

Public input needed, waste expert says

By BRIAN MAGEE
Collegian Staff Writer

The problems with managing hazardous waste can often be attributed to the great amount of mistrust among the public, technical planners and government regulators, said Peter Norton, resource specialist for the University cooperative extension service.

Speaking yesterday at a seminar series on solid and hazardous waste, Norton focused on the need to involve the public in hazardous waste management decisions.

"I recognize the need to use technical experts in helping to find hazardous waste solutions, but I'm ready for the total decision to be made by technicians," Norton said. "There's too much common sense out there (in the public sector)."

It is important to re-establish trust among the various interest groups, he said. Private citizens often adopt the attitude that "industry and government officials are crooked, that everyone is wrong except me."

Because no one in this country

wants to lower his standard of living, he said, the public must understand that the products associated with a high standard of living create hazardous waste by-products.

While the public wants clean water and a clean environment, it is often unwilling to pay the costs needed to keep them clean, Norton said.

The best way to build trust is to see the issues from the other's point of view, Norton said.

Public meetings are important to exchange ideas among interest groups, he said. The public should be represented by a cross-section of 10 to 15 citizens recognized as leaders in the community.

He said the Pennsylvania Solid Waste Management Act of 1980, known as Act 97, outlines the procedure that the public should follow to voice its opinion about proposed hazardous waste sites.

First, the public is to be provided the opportunity to respond to the proposed site areas.

Second, if the permit application is submitted, county or township officials are to be provided the opportunity

to attend all meetings concerning review of the application.

Third, the county or township is given 60 days to respond formally to the state Department of Environmental Resources as to whether they approve of the plan. Norton said that this must be more than an emotional response and should be based on technical reasons.

DER has the authority to overrule the county's decision, but it must provide its reasons as general public information, Norton said.

Norton asked the audience to assume the roles of private citizens, elected officials and industrial managers and to list the major concerns of hazardous waste management.

The private citizens were primarily concerned with the site's safety and cost. The elected officials were worried about jurisdiction over the site and the enforcement of hazardous waste laws, as well as how their decision would affect their popularity.

The industry representatives were concerned about the cost to use the site, transportation to the site and liability in case of accidents.

A common interest among the groups, Norton said, was how the waste would affect the overall economy of the area, adding that points like this should be built upon at the public meetings.

campus briefs

Alumni answer students' questions

By T.J. MARTIN
Collegian Staff Writer

Senior liberal arts students who are wondering what to do after graduation may want to attend the 11th annual Liberal Arts Career Planning Day, to be held from 12:30 to 4:30 this afternoon.

More than 40 alumni will return to the University as the College of The Liberal Arts sponsors the program in the HUB.

The topic of the opening forum in the HUB Assembly Room will be "What Can You Do With a Liberal Arts Degree?" Guest speakers in this discussion will include:

- Lawrence Foster, vice president of Public Relations for Johnson & Johnson Co. and spokesman for the company during the recent Tylenol incident. Foster is also a member of the University Board of Trustees.

- Richard Ritchie, district manager of employment and staffing research for American Telephone & Telegraph Co.

Participants should include salesmen and saleswomen, persons in both consumer and industrial products and services, real estate, insurance, financial institutions, communications and retail or wholesale sales.

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—by Karen Nagle

Sales expert speaks today at University

Edward Leader, a nationally recognized authority in professional selling, will speak at a seminar on improving sales skills today at the University.

Leader, a professional salesman and faculty member in the Continuing Education Program of the University of Alabama at Birmingham, will discuss "How to Develop Sales Skills" in a continuing education service of the College of Business Administration.

Leader said the skills to be taught in the seminar are especially beneficial to increasing sales.

"Professional skills are not born, they are created," Leader said, noting that participants in past seminars have increased their sales by as much as 40 percent.

For a \$125 fee, seminar participants will learn strategy principles such as defending their existing market and gaining market position from dominant competitors, said Joan D. Grant, conference coordinator.

Methods of formulating deliberate sales strategies, will be directed to people in all aspects of sales, Grant said.

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Education majored offered option

By TOM GAILEY
Collegian Staff Writer

The physical education department's increasing General Option program is opening interesting new avenues of study to education majors, the coordinator of the option said.

"The purpose of the General Option is to create an opportunity for students in physical education to use the program to provide for career opportunities other than teaching," program head Patricia Seni said.

An advantage of the option, which began three years ago, is that it allows students to design a portion of their own degree program while offering flexibility for students interested in careers other than fitness and sport.

"The program has excellent flexibility in that it allows the student to plan 30 credits along with his advisor," said James Thompson, head of the physical education department.

The option, previously called kinesiology, is designed to provide study in the area of physical education and to allow an introduction into these fields related to the student's career goals.

"The option is a semi-new direction for a program; it could have been called 'new' eight or nine years ago, but now more schools are using the program."

