

Flaking of asbestos surfaces, a possible cancer hazard, is seen here on the ceiling of a hall in White Building. Though no hazard has been established to exist, warning signs have been posted to decrease the possibility of producing asbestos dust which might be dangerous if inhaled.

Asbestos ceiling may be hazard

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Asbestos, a commonly-used building material recently linked with cancer when its fibers are inhaled, has been identified in several University buildings where flaking is evident. One prominent asbestos area is in White Building. A

sample of the ceiling from the tunnel between the locker rooms and a universal gym was sent by The Daily Collegian to University Mineral Constitution Lab Director Norman Suhr. He concluded through X-ray defraction peak patterns that it is "80 to 90 percent at least asbestos, almost all asbestos as we could tell."

A recent edition of American Laboratory magazine said, "The greatest hazard from asbestos is the inhalation of fine dust fibers and their retention." This led Suhr to conclude, "If it is not flaking, there is no problem."

However, some flaking has occurred in White Building. Locker room attendant Verna Nearhouf noticed, "If they hit that (the ceiling) jumping rope or something it shreds into real little pieces" leaving "dust and little pieces, flaky stuff. It used to be the floor would be just covered with it" after students jumped rope, ran, or used the universal gym, she said.

"It brushes right down to the floor," locker room attendant Phyllis Hauser added.

White Building Superintendent Davies Bahr said warning signs have been posted in the corridor stating 'No Activity in Tunnel. Rope Jumping, etc. Ceiling flakes are dangerous to your health." Bahr added that because the health risk is small, the corridor will not be closed off.

Manager of Safety Services Howard Triebold, Jr. said the state standards for asbestos are five fibers, greater than five microns in length, per milliliter of air

sampled. A danger zone called the threshold limit value, TLV, is greater than five fibers at five microns, he said, and is not likely to occur. He said that flakes are momentarily airborne, and the probability of inhaling a dangerous dose is "very unlikely."

Air quality tests on exposure levels are done in areas where staff are working with asbestos on the job, Triebold said. A typical example, he added, is Schwab where technicians people work with asbestos insulated wire on theatrical lights. No air quality tests have been done in the White Building tunnel, therefore it is not known whether there are enough particles to be hazardous.

"To reduce or eliminate the potential health hazard," Triebold said the ceiling material in White Building will be removed.

Testing for asbestos has been done over the last three to four years, according to Triebold. Ceiling material is tested in buildings where asbestos might be, he said, or from inquires from outside sources and "wherever someone has expressed concern in the past." Triebold said his staff is alert to the possibility of potential health hazards of absestos, especially in hallways and room ceilings.

One of these buildings is Hamilton Hall in West Halls. Resident Mike Peters (5th-architecture) said he was concerned because the ceilings in the hallways and rooms could be made of asbestos. Peters submitted a sample to Elaine Young of the Health Education Department. Young said she was "pretty sure" the sample from Hamilton Hall is similar to the ceiling material in White Building.

Triebold said a sample from Hamilton Hall will be analyzed by the Bureau of Occupational Health laboratory in Harrisburg, the same organization which confirmed for Triebold that the White Building tunnel ceiling was asbestos.

"If it is asbestos, everyone who has lived in this building is in trouble," Peters said.

Hamilton Hall resident Warren Davis (5th-chemical engineering) said he often would wake up in the morning with a light dusting of ceiling flakes on his blanket. Davis slept on the top bunk in a small double room. He said he was not concerned about it, but "I would like to know what it is."

Thompson Hall, constructed at the same time as Hamilton, may have the same problem with asbestos ceilings.

People in the Health Education Department are especially concerned. Ron Milito, professor of health education, said that people should at least be told about asbestos so they may make their own decision as to whether they want to expose themselves to a potential health hazard.

"People should be alarmed to the extent that they can make their own decision," Young said.

The sample taken from White Building was found to be Chrysotile, the most common form of asbestos used in industry. Suhr said: "There's asbestos all over the place . . . I wouldn't be a bit surprised if it were all over the University."

