

# Reporter finds no concrete answers at commune

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PORT ROYAL, Pa. — "Yeah, they're second in command to the Moonies," laughed the matronly waitress at the Spruce Hill Lunch, as she poured a cup of coffee for the reporter. "They're one of those cults, I suppose. They mostly keep to themselves, on that farm of theirs up on the hill. Don't bother people much . . ."

"Hell they don't," interjected another coffee drinker, a grizzled-looking old farmer in a Cat Truck cap. "They came up to the Farm show a few years back, tryin' to pin flowers on everybody, and readin' from them books of theirs. Wanted money, I guess. I woulda' told 'em to move along, an' not give 'em nothin'."

"Well, I dunno," said a middle-aged man in grease-spattered overalls. "I've been up there to fix things, and they never done nothin' but treat me okay." He laughed. "Once I walked in there, and they was all sittin' around on the floor, havin' church, in their bald heads and robes, chantin' 'Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, or whatever. You shoulda seen it."

"I dunno," he said. "I guess they're happy . . ."

Haridas is happy indeed, in fact, "blissfully joyous," or so he claims. It does not seem to bother him that he wears an orange-white robe and a shaved scalp, while the rest of America is wearing Hagar slacks and blown-dry hair. He seems content in abstaining from things most Americans crave — meat, alcohol, tobacco, television and sex, except when it is for the purpose of reproduction. "Everyone desires happiness, but most won't go out of their way to seek it," Haridas said. "We are trying to set an example for the rest of society."

Haridas is one of the 400-odd "devotees" of the International Krishna Consciousness Society, commonly known as "Hare Krishnas," who live at the 350-acre ISKON farm commune in the hills a few miles outside this town.

They think of themselves as a holy people who pattern every aspect of their lives according to India's 5,000 year-old Vedic scriptures, the Bhagavad-gita, and devote themselves to the adoration of the Hindu deity Krishna, the "all-attractive personality of Godhead."

Most of the rest of America, like the waitress in the Spruce Hill Lunch, think of them as a cult of panhandling, brainwashed zombies who are possibly only a step or two away from a demise similar to that of the Rev. Jim Jones' Peoples Temple.

In truth, what exactly the Krishnas really are is difficult to say.

"The humble sage, by virtue of true knowledge, sees a learned scholar, a cow, an elephant, a dog and a dog-eater on an equal level."

