

Keeps tree surgeon busy

Trees favorite victim of vandals

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Vandalism is not a crime limited to graffiti and broken windows, as evidenced by the many trees in State College which been the victims of malicious vandals.

Borough tree surgeon Jim Evans said, "We've had a lot of problems with the damaging of trees. They are susceptible to damage from pedestrians ripping branches off."

Tree vandalism is not a seasonal occurrence. It is a problem that exists year round. Two weeks ago, five trees were ruined on Calder Way. Branches were ripped off and one tree was destroyed completely.

"There was one instance where someone had broken a tree five inches in diameter," Evans said, "and I have replaced one tree four times this year."

In business areas, where there is a good deal of pedestrian traffic, new trees have a hard time trying to survive. "The area that gives us more trouble than anywhere else is the 100 block of East Beaver Avenue," said Evans.

Evans said that most of the damage is done late at night, making it difficult to catch the vandals, and that the amount of damage increases on weekends and nights after a big

celebration. "Last year after graduation three trees were snapped off on Heister Street," Evans said.

Up until now, four stakes and string surrounding new trees were their only protection. "We don't like the idea of putting cages around trees to protect them," Evans said, "we are trying to discourage vandals by planting bigger, stronger trees in high use areas."

Ingrid Holtzman, municipal council president, said she sees tree vandalism as a major problem, but believes there is no practical solution. "We can't put a foot patrol at every tree in the borough," she said. "I find it so strange that there are people whose sense of right and wrong lets them do this sort of thing."

Carl B. Fairbanks, manager of the borough, said "Of all the acts of vandalism, this is one that troubles us the most. Trees are an irreplaceable commodity. They take a while to grow, and once damaged, we lose a year or a lot of money."

A case is scheduled to appear before the district magistrate involving an instance of tree vandalism that occurred in late September of this year.

Fairbanks said he hopes the magistrate will deal with this case carefully. "This is a serious and severe act, and it should not be treated lightly."

CATA to begin managerial internship

The Centre Area Transportation Authority agreed to begin a managerial internship program at its Dec. 15 meeting.

Chairman Paul Rigby said that the internship will be open to all majors, and that a University faculty member or a member of the authority will have to agree to supervise.

The internship will be limited to no more than three students at a time, Finance Committee Chairman Thomas

Collins Jr. said. Labor Management Committee member Jim Miller added the position will be non-paid.

CATA will be informing students interested in the internship through the students' departments.

In other business, CATA bought a bus from the Rhode Island Transit Authority for \$11,500. No other bids for the bus were made.

The board also agreed to accept bids

for up to three more buses. CATA will advertise for the buses in January.

In other business, Collins proposed that a bus sign be placed at Park Hill on the corner of Aaron Drive for those who want to ride the W bus.

CATA will be operating on a different schedule during the term break.

The board adjourned with unfinished business, which will be resumed at their Dec. 20th meeting at noon.



Photo by Joe Toff

Naughty or nice?

This Port Matilda youngster must have been the latter, since he did get a gift from Santa stand-in Joe Babyak (9th-management) at a Christmas party given by Theta

Delta Chi fraternity and Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority for a group of area children this weekend.

ABC correspondent women's week speaker

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ABC news correspondent Betina Gregory will be the featured speaker during the Panhellenic Council's Women's Awareness Week, Jan. 14 through 18.

A four-year journalism veteran, Gregory is ABC's correspondent to the Washington Federal Regulatory Agency.

"I cover government news that fall between the White House and Congress," Gregory said in a press release.

In an attempt to feature a prominent woman who has been successful in her field, Panhel considered contracting columnist Erma Bombeck, who is also the editor of Working Woman magazine, said Panhel president Jean Borkowski.

Gregory will speak at 8 p.m., January 14, in Schwab

Auditorium. The lecture is being sponsored jointly by Panhel and Colloquy.

Panhel will have a budget hearing before the Associated Student Activities budget committee Jan. 4 to request funding for the week's activities.

"We want to touch a lot of different aspects of being a woman," Borkowski said. "It's not a woman's lib week. We're gripping after the fact that a woman can be a lot of things."

Mademoiselle magazine will make a beauty presentation Jan. 15. The program will feature make-up techniques, perfume sampling and fashions provided by area merchants, Borkowski said.

Female faculty members are scheduled to speak on their specific fields and the role of the working woman at "Career Night," at 7 p.m., Jan. 16 in the HUB. "Journalism and Women in Communications," "Language and Sex," and "Physical Fitness and Self-

Image" are among the twelve tentatively scheduled lecture topics. A reception will follow each lecture to encourage "one on one" communication between lecturers and participants, Borkowski said.

