

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.

Emil Farvensky (9th-finance) and James McJunkin (9th-administration of justice), who announced their candidacy for USG president and vice president this week, said they would like to see a liaison between the town senators and OTIS to increase the communication between the two organizations.

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

OTIS and the town senators haven't worked as well together in the past as they should have, he said.

"There are a lot of things we can

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

The town senators do not want to "duplicate the services OTIS provides, he said.

Both Farvensky and McJunkin are town senators.

Fracalossi succeeds Bob Karp, who has been president of OTIS for the past two years; McKevey succeeds Keith Stambaugh.

Liz Rauch also took office as treasurer. A secretary will be appointed.

The following committee chairmen were appointed last night: legal — Dan Walsh (10th-accounting); publicity — Mary De Raymond (14th-English); housing — Cheryl Olmsted (6th-labor studies); Commonwealth campuses — Pete Cutrone (7th-petroleum and natural gas engineering).

In other business, OTIS recently received inquiries from two groups of students on whether A & S Sons Enterprise, 340 E. Beaver Ave., allocates apartments by a first-come, first-serve or computer basis.

Stambaugh said the students inquired because a student who applied for an apartment after they did received the apartment they had listed as their

first choice.

Rauch said a representative from A & S Sons told her that apartments are allocated by a first-come, first-serve basis.

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 & S 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.

One OTIS member said that procedure was clearly pointed out to him by A & S 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.
- Fracalossi reported that the initial findings in the OTIS apartment rent increase survey show an average increase of 12 percent.
- 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.

"That is fraternity business," he said. "All we ask is that if the ritual contains hazing that that portion be eliminated."

However, Klein said, "Disclosure does mean" you tell us what you want to tell us about your education programs. We hope that it will be complete. We hope that it will be honest. And we hope that it will be up to date. That statement will become a part of your permanent record with the University, not to be shared (with other members of IFC)."

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. He asked if the hazing policy was an excuse to crack down further on black fraternities since they seem to come up most often when hazing is discussed.

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.

The race will be held April 17 from noon until 4:30 p.m., he said. Registration for the race will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for two weeks beginning April 5 in the HUB.

