

# Taking care of business

## Downtown Business Association provides help

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Downtown State College is a melting pot of restaurants, clothing stores, record shops and grocery stores, with different merchandise, clientele and advertising campaigns. However, all are businesses, with similar economic problems that some merchants try to solve together through the Downtown Business Association.

The DBA is a committee under the State College Area Chamber of Commerce that looks after business's best interests in government and the media, and helps businesses compete against increasingly popular shopping malls, said Ted Connolly, chairman of the association and general manager of the Student Book Store.

The Chamber of Commerce sends out the DBA's meeting notices and takes care of its dues which is used for an advertising and promotional fund for the downtown business area, said Pat Cahalan, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce.

Connolly said the association encourages local businessmen to treat students with respect.

"They are our reason for being here, Connolly said. "We owe it to them to do what we can for them. They're consumers like everyone else. If they have a problem, they should seek out the manager. You don't hear downtown business people saying derogatory things about students. "It doesn't behoove them to alienate a large section of their customers. Their lives are invested in this town," he said.

State College businesses don't have the advantage of price competition as in large cities, Connolly said. Style and size selection is not large, and most of the clothing stores are more expensive specialty shops, although they cater to a wide interest.

"The nature of the town is that the businesses have a captive audience most of the year," he said.

"Our main goal is to keep things happy downtown, make it a place people want to come to shop," Connolly said.

"The association would like to have representation in State College government, so businesses are sure that someone will listen to DBA members' complaints, Connolly said.

State College Municipal Council members Daniel Chaffee and Joseph Wakeley came to the association's meetings, he said.

"(Chaffee and Wakeley) listen to us. That doesn't mean they do what we say," Connolly said. "It behooves us to get a businessman on council."

Activities of the association include working to promote Thursday night openings of downtown stores with free parking.

"Parking is a future problem that needs to be resolved," Connolly said.

The businesses also hope to get more involved with student activities, he said.



**New stripes**  
A two-week-old zebra in Bristol, England, tries to stand on its own feet as its mother looks on.

## Tropical Gert is regrouping

MIAMI (AP)—Tropical Storm Gert broke up in the mountains of the Dominican Republic yesterday, but it was expected to reorganize over open water and was still considered a potential hurricane, forecasters said.

The Bahamian government issued storm warnings for the islands, and small craft in the eastern Bahamas were advised to stay in port.

"Gert tangled with the mountains of Hispaniola during the night and has become very disorganized," National Hurricane Center director Neil Frank said. "Conditions favor strengthening as the circulation moves away from the influence of the mountains and winds could increase very rapidly."

Heavy rains fell on the island, which is divided into the Dominican Republic and Haiti, yesterday as Gert moved north.

At 3 p.m. EDT, the National Hurricane Center said Gert's center was at latitude 21.5 north, 72.0 west, about 625 miles southeast of Miami. The storm's winds, which had fallen from 50 to 40 mph, had picked up to 45 mph.

It was expected to continue its northwesterly course at 20 mph through the night.

Forecasters said Gert could reach the southeastern U.S. coast, but was at least three days away.

Gert faces "a stretch of open water for quite a long distance," said forecaster Miles Lawrence.

"It's a confusing storm," he said. "The storm center that moved across Puerto Rico has gotten pretty weak. Its health is falling now. But it has the potential to strengthen over the water."

Gert, the seventh storm of the season, lashed Puerto Rico with heavy rains Tuesday, briefly knocking out power in a dozen towns and flooding some highways. No casualties or evacuations were reported.

# Family planning center to seek aid

By RON WATERS  
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A Bellefonte family planning service that aids about 30 University students a month plans to seek alternative funding rather than reduce its program because of the elimination of state funding, its executive director said.

Walter Klausmeier, Family Health Services Inc., said if additional government funding does not arrive the agency plans to seek aid through other methods including soliciting the Interfraternity Council, initiating a letter-writing campaign for private contributions and soliciting foundation support, although he said such plans are not final.

