georgian, showing his guests a monument to the southern troops who were overwhelmed, said they could have won, "with tanks."

Carter, wearing a gray sports jacket, showed Begin and Sadat several of the high spots of the 1863 campaign in which Southern forces led by Gen. Robert E. Lee were repulsed with heavy casualties in their second and last effort to invade the North.

"They could have used President Sadat, Moshe Dayan and Ezer Weizman," the president quipped to reporters trailing behind. Dayan, the Israeli foreign minister, and Weizman, the defense minister, are both former generals and heroes of Israeli wars with Arab neighbors.

The sightseeing, which White House press secretary Jody Powell said was prompted by Prime Minister Begin's interest in the Civil War, extended the weekend slowdown in Mideast summitry.

The only session of note was held Saturday, between Weizman and President Sadat. The two are reported to have established a personal rapport and Weizman was often at Sadat's side as they examined the monuments and cannons on the battlefield.

Reporters were kept far enough away from the summit principals to maintain the Carter-imposed secrecy that has marked the five-day-old conference at the presidential retreat.

'We're going smartly, don't you think?" Weizman said, sidestepping questions from a straining press

"How are you doing," a reporter persisted.
"We are doing," the defense minister responded

cryptically. The three leaders traveled here together in Carter's bulletproof black limousine as part of a motorcade of

some two dozen cars, buses, and station wagons packed with Secret Aervice agents.

Park visitors and other Sunday tourists were kept at a safe distance. Robert Prosperi, a park historian, filled in the details for the president.

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Probe reveals state Assembly pads payrolls

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The state General Assembly produces payrolls embellished with no-show or seldomshow jobs and permits legislators to live in an extragavant manner at taxpayers' expense, the Philadelphia Inquirer reported in its Sunday editions.

The allegations appeared in a copyrighted story based on an eightmonth Inquirer investigation of how the state Legislature operates.

As a result of its probe, the Inquirer also alleged that the political system in the state Capitol:

- Insures that legislators and candidates for the Legislature can take money from people and interests seeking their favor and never have to tell anyone how much or why.

- Sees to it that legislators who serve long enough can retire on an annual pension nearly double their legislative salary, and that legislators who are not re-elected can land in state jobs that pay more than the Legislature.

- Has created a web of 26 separate payrolls and 92 separate spending accounts through which it dispenses its largesse to its members and its friends.

- Supplies each Senator with \$60,000 worth of scholarships to secretly dole out each year to children of friends, relatives and political comrades.

The report said the scholarship system which exists in no other state — is characterized by secrecy, and that it was impossible to secure a complete list of recipients of the scholarships. Only 20 of the 50 senators asked by the Inquirer for a complete list of the names responded, and four of the five state institutions which are involved in the program - including Penn State would not release a list of the names.

Many of the charges brought by the Inquirer were not new, but the allegations of misdeeds in the Legislature have seldom been compiled in such volume.

Legislators place friends, relatives and party functionaries in no-show and seldom-show jobs that range in salary from \$6,000 to \$35,000 a year, the paper alleged.

The Inquirer said it found one legislative worker — who draws \$9,072 a year as a House messenger - at the beach during a recent session. Asked why he was in Wildwood, N.J., instead of Harrisburg, the employee replied: "It's just one of those strange things that happen."

Expense paid by the taxpayers include \$1,000 in candy purchased by the Senate librarian, and \$3,890 for Senate President Pro Tem Martin L. Murray's food and drink bill for one month, the paper claimed.

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Based on its investigation, the Inquirer alleged that last year Sen. T. Newell Wood, R-Luzerne, collected \$44 a day for food and lodging on New Year's Day, Lincoln's Birthday, East Sunday, Election Day, Flag Day and 31 weekends. On all those days the entire Capitol was closed.

The paper also charged that during the past 1976 general election and the May 16 primary, 55 candidates failed to file any report of campaign contributions whatsoever, in violation of the state's Election Code.

The report also charged that most of the 84 "ghost employees" of convicted former Senator Henry J. Cianfrani showed up on state payrolls again shortly after they were discovered.

Fighting, planning in Mideast during summit

BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI) — Hard-line Arabs opposed to Egypt's Middle East peace initiative will meet in Damascus Sept. 20 to formulate "important decisions" on whatever emerges from the Camp David summit, the Palestine Liberation Organization said Sunday.

A statement from the official PLO news agency WAFA said the third summit of the Arab Steadfastness Front, formed by hard-liners after Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's visit to Jerusalem last November, would also plot, "a strategy for the coming stage of the struggle." The statement did not elaborate.

Syrian Information Minister Ahmed Iskandar Ahmed had said recently the summit was planned for the final half of September but that no date had been set.

The announcement of the date for the meeting followed Saudi Arabian efforts to convene a reconciliation meeting about the same time, grouping both the hardliners and Sadat.

