

New IFS dept. head receptive to students

Student needs will be a priority of the new head of the individual and family studies program in the College of Human Development.

Since taking over the position, Anne C. Peterson has been getting acquainted with the department's faculty and said they are "friendly and willing."

One of her main concerns as the year begins is to "make sure we are paying attention to what's needed by our students." However, Peterson said she has no changes or modifications in mind as of now.

Peterson, who was director of the Laboratory for the Study of Adolescence in the Institute for Psychiatric and Psychomatic Research and Training at the Michael Reese Hospital and Medical Center at the University of Chicago, was also an associate professor in the psychiatry department at the University of Chicago and an associate director of the Health Program for the MacArthur Foundation.

She has published works extensively in professional journals.

—by Jodie Dornan

New head will try to publicize labor studies

Drawing students' attention to the department of Labor Studies is one of the first tasks Ronald L. Filippelli said he will try to handle as the department's new head.

Filippelli, replacing Helmut J. Goetz who retired last January, said that although he plans no immediate changes, he would like to emphasize the department in the College of the Liberal Arts and its publications.

"We would like to expand and build upon the labor studies major... also, we would like to broaden the commu-

nity's awareness of the major," he said.

Before his appointment, Filippelli held joint responsibilities as an associate professor of labor studies and a librarian. As a librarian, he was an archivist for the Pennsylvania Historical Collections and Labor Archives at Pattee.

He has written many articles concerning labor studies and a recent book titled "A History of the American Labor Movement."

—by Cherie Douglas

Vedam denied writ of habeas corpus

Centre County Judge Charles C. Brown Jr. denied a writ of habeas corpus Friday for Subramanyam Vedam, 20, the man charged with first degree murder of a one-time roommate, Thomas E.P. Kinser.

A writ of habeas corpus demands that a prisoner be given an immediate hearing or else be released. Vedam, 623 W. Foster Ave., has been held without bail in Centre County prison since July 19.

Kinser's badly decomposed body was found by

two hikers on Sept. 27 in Harris Township near Skimont. He had been missing since Dec. 14, 1980.

A petition filed by Vedam's attorney, Amos Goodall, contended that a "hearsay" report from an FBI ballistics expert was improperly relied upon as evidence. In legal terms, a hearsay report is one made by someone who is not present in court.

But on Friday, Brown ruled the FBI report as admissible evidence, stating that it was valid according to state appellate court rules of evi-

dence.

In this case, state appellate rules dictate that the ballistics expert must appear at Vedam's trial, which begins Oct. 25, to allow the defense time to question his findings.

The report says a .25-caliber shell casing found at the crime scene is identical to a shell found in Ferguson Township, where, according to testimony by Daniel O'Connell, a former University student, he sold Vedam an automatic pistol in January 1980.

—by George Matter

Government approves merger of 3 rail lines

By H. JOSEF HERBERT
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The government approved yesterday the merger of three Western railroads — the Union Pacific, Missouri Pacific and Western Pacific — into a single line that will serve 21 states from the Pacific Sound to the Gulf Coast.

Despite protests from competing railroads, the Interstate Commerce Commission said shippers and the public will benefit from the combination. The railroads are expected to begin formal merger proceedings within 30 days.

The prospective merger has been one of the most controversial in recent years, with other western railroads claiming it will create a powerful rail system that will rob them of business and threaten their existence.

But the ICC, by a 5-1 vote, rejected those arguments.

Instead, the commission said, shippers will be better served by the single line that would allow goods to go directly across two-thirds of the nation.

"With this decision the commission has endorsed a private-sector proposal that will enhance efficiency and competition while providing improved service to shippers," ICC chairman Reese Taylor said.

The merger brings together two highly profitable rail lines — the Union Pacific and the Missouri Pacific — which together reported total profits of \$315 million last year. Under the proposal, the much smaller Western Pacific will become a division of the Union Pacific.

The new railroad, covering 22,000 miles of track, will become the third largest in terms of track miles and the second largest in terms of revenue. Last year the three railroads had a combined total of \$4.2 billion in revenue.

While approving the merger, the ICC expressed concern about competition in a number of areas along the new rail line's route. But it said it was removing any "significant competitive problems" by granting competing lines the right to use the new railroad's tracks in certain areas.

