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Experiencing problems on wheels

University leaders participate in Disability Awareness Day

By MARY BETH HORWATH
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Several University student leaders and administrators participated in an experiment yesterday designed to make them more aware of the problems handicapped students face.

They spent the entire day confined to wheelchairs as part of Disability Awareness Day sponsored by the Association for Barrier-Free Living, Environment and Design.

Bill Georgantis, who is stepping down from his post as president of ABLED, said the experiment was designed to show that the University needs to remove the many environmental barriers which make wheelchair transportation difficult.

"We're trying to make the people in the experiment more aware of what it's like to go about their normal routines in wheelchairs," Georgantis said. "And we're also trying to make the general public more aware by observing them." He said numerous University ad-

ministrators are not sensitive to the laws regarding wheelchair facilities.

"They don't understand the laws, and now they have to. That's what this experiment is supposed to do," he said.

Association of Residence Hall Students President Fran Kenawell said he learned how important curb ramps are to a person in a wheelchair.

"I would like to find out how expensive

Healey said.

"People in wheelchairs are just plain people," he said, "and you have to remember that they still have abilities."

Healey said many people changed their attitudes about handicapped people after meeting him.

"At first they aren't very personable because they don't want to offend you," he said. "But after I talked with them for awhile, I found out they really cared. The response was excellent."

Healey said he thought Disability Awareness Day should be held every year as a reminder to the University that there are still problems for handicapped students.

In addition to the wheelchair awareness experiment, there was an all-day film festival about handicapped people that have become successful in society despite their condition, and a wheelchair square dance in the gym of White Building. The square dance exhibited dances using the upper parts of the body for those in wheelchairs.

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—M. Lee Ucraft

Director of Residential Life M. Lee Ucraft said participating in the experiment has increased his awareness of the physical barriers at the University, especially lack of curb ramps.

"I've had to use more circuitous routes, and this morning I was almost hit by a car in the parking lot," he said.

"If I were permanently disabled, I would be angry at the greater effort I would need to get around."

it to install curb ramps," he said. "If it is a reasonable amount, I think it might be a good idea for one curb ramp to be donated every term by a student organization, just to make students more aware."

Undergraduate Student Government President Joe Healey said many people don't give those in wheelchairs any identity other than being handicapped.

"Most people just feel sorry for you and forget that you're a person, too,"

Muskie becomes new secretary

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Edmund Muskie, an immigrant's son who became a governor of Maine, a U.S. Senator and a presidential candidate, was sworn in yesterday as the 58th Secretary of State in a glittering ceremony in the East Room of the White House.

With his family and President Carter standing by, Muskie, 66, was sworn into office by Frank Coffin, a Maine judge who persuaded him to run for the Senate in 1958 against long odds.

After taking the oath of office before 650 officials and diplomats in the East Room, Muskie said, "I'm going to relish

this job."

Carter described Muskie as a "man of vision, reason and conscience."

After listing some of the problems that Muskie faces — Iran, Afghanistan, Cuban refugees, the Middle East talks, among others — Carter quoted acting Secretary of State Warren Christopher: "Ed Muskie is the man and today is the time."

In his final hours before formally becoming secretary of state yesterday, Edmund Muskie slipped off privately to contemplate the big job ahead of him.

Among the 500 guests were members of Congress, top diplomats and close

Muskie friends. Both the president and Muskie spoke.

Muskie served 22 years in the Senate as a Democrat from Maine and his seat will be filled by one of his longtime allies, U.S. District Judge George Mitchell.

Muskie appears to be moving quickly into the fast-paced diplomatic world.

Today, he begins with a speech to the men and women he will be leading.

Then on Tuesday, Muskie will fly to Europe for a meeting of the NATO council in Brussels on Wednesday and probably a talk with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko in Austria.

N.Y. banks file against Laurel Glen

By JOYCE VENEZIA
Daily Collegian Staff Writer

A court notice has been filed by two New York banks against the owners of Laurel Glen apartments after the corporation failed to obtain a loan to pay back a mortgage held on the complex.

Notice was given to all creditors that the hearing will be Tuesday at the Federal Bankruptcy Court in Harrisburg. The notice states that the hearing will be in the interest of the creditors. A first meeting of the creditors will take place at the hearing if Laurel Glen is declared bankrupt.

