

Students today study longer

NEW YORK (UPI) — College students are hitting the books harder than their counterparts of five years ago, but teachers say they are less well prepared and have reading deficiencies, a study of the college textbook market showed yesterday.

Sixty percent of the students said they spend eight or more hours weekly studying. In 1974, only 46 percent studied that much.

The survey also showed 70 percent differ from the typical undergraduate of the recent past by seeing career preparation as the main reason for going to college.

But many college teachers are not eye-to-eye with them on the goal of preparation for a job, the report said, adding:

"Their professors have not budged from a commitment to the liberal arts and the concept of education for its own sake."

U.S. to maintain oil reserves

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The United States will postpone building up its strategic petroleum reserve for one year so as not to disrupt the international market, Energy Secretary Charles Duncan said yesterday.

"It is now assumed that the strategic petroleum reserve oil fill will resume in June 1981 at an average of 100,000 barrels per day, rather than a year earlier at the same rate, as was assumed in January," Duncan told the Senate Appropriations subcommittee on the interior.

Duncan also said the total reserve had been sealed down from 1 billion barrels to 750 million barrels and that it currently contains 92 million barrels.

The reserve is held in the event that all oil imports to the United States are cut off.

Also in January, it was assumed that the cost of imported oil by late 1981 would be approximately \$34.50 per barrel. The administration now assumes that this average cost will be slightly over \$37 per barrel," Duncan said.

Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., asked Duncan why the buildup of the reserve was being postponed and Duncan said because of the turbulence of the current world oil market.

"We have to have stability in the marketplace," he said. "I do think that at the time when we cut back the reserve without adversely impacting the market, we should do so."

Duncan said that at last year's Tokyo oil summit the allies agreed to reduce their dependence on oil from strategic reserves. He said that while the allies understood the national security implications of our strategic petroleum reserves, they would not readily see it filled if it would have an adverse impact on the market.

Postage stamp price may rise

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Postal Service said yesterday it must raise the price of a first-class stamp by a nickel to 20 cents early next year to keep up with rising inflation, and called it the "least, trimmest" possible.

The proposal, filed with the independent Postal Rate Commission, calls for a broad range of postage increases averaging 28 percent, to begin in February or March.

In unveiling the package at a news conference, Postmaster General William Bolger stressed the proposed hikes were based on "the most conservative estimates" of postal costs during the next 2½ years.

"In short, this is the least, trimmest rate package we could devise in these inflationary times," he said.

Calling inflation "the villain" that forced the rate jump, Bolger noted that February rises in the Consumer Price Index alone added \$10 million to postal payroll costs because of a contract requirement awarding postal employees cost-of-living raises.

"And every time gasoline rises a dime, as it has recently, \$30 million are added to our bill," Bolger emphasized the Postal Service "made good on its commitment not to raise the price of first-class stamps for 2½ years from its last increase, from 13 cents to 15 cents in May, 1978."

"Had inflation not shot up since May, 1978, but instead stayed at the level of that time, we would not today be seeking new rates," he said.

"In fact, we would have been able to keep the current rates in effect until 1982."

Court to make fair trial ruling

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court said yesterday it will decide whether television and still photography coverage of trials is constitutional.

The justices said they will review Florida court rulings that such news coverage does not automatically ruin a fair trial.

The court's eventual decision is not likely before 1981.

It was 15 years ago when the Supreme Court overturned the swindling conviction of Texas financier Billy Sol Estes, ruling that television's techniques as they then existed inherently interfered with a fair trial.

But in writing for the Court in that 1965 decision, the late Justice Tom Clark said, "When the advances in these arts permit reporting . . . by television without their present hazard to a fair trial we will have another case."

Since then, many states have allowed television and still-camera coverage of court proceedings even though the American Bar Association has refused to back down from its longtime opposition.

The ABA's ethical standards imposing an absolute ban on electronic media and photographic coverage of courts still serve as a model for half the states and the federal judiciary.

Of those states permitting some form of camera coverage, only Florida and New Hampshire have adopted permanent policies not requiring consent from persons directly involved.

Striking guards face jailing

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Striking guards at Western Penitentiary, who defied a court order yesterday to return to work, faced the possibility of being jailed for their wildcat walkout.

Commonwealth Court Judge Genevieve Blatt said the Department of Corrections is preparing arrest warrants. There was no immediate indication when the warrants would be processed.

Asked if she will sign the documents, the judge said, "Yes, if they (strikers) are still not in compliance." She said the warrants would be served on officers and members alike.

