

Professors not to be replaced

Effect of religious studies change questioned

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However, when Paulson was asked whether even after four full professors and two assistant professors leave and are not replaced, the additional change to a program would save significantly more money, Paulson said no.

Both Cherry and Professor Emeritus Luther H. Harshbarger expressed dismay over the change from department to program.

"All the reasons given," Harshbarger said, "for example, enrollments, low number of graduate students, are actually related to the basic premise of the department to begin with. First of all, the department began in 1965 with no majors at all, with four faculty people, and the intent was to be a service program, not a major program.

"Now, one of the reasons for the abolishment of the department is that there are only five majors," he said. "There's never been more than 20."

Cherry said, "The administration here in our college seems to think that the way to broaden the influence of religious studies on campus is for us to become an inter-disciplinary program and give up departmental status.

"We have been interdisciplinary as a department, so that seems a silly thing to do."

"The proposed program is regarded as being interdisciplinary," Harshbarger said. "Actually, we have the most interdisciplinary faculty on this campus, trained in sociology, history, psychology.

"All the arguments being used against the department are quantum," he said, "and when you measure the humanities by quantity, you might as well forget it. I would just about as soon see the program abolished all together than to be weakened in what is a so-called interdisciplinary program."

Paulson argued that the implementation of an interdisciplinary program would keep the religious studies courses now offered in the department as a base while also requiring certain religious-related courses from other departments such as anthropology, psychology and comparative literature.

"It provides a means for us to get more support from other departments for the program," Paulson said. "Major teaching in the religious studies department is for students from other departments, and that will be continued."

"The program that we have approved and the faculty suggested really provides for all of that, and I think it is outstanding," he said. "And they'll still have a major program, so I think probably this format is more adapted to that principle than the department was."

What could happen by having outside professors teach in the new program, Cherry said, is that people who are not competent at teaching religious studies courses could end up doing so anyway.

Harshbarger maintained the current departmental program is just as interdisciplinary as the proposed program.

Lowrie: program to gain flexibility

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"Next year we'll be largely concerned with opening out to other dimensions within the College of The Liberal Arts," he said, "if not the University at large."

Lowrie will also be finishing up the process of phasing out the graduate degree program, he said.

Lowrie said that there are many good points to the new program.

"We have an opportunity to introduce a more flexible program that emphasizes the interdisciplinary character of religious studies," he said. "My mood on the whole is optimistic."

The head of the religious studies department also said that Lowrie is well suited for the new program.

"I think he is the logical choice for the program," Fukuyama said. "He's been committed to an interdisci-

Freedom for Ireland: Britain's refusal to negotiate crushing dream

By ANNE CONNORS
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The dream of a united Ireland is not being realized mainly because the British government refuses to negotiate with the Irish Republican Army, several people said at a forum last night.

"They refuse to negotiate with terrorists," Tom Mack, a State College resident, said.

The IRA wants Northern Ireland to be free of British rule and united with the Irish Republic in the south.

Mediation by a third party as a means of ending the bloodshed is also rejected by the British government because it would then have to justify some of the injustices, another participant said.

Maurya McClure, of State College, said, "Britain doesn't want a third party because they would have to justify these things."

These and many other viewpoints were presented last night at a forum sponsored by the Northern Ireland Concern Group.

Mike Hall, coordinator of the group, said his main goal was to listen to all viewpoints and educate the public about the political situation in Northern Ireland.

"We want to raise awareness in this community of the depth and complexity of the problems in Northern Ireland," he said. "The IRA has been forced to use terrorist tactics to achieve its goals, a University student said.

"In 1916 the forerunners to the IRA tried to meet them (the British) openly as an army," John Hall (graduate-history) said. "The British said they recognized them as terrorists—not as an army."

Retarded youths may get program

By R. REYNE RIGGIO
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Strawberry Fields, a local organization to aid the mentally handicapped, is trying to establish a federally funded pilot program that would involve buying a home in Centre County for mentally handicapped youths, who have gotten in trouble with the law.

The program, designed for youths between 13 and 16 years old, is awaiting approval from the county.

Diane Marshall, executive director in charge of programs, said, "The program will be a highly structured, closely supervised, intensively staffed behavior management program."

"The goal is to give mentally retarded kids who are in trouble with the law an opportunity to learn how to get their needs met without having to cope with more cunning, sophisticated kids (who) they'd encounter in youth development centers."

The proposed program would begin with the placement of six youths, who have experienced failure in their school, community and home, into a house staffed by trained personnel 24 hours a day, Marshall said.

Through this program, the youths would be taught how to cope in the community, without breaking the law.

For example, the program would attempt to sharpen their sense of judgment, so they could avoid people who would try to get them in trouble, Marshall said.

Another permanent program is designed to help mentally limited adults, who can hold vocational employment and handle less complex intellectual problems sufficiently, to live productive lives on their own.

