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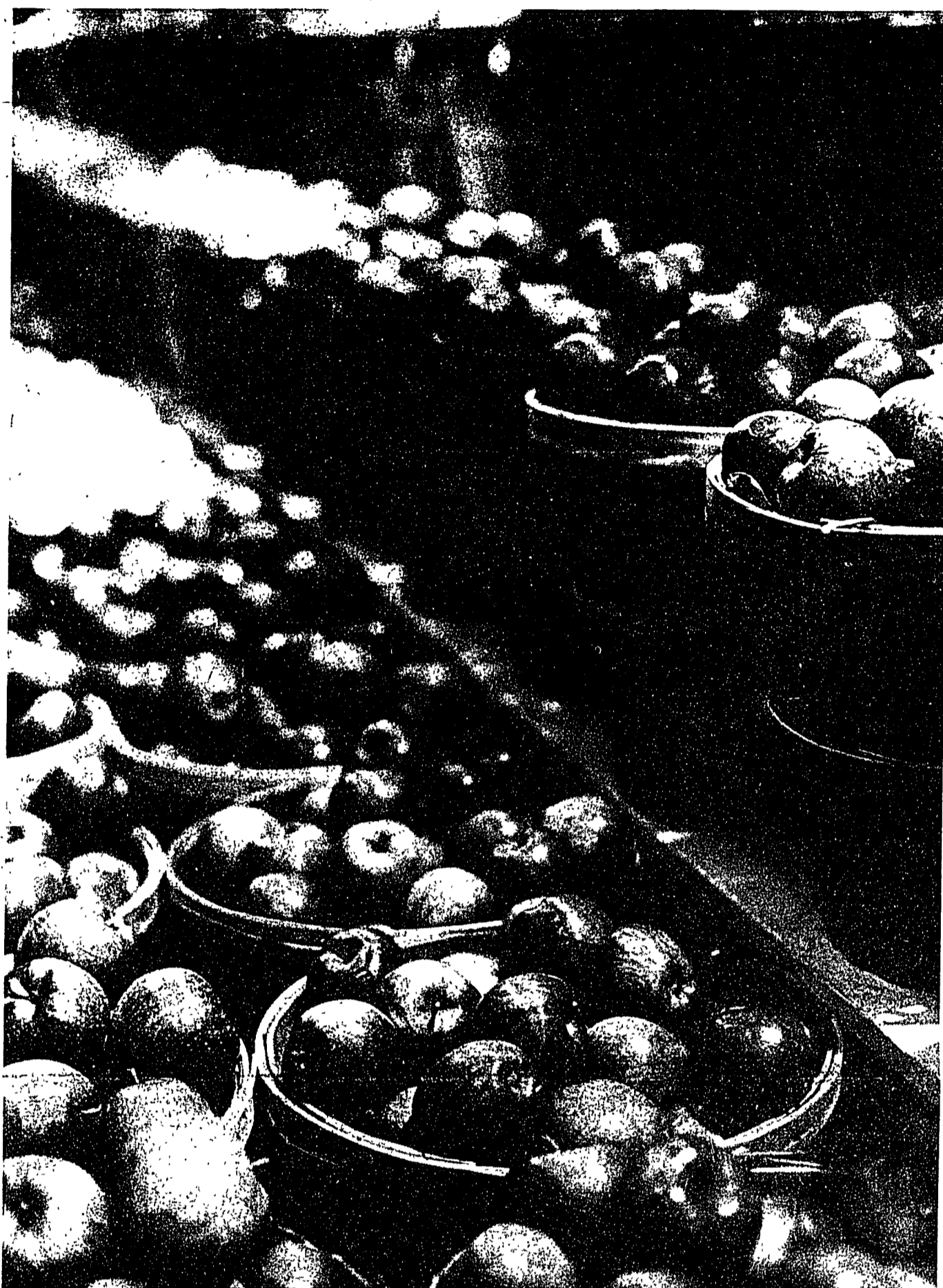


Photo by Chip Connolly

The doctor's away Along with brilliantly colored leaves and football fever, fall also brings apples.

Carter to explain price ceilings

WASHINGTON (UPI) — On the eve of its formal debut, administration officials sought yesterday to clear up confusion surrounding President Carter's anti-inflation program and its voluntary price ceilings.

Carter will go on national television and radio tonight to explain his latest initiatives for dealing with inflation, which has surged sharply this year and

emerged as the public's top domestic worry.

For weeks the administration had been explaining privately to business and labor leaders, as well as news media, that the centerpiece of the plan would be a voluntary 7 percent cap on wage gains next year and a 5.75 percent ceiling on price increases.

The government said if companies or unions failed to cooperate, it stood ready to use its contracts and procurement policies as a "stick."

Several administration officials said Monday the 7 percent wage ceiling still stood.

However, they said Carter will not make any reference to a numerical guideline for prices, substituting instead the broader principle of "deceleration."

Sources explained the deceleration plan is designed to be "more flexible" and that prices increases could range between 6 and 6.5 percent.

On the surface, the deceleration approach appeared to virtually duplicate the one contained in Carter's initial anti-inflation effort announced last April.