"The problem is with breathing it in," he added. "You'd have to have a fair exposure. Probably you should have had masks if you installed it," but "I doubt there was any protection back when it was installed."

The American Laboratory article mentioned, "Particle size and shape play an important role in the inhalation and lung penetration mechanisms."

Diseases related to asbestos fibers include: asbestosis, a thickening and scarring of lung tissue; mesothelioma, rare tumors specifically related to the delicate membrane encasing the lungs and of a similar membrane that lines the abdominal cavity; and various other lung and bronchial cancers including fibrosis.

University dorm canvass policy to be appealed

By LARRY GALLONE **Daily Collegian Staff Writer**

American Future Systems President Edward Satell said yesterday he will probably appeal a U.S. District judge's decision that upheld a University policy rohibiting commercial canvassing in the dorms.

Satell said the University objects to American Futures Systems because it is a commercial organization. "Our views as commercial ideas are as valid as biher ideas," he said.

One reason the University opposed American Future Systems, according to Satell, was to protect the bookstores and businesses downtown. Satell said his company offers better deals and merchandise to the students. "We are specialists for students and we do a better job," he said. Raymond O. Murphy, vice president for student affairs, said the University has an obligation to protect students in residence halls from "harassment" by salespersons. Because of the court decision, "A measure of privacy has been insured in dorm and residence hall areas," Murphy said.

canvassing will probably remain the same, M. Lee Upcraft, director of residential life, said. Upcraft said a student can invite a salesperson up to his or her dorm room to operate on a one-onone basis. To expand it beyond that would be a violation of University policy, he said.

Joan Ebbert (5th-math) said she had to leave an American Future Systems sales demonstration which she set up in her dorm room. Ebbert said that women present who did not wish to purchase any item were requested to leave the demonstration.

Satell said it is against the rules of his company for any of his salespersons to ask anyone to leave the room. He explained that at a show's end people who wish to buy are asked to stay and fill out order forms. "We don't want those poeple who do not wish to buy anything to be put in a buying atmosphere where they may feel pressured to buy something," Satell said. The precedent set by the judge's decision is important, Chris Carey, executive assistant of the Association of Residence Hall Students, said. There was a fear that if the decision went against the University the dorms would be opened up to anyone, he said. Carey added that the current policy helps keep students from being ripped off. Carey said he does not think the first amendment rights of American Future Systems were violated but rather the students rights to privacy were protected. Carey said there may be implications for other universities in the area with regard to their dorm canvassing policies. "It is apparent that from the court's decision commercial speech is not guaranteed absolute rights," University counsel Delbert McQuaide said.

By ROBIN BUCCILLI Daily Collegian Staff Writer District Magistrate Clifford Yorks

yesterday ruled against a student who claimed 22 of her shirts were damaged by an allegedly defective dryer in Leete Hall Nov. 28.

On Jan. 22, Yorks said the University could launder the stained shirts before the \$357 in compensation requested by plaintiff Susan Vlaun (5th-English literature) would be considered.

He said the eight shirts caused the acrid odor from overheating which Vlaun said she discovered after returning to the laundry room 20 minutes after putting her clothes in the dryer.

Vlaun said she had been laundering those shirts in the dryer with her other clothes for the past year without complications.

Assistant Supervisor of University Maintainance William C. Parker said he sent workmen to examine the dryer the morning after the incident and they two weeks. found nothing wrong. "In a case where a University machine malfunctions we don't deny it, said Director of Housing Services Donald T. Arndt in his closing statement, "but in this case eight of the 22 items shouldn't have been in the dryer and this contributed to the problem."

"An appeal would cost me \$100," -Vlaun said, "and I can't receive legal aid

because this is a prosecution case, not a defense case. Vlaun said she spent three weeks wearing borrowed shirts until she could do secretarial work over term break to

earn the money to replace her wardrobe. She said she hasn't used the Leete Hall laundry facilities since November and that she intends to move off-campus in

said. "I think Yorks tried to be fair. But this was an example of might versus a little person."

