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Five-year-old Richard Wagner, the March of Dimes National Poster Child for 1982, presents a small bell to President Reagan yesterday at the White House. Holding Richard are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wagner of Vancouver, Wash.

Union members picket Plumbers and pipefitters protest at Rec Hall

By DINA DEFABO
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In a "strictly informational picket," local plumbers and pipefitters have been protesting that non-union plumbers and pipefitters are renovating locker rooms inside Rec Hall. The demonstrators, members of the Plumbers and Pipefitters Union Local 520, said the University awarded a combined plumbing, heating and electrical contract to J.C. Orr and Sons, Inc., a union general contractor. However, the contractor subcontracted plumbing and heating part of the contract to G.A. Schultz and Sons of Altoona—a firm which employs non-union plumbers and pipefitters, according to the demonstrators, who asked to remain unnamed. John D. Miller, director for planning and design for the Office of Physical Plant Administration, confirmed that the renovation contract had been awarded to Orr, but said the University does not investigate such matters.

Former employees reduce damage request in suit against University

By DINA DEFABO
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Following four preliminary objections filed by University lawyers with their original suits, two former University employees filed new complaints last week decreasing damages requested from \$3.5 million to \$600,000. Raymond R. Dimeo and Victor V. Rossi, former production specialists in the University division of instructional services, each filed identical suits against the University and individual administrators on grounds of breach of promise and wrongful discharge from their positions. In the amended complaints filed in Centre County Court, the plaintiffs dropped their initial request for reinstatement in their jobs, which they lost in July 1980. Responding to University objections, the new complaints decrease the requests in the charges of wrongful dis-

charge from \$600,000 to more than \$10,000 in compensatory damages and from \$600,000 to more than \$10,000 in punitive damages.

The University's law firm, McQuaide, Blasko, Schwartz, Fleming and Faulkner, Inc., of State College, objected to the original request, saying that it violated the state rules of civil procedure.

On the breach of promise charge, the men dropped their request for \$300,000 each for humiliation and mental distress, but maintained their original request for \$300,000 each for compensatory damages.

Although University attorneys asked that charges to individual University administrators named as defendants be dismissed, the new complaints maintain original charges against the defendants.

In addition to the University, defendants named are Donald W. Johnson, director of the division of instructional services and assistant to the vice presi-

dent for undergraduate studies; Robert E. Dunham, vice president for undergraduate studies; Edward D. Eddy, University provost; and Quentin E. Wood, president of the University Board of Trustees.

Mark R. Faulkner, one of the attorneys representing the University in the case, said his firm is now reviewing the amended complaints.

"Sometime within the next week we will determine what our response will be and I don't know what that is as of yet," he said.

The men, who are being represented by Joseph A. Gragnone of Altoona, claim they were fired because they tried to stop the alleged waste of media facilities and tax dollars within their department.

The plaintiffs claim that University administrators, after notifying the complainants that they would be fired, agreed to offer them the first job openings in the department.

Most people do not reach sexual potential

By JOYCE WASHNIK
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Most people operate at only about 10 percent of our sexual potential, an associate professor of biology said last night. Edward W. Wickersham discussed human sexuality and focused on the topic of masturbation at a seminar which was part of "Straight Talk About Sex," a program sponsored by the United Ministry at the University. He also showed two explicit films of male and female masturbation.

"What I was trying to show tonight was the marked difference between the male, which is direct approach to the genitals, and the female, which is more of a total body experience in which she pleases many more parts of her body," Wickersham said.

He then encouraged students to talk about the films and discuss their reactions. "I found the films very intriguing," said Steve Fedor (2nd-liberal arts). "I'm Catholic and you're taught not to talk about these things. I had thought of these things as being wrong until tonight."

Wickersham said that people often consider themselves "cool" about the subject of sex, and especially

masturbation, when actually they are quite uncomfortable with the subject.

"This is a part of our being that we just can't neglect. It's something we have to take responsibility for and use appropriately," he said.

Wickersham encouraged the students to discuss not only the films but any aspect of sex that they wished. Jan Viroso (8th-food science) said she thought the talk was very informative because it "gave people the chance to question and get feedback on various aspects of sex that they had questions on or were concerned about."

Ray Mazzeo (graduate-horticulture) agreed: "It was good to come to a group and hear people talk and discuss something that's so intensely personal with freedom."

The program continues today with Robert A. Walker, assistant professor of health education, and Annette Ranck, clinical psychologist at the Ritenour Counseling Center, discussing "Sexual Values and Guilt" at 11:30 in the HUB main lounge. A seminar is scheduled for 7:30 tonight in 317 HUB.

On Friday, the speakers will conduct a panel discussion at 11:30 in the HUB main lounge.



Edward W. Wickersham

Fear and anxiety can cause sex problems

Fear, anxiety and guilt are often the basis of sexual dysfunction in both men and women, said Steve Crain, clinical psychologist from Ritenour Health Center, in a presentation on sexual dysfunction yesterday.

Crain said these factors stem from ideas and myths learned by young people. For example, one common myth is that problems such as early ejaculation, erection difficulties and lack of orgasm indicate sexual dysfunction.

"These are simply part of natural variations that we all have," Crain said. People's preoccupation with sexual performance, fear of failure and of displeasure about partners often causes these fears to turn into more serious dysfunctional patterns, Crain said.

As anxiety over such problems continues and increases, so does the problem perpetuate and lead to dysfunction. While men's problems center on the ability to perform, women's problems

focus on the ability to achieve orgasm and to give pleasure to their partners.

Women are often taught stricter values than men concerning sex. They may be taught that sex is a duty, is bad and dirty before marriage, and that women have a passive role in a sexual relationship, he said.

Other factors that lead to dysfunction include having sex only when one's partner wants to, sticking strictly to intercourse, not expressing any feelings when having sex, and feeling inadequate if "the earth doesn't move" every time one has sex, Crain said.

Dysfunction for women may also occur when they let men take the initiative every time and remain passive throughout the intercourse act.

Crain gave his presentation as part of a series of programs entitled "Straight Talk About Sex" sponsored by the United Ministry at the University.

—by Meg Weidmann

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