

Protest

About 30 persons assembled outside the Hillel Foundation, 224 Locust Lane, in an anti-zionism protest Sunday. They were protesting the foundation of the state of Israel, which will be 31 years old May 14.



PennPIRG seeks trustee support

By DENISE LAFFAN
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Students for the Pennsylvania Public Interest Research Group have changed plans and will present the PennPIRG proposal to the University Board of Trustees at its July meeting instead of at the May meeting as originally scheduled.

Jeff Goldsmith, PennPIRG student coordinator, said PIRG could use the extra time to win the support of more trustees and strengthen the possibility of establishing a PennPIRG.

"With the hard line taken by President Oswald against PennPIRG, we feel we need everyone who is supportive to be at the meeting," Goldsmith said.

"We do have a trustee who will present the PennPIRG proposal and put it on the agenda," he said.

Two members of the Board of Trustees

who support the PennPIRG proposals are Helen Wise and state Rep. Joseph Rhodes Jr., D-Allegheny, according to Goldsmith. He said the newest member of the board, state Sen. Edward P. Zemprelli, D-Allegheny, was "receptive to the general idea."

Wise is not entirely sure of her support, however. "I have always supported the PennPIRG philosophy but I would have to see the funding mechanism before I decide," Wise said.

But Wise, who supported the negative checkoff system last time PennPIRG came before the board, said her support for the new mechanism was very possible. "I don't see the big difference between negative checkoff and the reusable-refundable system now being proposed," Wise said.

Although PennPIRG knows of a

trustee who will present its proposal, Goldsmith said, "We're going to look for another trustee because we might be able to find someone who might carry more weight and influence with the board."

Goldsmith refused to name to the trustee who will present the proposal. He said he did not want the trustee to be pressured by University administrators.

Students for PennPIRG are also drawing up a letter to send to the members of the board to explain the PIRG proposal.

"We are going to be at the trustees meeting in May because we want to get their support," Goldsmith said.

Goldsmith said PennPIRG had to get as much support as possible because, "We don't know how actively the administration will fight us."

Speaker attacks gay labelling

By ROBIN MECKLER
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The latest study on homosexuality shows that the patterns of sexual activity exhibited by gays are much the same as those exhibited by heterosexuals, psychologist Jo JoAnn Farr told a HUB audience Friday afternoon.

"It's about time we realize that we are the same in many more ways than we are different," Farr said.

Farr cited numerous statistics from a study she called "the best-done study of sex ever" to support her claim.

The 10-year study, "The Homosexualities — A Study of Diversity Among Men and Women," was conducted by Arthur Bell, Ph.D., and Martin Weinberg, Ph.D., of the Kinsey Institute, Bloomington, Ind., Farr said.

A statistical analysis was compiled through a poll of 5,000 people — 1,500 of whom were interviewed for 12 to 15 hours, she said.

Farr said the study disproves many stereotypical ideas that society has about homosexuals.

"Everyone knows that homosexuals, when they aren't engaged in some sexual activity, are constantly on the lookout for sex, right?" Farr said. "Absolutely wrong."

According to statistics, homosexuals cannot be appropriately stereotyped as hypersexually or hyposexually active, Farr said. "Their needs are not much different from non-gays," she said.

This false stereotyping results when people try to put labels on each other, Farr said. There is no such thing as "the homosexual," she said.

"We read a label that says raspberry jam and we know exactly what to expect. It's nice and safe," Farr said. "But we have to learn that there's nothing wrong with getting green beans on our bread now and then."

The problem of homosexual stereotyping isn't limited to heterosexuals, Farr said. "I've had people, who claim they're homosexual, come into my office and



Joanne Farr

say, 'I don't know how to be a homosexual. How should I act?'

"When we see certain kinds of behaviours, it's often only what someone does to model themselves," Farr said. "They mark themselves like a flag and it becomes a basis for other problems."

Farr said the new study shows conclusively that a person doesn't learn to be a homosexual or heterosexual. These tendencies appear by the age of three, she said.

"A child doesn't learn to do it in the third grade at eight years old or at 13 with the basketball coach," she said. "They don't learn it at all."

Farr said although it is known that homosexuality is determined early, the cause is yet unknown.

Farr said many people view homosexuality as an epidemic.

"We do have a sexual epidemic in this country," she said. "But it's not homosexuality, it's V.D."

