

## Abortion bills rejected; Cunningham vows fight

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A package of bills that would restrict abortion was rejected by a 13-11 vote in the state House Health and Welfare Committee yesterday.

The bills, which are co-sponsored by Rep. Gregg Cunningham, R-Centre County, were rejected because committee members said the proposed legislation was vague and unconstitutional, The Associated Press reported.

But Cunningham said the fight to pass the package has not ended.

The legislation is designed to protect women from biased abortion counseling, Cunningham said, and would require color photographs of aborted fetuses be made

available to women seeking abortions, a 72-hour waiting period before the abortion is performed, a second physician to be present to ensure that if the abortion results in a live birth every step would be taken to preserve that life and death certificates for the aborted fetuses.

An attempt to force the bill through the committee via a discharge resolution will be made, Cunningham said. That action would require the signatures of 102 House members.

Should that fail, he said the next step would probably be to introduce the package's provisions as amendments to unrelated bills that have already passed through the committee.

Despite the vote, Cunningham remained optimistic that the bills would ultimately

pass.

"I not only remain very confident of final passage, but I really don't think this is even going to slow down final passage of the bills," he said.

"We have found the Health and Welfare Committee to be kind of a choke point, and there has always been difficulty getting that kind of legislation out of that kind of committee."

"As recently as last session when I sponsored the abortion funding cutoff bill for Pennsylvania, that bill went on to pass the House and the Senate by a better than two-thirds majority despite the fact when we first introduced it, it was almost killed by the House Health and Welfare Committee," he said.

Supporters of the legislation also vowed they would not give up.

"The vote was only a committee vote," said Garnett Biviano, chairman of the Pennsylvania Pro-life Federation.

"Committee votes happen all the time. It is a temporary setback, (but) it is not the end of the omnibus bill."

She said the federation will notify constituents of committee members who opposed the bill and encourage the representatives to change their thinking.

Beth Knievel, president of the Centre County Citizens for Human Life, agreed.

"Our goals remain the same — to help support any efforts to regulate abortions and save the lives of babies," she said.

Those opposed to the legislation viewed the vote in a different light.

"I'm very excited about it," said Nancy Touchette, of the State College chapter of the National Organization for Women. "I think it's an indication that people are sick of hearing about this and that Cunningham has gone too far."

Betty Nebel, a staff organizer for the Fight Against Abortion Control, who was hired specifically for the legislation, said the existing abortion laws are adequate and that the proposed legislation is unconstitutional.

"Why Rep. Cunningham is doing, this we really don't have the foggiest. Harassment is the only answer we can come up with," she said.

## Reagan defends AWACS sale to Saudi Arabia

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan said yesterday that the United States "will not permit" Saudi Arabia to fall victim to revolutionary takeover and he indirectly but unmistakably rebuked Israel for lobbying against the proposed sale of AWACS radar planes to the Saudis.

The president defended his plan to sell \$8.5 billion worth of planes, missiles and other equipment to the Mideast country as vital to protection of the vast Saudi oil fields that play a major role in fueling the economies of the western world.

Without mentioning Israel by name, Reagan said: "American security interests must remain our internal responsibility. It is not the business of other nations to make American foreign policy."

Reagan's remarks were made at a nationally broadcast news conference — his first formal meeting with reporters in more than three months.

The president also:

- Vowed to use his veto against spending bills that would "bust the budget and violate our commitment to hold down federal spending."

- Defended his campaign to slash spending for social programs and said the "safety net" to protect the poor "is still in place." Later, he said everyone "totally dependent on the government" is "our obligation and nothing is going to happen to them."

- Noted that yesterday was the start of the government's bookkeeping year when most of his budget and tax cuts officially took effect. "Our programs won't be instantaneous," he said. "The mistakes of four decades can't be turned around in eight months."

- Said he supports, in principle, extension of the landmark Voting Rights Act. He declined to say in what form.

Reagan defended the AWACS sale as Secretary of State Alexander J. Haig Jr. testified on Capitol Hill in an effort to save the package, which Senate Republican leader Howard Baker has said lacks enough votes to pass Congress.

"I have proposed this sale because it significantly enhances our own vital national security interests in the Middle East," Reagan said. "The sale will greatly improve the chances of our working constructively with Saudi Arabia and other states of the Middle East toward our common goal: a just and lasting peace."

Replying to concerns of Israel and its congressional allies, the president said the package "poses no threat to Israel now or in the future. Indeed, by contributing to the security and stability of a region, it serves Israel's long-range interests."

He said chances for Senate approval of the sale are good as a result of negotiated arrangements with the Saudis about joint U.S.-Saudi manning of the aircraft. But he did not go into detail and there was disagreement in Congress over whether those arrangements represented anything new. Please see related stories, Page 4.



President Reagan

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## It's all in the draw of the cards

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During Penn State's

Homecoming football game next Saturday, amid the usual marshmallow and Coke throwing, a breed of school spirit will be a reincarnated — the card section.