"I'm a student and I was in court by myself," Vlaun said. "The University had specialists there to testify. I think the University will strongarm any student who brings them to court, but I hope my case won't discourage other students from confronting the University when they feel they've been ripped off."



Student loses suit involving damaged shirts

the case.

The primary implication of the decision is that the University policy on

Correction

A story in The Daily Collegian Jan. 31 about the expansion of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency grant program incorrectly reported that \$3,284 is one year's tuition at the University. Actually, the figure has been assigned to the University, based on tuition, for PHEAA's use in calculating the amount of individual grants to University students.



As a fund raiser, it looks good to me

There are ways to raise money, and then there are ways.

First floor Holmes Hall, Schuylkill House, is looking for a girl preferably a student - who will take off her clothes in front of an audience for money. They plan to use the striptease to raise money for their house treasury.

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Dave Karo (11th-QBA), coordinator of the project, said they would like to have a co-ed as the stripper because "we think she would be more of a turn-on than a professional stripper. As a student, she would have the same sort of crowd appeal as the girl who posed nude for Genesis Magazine a few years ago."

When asked if he thought the show

might be just a little bit chauvinistic, Karo said, "Maybe, but we're also planning to have a male stripper next term, if the girl goes over big.

The floor advertised in the classifed section of The Daily Collegian this week for a stripper, and Don Hanley (5th-business), whose number appeared in the ad, said they have already gotten "several calls, though some were obviously gags.

Hanley said the girl does not necessarily have to be an experienced stripper, but "she should at least be half-decent looking and be able to dance while she takes of her clothes."

Karo said there will probably be two 15-minute shows in the first floor

Yesterday the manager of Housing and Food Services, Jack D. Brown, presented the shirts one by one to Vlaun for inspection. She said 12 of the 22 were still unacceptable and lowered the compensation request to \$50.

Brown said the garment tags on eight of the shirts Vlaun placed in the dryer stated they were to be drip dried, not machine dried.

Vlaun said she cannot afford to appeal

Vlaun also has resigned as an ARHS member.

"Seventy percent of the reason I resigned is because I can't deal with the housing people," she said.

But Vlaun believes she received a fair

hearing. "I have less criticism of the case than of the University Housing people," she

Director of Housing Services Donald T. Arndt said this case did not set a precedent.

"Many students make claims against the University and we try to investigate them all," Arndt said, "We represent the interest of all the students and treat them as fairly as we can.

"The results of this case speak for themselves," he said.

Thornburgh defends state salary increases

aid of his cabinet members and the state General Assembly yesterday in a letter to Alfred E. Kahn, the president's adviser on inflation.

Responding to a disapproving letter he received from Kahn earlier this month, Thornburgh said he thinks the legislative and cabinet salary increases recommended by the Commonwealth Compensation Commission are fully justified.

The governor called present state salaries "depressed" and said the suggested 12 percent cabinet raise is "more than justified."

He said his 18 cabinet members, whose pay ranges

study lounge with a two-dollar en-

trance fee, at most. The shows will be

we will pay the stripper," Karo said,

"but it will be in the neighborhood of

You may or may not remember it,

but two years ago, Schuylkill House

had a striptease show to raise money,

but the stripper (a professional then)

was arrested by the University police

on charges of indecent exposure and

public ludeness. The charges were

dropped after her husband posted her

"We're not exactly sure how much

open to the campus, he said.

\$50 to \$100.

HARRISBURG (AP) - Gov. Thornburgh came to the between about \$38,000 and \$46,000, have not received a salary hike in three years.

> If they receive this increase, under the state constitution they would not be eligible for another raise for the duration of their four-year terms, Thornburgh said.

> "Thus, I find it hard to believe that your guidelines could allow for a seven percent pay raise for each of the next four years (or, in effect, a cumulative 28 percent pay increase) while objecting to what in reality would be a considerably lower increase, in the form of a onetime 12 percent increase," Thornburgh wrote.