"We may have to increase our fees, but I hope it doesn't come to that," he said. "Alternative funding is going to be difficult, but I think it's possible."

Fees are based on a graduated scale according to income, he said.

The service receives 2 percent of its annual funding through donations, but Klausmeier said that amount must increase by 20 percent, or \$20,000, if the family planning program is to remain as it was before the funding cut.

The service's funding reduction is similar to that faced by the University's Ritenour Health Center, which lost \$20,000 when the state General Assembly voted in early July to eliminate family planning's \$350,000 subsidy.

That statewide reduction amounts to \$3.1 million overall because the federal government provided matching funds of \$9 for every \$1 the state spent on family planning services, said Jeffrey L. Zonis, assistant to the director of the Family Planning Council.

The council funds Bellefonte's family planning program and, until recently, funded Ritenour's program.

The executive director of Ritenour, Dr. John A. Hargleroad, said Ritenour will not reduce its family planning service. Ritenour will continue to refer patients that choose to use the intrauterine device to the Bellefonte service, he said.

The main reason students are referred to Bellefonte is that IUDs are not offered at Ritenour, Hargleroad said.

Klausmeier said Bellefonte's large family planning program, which not only provides contraceptive methods, education and counseling, but also includes preventive health care for women, such as cancer screening and physical examinations, is the only program in the center that provides that in jeopardy.

Klausmeier said it has yet to be determined which areas within the family planning program would be affected if additional funding is not obtained.

Additional money may yet be appropriated for family planning, Zonis said, when the state decides the use of several block grants due in October or November if the council can convince the Legislature of the need for funding.

However, Rep. Gregg L. Cunningham, R-Centre County, said he doubts the General Assembly will change its position.

"I see absolutely no chance whatsoever," he said. "No one that I know is saying the poor should be denied these services. Every one (of the services) is available through Medicaid."

"The question is, 'Do we want a second redundant system?'"

Cunningham attributed opposition to the Legislature's action to "family planning bureaucrats trying to save their jobs."

In contrast, Zonis described the relationship between state and federal family planning programs as closely linked; but not identical, and Klausmeier said some recipients of state aid do not qualify for Medicaid. Also, some family planning centers do not accept Medicaid clients, he said.

The Bellefonte service also provides prenatal education classes, a child health screening program and a nutrition program for women, children and infants.

## TMI test takers may have cheated

By JOHN DANISZEWSKI  
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HARRISBURG (AP)—Some employees hired to operate the Three Mile Island nuclear plant may have cheated on training examinations, the plant owner said yesterday.

General Public Utilities Corp. said it reviewed its own tests following the discovery of a cheating incident by two TMI employees who took a Nuclear Regulatory Commission licensing examination in April.

Reporting to an NRC hearing board, GPU said it had "discovered sufficient looseness in the administration of the examinations that the possibility of cheating could not be ruled out."

Company spokesman John Fidler said the report to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board was voluntary and stemmed from the company's concern over an earlier NRC cheating incident.

The incident prompted the company to check results of past training examinations administered by plant personnel, he said.

GPU rechecked two sets of tests, with the aid of evaluators from Pennsylvania State University's nearby Capitol Campus, and found one possible case of cheating, Fidler said.

The incident involved one of the same persons earlier cited by the NRC who has already quit, said Fidler.

The questionable GPU exam concerned the lessons learned from the Three Mile Island accident on March 28, 1979. All operators who took that test will be required to take another exam, Fidler said.

The company "does not believe its investigations to date provide a basis for taking additional disciplinary action, but clearly action to correct programmatic deficiencies is required," GPU told the ASLB. "Modification of . . . procedures for the administering of exams, quizzes and exercises is called for."

Fidler said GPU intends to tighten proctoring and supervision of the tests. The individuals accused of cheating have since resigned and their identities have been withheld by the company and the NRC.

The ASLB completed hearings in July on whether TMI's Unit 1 reactor should be allowed to restart, and its final recommendation is pending.

Unit 1 has been shut down by order of the NRC because of the nation's worst commercial nuclear accident occurred at its twin, TMI's Unit 2.