Laurel Glen Inc. had entered into a mortgage agreement with the Rochester Savings Bank and the Home Savings Bank of upstate New York. The corporation had until April 30 to pay back the mortgage. Initial bankruptcy proceedings began in

June 1976.

Judge Thomas Wood of the Federal Bankruptcy Court said he could not estimate how the problem of security deposits will be dealt with.

"It is a question of money and legal entitlement," he said. "The banks will attempt to get control to regain the recovery of their investment. There is no evidence at this time to determine the legal rights of the people who claim against Laurel Glen."

The court reportedly has an escrow fund of \$350,000 put up by the former manager of Laurel Glen, which can be used by court order for any purpose, including payment of security deposits.

Wood said that this fund is in dispute because the management claims it was deposited for specific purposes. He could not say whether it would be subject to creditors' claims.

"It is likely that the security deposit question will not be decided, but there will be the opportunity to get up-to-date information," Wood added. He recommended that a student organization attend for the purpose of finding out about the refunds.

The Organization for Town Independent Students will probably send representatives to the hearing to represent Laurel Glen tenants. OTIS President Bob Karp said he is still under the impression that security deposits are in a secured account.

Property Management Inc., which manages Executive House and Park Forest Apartments, has been managing Laurel Glen since Feb. 4. Property Management was placed at the complex under agreement with Laurel Glen and the banks. Both wanted a local company in the event of a change of ownership.