> He also defended the 14 percent raise recommended for legislators, saying it amounts to a 7 percent raise

over two years. Lawmakers earn a base salary of \$18,720.

"Given their duties and responsibilities and the salaries of legislators in comparable states, I believe these pay raises are perfectly warranted," the governor said.

Thornburgh criticized Kahn for not studying the Compensation Commission report before objecting to its conclusions.

In addition, he said the "nature and tone" of Kahn's letter along with its premature public release may have thrown a wrench into an effort to delay the effective date of the raises. However, Thornburgh said he thinks "things are back on the track in that regard."

All 501 lines will be used in a book published by Baronbrook entitled

Entry blanks and rules can be obtained through Baronbrook Publishing Company, 631 Wilshire Boulevard, Santa Monica, Calif.,

Eric A. Walker says "I'm not dead yet"

(that's right) "501 Best Pickup

Lines.'

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The Daily Collegian received the following post-humorous an-

nouncement in the mail this week: "I have just returned from a long trip abroad and have been scanning past issues of the Collegian to bring myself up to date on the news of the world. I thought the article on Don Kepler was very well done, but I was disturbed to find myself referred to as 'the late university president Eric A. Walker.'

"Now, if by late the Collegian means tardy, I must protest for I was never late at any time for a meeting.

If, however, by late the Collegian means dead, I must protest even more vigorously; because I am positive that I am not."

The letter was signed, as you might expect, by Eric A. Walker.

Since that time when we received the letter, we have taken time to investigate the matter and have subsequently discovered that he is indeed not dead, and we would like to

squelch any rumors to the contrary. But don't take our word for it, invite him to a party.

Betty Grabinski, Please forgive me

Ever since I refused to take Betty Grabinski to the prom my senior year, and later discovered no other girl in the entire world would talk to me even to this day, I've been suspicious that women have a secret network of influence over each other. Now I am convinved.

Charles Brown (6th-education) received a "private and confidential" letter in the mail from the "Glo-Worm Society of the United States" which said he has been selected "by someone who knows what you are like, and feels that you have all the qualifications for us ... you lucky dog.'

(I know why I didn't get a similar letter; it was Betty - she's probably one of "them.")

The letter is signed by Karen M., the executive secretary of Glo-Worm, and goes on to explain that it is an exclusive and private society that he has been asked to join.

Brown said he does not know who recommended him and two of his brothers at Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity to Glo-Worm.

He also said he did not know a girl by the name of Grabinski.

My question now is whether or not

Glo-Worm is just another swingingsingles-type organization, or is it "the real thing" - that secret organization of women I've always suspected since my senior year in high school?

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Wire Story Of The Week

OKLAHOMA CITY (UPI) - A writer, claiming his brain had been pickled by beer containing 3.2 percent alcohol, has filed a \$2 million lawsuit against Coors beer and the tavern owner who sold it to him.

Woodrow W. Bussey filed the suit Monday against the Adolph Coors Co.

"This ingesting of Coors beer has pickled the brain of the plaintiff, rendering him incapable of writing up to his potential or even writing in a professional manner," the lawsuit said.

Don't be frigid

Dress warm this bitter cold weekend as today will be breezy with gradually clearing skies, a flurry possible, and the high a cold 10 degrees. Tonight will be clear and disgustingly cold with a low of minus 4. Tomorrow will be mostly sunny with a high of 12 and increasing cloudiness is on tap for Sunday with a high of 16.

bail, Karo said. The house was given permission to do that show as a fundraiser by the coordinator, Karo said. He said they have not asked for permission to do this show yet. Drop them a line

about your line

The Baronbrook Publishing Company is currently asking college students to help them determine the "best pickup line" that is being used in the country.

The line — either funny, direct, serious, intellectual or whatever will be judged by a panel and the winner will receive \$1,000 in cash. The contest is being held through February and the winner will be announced March 31.

There will also be 500 other prizes,

ranging from \$15 to \$100, for those

lines judged as the 500 runner-ups.