

Israeli novelist to speak on Jew/Arab relations

Israeli novelist Amnon Shamosh will speak on "The Peace Process: Golden Age for Cultural Cooperation Between Jews and Arabs" at 7:30 tonight in 320 HUB. Yachad is sponsoring the talk.

• The Sailing Division of the Penn State Outing Club will meet at 7:30 tonight in 214 Boucke.

• The Penn State Overcomers will hold a Christian Fellowship meeting at 9 tonight outside 302 HUB.

• Nittany Divers, the University's scuba club, will meet at 8:30 tonight in the Natatorium classroom.

• Craig Bohren will speak on "Dance in a Blue Moon," or "Demonstrations they never told you about," at 7:30 tonight in 608 Walker. The talk is sponsored by the Penn State chapter of the American Meteorological Society.

• Entries for the Men's Intramural Golf-Medical Tournament will be accepted all day today and until noon tomorrow. The tournament is open to undergraduates only. For additional information, call 865-5401.

• The Penn State Marketing Club will present a 45-minute film, "The Clio's: Award Winning Commercials," at 7:30 tonight in 111 Forum. Admission is 50 cents for non-members and free for members.

• Pennie Vanderlin of the Pennsylvania Department of Health will speak on "Gay YD is No Fun" at 8 tonight in 323 HUB. The speech is sponsored by Homophiles of Penn State as part of Gay-Awareness Week.

• Registration for the Sy Barash Regatta will be held all week in the HUB basement.

High service standard recognized University Ambulance gets award

Lindstrom said. For example, ambulance services must have at least one certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) on duty 24 hours a day, must meet certain levels of quality in medical equipment and must have formal agreements with other ambulance services to cooperate in difficult situations.

Lindstrom said the Alpha Fire Company Ambulance Club assists the University ambulance when necessary. Ambulance service at Ritenour was criticized last year in a series of articles in The Daily Collegian for operating outdated, aging equipment and staffing the University's ambulance with people who were not EMTs.

Tom Dagney (11th-health planning administration), student supervisor for University EMTs, said the ambulance, built in 1974, has some maintenance problems and won't last more than another year or two.

However, Dagney said, the quality of the ambulance service staff has improved since he first came to the University.

"There's been a turnaround in the level of maturity of the group," he said. Dagney said the University administration has been responsive to the changes required by the VASC certification required.

Bob Balogh (graduate-non major), one of the ambulance technicians, said the company has been working for several years to get the VASC certification.

Pennsylvania is the only state that does not legally require ambulance companies to maintain specific standards. The VASC program, Lindstrom said, recognizes high levels of quality and encourages services to improve.

While there is no direct benefit to the companies that participate in the VASC program, future state emergency medical grants may be linked to the companies that are certified, he said.

Of the nearly 1,200 calls University ambulances handle each year, Lindstrom said, about 1 percent are real life-and-death situations. However, "you have to be trained to handle the worst, so when the worst comes you can do it," Lindstrom said.

Dagney said the ambulance gets more calls from people with orthopedic injuries than medical emergencies, because of the largely student population it serves.

He added that the number of emotionally disturbed cases the ambulance service has encountered recently is higher than in past years.

Lindstrom said he is always looking for qualified emergency medical technicians to work for the service. "This is one instance where we want people to know what they're doing," he said.

University medical services also cover all University events, including football games and rock concerts.

Dagney said University Ambulance Service has a problem with people not knowing what it offers. He noted that public education has been one of the least-funded components of the system.

Cuban refugees flee Cuba in large boats

KEY WEST, Fla. (UPI)—A flotilla of 17 to 25 boats loaded with asylum-seeking Cubans who took refuge in Havana's Peruvian Embassy was shunting across the Florida Strait toward the mainland yesterday, a spokeswoman for the Cuban exile seafit said.

Patricia Vilaboa said she was uncertain how many refugees were aboard, "but some of the boats are quite large—40 or 50 footers. There might be as many as 40 aboard each of the larger boats," she said.

She said her husband, Napoleon Vilaboa, told her there were "anywhere from 17 to 25 boats" loaded with refugees.

Radio Havana in a broadcast monitored in Miami quoted the Cuban Communist daily newspaper Granma as reporting 11 vessels with 300 refugees aboard would arrive in Key West yesterday.

Granma made no mention of boats headed for Miami, but Mrs. Vilaboa quipped her husband, leader of the armada of Cuban exile vessels from South Florida, as saying some would sail directly to Miami from Mariel, 28 miles west of Havana.

The first group of 40 Cuban refugees to reach Florida by the seafit arrived at Key West Monday night aboard the lobster boats Blanche III and Dos Hermanos.

The Blanche III broke down two miles

outside the Key West harbor and had to be towed to port by the Coast Guard. Both boats were placed under temporary detention by Customs authorities but the detention was lifted yesterday.

State Department official warned yesterday that anyone attempting to bring Cuba refugees directly into the United States would be committing a felony, but a formal statement on the issue was withdrawn.

Asked why the announcement was withdrawn, one official said "policy... no... politics." He said the administration did not want to antagonize Cuban-Americans.

The last 15 of the refugees from the Blanche III and the Dos Hermanos arrived in Miami by bus yesterday noon, their fares paid by Key West's Cuban community.

They had been placed on parole status by Immigration and Naturalization Service officials in Key West and told to report to INS in Miami late this week, according to Art Espinola, Latin coordinator of the Key West Chamber of Commerce.

In Miami, the 15, all men and most of them young, were taken in a truck to the Cuban Refugee Center in Little Havana.

Jorge Lopez Gonzalez, 22, a Cuban postal worker, met an old friend, Allan Lopez, on arrival at the Refugee Center in Miami. Lopez, a hotel steward, came to Miami eight months ago.



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