

Sun Day fair shines through rain

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Friday rains did not dampen the Sun Day spirit of alternative energy enthusiasts at a solar fair in the Wesley Foundation.

Solar builders, installers and researchers displayed their projects to a steady stream of people interested in alternative energy possibilities for the Centre Region.

From the University, Professor John White showed pictures of the seven research greenhouses that the agricultural engineering and horticulture departments have built in Rock Springs. The solar greenhouses are being developed for both their agricultural and home heating potentials, Whitesaid.

But most exhibitors were small-scale local businessmen, people who are trying to put solar power on the central Pennsylvania energy market.

Tim Helbig (graduate-environmental resource management) builds and installs solar water heaters. He uses a design taught in Energy Extension

Service workshops which provides a portion of a household's hot water using a conventional heater as a back-up.

Dan Woodring has designed a heating system that he can install for from \$8 to \$10 per square foot of collector, depending on the condition of the roof.

Neil Kimerer said he hopes to market his improved window box, a one room space heater, for \$150-\$500 less than a comparable commercially-made unit.

Cumberland Solar Systems representative Tom Viehman said he sees no future for the small businessman in the field of solar energy.

Some small solar product businesses are failing because they have run out of capital. But large companies can continue to make solar products even if they lose money on them, if those products are a small part of their total sales, he said.

Helbig said many small businesses failed because the government did not begin solar tax credits until two to three years after it had announced them.

Small solar businessmen often cannot take advantage of a \$400 Housing and

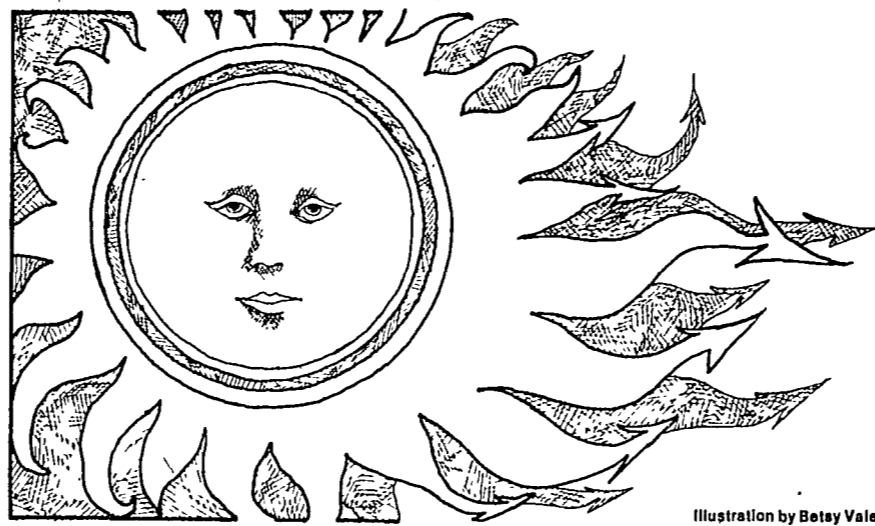


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Urban Development Department grant for approved solar systems because it costs about \$3,000 to have a system approved, Helbig said.

He said 10 percent of the grants are not being used because large companies raised their prices \$400 when the program started.

Kimerer agreed that large businesses will not be able to successfully market solar power as long as they make it expensive and complex.

"Imagination runs higher in small business," he said. "Big businesses are very conservative because they have a lot on the line."

Window broken by marble from sling shot

A window was broken at 1214 Garner St. by a marble apparently shot from a sling shot late Saturday night or early yesterday morning, State College police said. Damage is estimated at \$250.

A milk dispenser was reported stolen from Alpha Zeta fraternity at 360 N. Burrows Road Saturday, police said. Its value is undetermined.

A rear door to the Nittany Nautilus, 102 S. Pugh St., was kicked in this weekend, police said. Its value is estimated at \$125.

State police at Rockview said the convict who escaped Tuesday morning

from the State Correctional Institution at Rockview is believed to be in the Harrisburg area. The information is the result of an ongoing investigation.

A carburetor was reported stolen yesterday from a 1970 Ford Maverick while it was parked in lot 83 North, University Police Services said. No estimate of damage was available.

A bicycle was reported stolen

yesterday morning from a bike locker in South Halls, University Police said. Its estimated value is \$152.40, police said.

State College police reported a stop sign stolen this weekend from the intersection of Waupelani Drive and Stratford Drive. Estimated loss is \$125, police said.

—by Mike Sillup

Amin may lead troops to suicidal last stand

KAMPALA, Uganda (UPI) — Tanzanian-led government forces yesterday captured northeast Uganda and thrust into the northwest, where Idi Amin's troops reportedly were planning a suicidal last stand — under the direction of Amin himself.

