

Belushi death result of drug overdose, coroner announces

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor-comedian John Belushi died of an overdose of cocaine and heroin, the Los Angeles coroner announced yesterday. Coroner Thomas Noguchi said that Belushi died due to intravenous injections of heroin and cocaine, and said both drugs were found in the

rented hotel bungalow where the 33-year-old performer was found dead Friday. Noguchi's secretary said the coroner would comment on the results today but would have no immediate comment. The brief written statement said, "The deceased died of an overdose due to intravenous injections of heroin and cocaine. Both the cocaine

and heroin were found on the premises." It had been previously reported that a white powder was discovered on the nightstand next to the bed where Belushi's nude body was discovered, face down on a pillow, at the \$200-a-day bungalow in the Chateau Marmont hotel. After Noguchi's announcement, Police Chief Daryl Gates told reporters, "We determined right

at the outset it appeared to be an overdose. There appeared to be cocaine and there appeared to be heroin. There was a substance found there and it was found to be cocaine." He said police didn't know about the discoveries when they told reporters that death appeared to be from natural causes. Gates said he doubted charges would be filed in

connection with Belushi's death. "We'd like to follow up on it but we have a lot of other deaths," he said. A Beverly Hills doctor who had treated Belushi for an ear infection had suggested earlier in the day that the powdered substance could have been an antibiotic he had prescribed last month for the comedy actor.

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Department stores bought Local Penn Traffic to reopen as Hess's next week

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ALLENTOWN — Hess's Department Stores of Allentown will acquire four Penn Traffic Department Stores — including the State College store at the Nittany Mall — under an agreement signed this week between Penn Traffic and Crown American Corp., Hess's parent company.

Penn Traffic stores in Johnstown (Richland and Westwood), State College and Somerset will reopen as Hess's after inventories and slight remodeling, Hess's President Irwin Greenberg said. The Nittany Mall store should reopen sometime next week, he said.

Penn Traffic department stores in DuBois and Indiana as well as specialty stores in Butler and Altoona will not be acquired by Hess's, but will be closed by Penn Traffic, Greenberg said. Hess's did not buy the stores because they are old stores and are not located in regional shopping malls, he said.

Also as part of the agreement, Crown American will sell six of its regional shopping centers — each containing a Penn Traffic-owned Riverside Market — to the DuBois-based Penn Traffic Corp., said Daimon Lawrence, Crown

American's vice president for public relations. The six properties, including the State College Riverside Market on North Atherton Street, had been leased by Penn Traffic. In addition to the exchange of property, the Penn Traffic company will receive about \$7.3 million from Crown American, according to a Crown American news release.

Hess's had been considering a store at the Nittany Mall for some time as part of its long-range planning, Greenberg said. However, plans for construction of a store at the mall were recently postponed when the possible purchase of the Penn Traffic stores emerged, he said.

"We were very much interested in the State College market," Greenberg said this week. "We thought (purchasing the Penn Traffic stores) would be the best way to get into the market."

Renovation to some of the newly acquired stores will continue after the stores reopen, Greenberg said, but the State College store probably will not need major work. A new Penn Traffic store was recently built as part of a renovation program at the Crown American-owned Nittany Mall.

The Penn Traffic Corp. operates 70 supermarkets in New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio as well as a dairy business.



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At the end of a long and grueling registration even a Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday first period dance class looks attractive to a student dying to get off the floor.

Postal worker returns to University Park branch

By MARCY MERMEL
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Users of the University Park post office may not have to spend as much time in the post office thanks to an order from the manager for the Allegheny District of the U.S. Postal Service restoring two-man window service at the campus branch yesterday.

Harry Hassinger, the post office worker who returned to the campus branch yesterday after working at the State College branch, said students' complaint forms and phone calls to Washington made their way to district manager Donald P. Fischer's office in Pittsburgh.

"Everything just started to snowball," he said.

Joseph L. Cavinato, associate professor of business logistics, said, "Fischer recognized that the University post office is different because it serves a population different from a normal post office." The campus customers demand more foreign, parcel and money order service than most, he said.

But John Burgo, manager of sectional services, who sent the order to transfer Hassinger, said, "The amounts of foreign and parcel mail

really don't amount to too many."

However, the postal service will conduct a survey to determine the exact figures, he said.

In February when Burgo sent the original order to transfer Hassinger to the State College office, he said two-man service was a waste at the University because students were not using the stamp vending machines. Burgo said he still considers it a waste, especially because machine use increased by more than 100 percent last month.

Hassinger said the machines are a good thing, but cannot replace a human employee.

"I didn't like the idea of forcing students to use the machines," he said.

"There's no reason why I shouldn't be (at the University branch)," he said. "There's enough work for two people even with the machines."

Elliott Armstrong, who worked alone at the office last month, said that not only is he glad two-man service has been restored, but also "the kids seem very happy."

Hassinger said students have said to him, "You're back. We're glad to see you."

Tuition may increase more than 5%

By FRANK A. DOOLEY
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Tuition rates for undergraduate students may increase by more than 5 percent next year depending on the amount of state appropriations to the University, University President John W. Oswald said.

Speaking before the state Senate appropriations committee on Tuesday, Oswald said the tuition must increase if the University's request for an appropriation increase of \$14,122,000 for the University is not accepted.

Tuition was raised 12.5 percent last year, but

Oswald said he could not estimate the tuition increase for next year until all the federal and state appropriations are accepted this summer.

"Tuition will rise, but we don't know what the final appropriations are going to be," Oswald said.