—Bhagavad-gita, 5.18

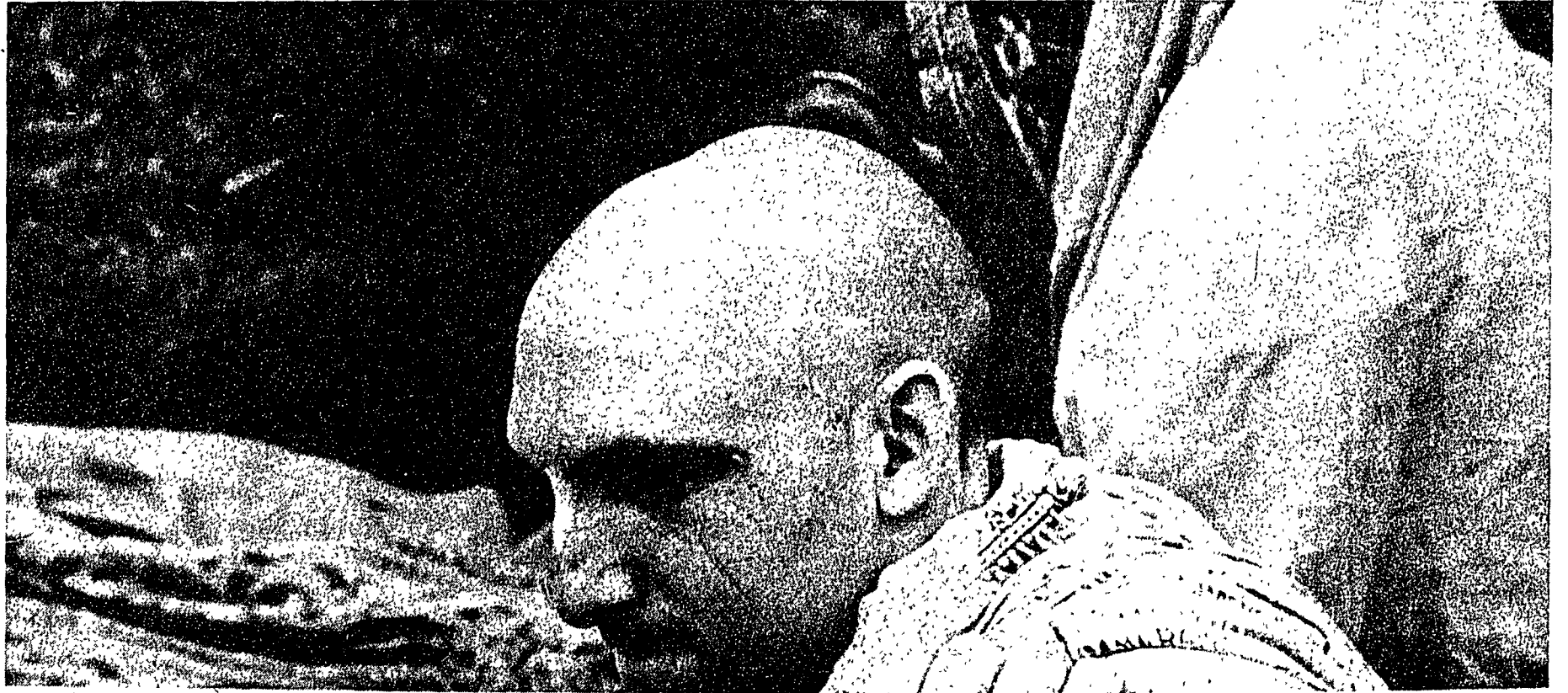
"It's good that you have come to talk with us," Haridas said as he led me down a rock-strewn unpaved path toward the ISKON farm temple. "By doing this, you are also serving Krishna. Really, newspapers, magazines should all be about Krishna, the truth."

Along the way, Haridas said his name had once been Harvey. "That was about four years ago, when I was a student at Queens College in New York. One day, I was walking in Central Park and I saw all these people dancing and chanting 'Hare Krishna.' They looked so happy. I had to find out why, so I joined them."

This interest in happiness and spiritual fulfillment led Haridas, now 23, to join the Krishna Consciousness movement and to journey to India with a group of devotees. About six months ago, it led him to join the ISKON commune at Port Royal.

On the way to the temple, we stopped to inspect the commune's fields of barley, rye, corn and other crops, and also a large structure, now being built by the devotees, to house new members of the growing commune.

"The dormitory will have a special sewage system to convert human waste Continued on Page 12.



# HARE KRISHNA HARE KRISHNA

Photo by Jon Saraceno

Members of the Hare Krishna religious movement have recently been seen locally handing out cards containing the Hare Krishna chant. A similar group in Port Royal is a subject of conversation for many of its neighbors.

## Trustees to decide on tuition hike this month

By KATY KOONTZ  
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Fall Term tuition increases may be decided by the Board of Trustees later this month, but the president's wage and price freeze may not influence that decision much, a federal specialist in tuition said.

The controls will add some restraint to plans to hike tuition, but there will still be large increases across the country, Stuart Schmid, specialist in tuition for the Office of Price Monitoring of the Council on Wage and Price Stability, said.

The controls, announced in November, included suggestions to keep tuition raises as low as possible. The guidelines suggest the percentage increase for tuition shouldn't be more than the average percentage increase for the last two years, subtracting one-half percent, Schmid said.