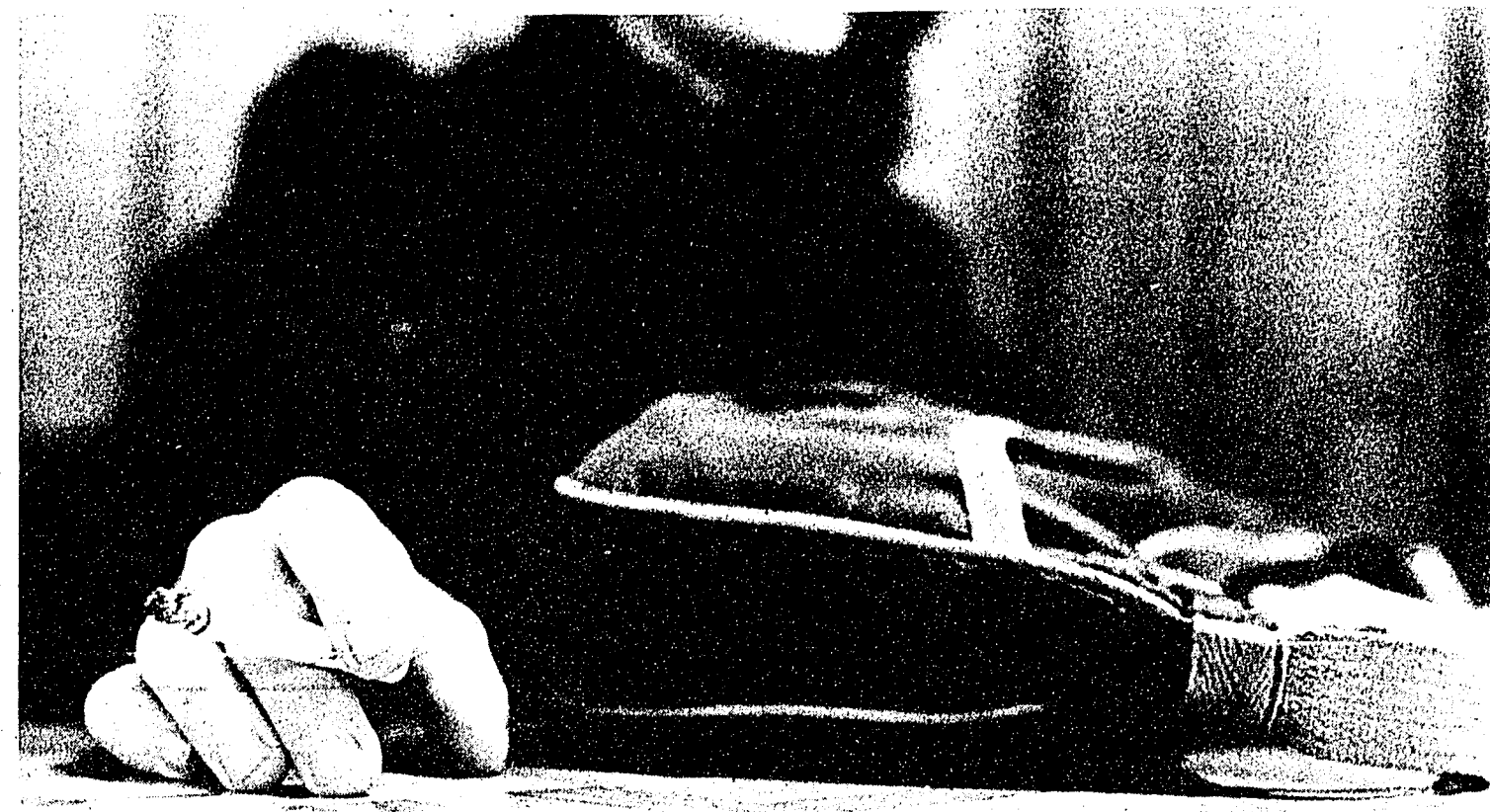


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American Cancer Society campaign targets women smokers

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.

The program, which is the primary public education thrust in Pennsylvania through August 1983, targets women between 14 to 50 — "specifically pregnant women, nurses, women in clubs and organizations and women in the work place,"

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.

Temeles also pointed out the potential adverse effects of smoking and taking birth control pills.

"If a woman smokes and takes the pill, the chances of having a heart attack or stroke are very possible," she said. "It's extremely hazardous to combine the two."

The society is aiming to stop "well-informed women who know better" from smoking and to 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've 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.

"Teenage women may find they are under control of other people. They seem unable to gain control in many areas of their lives except in the area of smoking. That's what hooks them," she said.

Advertising has also contributed to the women and smoking problem, Young said.

"The advertising has really hit the women," she said.

"It used to be the masculine approach. Now we're beginning to see thinness. Cigarette smoking 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."

The volunteer in charge of the program will select the film that best pertains to the audience from a selection, including "Women and Smoking," which studies the experiences of three women who try to kick the habit; "I Am Sorry, Baby," which examines the affect of parents' smoking on their children's health; and "Who's In Charge Here," which features interviews with high school students who smoke.

In addition, self-help cancer society material, quitting strategies and support groups are available to anyone who wants to quit smoking, Temeles said.

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

RHAB proposes changes

If approved, students may be able to paint own rooms

By MARY HUNDELY
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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.

- No designs beyond a single color stripe will be approved.
- Only paint supplied by the University may be used.
- In an effort to prevent paint build-up over the years, a five-year period would have to elapse between paintings.
- Students must complete painting within two weeks after supplies are issued.

Students who do an unsatisfactory painting job will be charged by the University for the cost of the paint and equipment. The housing staff will inspect the completed work and 72 hours will be given to correct any deficiencies before the room is re-inspected.

Some anticipated opposition from union members may pose a problem for the proposal, Rhab Chairman Robin Bronk said, because of job displacement that would result. According to the proposal however, the number of rooms actually painted by the union is small.

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.

One tornado ripped through the southeast Oklahoma village of Tyro, killing an occupant of a mobile home and injuring one other person, authorities said.

At least a half-dozen buildings along U.S. 166, the town's main street, were

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.

Gov. John Carlin issued an emergency order for southeast Kansas, where a Pittsburgh unit of the Kansas National Guard was activated and a unit from Fort Scott was placed on

alert.

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.

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