

OTIS officers take over new positions

By ROSEMARIE SMITH
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Transition characterized the first Spring Term meeting of the Organization for Town Independent Students last night.

As Bill Fracalossi and Christine McKevey assumed their respective offices of president and vice president and committee chairmen were appointed, a team of Undergraduate Student Government candidates spoke of the need to change the existing communication lines between OTIS and town senators.

McJunkin said such a liaison would be needed to address large scale concerns that need input from both organizations.

RHAB proposes changes

If approved, students may be able to paint own rooms

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Dorm residents who are blue over fluorescent green or canary yellow walls may be able to do something about it, if a room-painting proposal by the Residence Hall Advisory Board is approved by the Office of Housing and Residential Life later this term.

The proposal, a 40-page report, establishes rules and guidelines and presents an analysis of various university room-painting programs across the nation.

Under the proposed plan: Students would choose from a list of colors approved by housing and would be limited to two colors per room. Three walls must be the same color, the fourth may be different, and ceilings must white or off-white.

work together to solve," Farnovsky said, adding that better communications would alleviate the current "do-nothing" situation.

The town senators do not want to do-nothing. OTIS provides, he said.

Both Farnovsky and McJunkin are town senators.

OTIS also received "two or three" complaints from students who applied for downtown apartments, such as Beaver Hill and Penn Towers, but were allocated an apartment in Parkway Plaza.

Rauch said the A & W & Sons representative told her that students who check "any" when listing their choice for apartments are legally bound to take an apartment of comparable size.

OTIS member said that procedure was clearly pointed out to him by A & W & Sons representatives when he applied for an apartment.

In other action: OTIS adviser Charlene Harrison said the computer located in 133 Bouckee may be used simultaneously with the OTIS computer beginning April 1 when housing contract rejections are mailed.

OTIS voted in 12 new members.

Fraternities question privacy element of new hazing policy

By PATRICIA HUNGERFORD
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The Interfraternity Council adviser entertained questions about the new hazing policy at the IFC meeting last night.

"I understand how this type of position we have taken is very difficult for you to accept perhaps even to understand," said Melvin S. Klein, who is advising the group during Jeff Freeman's 10-week sabbatical.

"We have received, continually, reports of hazing activity within the greek system. We have a concern for the physical and psychological well-being of those individuals who enter your organizations after they have entered the institutions as one of our students," he said.

Members of IFC concerned with loss of privacy because of the new hazing policy asked Klein to clarify what disclosure of policies meant.

Disclosure is not, Klein said, any attempt to know anything about the rituals of the organizations.

Klein was also asked how the hazing policy would affect black fraternities. The member who asked the question said that there is a misconception about black Greeks on campus in regard to hazing.

Klein said, "A fraternity is a fraternity. A black fraternity will not be treated any differently than anyone else. This (hazing policy) is not a vehicle to clamp down on the black fraternities by any means."

In other business President Dave Dixon said that Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity had a problem last weekend with a band called Mind Games that played at fraternities after having the fraternity sign a contract containing a clause that allows the band to invite a few guests.

The contract does not specify how many guests, Dixon said, and when the band played at Lambda Chi Alpha 50 people showed up with passes from the band before the fraternity shut the doors to them, he said.

Dixon said other bands might try the same thing and that fraternities should be careful and check contracts before signing.

Klein said before a fraternity signs a contract it may strike anything from the contract it does not agree to. The band may then say that under those circumstances they will not play, but the fraternity is under no obligation to agree with the contract the band submits, he said.

Also, Paul Martin, chairman of the Phi Psi 500, asked members of IFC to help with the security of the race by having five members of each fraternity help marshal the event. They will be assigned places along the race route to help with crowd control, Martin said.

People who sign up to be marshals are entitled to a free Phi Psi 500 T-shirt, and they will be admitted to the Sorority Chug held Friday night before the race, he said.

Tornadoes kill two, injure more

By The Associated Press

A line of thunderstorms and tornadoes raked the southern plains late yesterday, killing two people in Kansas and injuring scores of people in a half-dozen Oklahoma communities.

At least one twister was reported in Texas.

damaged and two, including a mobile home, were destroyed, said Under-sheriff Tommy Wilson.

One death also was reported when a twister struck Mulberry, a town of about 700 people on the Kansas-Missouri state line 90 miles south of Kansas City, Mo.

Tornadoes or possible tornadoes also were reported in more than a dozen other locations in Kansas.

At Ada, Okla., a tornado ripped through a trailer park, leveling mobile homes and injuring 35 people, but no fatalities were reported, police said.

"There was extensive damage to the trailer park and there are some injuries," Ada Police Chief Richard Gray said. "We have no reports of fatalities."

Philip Fisher, president of Valley View Hospital at Ada, said two of those taken to the hospital were in critical condition and were flown to hospitals in Oklahoma City.



Photo by Eric Hegdusa

American Cancer Society campaign targets women smokers

By CHRIS WINDELL
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A well known cigarette advertisement for women quips: "You've come a long way, baby." But the American Cancer Society contends that women have come too far in terms of smoking, and is introducing a new campaign to curtail the increasing number of women smokers.

Gail Kamon, public education chairman for the society in Centre County, said the society is targeting women because the lung cancer rate for women has not decreased compared to the lung cancer rate for men.

And Jean Curtis, society representative, said the incidence of lung cancer in women surpassed the incidence of breast cancer last year.

said Marlene Temeles, state chairman of the Women and Smoking task force.

A pregnant woman's smoking can have detrimental effects on the fetus, Kamon said. Women who smoke generally tend to have smaller babies and more stillbirths than women who do not smoke, she said.

In addition, many women who were never smokers begin smoking when they start working, Temeles said, perhaps as a result of job and social pressures.

For instance, she said, a relatively high percentage of nurses smoke, probably because of job stress and poor self-image.

prevent young women from starting, she said.

Elaine Young, director of the "I Quit Smoking" clinics, said it is often more difficult for women to quit.

"There's probably a difference in the way we're cultured men and women," she said. "Women haven't been socialized to make decisions for themselves."

"I advise people to make a plan. Men seem to take charge. They can control their environment more easily," Young said.

ing is associated with thinness. And women are more conscious of their weight than men.

However, Temeles emphasized that the program is not limited exclusively to women.

"If men are interested in the program, that's okay, too," she said. "We don't exclude anyone."

All programs are free, Temeles said. Any group that wants to schedule the program should call the cancer society office at 238-8908.

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