It also could anger labor leaders, including AFL-CIO President George Meany, who has warned the administration that labor would not cooperate unless wages and prices were treated evenly and fairly.

In another development yesterday, consumer, labor and environmental groups accused the administration of blaming inflation on its victims rather than its causes because it does not want to offend big business.

Sparkling sunshine

It will be cool today under bright, mostly sunny skies with a high of 55. Tonight should be clear and very cold with a low of 30. Mostly sunny skies with a few high clouds are on tap for tomorrow with the high a warmer 59.

Students to pay \$2.25 when dorms open early

By VICKI FONG
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Students returning early to attend the Pitt game will be charged \$2.25 per day to stay in the residence halls, a University housing official said yesterday.

William McKinnon, director of housing and food services, said the residence halls will open Friday after the Pitt game, but the first meal served will be Sunday dinner.

The fee does not include meals, McKinnon said. But the Terrace Room and the Johnston Pizza Shop will be open to serve students.

McKinnon said students returning early to the dorms will have to pay in advance to the post office in their dorm area. When the students come back to the dorms for the game, Housing plans

to check a list of students who have paid the fee.

McKinnon said those who have not paid in advance will have to pay a slightly higher fee. Details have yet to be worked out for enforcement, he said.

Pat Peterson, associate director of Residential Life Programs, said resident assistants will be on duty, and night receptionists probably will be filling in too. Final plans for opening the residence halls will be discussed later this week, she said.

The rate of \$2.25 per day cannot be compared to the \$8.40 refund at \$1.68 per day, which was returned to the students after Spring Term was shortened by five days, McKinnon said. The refund rate of \$1.68 per day was established from the fixed funds within the housing contract.

He said the major savings from shortening the term was in food costs.

The \$2.25 rate is an established rate Housing charges to provide rooms beyond the time set in the dorm housing contract. Seniors remaining for graduation or students who arrive ahead of the opening date, for example, would be served by this arrangement, McKinnon said. The rate is based on employee costs and cleaning costs, he said.

"We are looking for cooperation from the students," McKinnon said. "Compared to a hotel, the dorms are cheaper. It will be difficult to collect the fee, but we will try." He said the full plan will be announced about Nov. 1.

The effectiveness of the plan will determine future decisions to open the residence halls early, McKinnon said.

Barracks may fall to new rink

By LORRAINE RYAN
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Rumors have been circulating among Nittany Halls residents that their days may be numbered. And it has been discovered there may be some credence to these whisperings.

Residents of either Nittany 43 or 44 may have to sacrifice their home quarters to make room for an ice rink to be built adjacent to the new indoor sports complex. At least that is what the architects at Deeter, Ritchey and Sippel Associates may be planning.

"These plans are by no means definite," John Miller, Director of Physical Plant, Planning and Development, said. However, Miller did confirm that the architectural drawings have been received from the Pittsburgh firm. The drawings are being reviewed and prepared for presentation and discussion at the November meeting of the University Board of Trustees.

"The plans will be reviewed by the board," Miller said. "Changes could be made." He added it may be months before any final decisions are made.

When asked when the proposed tearing-down might take place, Miller indicated the funding of the project and construction plans for the new rink will be the major determining

factors. Miller said he does not expect any razing to occur before the end of Spring Term.

Director of Residential Life M. Lee Upcraft said students have been notified of the proposal. However, it was decided no plans would be made until the trustees make a definite decision on the dorms, — which could be months away.

Because Nittany 44 is closer to the complex, it may be the more likely candidate for destruction. Several residents were asked their reaction to their possible eviction — none seemed surprised. They said the rumors started last year about a new ice rink and the possibility of a couple of dorms being torn down.

"Because of the football team, students lose out again," Bill Buckley (7th-Russian) said. "We just got booted out. I was here last year, and have a lot of friends here."

"I had planned on coming back; it's not fair," he added. "It stinks, because athletics get preference (time and time again)," Craig Heberle (7th-elementary and special education) said. "A lot of us were here two years and we all got pretty close. Where are they going to put us?"

Albert Kazelis (7th-microbiology) said, "The problem is, next year when we re-apply for dorms, will we get any preference, or do we have to go through that whole scramble again?"

Ice therapy funds to be discussed

Ice skating therapy classes will start on schedule, with details about the program funding to be worked out between now and the beginning of Winter Term, the dean of the College of Health, Physical Education and recreation said yesterday.

Evelyn Marboe of the Pennsylvania Association for Retarded Citizens, met with Dean Robert Scannell yesterday to discuss the future of the ice skating therapy classes for the area's mentally and physically handicapped.

"Primarily, the meeting was concerned with whether or not the program for the handicapped will be severed, or if the PARC was going to seek funds for

it," Scannell said.

Last week, the University announced it was going to charge the program for ice time and skate rental for the first time in 11 years.

According to Scannell, the program will start as usual at the beginning of Winter Term. "We have six weeks to work out the details," he said. Marboe will be meeting with the people from the PARC, while he meets with members of his department, Scannell said.

Scannell said the problems involving funding is partially a problem of semantics. "It's a question of whether this is a University program, an individual faculty members program or a

program of the PARC."