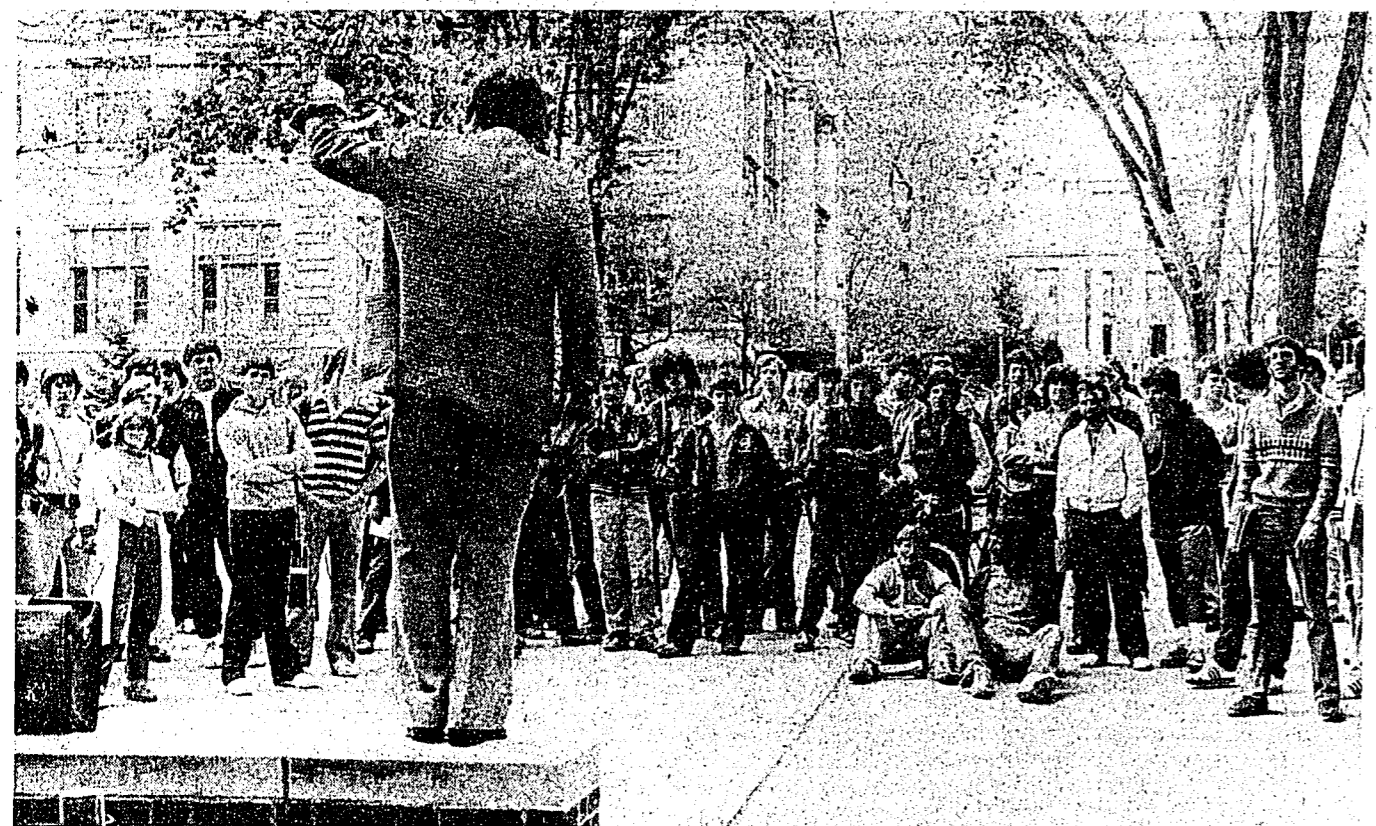


Photo by Brian Gamera

On my honor...

Jedd Smock appeared in front of Willard Building yesterday to pass the word along to those who would listen. A perennial preacher, Smock returns with the spring weather to tell the students what is right and what is wrong.

Fighting in Iran delays some elections

TEHRAN, Iran (UPI) — On the eve of critical parliamentary voting, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini yesterday urged Iranians to elect "100 percent Moslem" representatives to the 360-member body that will decide the fate of the American hostages.

But in more than a dozen cities in west Iran where fierce fighting flared between Kurds and army troops, authorities postponed today's second round of voting for parliament in those areas.

In the capital, there was no government reply to a Swiss diplomatic query about Cynthia Dwyer of Buffalo, N.Y., who has not been heard from since she was arrested Monday, charged with spying.

Dwyer, who was accredited by the Iranian government as a freelance journalist, was seized by revolutionary police who claimed she was carrying "documents" proving she worked for the CIA.

Khomeini, in his pre-election message hailing "this day of Godly examination," urged Iranians to cast their ballots for "those who are 100 percent Moslem and who are devoted to the commands of Islam, are against deviationist ideologies and believe in the Islamic Republic."

"Some devils may distribute matter among unknowing people" saying "it is good to vote for anyone, whether leftist or rightist, so that the Majlis (parliament) is made up people from all groups."

The new parliament is scheduled to meet within six weeks and it was not immediately clear if the postponement of voting that authorities said was due to unstable conditions, including in several southern Iranian towns, would alter that timetable.

Officials have already said the question of the hostages, in their 188th day of captivity, will not be the first issue taken up by parliament.

Intense clashes were reported in the Kurdistan region close to the Iraqi border where a local army commander, Col. Abbas Ali Sadri, said autonomy-seeking Kurdish insurgents had, for the first time, deployed anti-aircraft guns to shoot down government aircraft.

Most equipment in Iran's air force and armor is U.S.-made and Foreign Minister Sadeq Ghotbzadeh was quoted as saying Iran might buy Soviet arms as it could not maintain its American military machinery during the continuing confrontation with the United States.

Collegian coverup: New use for paper

The Graduate Student Association has published the 1980 version of Garden News, a yearly newsletter to inform graduate students of how to maintain garden plots rented to them by the University.

The letter includes, of course, University rules and regulations, and a few gardening tips. Among the tips is the suggestion to use mulch to conserve water.

Mulch, according to the letter, is a substance applied to the soil surface to protect the roots of the plants from temperature extremes and the like.

The letter goes on to say that Daily Collegians make excellent mulch.

Aha! Perhaps now we've found the scoundrels who pilfered the 4,100 Collegians a month and a half ago.

Silliness has become the winning campaign logo of the student elections at the University of California-San Diego.

Jeremy Charlton says he wasn't serious, but he and his Very-Silly-Students slate still won four of the 11 top jobs in student elections at the university.

"Silliness is something whose time has come," said Associated Students President-elect Charlton.

"I'm a very silly man," he said on the stump.

If elected, he promised he would get valet parking in the student lot and put milk and cookies out with beer when students get together for meetings of the "Thank God It's Friday Club."

Charlton, a 21-year-old math and economics major, got 690 votes to 655 for the favored serious candidate.

Maybe the key to winning elections is to be silly and keep 'em laughing all the way to the poles. But then, the presidential candidates have already figured that trick out.

Clark, Millen to be expensive servants

There's nothing like being waited on hand and foot — especially when your servants weigh in the vicinity of 250 pounds apiece.

