

ARHS will protest fee for Pitt game dorm use

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The Association of Residence Hall Students last night voted to formally protest the \$2.25 charge per day for those residence hall students who will be returning early to attend the Pitt game Nov. 24.

ARHS is asking there either be no charge to stay in the dorm or a charge of \$1.78 per day with meals provided.

Last Spring Term, residence hall students received an \$8.40 refund because Spring Term was shortened by five days. A refund of \$1.68 per day was established from fixed costs within the housing contract. Fixed costs include the salaries of the housing staff and building expenses.

According to Frank Lignelli, Residence Hall Advisory Board member, the \$2.25 will be used to pay for variable costs, such as utilities and the salaries of the individuals in charge of the agency desks in each area. The agency desks are set up to check new

students into their rooms.

The residence halls will open after the game and the first meal served will be dinner Sunday, Nov. 26.

Steve Osborn, North Halls president, said \$2.25 per day will be charged for no meals when last spring \$1.68 was refunded including meals. "I still fail to see the difference," he said.

"To pay \$2.25 and not get meals is inconsistent," he said. They're taking advantage of us."

Osborn said students should pay \$1.68 and get meals. "I'll pay \$1.68 and it won't bother me at all."

Leon Stankowski, movie co-op chairman, suggested that 6 percent be added to the \$1.68 for inflation.

About 10,000 students live in the dorms, Stankowski said and about 6,000 of those have tickets. If those students came back early, the University would make around \$13,000, he said.

Kathy Dodson, South Halls president, said the University is obligated to open

the dorms for the students but does have the right to charge for it.

ARHS President Jeff Glazier said, "This is a special exception and we shouldn't be charged \$2.25."

Centre Halls President Deb Montick said, "I think we should recognize that the University is screwing us. We're paying for something we didn't get refunded for."

Lignelli said the \$2.25 was not used last year, but the students will come back and use water, heat and electricity.

Montick said, "And I'm not gonna eat."

Lignelli said students paying the \$2.25 would be given receipts, which must be carried with them. Failure to present a receipt to a resident assistant or campus police upon request could result in disciplinary action, he said.

Glazier said any damages incurred over the two days would probably be paid for by the students carrying receipts and not by the entire residence hall population.



Photo by Mary Baragar

Polar bear club

While many people have been complaining about recent fall cold spells, and classroom jacket-wearing sometimes seems mandatory before the University turns the heat on,

these swimmers really don't look like they mind the cold as much as those along the pool.

Husband's consent ruled unnecessary

RENO, Nev. (UPI) — District Court Judge James Guinan has ruled that a husband's consent is not needed before his wife undergoes artificial insemination.

Guinan also upheld the doctor's right to refuse to disclose the identity of the sperm's donor.

Nevada, unlike some states, has no law requiring consent of a husband or dealing with the subject of artificial insemination.

In the case before Guinan there were two suits against Dr. Frank Rueckl. One was filed by Michael Fitzgerald and the other by his ex-wife, Rulanda. They sought damages stemming from the 1972 insemination performed without Fitzgerald's knowledge.

Guinan, it was disclosed yesterday, ordered the case file sealed and listed

publicly by number only.

The child produced died before age 2 of what one attorney said was "failure to thrive." He said the baby never was healthy.

Fitzgerald claimed the doctor had an obligation to get his consent before inseminating his wife. He also claimed he should not be held responsible for any of the child's medical bills which totalled more than \$40,000.

Both he and his wife asked for damages because of the psychological strain on them individually and on their marriage stemming from the circumstances of her pregnancy and the baby's condition.

The attorney for the ex-husband said the case would be appealed to the Nevada Supreme Court.

Flaherty's patronage stand riles Thornburgh

KITTANNING, Pa. (AP) — Peter F. Flaherty's refusal to say he will abolish the patronage system in PennDOT means more of the same old politics, his Republican gubernatorial opponent charged yesterday.

"I'm saying there will be no patronage. It's very simple to say. Either you will or you won't," Richard L. Thornburgh said at a news conference in Armstrong County. He added he would replace the patronage system with merit hiring.

"Mr. Flaherty won't promise it because he intends to keep the current system in place. Nobody has to ask Dick Thornburgh what will happen to all of the patronage hacks and drones in PennDOT. They're all going."

Thornburgh made the charge one day before the candidates' second televised debate, "this one on statewide commercial television originating from Philadelphia."

The state Transportation Department has become one of the hottest issues in the gubernatorial race. Not only is the agency broke and unable to build or repair roads, but some 48 officials have been convicted or indicted of crimes like

macing, extortion and kickbacks in a political operation.

In September, Flaherty issued an eight-point program to revamp the beleaguered PennDOT system without mentioning patronage. Asked specifically about it two weeks ago, Flaherty said he would eliminate traditional patronage by hiring qualified people without regard to political sponsorship.

But he refused to say he would abolish it point blank. "I'd rather say it the way I said it," Flaherty said.

Last week, Flaherty said he would allow Democratic chairmen at the county level to continue serving as maintenance supervisors if they gave up their political posts.

"They would have to give up one or another. I think it's a bad practice. We would have open-hiring without patronage based on merit," Flaherty said.

But Thornburgh charged that Flaherty was really saying that the old politics would continue.

"He's made it clear. He has no intention of cleaning it out. It underscores the fact that only a Republican ad-

ministration can clean out the mess in Harrisburg — no ifs, ands or buts," the Republican said in a speech before an Elks club luncheon.

Thornburgh also pointed out that Flaherty has received campaign contributions from nine Democratic County committees, and that 16 current or former members of the Shapp ad-

ministration have been raising funds for him.

"He's passing himself off as a born-again independent. All of a sudden, he says he's going to deliver us from the wreckage of the Shapp administration. But he enjoys the support of every Democratic wheel horse in the state," Thornburgh said.

600 students need TB test

Approximately 600 freshmen and transfer students from other colleges may be unable to register for Winter Term unless they report for a tuberculin skin test required as part of the physical examination for entrance to the University, said Robert Miller, chairman of the Student Advisory Board to University Health Services.

If the new students do not receive the test, designed to determine the presence of tuberculin bacteria, Ritenour Health Center will place a hold on their registration for next term, Miller said.

Health Services Director John A. Hargleroad II said students who come in

for the test next Tuesday will not be charged the \$2.00 fee for the test.

Students may inquire about the exam at the clinic (8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday through Friday, or 8 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Saturday) or by calling 865-6556.

Hargleroad said students were scheduled for the test during orientation. About 3,000 of these were administered the test and came back for the necessary check on results, while 600 either failed to return for the check or did not report for the test at all, he said.

The hold on registration is a usual practice when a student fails to receive the tuberculin test, the director said.

—by Anne Clifford



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