However, if the institution has suffered uncontrollable cost increases, the guidelines say tuition may be raised. In this case, the margin between revenues and expenses must not be higher than the highest two margins of the last three years, Schmid said.

Robert Patterson, University Vice President for Finance, said he expected the University to comply with Carter's guidelines. He said the interpretation of the guidelines varies, and the controls constantly change.

Currently, the University is planning

to maintain the margin between revenues and expenses that has been in effect for the last three years, he said.

Because the University's request for a 16 percent increase in appropriations from the government wasn't approved, Patterson said tuition will be affected. Gov. Dick Thornburgh recommended a 5 percent increase instead.

This would add \$6 million onto what the University was given by the state last year, Patterson said, and would not approach the \$130,156,000 the University requested.

"If we had the \$130 million appropriation, there would be no plans for tuition increases," Patterson said. "If we're only going to get a five percent

## Auditor wants out-of-state tuition hike

By CARLTON BERGER  
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State Auditor General Al Benedict has recommended that Pennsylvania's State related universities and colleges be required to charge their out-of-state students at least twice the amount of tuition charged Pennsylvania residents.

In a study released in late March, Benedict said, "The Commonwealth taxpayers and resident students should clearly receive the benefit of state funds appropriated to the state-related colleges and universities."

Benedict emphasized that over the

past several years, differences in tuition paid by resident and non-resident students have been diminishing at Lincoln University, Temple University, the University of Pittsburgh and Penn State.

According to a recent study, average non-resident tuition at the state-related universities was 1.82 times that of resident tuition in 1978. From fiscal 1971-72 to 1978-79, the non-resident annual tuition at Penn State has decreased from 2.40 to 2.01 times the tuition for residents. The percentage of non-resident students to total enrollment at

increase, where does the \$11 million difference come from?" To deal with the governor's recommendation, Patterson said part of the difference would be made up by tuition and part would be gained by making cuts in the budget.

This could make it difficult to follow the deacceleration standard for tuition as announced in Carter's guidelines, Patterson said. He declined to comment on whether or not he thought the deacceleration standard as it stands would be acceptable to other universities.

If tuition costs are not raised above the guidelines, colleges could also make up for this loss by keeping their workers' wages low, said Stuart Sweet, Senator

Schweiker's legislative assistant for economic affairs.

If the University complies with Carter's deacceleration standard for tuition, the tuition at University Park for Pennsylvanian undergraduates should be raised no more than \$39 next year — making the total \$495 per term.

Tuition for out-of-state University Park undergraduates would be hiked \$60 — making their tuition \$976 per term.

According to Ken Divinney of the Penn State Assessor's Office, present tuition will remain in effect for the Summer Term. Since Spring Term 1978 at University Park, tuition has been \$456 for state residents and \$916 for non-Pennsylvanians.

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Illustration by Della Hoke

## National Nude Weekend

College students are among America's most enthusiastic skinny-dippers, according to Lee Baxandall, information coordinator for Free Beaches, the national headquarters for the nude beaches movement.

July 14 and 15 is the Fourth Annual National Nude Weekend.

The Free Beaches Sun and Guide is the authoritative guide to spots safe for nude swim parties, he said.

The celebration was started as an effort to save clothes-optional beaches "from the intrusions of intolerant opponents," a spokesman said.

## Farewell, so-long and good-bye

You are reading the last issue of the Spring term 1979 Collegian.

We will be back June 6 and every Monday, Wednesday and Friday of Summer Term.

Have a good summer, whether you spend it here in Happy Valley, lying in the sun or earning a living.

## Freshman tours unknown campus

A letter appeared in the Forum section of Penthouse Magazine from a "freshman physical education major at a large university."

Penthouse Forum is devoted to input from the magazine's readers about sexual attitudes, problems and experiences.

The letter, signed by "J.M. of Pittsburgh, Pa.," concerned experiences on campus, in places like, "the Intramural Building, the Recreation Hall bowling alley, the indoor swimming pool, and the football team's indoor practice area."