A strike leader said guards at other state prisons will walk out too if Western Penitentiary guards are jailed, but the Bureau of Corrections said there are no indications of a sympathy strike.

The 190 guards, members of Local 2500 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, struck the state-run, maximum security jail last Wednesday.

State police and prison officials are guarding the 1,061 inmates. "We're still operating normally," said prison spokesman Tom Scriverling.

The guards walked off their jobs to protest an alleged scuffle between prison superintendent James Howard and Local President Ron Horvat earlier this month.

The strikers met on the prison lawn early yesterday to discuss two proposed compromises, but rejected both. They said they want an open hearing to investigate the dispute.

Two Cuban exile ships land

KEY WEST, Fla. (UPI) — Two Cuban exile ships that took part in the first nautical evacuation of people from the Peruvian Embassy in Havana arrived in Key West yesterday with 40 refugees aboard, the Coast Guard said.

The Coast Guard said the Key West-registered lobster boats, Das Hermanas and Blanche III, both carried 20 refugees. All the refugees except one family aboard the Blanche III had been among the thousands who jammed the Peruvian compound.

The Cubans were turned over to U.S. Immigration and Naturalization authorities, who processed them and released them on their own recognizance.

Earlier in the day, the Cuban government said the two ships, as well as other private vessels reported in the waters near Cuba, would be allowed to pick up some of the people seeking asylum.

However, Gramma, the official Cuban newspaper, said nautical transportation was not expected to replace the "freedom flights" that resumed yesterday.

David Nall, a U.S. State Department spokesman, said the United States "had no plans or intentions to send U.S. government boats to evacuate the refugees."

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College of Science/Alumni Society, Careers in Science, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., HUB.

Dr. Stephen Curry, Hershey Medical School, on "Getting Into Medical School," 7:30 p.m., Room 119 Osmond.

Gallery Talk, 10:30 a.m., Museum of Art. Richard W. Penck on "American Furniture Styles, 1650-1830."

Comp. Lit. Luncheon, 12:15 talk, 1 p.m., Hotel State College. Kenyon Emrys-Roberts, composer, on "Composing for Count Dracula."

Sports: softball vs. Lock Haven (double header), 2 p.m.; tennis (women) vs. Bucknell, 3 p.m.

School of Music Common Hour, 4 p.m., Music Bldg. Recital Hall.

Comp. Lit. Film Series, "Black Orpheus," 7 and 9 p.m., Room 112 Kern.

HOPS films, "A Comedy in Six Unnatural Acts," and "Lavender," 7 p.m., Room 271 Willard.

AIA lecture, 8 p.m., Room 101 Kern. Denise Schmandt-Besserat, Univ. of Texas, on "A Recording System Based on Tokens Prior to Writing."

Black Arts Festival lecture, 8 p.m., Schwab. Dr. Frances Crest-Weising, psychiatrist and formulator of "color confrontation theory," speaker.

Student Leadership Skills workshop, 8 p.m., Room 302 HUB. M. Lee Upercraft, director, Residential Life Programs, on "Group Management."

Meetings:
Star Trek Fans, 6:30 p.m., Room 151 Willard.
Alpha Phi Omega, 7 p.m., Room 267 Willard.
Business Student Council, 7 p.m., Room 60 Willard.
Circle K Club, 7 p.m., Room 316 Boucke.
College Life, 7 p.m., HUB Main Lounge.
Colloquy, 7 p.m., Room 330 HUB.
Hazel Union Board, 7 p.m., Room 307 HUB.
Society of Physics Students, 7 p.m., Room 103 Osmond.
Wargamers, 7 p.m., Room 107 Sackell.
Baha'i Fireside, 7:30 p.m., Eisenhower Chapel Lounge.
Catering, Hotel & Res. Soc., 7:30 p.m., Room 18 Henderson.
PSOC, Bike Division, 7:30 p.m., Room 317 Boucke. Rider Skills Workshop.

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USG Senate results will stand Court upholds election decision

By ORRAINE CAPRA
Daily Collegian Staff Writer

A decision by the Undergraduate Student Government Elections Court last month concerning senate candidates was upheld by the USG Supreme Court Sunday night.

Wayne Prokay, a senate candidate from Nitany Halls, had charged his opponent Andrea Solat with listing a non-resident of Nitany Halls on her petition to run for senator. According to the elections code, any candidate violating that rule would be disqualified from running.

The elections court ruled that Solat did not intend to put the signature on her petition. She said the signature occurred when she left the petition in the Pollock-Nitany residence office for a few minutes. At the time of the elections hearing, Elections Commissioner Rob Fallon gave Solat two days to obtain 100 new signatures.