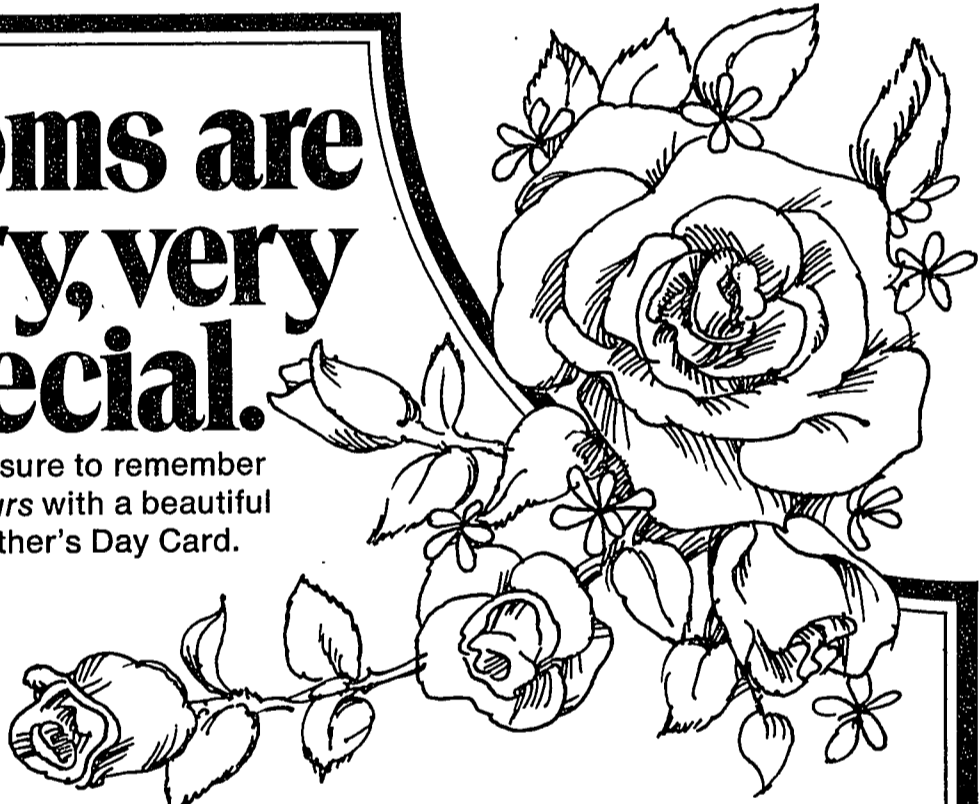
Farr urged a campaign for a vaccine for gonorrhea and herpes, that she claimed could be obtained in six months.

"The government simply won't fund it," Farr said. "It would remove a way to scare people from having sex. Believe it or not, people are more frightened about sex than nuclear energy and Three Mile Island."

Farr was the first in a series of speakers for Gay Awareness Week sponsored by the Homophiles of Penn State.

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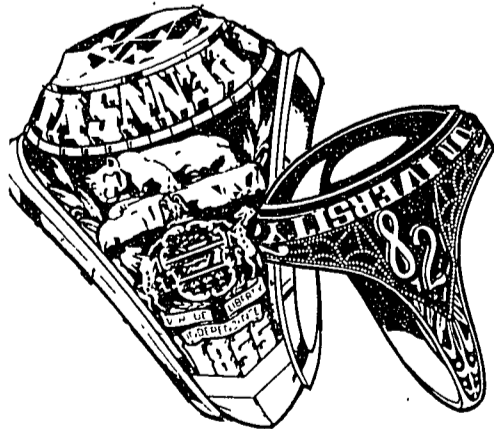
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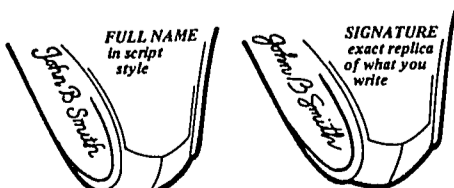


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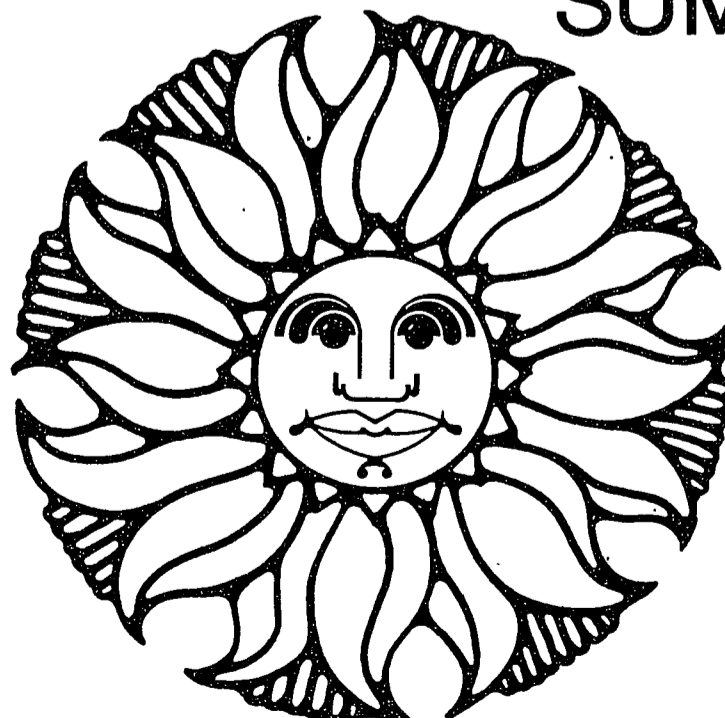
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