The current appropriation, however, will not be sufficient enough to run the University, he said.

"I just know we can't get by with a 6 percent appropriation plus a 5 percent tuition increase," Oswald said.

Two years ago, the University started to include an annual 5 percent tuition increase when planning the budget for the following year so students could share

the University's financial burden. However, because state appropriations have been lower than requested, tuition has increased more than 5 percent.

Oswald told the committee the tuition increases are the University's main sources of income that the state does not provide. Increases in school productivity and reallocations of school funds are other methods the University employs to make up for the lack of appropriations.

Oswald said the appropriations would go toward mandated fringe benefits cost increases, salary adjustments for employees, University operating costs, group insurance and department investments.

Land grant aid cuts will affect University

By ANN H. FISHER
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Students aren't the only ones who will be affected by President Reagan's proposed cuts in student aid — the University itself will also be affected by the budget cuts.

Reagan's 1983 budget proposes eliminating land grant aid — something that would directly affect Penn State, Pennsylvania's only land grant university.

The University receives about \$50,000 in federal funds each year, as a result of the Morrill-Nelson Act of 1890, said Robert Newton, special assistant to the director of the Office of Planning and Budget.

However, Reagan's proposed budget cuts would not

affect the University's federal endowment of \$25,000, which was specified by the Morrill Land Grant Act of 1862, he said.

The University evolved from the Agricultural College of Pennsylvania that was established by the Land Grant Act of 1862.

That act guaranteed permanent appropriations, which would be renewed automatically each year, for each state's land grant university. Each state can have only one land grant university. The Morrill-Nelson Act appropriated additional funds to those institutions.

Reagan proposes to eliminate these additional funds. The \$50,000 goes into the University's general education fund, which is used for some University

employees' salaries and other University operations, Newton said.

However, the loss of these federal funds will not have a major effect on University operations, he said.

"Considering the total budget of the University, \$50,000 won't make or break things," he said.

The loss of those federal funds would not lead to anything drastic like a tuition hike because the University budget could absorb the loss, Newton said.

The \$50,000 no longer has the same significance that it had when it was originally allocated more than 100 years ago, Newton said.

"If Congress chooses to drop it that will be the end of it, because it's relatively small in today's economy," he said.



Photo by Eric C. Hagedua

Wearing doom buttons and black, and carrying a fire extinguisher, these women from Thompson Hall prepare to extinguish the fires of doomsday. Two scientists predicted that the world would end yesterday in their 1974 book *Jupiter Effect*. From left, Kathy Kiel (6th-industrial engineering), Marcy Anne, Rahner (3rd-early childhood education), Jill Weaver (7th-art) and Ann Wehrman (3rd-mechanical engineering).

Reports of world's end false; clustering planets just chance

By SHERRI R. DICKS
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Although the threat of doomsday was in the air, three bright objects in the sky last night were not exploding stars or omens of the world's end, but rather the clustering of the planets Mars, Jupiter and Saturn in one quadrant of the solar system.

Daniel W. Weedman, University professor of astronomy, said the cause of this clustering is basically unknown scientifically, although it is understood to be chance.

"Each planet has its own orbit around the sun," Weedman said. "It's just a matter of chance that the gravitational pull of each planet brings them together in the same quadrant."

The intensity of light from these planets was brightest last night because of the tight grouping of the cluster, and the effect of Venus rising in the east added to the glow.

Weedman said that because the planets are usually scattered in all four quadrants of the solar system, there is not now, and probably will never be, a true alignment — the lining up of planets directly behind one another.

The present phenomenon, which will be witnessed until the end of March, is about the closest planets will come to what is termed "true alignment," he said.

Weedman said 179 years will pass before another clustering occurs, and a clustering of all nine planets in the solar system will never occur in a lifetime.

But then again, there are those students who aren't convinced that the galaxial phenomenon will not wreak havoc upon the earth. Wearing "doom" buttons, and dressed in black, some residents of second floor Thompson Hall believe the end is near.

Marcy Anne Christine Rahner (3rd-early childhood education), spokeswoman for the group, said she and her friends are believers of the possible results of the "Jupiter Effect," although the campus has not been very receptive to their overwhelming concerns.

"We went to Ritenour for a doctor's appointment," she said, "and most people wouldn't speak to us, although everyone stared."

Kathy Kiel (6th-industrial engineering) said most people tried to

remain indifferent to their funeral attire, but the women couldn't help but attract attention.

"When we entered the cafeteria, everyone's head turned," Kiel said. "Everyone was asking us why we were doing this. When we said why, they were indifferent."

Jill Weaver (7th-art) said the group had taken precautions to deal with the upcoming doomsday.

"On our Spring Break, we stayed at the Rogers Fireproof Motel in Wheeling, W.Va., because the world will end in fire," she said.

Weaver said the group plans to make additional reservations at this dwelling.

Other students have a mixed view on the issue of doomsday.

Mark Bell (9th-management) said, "I don't look forward to doomsday; I like to look to the positive side of things."

Some students did not take the phenomenon seriously. John Schneider (12th-architectural engineering) said, "I don't believe it. Wasn't it supposed to be yesterday?"

Marcy Anne Billedeaux (12th-accounting) said, "I never believed it for a minute."

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weather

Mostly cloudy, breezy and mild today with a few rain showers. Chance of a late afternoon thunderstorm. High temperatures near 50 degrees. Becoming partly cloudy tonight with patchy fog developing toward morning. Low temperatures around 32. Partly sunny tomorrow with increasing cloudiness late in the day. High temperatures around 50.

—by Mark Stunder

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