In Masindi, 150 miles northwest of Kampala, troops entering the freshly deserted Nile river town found a man crucified on a tree, a nail driven through his head by Amin's retreating soldiers.

Witnesses told United Press International that Amin's soldiers looted most stores and forced the local bank manager to open his vaults, fleeing with \$500,000 before the government forces captured the town Friday and took the adjacent port yesterday.

The soldiers left behind several artillery pieces plus warehouses full of light weapons, ammunition, uniforms and new boots. Tanzanian troops helped themselves to those.

The troops preparing for the final big push to capture the northwest corner of Uganda feared they would find more atrocities by Amin soldiers such as those in which hundreds, maybe thousands, of persons have already died.

Church officials in Kampala said

foreign missionaries and nuns in the northeast were safe but there was fear for the lives of some 500 missionaries caught by Amin's soldiers in northwestern Uganda.

In neighboring Kenya, the Nairobi Times said interim Ugandan President Youssef Lule had offered Milton Obote, the man Amin deposed as Uganda's president in 1971, a top diplomatic job in Western Europe, apparently to neutralize Obote's chances of again becoming Uganda's leader.

After Tanzanian troops toppled Amin last month and a new Kampala government was formed under Lule, no senior position was offered to Obote.

The Tanzanian-led forces' weekend capture of sparsely populated northeast Uganda brought three-fifths of the East African country under their control. Remnants of Amin's army offered no resistance.

Government troops captured the important northern town of Masindi, leaving only the major towns of Gulu and Arua, Amin's hometown, in the far northwest in rebel hands.

Officers said they believed Amin had

returned to the area to direct a threatened "last stand" by several hundred loyal troops.

The British Broadcasting Corp. yesterday quoted senior African diplomats as saying Amin was still in

Libya but planned to return to northwest Uganda.

The Libyans sent several thousand troops to Uganda to try to prop up Amin's regime shortly before his capital fell.

Cunningham suggests card to prevent absentee voting

State Rep. Gregg Cunningham, R-Centre Region, will introduce an amendment this week to the House of Representatives rules to change the House's electronic voting system because of illegal absentee voting by members.

Cunningham, at a press conference Friday, said he would suggest each member be issued a "credit card-like device" that would fit an electronic key at each member's desk. No member would be allowed on or off the floor without the card.

He said members who flip an absent member's voting key are "a serious problem" in the House. It is "un-

fortunate and embarrassing" such a problem even has to be discussed, he said.

Asked about Education Secretary Robert Scanlon's proposed seven-part evaluation for higher education which in its present form does not include an appropriation for research at the University, Cunningham said he is "not privy to Scanlon's plan."

Cunningham said he would be willing to meet with Scanlon, but is focusing his attention on the budget and on the numerous new House rules amendments.

—by Mary Ann Harvey.

Nurse is guest counselor on human sexuality

Elaine Young, a registered nurse who has taught the La Maze childbirth education classes in Boston and Baton Rouge, will be the guest counselor on human sexuality from 7 to 9 tonight as part of Health Night at the Women's Resource Center, 108 W. Beaver Ave. People can call her there at 234-5222.

Rec Park Society's last general meeting will be at 7:30 tonight in 113 Rec Hall.

All black graduate students are invited to a social and meeting to discuss concerns at 6:30 tonight in the Paul Robeson Cultural Center.

Theodore Sturgeon will speak on "Science Fiction — A Medicine for Future School" at 8 tonight in the HUB Ballroom.

Food Service and Housing Administration 330 class

presents a gourmet lunch from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. today in the Maple Room of Human Development Building.

Alpha Phi Omega will have its last brothers meeting at 7 tonight in 169 Willard.

Collegian notes

Contemporary Dance Company will hold auditions for the next season from 7 to 9 tonight in 132 White Building. Come prepared for class and to dance. Those unable to attend should call 865-7591.

Marshall Kaplan, professor of aerospace engineering, will speak on "Space Shuttle: Wings to the Future" at 3:30 p.m. today in the HUB Assembly Room.

Off-campus orientation leaders for fall have an important wrap-up meeting at 7 tonight in 373 Willard.

Penn State Bridge Club will sponsor a game for beginners and intermediate players at 7 tonight in 301 HUB.

Keystone Society will meet to hold elections at 7:30 tonight in 309 Boucke.

Gentle Thursday T-shirts will be sold from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today on the HUB ground floor.

Institute of International Education has announced the 1980 competition for graduate student study-abroad grants, known as the Fulbright Awards. Applications and supporting documents must be in 320 Kern by Sept. 28.

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