"During Spring Term we even hope to add Beaver Stadium and all 18 holes of the golf course to our list," the writer said.

Ge, I wonder where he's talking about.

## The things we do for love

James Enix of Brookville, Ohio has a problem.

The University admissions office recently received a letter from Enix asking for a list of all freshman coeds majoring in English literature from Virginia.

Enix said he recently met a Penn State student on a train bound for Washington, D.C., struck up a conversation and promised to write her — but he lost her name and address.

He offered a brief description to help the office in their search: five feet six inches tall and weighing about 115 pounds.

If you fit this description and you know James Enix, do him a favor and drop him a line at 12405 Air Hill Road, Brookville, Ohio 45309.

## Candidate withdraws over conflict articles

By JIM WILHELM  
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Ralph F. Brower said yesterday he will withdraw his candidacy for third ward supervisor in Ferguson Township because of recent Daily Collegian articles indicating he may have a conflict of interest with decisions on the proposed Ferguson Mall.

Brower, a Century 21 realtor, has been employed by the Oxford Development Company to secure options to purchase homes near the proposed mall site. Questions have arisen about whether there would be a conflict of interest if Brower were elected and would vote on mall decisions.

"I could not be an effective supervisor because of recent publicity in your newspaper," Brower told The Daily Collegian. "I don't think there would be any useful purpose in my candidacy now. I am going to urge any supporters not to vote for me."

Brower said he will be forwarding a letter to the Centre County Board of Elections to announce his withdrawal after Tuesday's primary elections.

He said state law prohibits him from withdrawing before the elections.

"My original decision to run had nothing to do with the mall," Brower said. "I was asked to run and encouraged by some friends, so I decided to file for office. I am not politically ambitious."

Oxford employed him as a consultant, Brower said. "I did negotiate several options for them, but it was in a professional capacity," he said.

He said recent comments in Collegian articles by Benjamin Novak, attorney for the Park Hills Homeowners Association, a group opposed to the mall, "were quite unfair."

"I don't feel I should've been tried, convicted and sentenced by Mr. Novak," Brower said. "I'm sure he's not doing this (acting as the group's lawyer) for free. I get paid for my services as a professional real estate agent. I wonder who's paying him for his anti-mall work?"

"Myself, I've lived in the township most of my adult life," he said. "All I wanted to do was help the township out. I just can't believe all the fak that's been stirred up."

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## Writing off into the sunset

It happens every term at this time. The Collegian loses the staffers who hear the call of the "real world."

This term we wish good luck and congratulations to the following: Corliss Bachman, Cliff Bassman, Dave Blazek, Gina Brigsone, Greg Brown, Nancy Boyd, Sherri Ciuffetelli, Pete Dougherty, Bruce Ellis, Stan Ellis, Kathy Fitzgerald, Bob Frick, Joyce Gannon, Elliot Grossman, Pat Kiger,

Mark Leiden, Lynne Margols, Janet Mazur, John Meadows, Christy Patchin, Dave Skidmore, Cathy Urbani, Jim Wilhelm and Mary Ellen Wright.

From our photography staff, we extend the same wishes to the following: Mary Baragar, Lynn Dudinsky, Mark McIntyre, Phil Norton, Dan Querry, Joe Tori and Jack Waldron.

And the same to our departing business staff members: Terry Dolnar, Ellen Friedman, Lisa Glatzer, Bruce Morris and Nancy Tulli.

Again, good luck, congratulations and may you get the chance to run into a newsroom someday and shout, "Stop the Presses! . . . I've got a story here that's gonna bust this town wide open!"

—compiled and written by Mike Sillup

## Farewell forecast

It will be partly sunny today and tomorrow with more clouds on Sunday. We'll have a few thundershowers around today, mainly dry tomorrow, with more showers on Sunday. The highs will be 83 today, 86 tomorrow and 76 on Sunday with lows near 65.