In a partial ruling, the ASLB said Aug. 27 that Unit 1's management met NRC standards necessary to reopen the plant.

Additional rulings on the plant's design safety and the adequacy of its emergency procedures are expected around Oct. 1, before any final recommendation to the NRC on whether the plant should reopen.

## Miss Zimbabwe finals postponed

By JOHN EDLIN  
Associated Press Writer

SALISBURY, Zimbabwe (AP)—The finals for the Miss Zimbabwe beauty contest will be postponed as a result of a racial row that broke out in Zimbabwe over whether a black or white beauty queen should represent this black-ruled country in the Miss World contest.

The competition's white organizer announced a week's postponement of tomorrow's planned finals after some black Zimbabweans claimed the organizers were rigging the contest to guarantee a white woman would win.

Some blacks claim only ugly or fat black women were picked by the organizers to compete against white contestants.

The Miss World contest is to be held this November in London.

National organizer Tim Horgan, an Irish-born restaurateur and businessman, said in an interview with the pro-government Herald newspaper here yesterday that he had "come under pressure from certain non-governmental quarters" to have another black Miss Zimbabwe.

In a statement released to the press late yesterday, Horgan announced the postponement yesterday, he also said his company had pulled out of the contest and would hand it over to another unidentified "consortium" today.

Horgan, who organized the first Miss Zimbabwe contest last year, also said he would not be able to "conduct the new event owing to prior commitments abroad," the statement said.

Last year's Miss Zimbabwe, crowned a few months after the former white-ruled colony of Rhodesia became independent black-governed Zimbabwe, was Shirley Nyanyaya, a black woman who became a finalist in the Miss World contest.

Before that, virtually all beauty queens were white or "coloreds" — as people of mixed race are called here.

Rejecting accusations of racial bias, Horgan's statement said the contest this year had been run "fairly and impartially along the lines of the successful event last year."

The results of last Friday's Mashonaland province semifinals for this year's competition sparked the row that became the talk of the town. Five whites and one mixed-race woman were chosen by a panel of three black and two white judges — eliminating all five black contestants.

Yesterday's leading page 1 story in the Herald quoted an unnamed government official complaining that prettier white women were deliberately chosen to ensure a black did not become Miss Zimbabwe. The report took precedence over the Angolan crisis and news of the appointment of the first black head of the 23-year-old University of Zimbabwe.

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Meteorology Seminar, 3:35 p.m., Room 112 Walker Bldg. Dr. Sam C. Colbeck, Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory, Hanover, N.H., on "Snow, Ice and Glaciers."  
Fuel Science Seminar, 4 p.m., Room 301 Steidle Bldg. R. M. Khan, Penn State, on "Thermoplastic Properties of Coal at Elevated Pressures." Refreshments at 3:45 p.m.  
Homecoming Committee (HCC/Panhel) meeting and film, 6:30-12 p.m., Rooms 305-306 HUB Lounge.  
Commons film Series, Bonnie and Clyde, 7 and 9 p.m., Room 112 Kern.  
Penn State Entomology Assoc., 7:10 p.m., Room 201 Patterson.  
Student Dietetic Assoc., 7:30 p.m., Room S209 Human Dev.  
Penn State Internationale Dancers meeting, 7:30 p.m., Room 132 White Bldg.  
Alpha Phi Omega, 7:30 p.m., Rooms 223-224 HUB.  
Penn State Water Ski Club, 7 p.m., Room 209 Willard.  
Frontlash meeting, 7:30 p.m., Room 307 Boucke.  
Penn State Dames meeting, 7:30 p.m., Room 101 Kern.  
Eco-Action organizational meeting, 7:30 p.m., Room 225 HUB.  
National Assoc. of Home Builders, 7:30-9 p.m., Room 127 Sackett.  
Lecture to open Josef Svoboda exhibit, 8 p.m., Room 105 Forum. Dr. Jarka Burian, professor of dramatic arts, SUNY/Albany, on Svoboda's work.

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