

Beaver residents object to plan

Many object to probable displacement for interest housing

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Many residents of Beaver Hall last night objected to the probable conversion of two of their floors into coed interest houses.

They said the housing change would displace those who now live on floors targeted for interest houses Fall Term.

"Insofar as possible we will relocate you as a group," Pat Peterson, associate director of the Office of Residential Life Programs, told the concerned students.

The displaced students would receive first priority after reassignments in any residence hall area after the initial displacement, Peterson said. In addition, they would be notified well in advance of their relocation, she said.

Despite the assignment proposals suggested by Peterson, several students opposed the idea.

"It's their excuse to go to coed housing in order to reduce damages," said Gary Packer (5th-petroleum engineering.)

Ken O'Neill (11th-marketing) produced data concerning damage costs because many residents believed that damages from previous years were the major reason for the probable introduction of interest housing into Beaver. On one sorority floor there was a 10 percent increase in damage cost, while first floor Beaver reduced its costs to \$11.30, he said.

In response to O'Neill, Peterson said, "Damages will not be used as an issue. The physical configuration of Beaver is ideal for coed living."

However, this fact does not make Beaver "Interest House Hall," she said.

Andy Zoenter, assistant director of Residence Hall Programs in South Halls, said, "Beaver has been cited as



Steve Cummins, center, executive vice president of the Association of Residence Hall Students, and Karen Gravin, ARHS vice president, listen to comments made at a meeting of Beaver Hall residents last night.

a good place for interest houses and it's going to happen."

Houses under consideration for relocation are the Human Development House, formerly Multiple Roles, now located in Tener Hall, and the Engineering and Applied Sciences House in Porter Hall.

Although Beaver was better suited for interest houses, the possibility existed last year that it would be used as an athletic interest house building,

Peterson said. This plan did not fabricate, thus allowing Beaver to be a potential candidate for future interest houses.

The reserved spaces for students involved in the interest houses are limited to 1,800, she said. Because there are already 1,540 spaces occupied there is not much room for expansion, she said.

The concept of interest houses was founded at the University by

University President John W. Oswald 11 years ago after he observed the success of these houses at Oxford and Cambridge.

The thoughts of displacement and potential separation of floor members are what disturb most Beaver residents. "Even though we come together by computer cards, after a while it becomes like an interest house anyway," said Keith Flodine (9th-accounting).

Photo by Barb Parkyn

Education good investment for economy, too, study says

By RON WATERS
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Investing in higher education may have greater benefits than realized for both individuals and the economy, according to a study released recently by the Pennsylvania Economy League, Inc.

The benefits for college graduates listed in the study are increased leadership, inventive and proprietary skills, enhanced employment prospects and higher income.

Along with the individual's and society's benefits, the study concludes that making a strong financial investment in higher education benefits the state economy.

For every dollar invested in the state's 197 higher education institutions by both public and private sources, \$1.70 is returned to the state economy, it said. Higher education-related spending totaled \$4.2 billion, while revenue originating in the state totaled only \$2.5 million in 1979.

For every dollar spent outside the state, colleges and universities brought back \$2.02, the study says. That resulted in \$500 million for the state's economy.

For the individual, the report says, "there is agreement that a college graduate, having completed successfully a rigorous academic discipline, will (or should) have a broadened intellectual capacity as a result. Also, in addition to having experienced a general cultural enlightenment, a college graduate is expected to possess greater tolerance and/or acceptance of divergent view points."

In 1979, the median income for a person who completed four or more years of college was \$26,614 compared to \$18,310 for an individual with four years of high

school, according to Federal Department of Commerce figures cited in the study.

The report states the difference between incomes increased during the last decade. That contrasts to the findings of some researchers who said the income difference was narrowing.

Many other researchers believe the narrowing was only temporary, it says, for they believe future long-term growth will generate a demand for the college educated.

"Even in periods of economic downturn, college-trained workers are usually unemployed less often and for shorter durations than non-graduates," the study states.

Society benefits by the increased productivity of college graduates, according to the report, because a greater tax base is created.

In addition, the study says college graduates comprise a disproportionate number of those performing voluntary charity work.

Higher education is the state's 13th largest employer, with one job out of 27 related to the higher education. Its \$1.5 billion annual payroll for direct employees is the ninth-largest in the state, excluding government. The related field payroll is \$2.5 billion, or \$3 out of every \$100, excluding agriculture.

Any threat to higher education, such as inflated costs, exaggerated interest rates and recurring recessions, or even a decrease in college and university attendance, represents a multiple threat to the state economy, it says.

Overall, the number of bachelor degrees awarded is expected to drop from 55,800 this year to 49,800 in 10 years.

The percentage of the 18 to 24 age group enrolled in these institutions is 33 percent; 6 percent lower than the national average.

Proposal would transfer hospital to Hershey

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Gov. Dick Thornburgh proposed legislation Wednesday to transfer the Elizabethtown Hospital for Children and Youth from the state Department of Health to the University's Milton S. Hershey Medical Center.

Thornburgh said he proposed the legislation to "significantly expand rehabilitation services to disabled people across Pennsylvania."

"Since this is the International Year of the Disabled Person, I can think of no more appropriate a time to take steps that will expand and strengthen the rehabilitation, therapy and medical services provided to disabled persons at Elizabethtown Hospital, a facility that is unique in the state," Thornburgh said in a news release.

The hospital, established in 1925,

now provides rehabilitation, physical therapy and surgical services to patients under age 21.