Marshall said she believed that such a program would be successful in "recognizing the capacities and potential of retarded children."

In addition to the pilot program, Strawberry Fields owns two townhouses in Centre County. The townhouses provide housing for educable retarded youths who do not have a criminal record.

Marshall said she believes that this program has been very successful, since it has created "quality relationships" between the parents and children and has developed the potential of the youths as much as possible.

Food co-op a community effort

By JEAN WYCKOFF
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Cooperation, low prices plus a store front on East College Avenue equals Our Store, a community of people committed to a project to save food dollars.

Our Store is a food co-op, a group of people who combine their time and energy to buy food at wholesale prices. The co-op is a community where the members work together for mutual benefit.

"The two basic concepts of this food co-op are:

- Food should not be sold for profit.
- By working together, many of the costly middlemen in the food distribution system can be eliminated and prices can be reduced.

Each store member helps run and manage the store, trading his voluntary labor for lower prices. Store members have reported savings on food purchases of 20 percent to 30 percent net savings on food purchases.

Although membership in the co-op is open to any interested party, most of the members are students at the University.

Lori Berger (graduate-philosophy) said, "The savings are tremendous."

A price comparison between Weis Markets and Our Store revealed the savings by shopping at the food co-op. For example, a half-gallon of whole milk at Weis costs \$1.03, but is only 87 cents at Our Store.

Potatoes are 28 cents per pound at Weis, but 18 cents at Our Store. A loaf of Country Heath bread sells for 90 cents at Weis, but only 74 cents at the co-op. Of the 15 or so different items The Daily Collegian compared prices among, Our Store offered at least a 5-cent savings on every item.

Berger also said she likes the fact that every member can vote in store elections to decide what products to buy and the fact that the store is not profit oriented.

"Your personality is into the store," she said.

Bob Fochler, store coordinator, said the store sells a variety of food products including fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy products, bread, fish, fowl and basics.

"We don't carry the variety a supermarket does, such as frozen foods or cleaning goods, but then most members shop somewhere else for these items," he said.

The store began nine years ago with about a dozen members, operating from someone's basement.

The present membership count is 700, and the co-op occupies its own store front, located between The Tavern and Kranich's Jewelers on College Avenue.

Most co-ops begin as food-buying clubs, Fochler said.

A group of people pre-order specific items from a

University police give on-campus protection

Editor's Note: University Police Services offers a ride-along program in which any interested student may ride for two hours with a police officer while he or she patrols the campus. Daily Collegian staff writer Becky Jones rode with Officer Gus Kostas on Wednesday night to find out what University police do while on patrol.

By BECKY JONES
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The purpose of University Police Services is to "strive to provide an atmosphere free from fear for personal safety, property loss, or accident, and thereby contribute to the academic excellence of The Pennsylvania State University," according to a State University police pamphlet.

But many students feel the sole purpose of University police is to harass them, and arrest them for underage drinking.

The nights patrolling in cars are generally pretty quiet, Kostas said, with more activity on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights from parties.

However, football weekends provide police with much more activity. They deal with traffic from out-of-town fans and the many and where, so that if something happens someone will know where the officer is.

Officers may help students outside of their regular patrols. For example, if Resident Assistants find a party is out of control and too difficult for them to handle alone, they may call police. In addition, they offer programs for the dorms such as the Breathealyzer alcohol program and engraving of valuables.

Police may pat 25 miles a night on the

PSU creating housing plan to ease conflict

By IRIS NAAR
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Association of Residence Hall Students and the Interest House Advisory Board to get input from the groups.

"We wanted their input on these issues before we developed proposals for the future," she said.

The groups were given a list of 22 questions, which included:

- Should all sorority/fraternity members have reserved spaces?
- Should there be an upper limit on the number of spaces for athletes?
- If off-campus members of reserved space groups wish to move on campus, should they be subject to the same housing policies that apply to other students who wish to move on campus?
- Should athletes who are admitted late be given regular space while other late admits are given temporary space?

Peterson said she has received responses from all the groups except IFC.

Over the summer, the Housing and Residential Life staffs will review the groups' input and develop several proposals, she said. The staff hopes to give the proposals to the input groups around the beginning of Fall Term.

"We would hope decisions could be made early in Fall Term," Peterson said.

Students would then be given plenty of notice that certain areas could be displaced. Sororities are now entitled to approximately 1,000 spaces, he said.

In response to some of the questions put to ARHS, Calkins said the total upper limit for sorority reserved spaces should be 1,100. Sororities are now entitled to approximately 1,000 spaces, he said.

"One of the things we want to avoid is the disruptive kind of thing that happened this year with the expansion of the interest house program and sororities," he said.

The proposal should identify certain locations as possible displacement locations, and establish limitations so students who may be relocated are given adequate and fair notice, she said.

ARHS President Chris Calkins said a goal of the proposal is to establish criteria for housing spaces.

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