

# Student leaders say better communication needed

**Editor's Note:** This is the last article in a series examining the use and abuse of funds and privileges in residence hall government.

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In response to recently revealed improprieties in the governing of the Association of Residence Hall Students, several student leaders have suggested ways of preventing a repeat of such occurrences.

Some leaders have said there is a need for increased communication between ARHS members as well as between other organizations on campus.

"The majority of problems stem from a lack of communication between people within the organization," North Halls President Steve Osborn said.

The lack of communication is "usually between the executive board and the individual representatives to the general council," he said.

Deb Montick, Centre Halls president, said there also is a need for better communication between organizations, specifically the Undergraduate Student Government and ARHS.

One step towards better communication has already been established between ARHS and USG. A USG correspondent reports back and forth to each organization on the activities of the other.

"We need more people like that (the correspondent) to let organizations know what the other is doing, so they don't overlap in events," Montick said.

She suggested a weekly report of the minutes of both USG and ARHS be circulated to keep each other informed.

She said the organizations are too decentralized, and that "no one has anyone to answer to."

Montick said what may be needed is a board of students to oversee activities and to make sure policy violations don't take place.

Kathy Dodson, South Halls president, said there are about 400 student organizations on campus. She said ASA cannot check up on all of them.

ARHS Vice President Steve Matt said the problem of improprieties is something for council to look into as a whole in order to prevent them from happening again.

Marina Murphy, Summer Term ARHS president, said a summer council could be formed for the Summer Term, instead of having only four students run ARHS.

She said a summer council would be beneficial

for the freshmen, and it would give them early exposure to student government. She also said having an administrator co-sign purchase orders with the treasurer would provide a check on the use and amount of money spent.

Osborn said the bylaws should be amended to specify how ARHS works during the summer. Osborn said ARHS officials should not be elected solely by ARHS members.

"The constitution should be changed so that ARHS officials are elected popularly from among the residence hall students," Osborn said.

When asked about budget controls, Osborn said more controls should be placed on the amount of money spent by executive councils without council approval.

North Hall's constitution has been rewritten

and now states that all treasury appropriations must be approved by council. There are guidelines set up for emergency expenditures, but the amount spent is limited to \$40 in a single payment and no more than \$130 in any one term.

"As president of North, I feel that my number one task is to try to key into what the reps want to do, instead of just reiterating what was done in the past," Osborn said.

He said last year's North Halls' problems were "a direct result of the president not being able to deal effectively with council members."

Many of the new sections of the constitution were written as direct checks and balances on the president and other executives.

Also, the treasurer should report all financial dealings to the council on a regular basis. Members may demand to see North Hall's financial records at any time — if they are suspicious of operations.

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## University has unnamed weapons