Under the proposal, the state will lease the 45-bed hospital to the Medical Center on July 1, 1982, provided the legislation is approved.

University President John W. Oswald said he was very happy that the "University's Medical Center can meet the needs as requested by the Commonwealth in the development of a major rehabilitation center."

In addition to expanding medical services to patients of all ages, Thornburgh said the transfer is advantageous because the quality and scope of care will be enhanced by a full range of medical services available at the Medical Center.

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Jewish settlers violently oppose withdrawal

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JERUSALEM (AP) — The United States and Israel published a joint declaration yesterday aimed at clearing the way for European participation in the Sinai peacekeeping force. But Jewish settlers opposed to Israel's planned withdrawal from Sinai in April staged violent protests in the area.

They burned a government office in the Sinai town of Yamit on the Mediterranean and barricaded the town gates to protest the government's refusal to meet their compensation demands. The office was damaged but there were no injuries.

The joint declaration said the 2,400-man force, half of it American, will have the functions defined in the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty and an attached protocol, "and there can be no derogation or reservation from them."

The declaration said Europe agreed, in letters to the United States dated Nov. 26, that "they have attached no

political conditions" to their participation.

The clarifications by Britain, France, Italy and the Netherlands appeared to be a retreat from their earlier position linking the force to progress on the Palestinian issue.

The four countries alarmed Israel when they announced they would send troops, but at the same time underscored Europe's Mideast policy calling for inclusion of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The joint statement was aimed at

severing the link between the force and Europe's policy. It said the United States "understands and appreciates" Israel's concern at the linkage, and "recognizes that some of (Europe's) positions are at variance with its own positions."

European peacekeepers to go to Sinai

WASHINGTON (AP) — European peacekeepers will go to Sinai in April under a compromise agreement that appears to be a diplomatic triumph for Israel and a setback for the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Yielding to Prime Minister Menachem Begin's government, the Reagan administration yesterday declared its opposition to the Europeans' call for a PLO role in Middle East negotiations.

The Europeans, at U.S. behest, were willing to separate their political views from the peacekeeping job as a condition for joining the Sinai force.

The gain for the United States is to broaden the composition of the Sinai force, giving it an international flavor even though the United Nations is not involved.

Without the Europeans, the United States was hard pressed to find other countries to join the force. Most of the

Arab world as well as the Soviet Union and its supporters are shunning the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

Only Colombia, Uruguay and Fiji were willing to join.

But now, once the British, French, Dutch and Italian governments give their final approval, the United States expects Canada, Australia and New Zealand to jump aboard, too.

"We think this is something that will be worked out in a reasonably short time," a senior State Department official said Thursday in announcing terms of the agreement.

Israel was loath to include the Europeans because their governments called last year in Venice for the PLO's "association" with peace talks. Since the PLO is sworn to dismantle the Jewish state, Israel — with U.S. approval — shuns Yasser Arafat's organization.

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weather

Cloudy with periods of snow, occasionally mixed with rain today, tapering off to snow flurries by the early evening. Accumulations between a dusting to around an inch are likely. High temperatures near 35 degrees. Low temperatures near 28. Variable cloudiness, windy and cold tomorrow, with snow flurries. High temperatures near 32. Partly cloudy tomorrow night with low temperatures near 25.

—by Mark Stunder

Fund raiser planned to benefit Constantine

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A fund-raising campaign is being held for the benefit of Norman Constantine, Nittany Lion mascot from 1978 to 1980, who has been in a coma since an October automobile accident, a University spokeswoman said.

Members of several University student organizations will conduct a fund-raising phone-a-thon for Constantine from Dec. 14 to 17, said Mary H. Dunkle, manager of the News Bureau of the University Office of Public Information.

Letters will also be sent to presidents of Penn State alumni clubs across the country, and newspapers are doing stories on the event to help reach as many alumni as possible, said Mary Beth Johnstone, an alumna who is coordinating the campaign.

The main participants in the phone-a-thon will be the Penn State Cheerleaders, Alpha Chi Omega sorority and Parmi Nous honor society, Johnstone said. If more volunteers are needed, other student groups will be asked to help participate.

The phone-a-thon will be mainly directed at alumni who graduated from 1977 to 1981 since they are the people who knew Constantine and saw him most on the football field, she said.

The Office of Gifts and Endowments, the Office of Student Affairs, the athletic department and the Alumni Association will assist in the fund-raising effort, Johnstone said.

People who are not called during the phone-a-thon should not refrain from contributing to the

fund because it is not possible to call everyone who may be interested in giving, she said.

Those wishing to contribute to the fund should make checks payable to Associated Student Activities — Norman Constantine Fund. The checks should be sent to 202 HUB, Dunkle said.

Dunkle said Constantine was active in many University activities and in charities.

Johnstone said, "I knew Norm when he was here, but I couldn't keep track of all he did. Penn State meant a lot to him."

Many people have asked her about Constantine and expressed a lot of concern, she said. Many have been willing to help him since the accident, she said.

"It shows that this University really does pull together," Johnstone said.

She said she goes to see Constantine about every other week.

"I tell him (about how people feel and what they are doing) and I get the feeling he knows what's going on," she said.

Johnstone went to see Constantine yesterday and said although he is not in intensive care, he is still in a coma, and the doctors are noncommittal about whether he will come out of it.

Dunkle said she contacted Constantine's mother who said his recovery is "in God's hands." His mother also said she has received many cards and letters offering encouragement that are a great comfort.

For information on the fund-raising effort or Constantine, call Johnstone at 717-569-5928.

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Norm Constantine

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