

Responses to summer survey vary

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A significant number of students, Coyle said 14 or 15 students requested the courses, but he was unable to say if the college would offer them until further review.

In the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences, John J. Cahir, associate dean of resident instruction, said they received a "sprinkling of requests and in very low numbers." Although he could not be sure of the exact numbers, he said even if the requests were broken down by department, there was not enough demand to warrant a course being offered.

But Cahir said the college will be working to accommodate student needs as the summer sessions near. "A lot of (students) in our college take geological science. Maybe it would be a good idea to have one geological science course during the summer that a lot of students need."

In the College of Education, Herz von Dorpewald, associate dean, said the college received 25 requests for 16 courses. Some of the requests, he said, were puzzling because the courses do not exist. He said the college has asked the registrar's office for the cards that stu-

dents completed to determine which courses the students may want to take.

"There are some courses listed here that no senior student (in the college of education) should be needing to graduate," he said. Other courses that students requested are not required for education majors.

In the College of Engineering, William H. Golotski, assistant dean of resident instruction, said 81 courses were requested, scattered throughout the 10 departments and 11 programs in the college. The only possible area of concentration is in mechanical engineering courses, Golotski said.

One course in mechanical engineering received 12 requests and another 10. He said any course with 12 requests or more would be strongly considered by the department.

In the College of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, Martha A. Adams, assistant dean of resident instruction, said nine courses were requested by nine students. All of the requested courses are offered during the other terms, she said.

"It seems to be a matter of taking these (courses) during the summer rather than at another time," she

Some students can't go home

Many foreign students spend holidays with local families

By CHRISTINE MILES
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At Christmas break, many students hop in their cars and drive home to Pittsburgh or Philadelphia. Others buy bus tickets. Still others use their thumbs. But for foreign students, however, it's not that easy to get home.

Many foreign students, like Radheshyam Khatri (graduate-engineering mechanics), would like to go home to their families but either don't have the time or the money.

Khatri, who is from India, said, "I can afford to go home only once every two years."

Other foreign students would rather stay in the United States over the holidays for various reasons. Some, like Denise Roberts (graduate-political science) from Australia, visit relatives in this country.

"Last break, I stayed here and did some studying," Roberts said, "but this break I'm going to visit relatives in North Carolina."

Foreign students can also choose to stay in State College over break. The University's graduate housing will be open, and the Office of Housing and Food Service Operations will provide housing for undergraduates.

Programs such as Friendship Families can offer holiday companionship and cheer to foreign students who might otherwise have to spend the holidays alone.

Friendship Families is a year-round organization that matches interested foreign students with American families. The families invite their foreign students to visit their homes, share meals, join family outings and participate in family activities.

The University's Office of International Student Affairs also matches foreign students to area families for the holidays. One of its programs locates Mennonite families in the Big Valley Area who would like to have students in their homes for Christmas. The office then provides transportation for the students to the Mennonite homes.

"They (the students) participate in whatever activities the families engage in," said Andrew Frisbey, assistant director of the Office of Student Affairs.

For example, while visiting with the families, the students find themselves participating in activities ranging from skiing and sleighing to shopping and attending church, Frisbey said.

About 35 to 40 foreign students join Mennonite families each year, she said. Some are invited back the following year by the same family.

The Mennonite program is not limited to just students. It is open to all foreign visitors in the community. For more information, stop in at 111 Kern or call 865-6348.

Fewer evergreens stolen this year

The grinch has not been as busy this year. Thefts of evergreen trees on campus are down substantially compared to this time last year.

University Police Services investigated four incidents of missing trees as of Thursday. Seventeen cases were reported by the same date last year, said Bob McNichol, investigations supervisor.

The four incidents resulted in a total of \$710 damage to five trees, McNichol said. Last year, 19 incidents caused \$20,000 in losses. Some trees have a high value because of their use in research projects.

McNichol said he thinks a media campaign promoting awareness of the problem may have helped cut the number of incidents — people are more aware of the consequences they face if they are caught stealing trees.

Stepped-up enforcement also may have helped deter potential grinchers. Patrols were more consistent and potential problem areas were staked out, McNichol said.

Forestry research assistant Edgar Palpant agreed that the problem is less severe than last year. Palpant said many of the potential targets for tree thieves are those being used in genetic research projects.

—by Michael J. Vand

collegian notes

- The Collegiate 4-H Club will meet and go Christmas caroling at 4:00 Orlando Ave. Meet in the lobby of the Agricultural Administration Building at 7 tonight for a ride.
- The Juggling Club will meet at 8:30 tonight in 106 White Building.
- The Kung Fu Club will practice at 8 tonight in 133 White Building. Beginners are welcome.
- The administration of justice

police log

- Carol Hagelegans, 717 Wolf, was struck by a car on the 400 block of East Beaver Avenue on Friday evening. The State College Police Department said the operator of the car was identified as Richard A. Diamond of Cherry Hill, N.J. Hagelegans was taken to Centre Community Hospital where she was listed in good condition with head and leg injuries.
- Beverly Keen of Boalsburg told State College police Saturday that her coat was missing from the Scorpion, 232 W. Calder Way. The value of the coat is estimated at \$40, police said.
- Robert Moir, owner of Robert's Restaurant, 122 S. Pugh St., told State College police Friday that he received a telephone call at 6:20 p.m. saying a bomb would go off at the restaurant at 7 p.m. Customers were advised of the threat; no bomb was found, police said.
- Ray Reed, 1236 Oak Ridge Ave., told State College police yesterday that Christmas lights were missing from a tree in his yard. The value of the lights is estimated at \$25, police said.
- Renee Zarka, 502 Brumbaugh, told University Police Services on Friday that unidentified people smashed a marble stall divider in a men's room in Findlay Union Building. Damage is estimated at \$800, police said.
- An unidentified female told University police Friday that a male was exposing himself in Cross Hall.

Closet fire burns in Shulze

Lunch hour for Shulze Hall residents was disrupted Friday when a fire in a first floor janitor's closet forced them to evacuate the building.

University Police Services said the alarm was received at 12:25 p.m. and officers responded within six minutes. The fire began in a trash basket and may have been smoldering for some time. No evidence of a suspicious origin of the blaze was found, police said.

The fire was confined to the trash basket, police said, and caused \$25 damage.

The fire was discovered by Sue Fantasky, 108 Shulze, who spotted a burning piece of paper under the closet door, police said.

Residents attempted to put out the fire with dry chemical extinguishers, but were unsuccessful. University police put out the fire using a water extinguisher.

Shulze resident Nan Rogovin (8th-psychology) said smoke from the fire reached the upper floors of the building. Beth Meister (9th-marketing) said she thought residents should have been kept outside until the building was cleared of the smoke. The smoke, she said, was so thick it caused residents' eyes to water.

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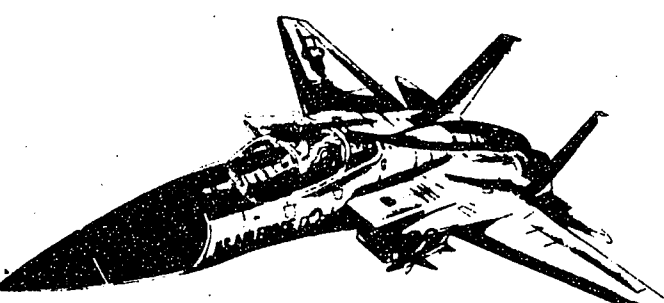
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