Bill kill blamed on absenteeism

By LINDA CAMPBELL

Daily Collegian Staff Writer Rep. Gregg Cunningham, R-Centre, attributes the defeat of his unilateral divorce amendment to the divorce reform bill to low attendance in the House.

The amendment proposed by Cunningham was approved by the House Wednesday morning by a twovote margin, but it was reconsidered by the House Wednesday afternoon and defeated by the same margin.

"Largely because of absenteeism late in the day, the amendment was reconsidered and then defeated," Cunningham said.

The unilateral amendment proposed by Cunningham revamped the original amendment taken out by the House. This amendment allowed one spouse to dissolve a marriage one year after the couple had filed for separation.

Cunningham's amendment extended the separation requirement to three years.

Cunningham proposed this amendment in an attempt to reconcile the opponents and proponents of unilateal divorce who have threatened to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee.

Cunningham said his amendment will be reconsidered again by the House Tuesday and following this

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-Rep. Gregg Cunningham speaking on his amendment to the Divorce Reform Bill.

reconsideration, the entire Divorce Reform Bill will be voted on.

"The side that will prevail will probably be the side that is most effectively able to muster its forces and get its people to the floor for the vote," Cunningham said.

Cunningham said he feels the opponents of unilateral divorce may not be able to gather enough support to

defeat his amendment again.

Cunningham said the bill is still not safe from recommittal, and he is encouraging Rep. Anthony Scirica, R-Montgomery, and the major proponents of unilateral divorce not to recommit the bill.

"I am predicting that Scirica will not recommit the bill," Cunningham

No injuries in local crash-landing

A twin-engine plane piloted by state Rep. Benjamin H. Wilson, R-Bucks County, crash-landed at 12:35 p.m. Saturday at University Park Airport when the landing gear collapsed, said Art Ciervo, University director of Public Information.

Wilson and his three passengers were not hurt. Wilson, his two daughters and a friend were on the plane, a Piper Twin Comanche, when its left and then right wheels collapsed on touchdown. The plane slid 100 feet down the runway before coming to a stop, Ciervo said.

Wilson and his three passengers needed no assistance leaving the plane, Ciervo said.

plane high enough for the faulty landing gear to be pulled down into place, Ciervo said. Damage to the plane was estimated as minimal, and the

The runway was closed until 4 p.m. while a crane hoisted the

cause of the crash is under investigation, Ciervo said, Ciervo said Wilson, a 1949 graduate of the University, and his passengers had flown to State College for the Homecoming football game, but returned home to Warminster Township by car following the crash.

-by Joe Grace and Mary Panzeca

USG cuts branch campus department

The Undergraduate Student Government department of Commonwealth campuses was terminated at the beginning of this month, former director

Tony Filippello has said. Filippello said he and USG President Hal Shaffer decided to end the department because the Council of Branch Campuses Student Governments (COBCSG) does the same job the department was doing.

The purpose of the department was to maintain communications between the University's branch campuses and the

main campus. COBCSG includes representatives from the branch campuses who meet in University Park about once every term

to discuss student issues. This group now has a seat on the Executive Council, and a liaison from the organization reports news and progress to the USG.

USG Vice President Vicki Sandoe said the department of Commonwealth campuses was very limited in what it

—by Terry Spangler

Palestinian urges pressure on U.S. elections

BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI) — A top official of the Palestine Liberation Organization yesterday urged Arabs to use their money and oil to "exert pressure" on the upcoming U.S. presidential elections.

Farouk Kaddoumi, chief of the PLO's political department, singled out as "a good sign" Republican Party candidate John Connally's speech last week in which he called for an-independent Palestinian state.

In an interview with the Beirut Magazine Monday Morning, released yesterday, Kaddoumi said the PLO itself has "very limited means," but that Arab states "can do a great deal where U.S. presidential candidates are concerned.

"They can exert pressure - through their oil and the enormous amounts of money they have in American banks," he said. Kaddoumi did not detail what he meant by pressure.

Asked whether Connally's stand on a separate Palestinian state makes him the presidential favorite in the eyes of the PLO over President Carter and Massachusetts Sen. Edward Kennedy, Kaddoumi said:

"We would, of course, want anyone who calls for an independent Palestinian state to win and act on his call."

