

Hunger still haunts Happy Valley

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Meals on Wheels serves 78 people in the State College Area School District and could serve more according to Yost. Many people may not know about the service or may feel resistance about signing up for it, however. Meals are delivered to the homes of participants three times per week and include a hot meal at noon and a cold evening meal.

Children may be nutritionally vulnerable especially if they come from poor families. Women who have children less than five years of age may participate in the Centre County Women, Infants and Children program which has an office in Bellefonte. The WIC program began last November but

according to Ray Brommer, program director, there were only 350 participants in the county out of an eligible caseload of 1,500 as of early January.

Brommer said that a lot of the people applying for the program were eating very poorly. He said that some of the children were small for their age.

Once a child enters public school in State College, he may be eligible for a free or reduced price lunch (20 cents instead of 50 cents at the elementary school level). Pamela Gray, a home and school visitor for the State College Area School District, said that about 10 percent of the students in the district are participating in the free or reduced price lunch program — about the national

average. This amounts to almost 800 students.

Gray said that some students may be embarrassed about making the initial contact with the program. She said that some high school students may be especially sensitive about receiving free or reduced priced lunches even though the tickets used in the cafeteria line appear identical to those of students paying the normal price.

Edward McMullen, food service director of the district, said that some students will not pick up their tickets because they are embarrassed.

Gray said that teachers have called her to say that their students were not responding well in the morning. There is

no school breakfast program in the district, she said.

State College is one of the most prosperous regions in the county, but according to Jacqueline Stutts, Centre County food stamp supervisor, State College and Bellefonte have the highest proportion of people using food stamps.

As of Jan. 1, 368 people received food stamps in the municipality, Stutts said. As of Nov. 30, there were 3,902 individuals receiving food stamps in the county.

"I'm sure there are people we're not reaching," Stutts said. Many of those not participating in the program (but eligible to do so) may live in isolated rural areas, she said.



Pig-out pandemonium

Photo by Randy Bennett

Maple House (1st floor Hamilton) and Dauphin House (4th floor Runkle) got together to demolish a 20-foot banana split. The super-sundae, constructed in a rain spout, used 58 bananas and contained 5 pounds of whipped cream.

HOPS claims municipal resolution clouded

By MIKE SILLUP
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The State College Municipal Council tried to cloud the issue of the proposed human rights resolution, Jean Guertler, former president of Homophiles of Penn State, said.

The substitute resolution proposed by council member Wallis Lloyd at Monday night's meeting was a lot of "idle chatter and meaningless rhetoric," she said.

Lloyd's version changed the original resolution from

listing situations where discrimination may occur to "all citizens."

Both the original resolution, as proposed by the borough's human services committee, and Lloyd's version were turned down by a vote of 4 to 3.

The original resolution urged equal and fair treatment in employment, housing and public accommodations regardless of "race, religious creed, ancestry, age, sex, national origin, physical handicap, marital status, or affectional or sexual orientation."

After about four hours of public testimony Feb. 5, council voted to table the resolution until Monday.

"It looked to me quite obviously that council tried to side-step the issue with the substitute resolution," Chuck Zito, who represented HOPS at the Feb. 5 meeting, said.

He said the council as a unit is "incapable of dealing with discrimination," and is "insensitive to the needs of this community."

Reward offered for pinball machine vandals

By SHARON RUPERT
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A \$200 reward is being offered for any information identifying the person or persons who broke into a pinball machine in the Findlay Union Building Feb. 10.

The Association of Residence Hall Students last night appropriated \$50 toward the reward. East Residence Association will add \$50 and State Amusement, the owners of the machine, will add \$100. ARHS also funded \$32 for two Daily Collegian advertisements

about the reward.

East Halls President Kathy Howe said this might be one way to "discourage vandalism."

The vandal, or vandals, used a rod from a foosball table to pry the bottom of the machine off, Howe said.

East Halls Representative Paul Gehris said between \$100 and \$200 was taken.

Howe said this matter deals with destruction of property and theft and whoever is responsible will be "taken downtown."

The matter is still under investigation.

ARHS also approved a \$7,441.89 budget for the "Movin' On" concert in the spring, and agreed to pay the difference between the amount Associated Student Activities gives the event and the total costs.

Some representatives said the charity for this year should be Pinchot Hall, which sustained \$26,000 in damage due to a fire in an elevator.

ARHS Vice President Steve Matt said that he was not against having Pinchot as a charity, but that some other charity,

possibly off-campus, should be used.

Howe said that ARHS is supposed to represent the residence hall students and that having Pinchot as a charity "is one way of keeping the money on campus."

Representatives will discuss this in their respective areas before a decision is made.

In other business, ARHS: — learned that Maintenance and Operations will begin charging \$25 per room to clean up after movies.

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