For example, the Southern Pacific Railroad, which had strongly fought the merger proposal,

must be allowed to use the Union Pacific's track between Kansas City and St. Louis, saving it an estimated \$100 million in costs to rehabilitate a parallel line.

Trackage rights also were granted the Missouri-Kansas-Texas (Katy) Railroad and the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad.

The merger continues a trend that has dominated the railroad industry over the past five years. Earlier this year the ICC approved the combination of the profitable Southern Railway with the Norfolk & Western Railroad.

That merger was prompted by the merger of two solid rail lines into the CSX System, the largest railroad in the country in terms of track miles. Likewise, the Burlington Northern Railroad is the product of a merger approved in 1977.

Taylor, at a news conference, acknowledged that further mergers are likely. Industry analysts said yesterday's decision likely will lead the Southern Pacific to seek out a merger partner to compete with the powerful new railroad.

Vegetarianism takes on new popularity

By REBECCA ALBERT
Collegian Staff Writer

Fruit salad, pinto bean spread, on pita bread, and lowfat milk.

Sound like an appetizing lunch? It might if you were a vegetarian.

"There are different types of vegetarians," said Sue Krebs-Smith, a graduate assistant on staff at the Nutrition Information and Resource Center in Benedict House, Elm Road.

"The lacto-ovo vegetarian eats both eggs and milk products," she said. "The ovo vegetarian eats egg products but no milk products; the lacto vegetarian eats milk products but no egg products; and the vegan eats no animal products at all."

Vegetarians are pretty well read on the subject, she said, and are generally well-nourished. A vegetarian diet is a healthy one, provided that meals are balanced and include protein foods like peanut butter, kidney

beans, chickpeas, bean sprouts and cheese.

People become vegetarians for different reasons, Krebs-Smith said.

"Some people do it because they like it, some do it for religious reasons and others do it for ethical reasons."

"I had read an article in a magazine about it and it sounded like an interesting alternative to my eating habits," said Vera Lynne Pavlischek (9th-administration of justice), a vegetarian since 1979.

"After I tried it for six months there was no going back," Pavlischek said. "And I lost about 15 pounds, which helped."

"I abstain from the three F's — flesh, fish and fowl," she said.

She added that she thinks she is healthier than ever.

"It's also cheaper," Pavlischek said. "Meat's too expensive."

Kelly Fulghum (6th-business administra-

tion) said that being a vegetarian gives her extra energy.

"I spent a summer with vegetarians, and I stopped eating meat... I've never felt as healthy," she said.

The more a person knows about vegetarianism the easier it is to be one, Fulghum said.

"You have to read books and ask people," she said. "You learn to get the right nutrition by mixing foods."

Anita Catimbone (11th-mechanical engineering), a vegetarian for five years, said she became one because she didn't like the idea of eating animals.

"I haven't had any problem with nutrition," Catimbone said. "In fact, I've gotten sick less now than before."

However, she added, dining out can be difficult.

"I have trouble especially when I go out to nicer restaurants because they serve more veal and steak," Catimbone said.

A group of people who choose to be lacto vegetarians for religious reasons are the Hare Krishnas.

"We consider vegetarianism to be important in terms of nonviolence to other human beings," Krishna member Stamba das said. "It's one of our creeds."

There are positive factors to vegetarianism, he said.

"Milk is very important for the development of the brain," he said. "It's a natural source that comes out of a symbiotic relationship with the cow."

"Our diet is based on protein complementing, which means that by combining foods properly a person is able to get everything for a balanced diet."

The Hare Krishnas prepare their food by using spicing techniques from India, he said.

Stamba das, who teaches the "Satisfying

Vegetarian Cooking Course," a Free University course, said most people don't think about what they put into their bodies.

"I think people are now getting some vague idea that all this meat isn't good for them," he said. "It seems there are more vegetarians now than when I came here three and a half years ago."

The New Morning Natural Food Store, 115 S. Fraser St., sells a variety of natural foods that attracts many vegetarians.

"I think there are more people into health foods now," manager Leslie Shalcross said. "Most of the dietary recommendations have recommended that people reduce their intake of animal products."

If anyone is interested in vegetarianism or would like more information on the subject, he can go to the Nutrition Information and Resource Center, Krebs-Smith said.

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