About 1,100 undergraduates will flip blue and white cards in the section to form displays such as pawprints, "State," "Touchdown," and several other surprises. The section will be reintroduced to the University following a 10-year absence.

Bill Cluck, Undergraduate Student Government President, said he hopes the card section, supported by the USG, the Alumni Association and the athletic department, will generate greater crowd enthusiasm.

An organizational meeting for the card section will be held at 7:30 Sunday night in the south gym of Rec Hall. Any undergraduate students interested in being part of the activity are eligible — as long as they have purchased a student ticket.

Eventually, if the premiere performance goes well at Homecoming, the card section may be offered as a one-credit course, Cluck said. Other advantages in participation would be better seating and the inevitable prestige, he said.

The need for more fan support was emphasized by Roy Scott, the Nittany Lion mascot. A card section would help involve alumni, who are vital in creating an atmosphere where the "home field advantage" can be felt by the football players, Scott said.

Larry Atwell, representing the Alumni Association, also said he hopes to see the alumni interact with students at a better level to achieve fan unity.

Cluck said he is pleased with the "infectious" enthusiasm on campus for the football season, but sees a potential for spirit growth.

## Americans support cuts, poll says

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NEW YORK (AP) — Despite growing pessimism toward the economy, the latest Associated Press-NBC News poll says Americans support President Reagan's proposal for \$13 billion in additional budget cuts.

The poll, a scientific random sampling of 1,601 adults contacted by telephone Monday and Tuesday, said a majority of those who have heard or read of the president's latest proposed budget cuts approve of them.

Yet a majority also believe that their family finances will not improve in the next year and that the federal budget will not be balanced by 1984.

Reagan's overall job performance rating dipped to 53 percent good or excellent, down 10 percent from the AP-NBC News poll in August and the lowest during his presidency. The latest poll said 27 percent believe Reagan is doing an only fair job overall, while 16 percent said poor

and 4 percent were not sure.

Reagan's job rating for handling the economy dipped to 45 percent approval, down from 52 percent in August and matching July's lowest total during Reagan's eight months in office.

The poll said 29 percent believe Reagan is doing only a fair job in handling the economy, while 21 percent said poor and 5 percent were not sure.

Twenty percent said they expect their families to be financially better off in the next year, compared with 29 percent when Reagan took office.

Men were more likely than women to say they expect their family finances to improve during the next year. Besides women, those more likely to say they believe their personal finances will worsen included Democrats, blue collar workers, and racial minority group members.

Seventy-two percent of those polled said they do not think the federal budget will be balanced by 1984.

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## weather

Variable cloudiness, windy and cold today with a few showers. Temperatures will reach 52 degrees early, then fall slowly during the day. Becoming partly cloudy, breezy and cold tonight with lows near 36 degrees. Intervals of clouds and sunshine, breezy and cool during the Temple game. Temperatures will be near 50 degrees at kickoff. Bundle up! Fair and cold once again tomorrow night with lows near 40 degrees. Partly sunny and milder on Sunday with highs near 60 degrees.



Bingo!

Marcie Schmack (5th-recreation and parks) helps Anna Meyers in a friendly game of bingo at State College Manor, 450 Waupelani Drive.

Photo by Dan Vogtley

## Plan ahead: waiting lists for apartments

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Fall Term isn't even half over, but some students are already on a waiting list for apartments for next year, a local apartment manager said.

Dottie Williams, manager at A.W. & Sons, 340 E. Beaver Ave., said 23 students had already asked to be put on a waiting list for Beaver Hill, Cedarbrook, Garner Court or Penn Tower apartments for next year.

The first two students came in on Aug. 21 but after that Williams said she asked other students to wait until after the move-in period before coming in to get on the list.

Students wishing to be put on the waiting list must bring in a check for one month's rent that the realtor will hold until an apartment assignment is made in February. Students who later change their minds and wish to be taken off the list can come in and pick up the same check any time up until an assignment is made, she said.

Williams said present tenants are given first option to renew their lease for the same apartment and must inform the rental office by February if they want to renew their lease. The downtown apartments are usually full by the end of

February, she said.

With each succeeding year, the students come in earlier, Williams said. Last year, the first students came in during November, and the year before, the first students did not come in until January.

"Students are becoming aware that things are getting tight . . . with more people coming to the University," Williams said.

Before A.W. & Sons had the waiting list system, some students were coming and sleeping in the hallways two or three days in advance of when apartment applications would first be taken, she said.

"It was a Dark Age way of doing things," Williams said. Williams said she thought the waiting list was caused by a combination of how well kept A.W. & Sons' buildings are and how close they are to campus.

No one is on a waiting list at A.W. & Sons' Parkway Plaza, she said.

Charlene Harrison, assistant director of community relations in the Office of Student Affairs, said she was surprised that some students were on a waiting list for housing already or that some apartments even have them.

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