The problem, he said, is that once a candidate is elected, the promises he made are often broken

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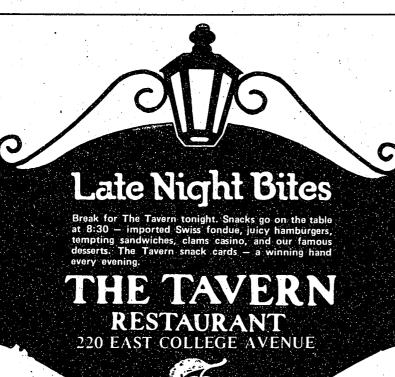
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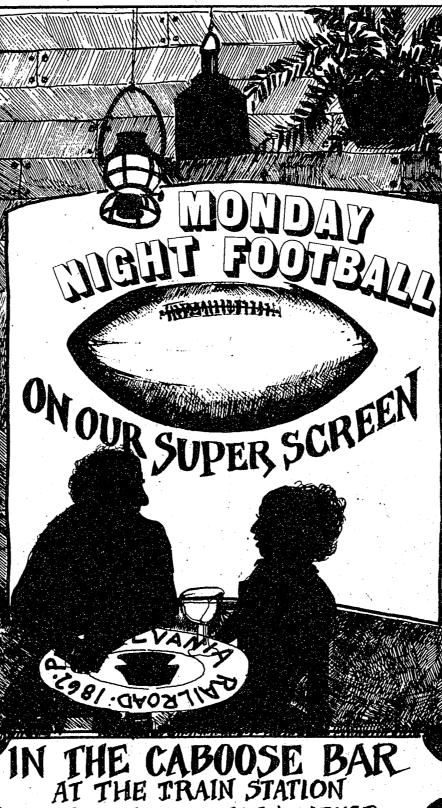
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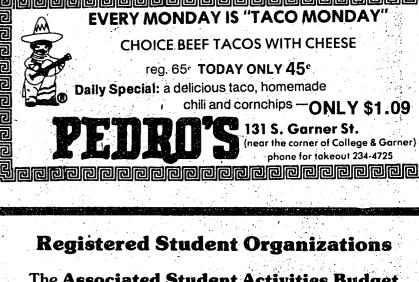
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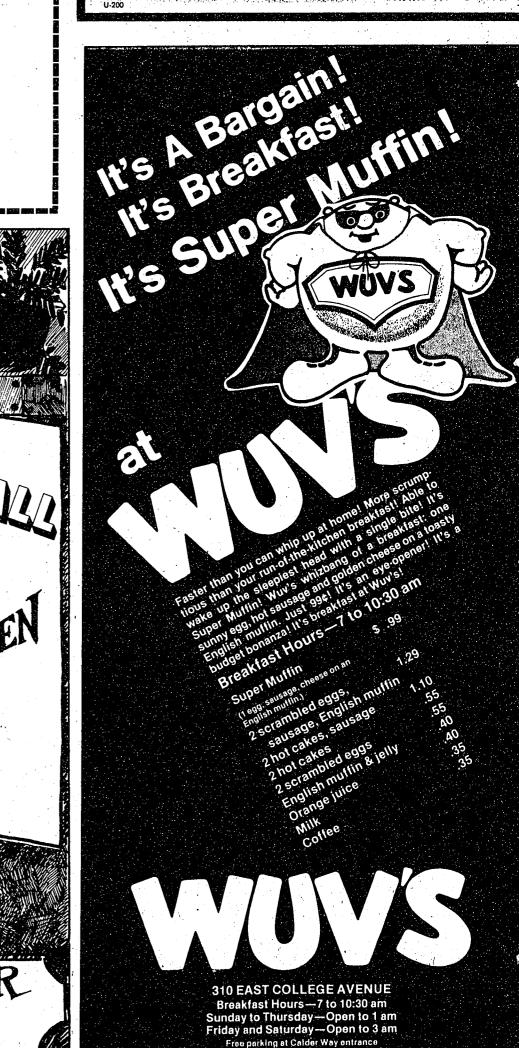


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