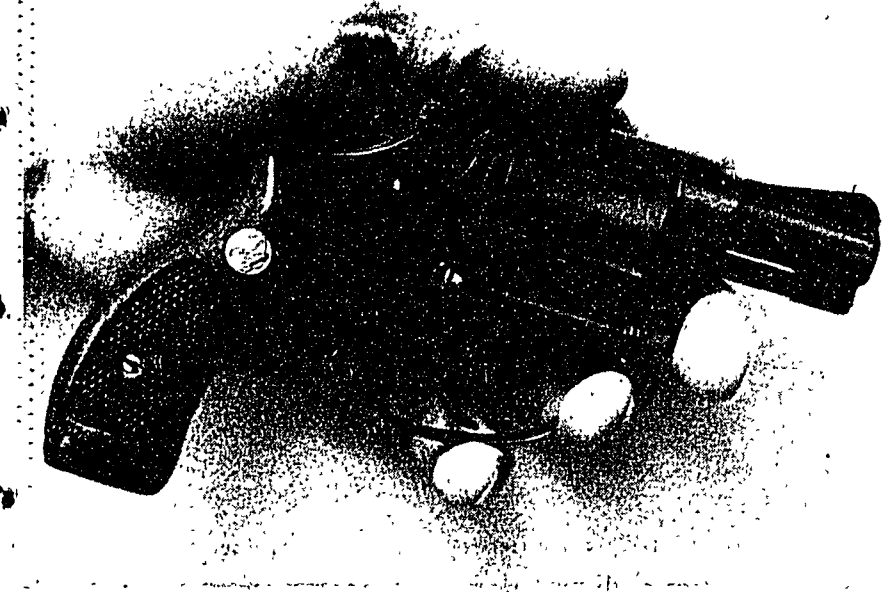


Photo by Chip Connolly

A .38 caliber pistol as shown above is just one of many weapons in the University's arsenal. David E. Stormer, University safety director, said the University has 33 .38 caliber pistols as well as a 37 millimeter tear gas gun. But he would not comment about other University weapons. Stormer has asked the University Council to allow certain police officers to carry guns. Thirty-three University officers were armed during most of the Summer Term.

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The people at University Police Services have more weapons than they are willing to talk about.

In addition to a tear gas gun and several .38 caliber pistols, "there are other weapons that we keep that I'd rather not comment on," Safety Director David E. Stormer said.

The police services arsenal includes a 37 millimeter tear gas gun that has never been used, Stormer said.

"We also keep weapons for students or staff," Stormer said. "They check them in and out. The number varies, usually between 10 and 15 in the summer and 100 to 150 in the fall."

Stormer said, 38 caliber weapons are "assigned but not carried" by 33 officers.

Stormer asked University Council last week to consider allowing campus police to carry firearms. He told the council that the officers carried guns for most of the summer.

All but three of the 33 officers have undergone training for the use of weapons at police academies in Pennsylvania, Ralph E. Zilly, vice president for business, said.

In a "fact sheet" on University security, Zilly said all campus police officers are required to have "either the bachelor's degree in the social sciences

or two years of university education plus at least two years of prior law enforcement experience." The 33 officers at the University are "undergoing continuous training to maintain their skills and proficiency," Zilly said.

University police were granted the same powers as municipal police in 1968, and the University "undertook the responsibility for providing law enforcement service independently to the campus . . . thus relieving the police of the Borough of State College and the Pennsylvania State Police of any significant responsibilities for protective services on campus," Zilly's report says.

"In cases of extreme emergency or violence, the University, without an adequately equipped police force, must rely either on the state police or the State College Borough Police," Zilly reported. "The state police recently moved from Rockview to Milesburg, approximately 12 miles from campus," it says.

Three campus police officers have been assaulted, one with a knife, in 1978. The report says there were four assaults against officers in 1977 and 12 in 1976.

Campus police, the report says, have investigated an average of four cases of rape or attempted rape annually over the last five years. "In all cases," it says, "the assailant claimed to be armed or was armed with a knife or a club."



Photo by Robin Miller

### Made in the shade

Bruce Iowin (2nd-business administration) shields his face, and his mind, from the sun and other distractions.

## Carter urged to veto tuition tax credit bill

WASHINGTON (UPI) — HEW Secretary Joseph Califano yesterday criticized a college tuition tax credit proposal before Congress as an unfair break for the wealthy and recommended a presidential veto of the measure.

Califano called for Congress to enact President Carter's plan providing tuition grants based on need.

He said the congressional plan that allows a \$250 tax credit for each student would only encourage universities to automatically increase tuition by that amount.

"I believe the tuition tax credit is worse than nothing," Califano said at the White House.

The measure would provide "millions of dollars to the most affluent individuals in our country . . . at a time when the budget is so hard-pressed," and is inflationary, unfair and a potential bureaucratic mess, Califano said.

But a proponent, Sen. Robert Packwood, R-Ore., disputed Califano's judgment.

"Tuition tax credits would not en-

tangle educators in a whole new bureaucracy," Packwood said. "Instead it frees parents and students from the current excessive bureaucracy. It provides simple, direct tax relief, to millions of Americans."

"I'll be interested to learn who has the president's ear, Joe Califano or the American people," Packwood said.

The bill, which was approved by House and Senate conferees last week, would give a \$100-\$250 tax credit for each of the nation's 11.6 million college students, regardless of need.