Diplomats saw the announcement of the hard-liners' summit as a setback for the Saudi plans but believed a reconciliation conference was still possible, especially should the Camp David talks produce no substantial change in Israel's negotiating position.

The diplomats said Sadat had told Saudi officials if this happened he would "unofficially" end his ninemonth direct initiative with Israel and be ready to plot fresh strategy with his fellow Arab leaders.

The diplomats believed it was unlikely the hard-liners

would reject such a move, especially if supported by the oil-rich Saudis.

In the meantime, Israeli warplanes cracked sonic booms over Beirut Sunday for the first time since the start of the Camp David summit — hours after Syrian troops battled Israeli-armed right-wing Christians in the city's worst fighting in two months.

Daylong sniping between the Syrian peace-keeping troops and the rightist militias escalated Sunday night into intense rocket, artillery and small arms fire on the Christian southeast flank of the captial.

The new Israeli sortie was a dramatic response to former Lebanese President Camille Chamoun's charge that hard-line Syria had engineered renewed Beirut fighting in a bid to undermine the summit called by President Carter.

Late Sunday night the sniping suddenly erupted into intense rocket, artillery, mortar, rocket-propelled grenade and small arms fire on the Christian southeast flank of the captial. Residents reported a nearly continuous boom and

crackle of fire from both sides.

No casualty figures were immediately available in the fourth straight night of Syrian-Christian battles.

Residents, hiding in make-shift shelters in anticipation of the fighting, said the firing appeared concentrated near the Christian southeast area of Ain Rummaneh, a main battleground during the 1975-76 civil war.

One frightened woman in east Beirut screamed into the telephone, "If it goes on like last night, I just can't take it. One way or another I'll die.' Rocket, artillery, mortar and machine gun fire early

Sunday pounded the Christian southeast suburb of Hadath, near President Elias Sarkis' official residence. In Cairo, the newspaper Al Ahram said Monday the

Camp David summit has entered a "most delicate" phase with profound differences persisting between Egypt and Israel and the next 48 hours will be decisive. Reporting from the Maryland presidential retreat,

the newspaper said the differences were not confined to the future of the West Bank and Gaza and the rights of the Palestinians, but also focus on the general framework of an overall Middle East settlement.

A similar report carried by the Middle East News Agency quoted informed sources as saying "matters will be crystalized" within the next two days.

Correction

In Friday's Daily Collegian, Robert W. Frank, chairman of the Faculty Senate Right and Responsibility Committee, was incorrectly identified as the chairman of the senate Tenure Committee.

Present law called 'ridiculous'

Pot bill dies in house committee

By DAVID VAN HORN Daily Collegian Staff Writer

A marijuana decriminalization bill has died in the state House Judiciary Committee, but the issue is still alive.

Representative Joe Rhodes, D-24, said there would not have been enough votes to pass the bill.

Rhodes said the need for decriminalization stems from the lack of enforcement of the present law. Enforcement of the law does not coincide with police policy, he said. "If every police department enforced the law, 10,000 people

would be arrested a week," Rhodes said. "The law is (bidiculous.' The bill was brought before the floor of the House in June,

according to Bill Cluck, advisor for the Penn State Chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws. Cluck said the sponsors felt it would be unwise to vote on the

Looking good

After some patchy morning fog, today looks promising with mostly sunny skies and warmer temperatures with a high of 82. Tonight should be mostly clear and mild with a low of 64. Tomorrow will be warm, hazy and humid with partly cloudy skies and a risk of a few late afternoon and evening showers Mand thundershowers and a high of 83.

bill before the November elections. Therefore, the bill was sent back to the committee, he said.

Cluck said the advocates of decriminalization are working on the issue so a vote after the election is possible.

Rhodes said he did not know whether the bill would get through in November because the legislative session will last only three days after the election. Cluck said it would take "a super-human effort" to get the bill passed in three days. Cluck said the best possibility for passage would be to tack a decriminalization measure onto another bill.

Rhodes said NORML and the district attorneys are lobbying for decriminalization. District attorneys do not want to be bothered with prosecuting marijuana cases, he said

However, the legislators have not been pushed by public outcry to have marijuana decriminalized, he said. "Members won't take that risk of voting for the bill," he

said. "There is no great urge to pass it because there is no payoff (for House members)," Rhodes said. Cluck said that for national decriminalization, five to 10 more states would have to soften their laws on pot. He said

Pennsylvania is very important, and if this state lowers its

laws on marijuana, other states might follow this lead.

"Pennsylvania is the catalyst for other states," Cluck said. Eleven states have decriminalized marijuana, the latest state being Nebraska, Cluck said. Cluck said he was very surprised to find that Nebraska had lowered its penalties over the summer.



Lions Pete Kugler, number 57, and Greg Jones, number 70, put the squeeze on Rutgers quarterback Bob Hering. The Lions trounced the Scarlet Knights 26-10 in Saturday's home opener. See story p. 13.