Matt Millen and Bruce Clark donated their services — Clark as a cook and Millen as a waiter — as one of the items up for auction Saturday afternoon to benefit The Second Mile, an organization set up for emotionally and socially disturbed boys.

The three dinners sold for \$150, \$140 and \$100, Ronald Coder, executive director of The Second Mile, said.

Some other items that were sold were: a John Cappelletti game jersey,

donated by the Los Angeles Rams for \$50; Matt Suhey's game jersey for \$55 and a George Burns cigar for \$11.

And sold for \$25 was a pair of socks, white ones, autographed by none other than Joe Paterno.

"East, East, East, way out front." So Wolfe and Kaplan decided to make T-shirts with their own logo — the famous Rolling Stones mouth and Puschauer's slogan, "East Me!"

The finale: An end to errors

This is it. The last In Edition story I'll ever write.

The past year was fun. Honest. I really enjoyed the comments, criticisms and hate mail (especially from you, Mom).

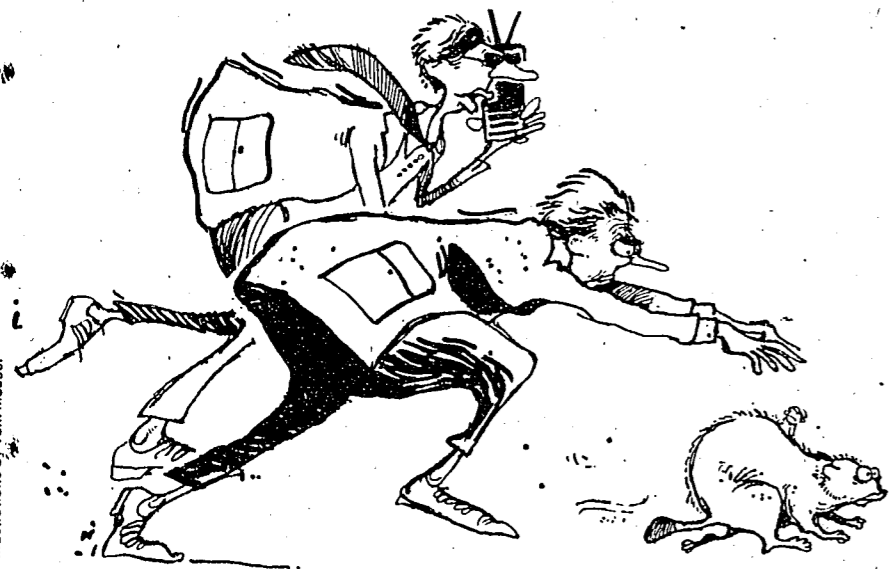
I'm taking this time now to thank all the people who called in with tips for stories. I especially thank the people who called in with story ideas that I couldn't use. At least you were trying and I appreciate it.

Beginning next week, Brian Gamera will be carrying on the grand tradition of weekly ulcers. Please be nice to him.

—Written and compiled for the last time by Mike Sillup

Another cold one

Today will again start off sunny, but it will be cloudy and cool this afternoon with the high struggling to reach 50. Tonight will be clear and cold while tomorrow will be partly to mostly sunny and a little milder with a high of 55. Sunday looks to be really nice with sunny skies and a high of 64.



Rodent fails to put breaks on vandalism

An unidentified groundhog is being held in connection with a vandalism incident that occurred Monday evening.

Jerry Blozitis, head of Publications and Public Information for Continuing Education, said he was driving to the Centre Daily Times office when he noticed his car was bucking, as if a spark plug wire were disconnected.

When he returned, he and a colleague lifted the hood to check on the problem and discovered a few of the wires were frayed away. And a groundhog was sitting atop a wheel well.

Blozitis called University Police

Services to remedy the situation, he said. Eventually, six officers arrived at the scene and attempted to track down the rodent.

However, things weren't that simple for the men in blue. The creature jumped into a ditch near the Keller Conference Center and attempted to escape, but the police kept pursuing the groundhog. An observer said the officers "looked ludicrous."

However, justice triumphed and the varmint was apprehended.

Well, Pennsylvania is the Keystone State, and police are called cops...



East contest loser becomes a winner

East Halls recently held a slogan contest for its spring celebration, East Week.

Barry Puschauer (12th-political science) came up with a slogan, but it was rejected.

However, Kurt Wolfe (9th-speech communications) thought his slogan was better than the winner,