Panhel will sponsor a coffeehouse at 8 p.m., Jan. 17, in Pollock Union Building. Female student artists Ellen Edvar, Fran Pouis and Laura Reisberg will be featured.

Louise Sandmeyer, Career Development and Placement counselor, will present a program workshop on Assertiveness Training and career search for women on Jan. 18.

A panel discussion by representatives of different lifestyles for women will be held Thursday evening. The purpose of the discussion will be to give exposure to different lifestyles ranging from the "housewife/mother" to the "career woman," Borkowski said.

American says was beaten by Iran police

TEHRAN, Iran (UPI) — An American human rights activist said yesterday he was savagely beaten by Iranian secret police, while investigating reports of government brutality toward anti-shah demonstrators.

Production in the southern oilfields, where a strike cost the government \$60 million a day in lost revenues, rose to 2.2 million barrels yesterday when threats of mass firings got most oil workers to return to their posts.

Correction

An article on the Boalsburg-State College bikeway in The Daily Collegian Friday incorrectly reported that property owners on the south side of Route 322 had been polled. The poll was actually made of property owners on the north side of the highway.

"It was just a matter of chance that we weren't shot," said Schoenman, former secretary to the late philosopher Bertrand Russell.

Schoenman said the worst reports he heard in Najafabad came from the hospital, where "doctors told us that Savak agents kept storming the wards, cutting tubes giving the wounded intravenous feedings and dragging the wounded away."

He quoted the doctors as saying police told the arrested wounded, "We didn't shoot you so you could live. We shot you so you would die, and you will die."

"Najafabad is a little town of about 15,000 people," Schoenman said. "Last week at least 100 people died there and more than 1,000 were wounded or are simply missing."

Schoenman, in Iran representing the American Committee for Artistic and

Intellectual Freedom in Iran, said his group was arrested and put in police cars when it protested the arrest of a hospital employee by Savak agents.

"On the way to headquarters one agent hit me in the jaw and the side of the head with the butt of his automatic weapon. Then he hit me repeatedly, cursing me in Persian."

Once at headquarters Schoenman said he and three Iranian colleagues were "pretty brutally kicked about for about 20 minutes." The group was released after three hours.

"The worst was the sadism," Schoenman said. "One sergeant kept barging into the room where we were held and gloating about how he was going to kill us."

Schoenman was accompanied by Ahmad Sadr Haj Syed Javadi of the

Iranian Committee for the Defense of Human Rights, Hedayatollah Matin Daftari of the Iranian Lawyers Association, and Mohammad Iqbal of the Iranian Committee for the Defense of Prisoners.

The government said most of the 67,000 workers returned to their posts in the oil fields and refineries across Iran yesterday and production rose to 2.2 million barrels — still far short of the nation's norm of 5.9 million barrels a day.

Oil industry sources said the returns to work, triggered by a government threat to fire any worker who stayed away, had reopened the Tabriz refinery and that the Abadan facility was back to full production.

"But Monday will be the telling day," said one Western diplomat.

University unconcerned about possible rate hike

The University is not too concerned about the recent request by West Penn Power for a 19.5 percent rate increase from the Public Utilities Commission, Vice President for Business Ralph Zilly said.

Zilly said that he does not think West Penn will receive the full increase and that the University has "nothing unusual" in the way of energy conservation planned. Zilly said the University's ongoing conservation program under J. Carroll Dean has already improved the efficiency of the University's heating system.

"We're already doing all we can," Dean said. "As each week goes by, we get better," Dean said. Zilly said the conservation issue

would only be brought to the attention of the students and faculty if the rates were raised drastically.

West Penn Public Relations Director Bob Van Atta said approval of the 19.5 percent increase by the PUC is unlikely considering recent rate requests.

In 1974 West Penn received a 4.9 percent increase from the PUC in response to a 12.3 percent request, and in 1976 it received a 3.8 percent increase in response to a 16.8 percent request.

The PUC office in Harrisburg had no comment on the requested rate increase, which, if unchanged, would become effective Jan. 30.

—by Chuck Torisky

Worker involvement is studied

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A new study concludes that productivity increases as much as one third when employees are involved in management or ownership of the place where they work.

The study, released Saturday by Worldwatch Institute researcher Bruce Stokes, examined worker participation experiments in both Europe and the United States. It said the experiments usually lead to better economic performance, more cooperative labor-management relations and an improved work life.

"The traditional tools of economic management stand impotent in the

face of worker alienation and growing economic stress," Stokes said. "An adversary relationship between labor and management only seems to aggravate this situation. New actors and new forms of management and ownership are needed."

Stokes said more than 1,000 U.S. firms have some form of employee ownership.

He said government should be ready to financially aid worker participation experiments "because these are public investments in improving the quality of work life, job preservation and the revitalization of local economies."



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