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A tobacco industry spokeswoman attributed the increase in sales of light cigarettes to advertising that claims they are safer than regular cigarettes.

Report has changed local smoking habits

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Increased awareness of the hazards of cigarette smoking has led to a change in people's smoking habits, State College businessmen say.

"We've been selling more pipe tobacco, cigars and much more light cigarettes. From what we've sold, people are trying to cut down but I don't know how long it will last," said Bill Pettit, manager of Graham's store, 103 S. Allen St.

Pettit also said there has been a high demand for a new cigarette made from cocoa leaves and that there has been a marked increase in chewing tobacco and snuff sales.

"We are selling much more chewing tobacco and are near double of last year in sales of snuff," he said.

Chuck Foster, owner of C.B. Foster's Fine Pipes and Tobacco, 119 S. Fraser St., said he noticed an increase in business since the U.S. surgeon general's recent report on the effects of cigarette smoking.

"The main reason is that the surgeon general gave pipes a cleaner bill of health," Foster said. "Every time a report comes out, sales go up. This also happened in '64 and '68."

Joan B. Curtis, executive director of the State College branch of the

American Cancer Society, said there have been increased calls and a growing interest in the "I Quit" programs offered by the Society.

"I don't know what this is doing for sales but it does show a general concern and awareness on the part of the public," Curtis said.

Anne Browder, assistant to the president of the Tobacco Institute Inc., which represents the interests of tobacco companies, said she does not know exactly what effect the recent surgeon general's report will have on smoking habits.

"None of the prior efforts have been successful so we don't really anticipate a reduction of consumption as a result of the 15th anniversary surgeon general's report," she said.

Browder said she did not know why snuff and chewing tobacco sales increased but the increase in the sales of low-tar cigarettes was because they have been advertised as safer.

She said she did not believe that non-tobacco cigarettes would affect the tobacco industry.

"They've tried non-tobacco products before with little success," Browder said. "I don't think anyone can come up with an effective tobacco substitute."

Chinese border troops protested

UNITED NATIONS (UPI) — Vietnam accused China yesterday of massing some 20 divisions along the frontier between the two countries, and asked the U.N. Security Council to step in and deal with the threat.

Chinese military activities along the border amount to "reckless acts which could have dangerous and unforeseeable consequences for peace and security in Southeast Asia and throughout the world," Vietnam's U.N. Ambassador Ha Van Lau said in a letter of protest.

The letter was addressed to Kuwaiti

U.N. Ambassador Abdalla Yaccoub Bishara, this month's president of the 15-nation Security Council.

Ha asked that the Security Council "consider the serious situation ... and take any steps it may deem necessary." But he did not request specific action.

China has deployed about 20 divisions, hundreds of jet fighter aircraft, many tanks "and other war materiel" along the frontier, Ha said. He called it "an extremely dangerous situation along the entire length of the frontier."

The protest followed accusations by

Vietnam Saturday that China had sent warplanes into Vietnamese airspace and had carried out 60 ground raids since the first of the month.

Cambodian Prince Norodom Sihanouk, who left New York yesterday for political exile in Peking, earlier issued a plea "for restraint from China and from Vietnam in order to avoid full-scale war."

Sihanouk, who said he was held under house arrest for three years by the Chinese backed Pol Pot regime in Cambodia, called for an all-parties

Geneva conference to deal with the worsening situation in Indochina — the Chinese-Vietnamese rift as well as Vietnam's invasion of his own country.

China is embarked upon "expansionist aims" in the region, said Vietnam's U.N. ambassador. It is exactly the same charge Peking has leveled against Hanoi and its big-power supporter, the Soviet Union.

China's threat along the border "is a serious challenge to the peoples and countries throughout the world that care for peace and justice," Ha said.

Committee clears health secretary nominee

HARRISBURG (AP) — Despite questions about Dr. Gordon MacLeod's stands on abortions and nursing homes, a Senate committee yesterday cleared his nomination as the state's new health secretary.

The Public Health and Welfare

Committee voted 11-5 to approve MacLeod. He still needs approval by the Senate Rules Committee and confirmation by a majority of the full Senate before he can take office.

Among the most vocal of MacLeod's critics was Sen. Vincent Fumo, D-

Philadelphia, who said MacLeod has not been explicit enough in explaining his positions on abortion and the big Kane Hospital for the elderly in Allegheny County.

"We have not gotten from Dr. MacLeod the kinds of answers we

wanted. We got tap-dancing types of answers," Fumo said.

MacLeod, a 50-year-old physician and University of Pittsburgh professor, had participated in prolonged efforts to find a suitable replacement for Kane Hospital.

Folk arts discussed today

"Folk Music, Fiddle Competition, and the Music Industry" will be the topic of a lecture today at 2 p.m. in the HUB main lounge as part of the American Cultural Exhibition this week.