If it was a University program, the ice time would not be charged, and if it was a class, only a fee would be required, Scannell said. However, if it is a program independent of the University, then it must be charged the same way other community programs are.

The whole issue has become "a tempest in a teapot," and has been sensationalized, Scannell said.

Marboe said "we are most anxious to continue the program," and will meet with other members of the PARC Board of Directors and Scannell to discuss the status of the program, and the details for the Winter Term session.

Suicide signs easily identified, talks ease tension

By JO ANNE DILLER
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The third leading cause of death among college students, suicide, occurs less frequently at Penn State than at other major universities, Albert Ingram Jr., psychiatrist and director of the Mental Health Center, said.

Nationally, there are one to three suicides per year per 10,000 students, Ingram said. The University falls below the national average of nine suicides per year for schools with an enrollment of 30,000, Ingram said.

Actual figures for the number of suicides at the University are not available, Ingram said, because data collection has just started this term.

Some signs precede a suicide attempt, he said. Withdrawal, frequently going off by oneself, changes in personality such as an outgoing person suddenly stopping their social activities, depression, leaving notes saying they are not feeling well or they "want to get off this world," are all signs that a person is contemplating suicide, he said. If a person talks about suicide, there is a possibility they will attempt it, he said.

Dr. Ellen Piers, director of the Psychology Clinic, said there are 10

categories of risk documented by the Los Angeles Suicide Prevention Center.

The risk of suicide is greater for males than females, but three times as many females attempt suicide. However, three times as many men succeed in their attempts, Piers said. Men use more violent methods of suicide than women. Most men use guns while women use pills, she said.

The risk of suicide is also greater for people over the age of 50. If a person has sleep disturbances, depression, alcoholism and is experiencing stress or is a homosexual, the risk of suicide is greater, Piers said.

The loss of a loved one, either through death or divorce, or the loss of a job, places a person in a greater risk bracket for suicide, she said.

If depression is acute or having a sudden intense onset, the person is placed in a greater risk category than if the depression is chronic or long-term and reoccurring.

The fifth greatest risk category entails the clarity and detail of the suicide plan. If the person knows when and how he will attempt suicide, and has all the materials available, the risk is greater

than if the plan is hazy, Piers said.

If a person lacks personal resources, such as family or friends, or if these people are unwilling to help, the risk of suicide is greater, she said.

If one or more suicidal attempts have been made, or if the person suffers from a debilitating illness or has had a bad

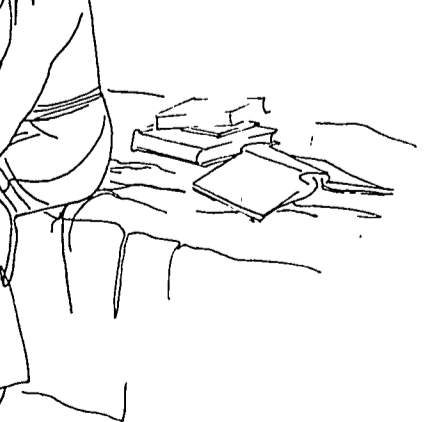


Illustration by Sandy Calandra

experience with physicians, there is also a greater risk of suicide, she said.

The ninth and 10th greatest risk categories concern relations with others. If communication with relatives is broken off and there is resistance to reestablishing communication the chance of suicide is increased. If the

reactions of friends or the family is a punishing or rejecting attitude the risk of suicide goes up.

Piers said a possible explanation for the frequency of suicide among college students is they are experiencing the "existential dilemma," or trying to decide who they are and where they want to go.

"If something happens that puts them back or depresses them and they don't know how to handle it, they may overreact," Piers said. "But there are not clear factors here to explain the reasons for suicide," she said.

Marilyn Paul, intake supervisor at the Psychology Clinic, said students who come to the clinic and are suffering from depression say they have contemplated suicide but later decided against it. These students say they are feeling hopeless, that there is nothing left, say they are tired of what is going on in their lives, Paul said.

Piers said friends or roommates can help if they notice signs or suspect a person is contemplating suicide.

"Most people who consider or attempt suicide don't want to die. They're ambivalent — they don't and they do. They do because they can't see any other way

out, but if you give them a little bit of hope, it can turn the scales," she said.

Piers said there is a peak stage of motivation to commit suicide. If the person can be persuaded to seek help, to call or talk to someone, the motivation is reduced, and it takes a lot for the person to rebuild motivation to the peak stage, Piers said.

Ingram said talking to the person contemplating suicide may result in being shut out by them. Friends should also try to get the person to talk to or see a mental health professional, or go to a professional themselves to discuss the situation.

Piers said friends or roommates should try to be around the person a lot, to talk to them and to avoid leaving them alone as much as possible, as well as urging them to go to professionals for help.

If a friend commits suicide, others suffer from tremendous guilt, Piers said. Therapy or counseling to handle the guilt is recommended by Piers, especially if guilt feelings start interfering with their own lives. Talking to clergymen, friends or mental health professionals is sometimes necessary to assuage guilt feelings, Piers said.