Carter proposed tuition grants, which would provide a sliding scale of \$250 to \$1,800 for about 5 million students, based on need.

"It is such bad tax policy and such bad education policy that if it were enacted, I would recommend the president veto the legislation," Califano said of the tax credit plan.

"If each student is going to get a tax credit of \$250 it would be an almost immediate and logical reaction for hard-pressed universities to immediately raise their tuition by \$250."

## Ice Pavilion change leaves skaters out in the cold

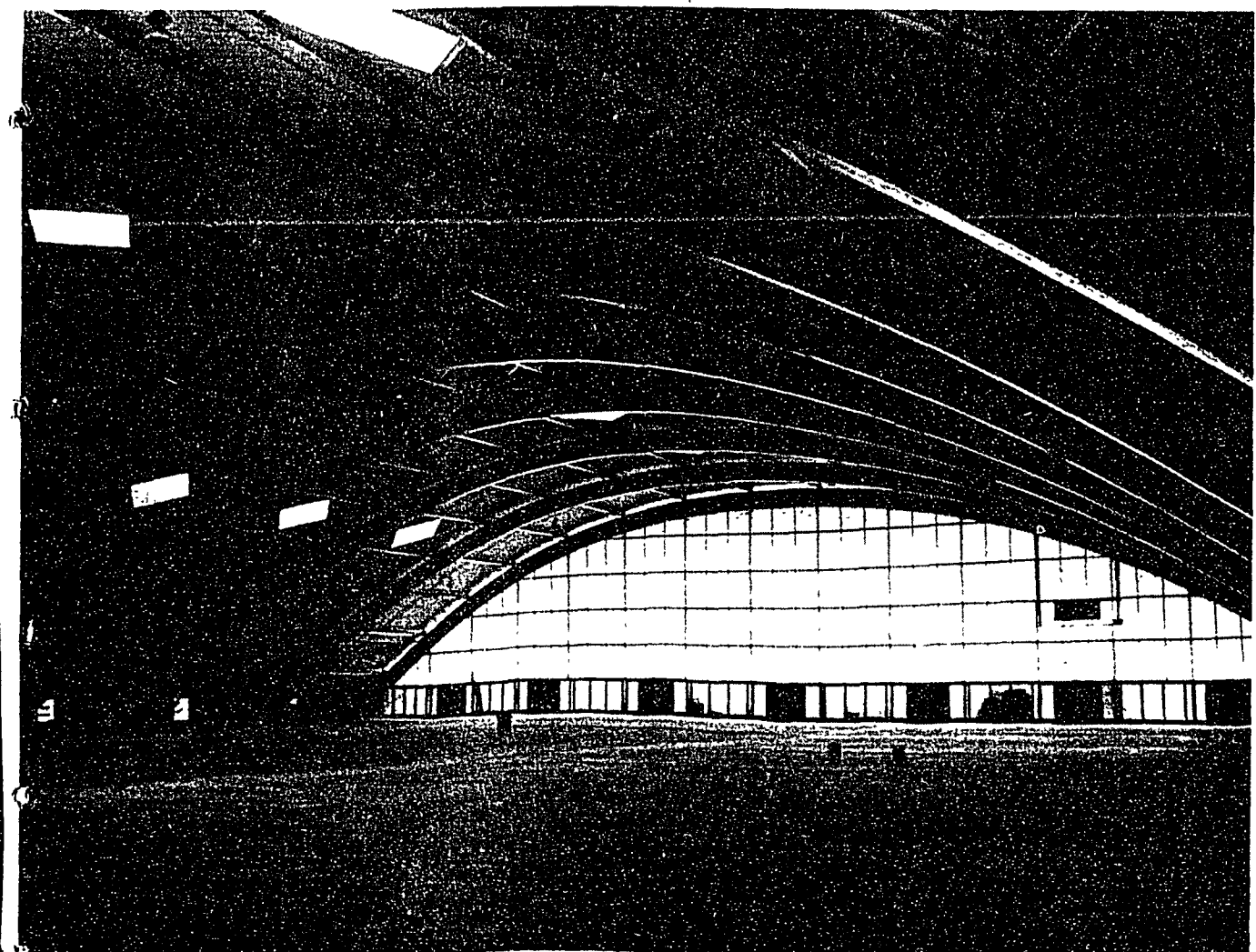


Photo by Phil Norton

The Ice Pavilion, shown above, will soon become a fieldhouse for practice by varsity teams. The building's floor is covered by 4 inches of concrete and will be carpeted by Astroturf in the near future.