Bob Doyle, a former member of the local bluegrass group "The Buffalo Chipkickers" and an independent musical agent in the area, will speak.

Journalism instructor Mary Hamilton opened the week with a speech on "A Progressive Pennsylvania Newspaper." Hamilton is doing her doctoral thesis for Michigan State University on the Gazette and Daily, a now-defunct York newspaper.

The American Cultural Exhibition is sponsored by Colloquy and the American Culture Club.

Other events for the week are a panel discussion on "American Studies, the

Liberal Arts and Career Opportunities" at 2 p.m. on Wednesday and a lecture on "From Protest Songs to Bob Dylan" at 12:30 p.m. Thursday.

Graduates of American Studies, an interdisciplinary major in the College of The Liberal Arts, will participate in the panel discussion Wednesday. Betsy Bowden, assistant professor of English, will speak Thursday.

"The primary purpose of the exhibition is a dual one," Pete Michaelson, president of the American Cultural Club, said. "We're having it to give the students here a look at the type of things the American Studies major encompasses and to educate the student body on something nonconventional."

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Legislators want to change state stores

HARRISBURG (AP) — Two legislators jumped on the liquor reform bandwagon yesterday with proposals to streamline the state liquor store system and take the state out of the liquor business altogether.

Sen. Richard A. Tilghman, R-Montgomery, introduced a bill that would phase out the state-operated Liquor Control Board over two years and turn liquor sales over to private industry.

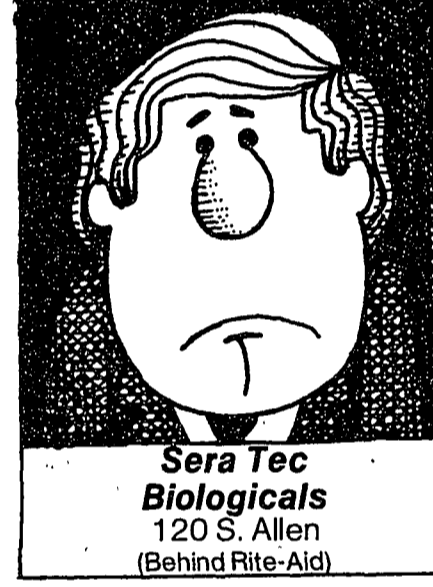
Under Tilghman's proposal, the

state Department of Revenue would assume responsibility for licensing and revenue collections, while all enforcement functions would be transferred to the Department of Justice.

Rep. Stanford I. Lehr, R-York, chairman of the House Liquor Control Committee, said he thinks the state-controlled liquor system would be workable if the state got out of the warehousing business and other reforms were made.

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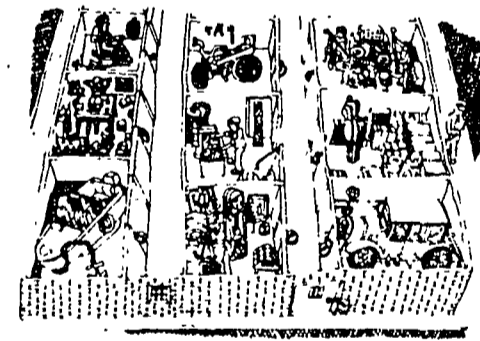
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Tuesday, Feb. 13

Arts/Science Interface, public lecture/demonstration on "Theatre and Technology," 10:15 a.m., Walnut Bldg.

Comp. Lit. Luncheon, 12:15, talk, 1 p.m., Hotel State College. Jaohn Kaiser and Murray Martin, university libraries, on "Resources for Comparatists."

Affirmative Action and Nondiscriminatory Practices, workshops and ethnic buffet, 4-8:30 p.m., Robeson Cultural Center, Walnut.

Shakespeare film, Rigg, Midsummer Night's Dream, 6:30 p.m., Room 101 Chambers. Free.

Phi Upsilon Omicron, "Graduate Programs in Human Services," panel discussion by College of Human Development faculty, 7 p.m., Living center, Henderson.

Sports: women's basketball, vs. Edinboro, 7 p.m. University Theatre, H.M.S. Pinafore, 8 p.m., The Playhouse.

Meetings:

Penn State Federal Credit Union Board, members welcome, noon, Telephone Bldg.

Alpha Phi Omega, 6:30 p.m., Room 117 Boucke.

GSA Council, 7 p.m., Room 101 Kern.

Man-Environment Relations Interest Group, 7 p.m., Room, S131 Henderson.

Wargamers, 7 p.m., Room 107 Sackett.

Circle K, 7:30 p.m., Room 311 Boucke.

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P.S.O.C. Ski Division, 7:30 p.m., Room 111 Boucke.

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