In last month's election Solat won the Nitany senate seat.

However, Prokay appealed the decision to the USG Supreme Court on the grounds that the elections court's decision was in conflict with the elections code. After a two-hour deliberation, the Supreme Court ruled that Solat was in violation - although her intentions were good - but to unseat her would be cruel and harsh punishment.

Solat was fined \$25 and the elections code will be rewritten to eliminate the disqualification clause and add the fine and requirement of 100 new signatures for similar violations.

Larry Knepper, speaking for Prokay, said that the Supreme Court should have its decision on the elections code, and extending the petition deadline for Solat violated the code.

"Even if she didn't intend to violate the rules, the rules were here and she didn't read the code," Knepper said. "If the Elections Commission doesn't intend to enforce its rules, why did they write the code in the first place."

Mark Berg, speaking for Solat, said that the elections court was invalid because it was never ratified by the USG Senate - another requirement of the elections code. The court was made up of Executive Council members Hal Shaffer, USG president; Marty Baker, Interfraternity Council president and Cathy Reynolds, Panhellenic Council president.

"Can an invalid court be considered a lower court from which an appeal can be heard, and if not, can the Supreme Court hear a case that has never been heard by a lower court?" Berg asked.

At the elections court hearing, Prokay asked Fallon to check Solat's other signatures for more violations. He said that he was only sure of the one, but suspected more violations. Fallon said he did not have the time.

Berg said he would present evidence that some of Prokay's signatures were also on Solat's petition - a violation on Prokay's part. However, the Supreme Court would only rule on Solat's one signature violation.



The Natural Look
Four unidentified males from Porter Hall take advantage of the recent warm weather to display their finest to the women of Heister Hall on Sunday.

HOPS celebration educational, entertaining

By GEORGE HRENKO
Daily Collegian Staff Writer

Homophiles of Penn State is sponsoring a Gay Awareness Festival designed to be educational as well as entertaining.

The festival, which will explore aspects of gay life, includes various daily events scheduled to continue through Friday.

Dave Albert president of HOPS said the festival is a celebration of some aspects of being gay. "It has two main purposes. First, it is educational because it explores various aspects of gay lifestyles. Secondly, it provides social activities for gay people."

It is easy for the public to forget that there are gays present in the community," he said. "The festival is designed to demonstrate to the public that gays are here and active."

Also, we hope that some interested students will find out about HOPS through the festival because, like any other organization, we depend upon new members."

The idea for the festival began several years ago when HOPS sponsored a similar event consisting of films and speeches, but the idea was later dropped.

HOPS decided to renew the program last year with extra funds and presented a weekend festival similar to this year's events, but on a smaller level, Albert said.

"Last year it went over fairly well for being the first festival in a couple of years," Albert said. "People came from various places in the state. Even though it was put together in only a month, it was successful."

This year's festival has been expanded to a full week and consists of some higher caliber events and new ideas, he said.

Albert said the festival's main attractions will be a concert by Holly Near and a speech by the Parents of Gays of Harrisburg.

Near, a gay singer whose songs deal with some aspects of homosexuality, is nationally known in the gay community. Albert said her concert, which will take place at 8 p.m. Friday in Schwab Auditorium, "should go over real well."

A speech by the Parents of Gays of Harrisburg will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in 323 HUB and is another event Albert said he thinks will be successful. Titled "Our Gay Children," the speech will give insight to

Swami Rama to talk on yoga, meditation, health

Founder and spiritual head of the Himalayan International Institute, Sri Swami Rama, will speak on "Yoga, Meditation, and Holistic Health in Daily Living" at 8 tonight in 108 Forum.

Born in 1925 in India and raised in the Himalayas, Swami Rama was ordained a monk in his early teens. He learned yoga science and philosophy in monasteries and caves of the Himalayas, and studied with many sages, including Mahatma Gandhi.

In 1949 Swami Rama held the highest spiritual post in India.

After studying western psychology, philosophy and medicine in Europe, he came to the Menninger Foundation in Topeka, Kansas, and assisted in research in biofeedback.

Monitored on laboratory instruments, Swami Rama has been able to stop his heart from pumping blood for 17 seconds. He can also control his production of brain waves.

At the Himalayan International Institute of Yoga Science and Philosophy, in Honesdale, Pennsylvania, the swami and his faculty teach classes in physiological self-regulation, diet and nutrition, stress management, meditation and hatha yoga.

— by Sherri Hess

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