**Editor's note:** This is the first in a series of articles examining the new sports complex.

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The ongoing conversion of the Ice Pavilion into a fieldhouse for outdoor varsity teams will provide a warm practice area for those teams, but is leaving skaters and hockey players out in the cold for at least a year.

The new fieldhouse, described as an indoor sports complex, is expected to be ready for use by Nov. 1, but the construction of a new indoor ice rink requires that additional outside funds be raised.

"It depends how fast the money rolls in," said Robert J. Scannell, dean of the College of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. "We could do it all at once, or it might be four to five years away."

The entire project, including both the fieldhouse and the new ice rink, will cost an estimated \$3.5 million. The rink alone is expected to cost about \$2 million.

The fieldhouse will provide the soccer, track, baseball, football, men's and women's lacrosse and field hockey teams with an indoor artificial surface for practices.

"Penn State is probably the only major university in the country that doesn't have a decent track facility or indoor sports complex," track coach Harry Groves said.

"They need a fieldhouse," Penn State Hockey Club faculty adviser Robert Hetteima agreed, "but why take away the only indoor ice rink when the next closest one is 98 miles away?"

The Penn State Hockey Club will hold this season's home varsity games at the Skatium in Mechanicsburg, the closest indoor ice facility.

Hetteima said the club will request funds from the athletic department this week to help pay for the additional travel expenses and ice time at the Skatium. Mechanicsburg is 7 miles west of Harrisburg.

"We'll gain from the support in the Harrisburg area," Hockey Club President Jerry Fry said. "We'll also show the University that we're a viable varsity contender."

Public skating will be available on a temporary outdoor rink scheduled to be built on some of the tennis courts near the old Ice Pavilion, but the University's regular physical education ice skating courses have been cancelled this year.

The temporary rink will damage the surface of four or five tennis courts, Scannell said, but those courts will be resurfaced at a cost no higher than \$46,000 apiece, depending upon how much has to be repaired.

The cooling coils, ice resurfacing vehicle and other ice equipment will be moved from the old pavilion to the temporary rink. A small warm-up hut will be built adjacent to the rink, and high intensity sodium lights will allow night skating.

John Sowers, president of the Penn State Ice Skating Club, said without a cover, the weather will damage the outside ice rink for figure skating. The club is going to the Skatium Tuesday nights to practice.

"Everyone understood," Nancy

Hoblack, a skating club member, said, "but what can we possibly do? The point of it is, they (the varsity teams who will use the fieldhouse) have other places to practice, but the only place we have to practice is 90 miles away."

The varsity teams have other existing facilities, Hetteima said. "But they weren't satisfied with that — they had to go and grab something from someone else."

"We're clubs," Hetteima added, "we have no varsity coaches pounding the table." He said he expects the temporary outdoor skating to last two years.

"From my view, I have to look down the road," Scannell said. "The sooner I can have them in a proper rink, the better off I am; and in order to do that I have to go through a year or two of makeshift, I'll do it."

The new rink eventually will be equipped with heat and air conditioning so it can operate year round. An area for spectators, locker rooms and a changing area also are planned. Scannell said the existing mechanical parts of the rink would have had to be replaced by 1985.

### Another try

After some dense patchy fog early this morning the sun again will try to shine on Happy Valley. Partly sunny skies are expected today with a high of 64. Clouds will again be moving into our area tonight with a low of 47. Cool winds from the ocean should make tomorrow a downright lousy day. It will be cloudy, drizzly, breezy and cool, with showers most of the day and the high struggling up to only 60.