Seni said the option has been very successful so far at the University. "Although we just started the program three years ago, we have 62 students enrolled now," she said. "I think the program will continue to grow as long as there is an interest in fitness."

The General Option also opens new career opportunities to students, Thompson said.

"Students often are placed in sports management or corporate fitness," he said. "It is up to the student to determine the field they want to enter. One student from physical education is now in premedicene."

Graduates from the program also find employment in such fields as exercise specialists in business and industry or they may go on to law school.

Students from the program meet with a high rate of success in attaining their career goals, Thompson said.

"Thirty-four out of 36 students have been placed in the areas that they wanted," he said.

Engineering Lecture set for today

Robert E. Kirby, University alumnus and chairman and chief executive officer of the Westinghouse Electric Corp., will speak at the 1983 Honorary Engineering Lecture today.

Kirby, a 1939 chemical engineering graduate, will deliver his lecture as part of the annual Engineering Excellence Convocation, sponsored by the College of Engineering.

The convocation, which is open to the public, will begin at 2:15 this afternoon in 115 Electrical Engineering West.

Kirby's speech is the 18th in a series of Honorary Engineering Lectures sponsored by the College of Engineering and the Penn State Engineering Society. The purpose of the series is to bring outstanding engineering profession contributors to the University.

As part of the convocation, Wilbur L. Meier Jr., dean of the College of Engineering, will present the annual faculty awards for outstanding teaching, outstanding achievement in research and outstanding advising. Student award recipients will also be recognized.

In addition, the 1983 Dean's Fellows, engineering faculty members who have received other honors and awards during the academic year, along with recipients of 25-year service awards and retirees.

—by Tom Gailey

Naiads set to make waves this weekend

By GAIL JOHNSON
Collegian Staff Writer

No, it's not Esther Williams and her synchronized swimmers. It is the Penn State Naiads performing in the McCoy Natatorium this weekend.

An exhibition of synchronized swimming will be performed by the Penn State Naiads tonight, tomorrow and Saturday nights. The show, which features 22 swimmers, begins at 8 p.m. Admission is \$2.

The Naiads, a club funded through the department of physical education, practice fall through spring for its annual show. This year the will include 11 routines.

"It's a performance group; the intent is not competition," said Marilyn Eastridge, the club's advisor.

However, because the Eastern Regional and National synchronized swimming tournaments were held in Pennsylvania this year, the club was able to send some representatives for competition, Eastridge said.

Except for entrance fees to the national championships, the swimmers paid their own way to the tournaments. The entrance fees were paid by the club's profits from last year's show.

Fam Santoro, a senior member of the Naiads, said some club members became interested in competitions after the University's synchronized swimming team was dissolved three years ago.

Joanne Kuzma (11th-marketing) and Julie Kuzma (30th-science) placed first in junior competition at the state swimming tournament this year with a routine they will perform in this weekend's show.

Tryouts — two or three rounds of cuts and a period of probationary membership — are held each fall.

—by Michael Newnam

Rudy's tax proposal gets little response

By BONNIE MORTER
Collegian Staff Writer

Members of the State College Municipal Council and school board have reacted negatively or indifferently toward Rep. Ruth Rudy's most recent tax proposal to abolish occupation and per capita taxes and replace them with an increased income tax.

When the borough began using home rule, it increased the wage (income) tax from 1 percent to 1.5 percent, Haas said.

"By law, the school district receives the usual one-half of 1 percent, and the borough receives the remaining 1 percent," Haas said. "If the wage tax increases to 3 percent, the borough's one-third share will remain at 1 percent. Of course, the bill would make a big difference for the school district."

The school district would be eligible for a maximum of 2 percent of the income tax if Rudy's bill passed, but that percentage would result only if borough council decided to increase the wage tax to the maximum 3 percent.

Council member John Dombroski said Rudy's bill would probably be widely favored, but that it could be easily misunderstood.

"It's hard to argue that the occupational tax doesn't create problems, but it's also hard to argue that an increased wage tax isn't a way of dipping even further into taxpayers' pockets," Dombroski said.

Local taxes are getting too high, and it's my guess that taxpayers think so too," Dombroski said.

An increased wage tax will not be well-received except in highly populated areas, he said. Bigger cities are at a critical point in their attempts to continue providing services for their citizens — people in those areas would probably support a tax which would fund dwindling services.

"Rudy could prove that the increased wage tax would be beneficial somehow in the long run, I would support it," Dombroski said.

Council member Dan Chaffee said he wished to reserve judgment on the bill until he receives his formal analysis, but did say he has always thought the income tax is a more fair tax.

There's been talk over the years about abolishing the occupation assessment tax and the occupation privilege tax, as well as the real estate tax," he said. "These are the so-called nuisance taxes and a lot of people would like to see them go. But as far as the consequences of the bill on the borough, no one can really say at this point."

Council member Felicia Lewis also refused to comment because she has not yet received specific information on Rudy's bill.

George McKinstry, president of the school board, said Rudy's bill had pluses and minuses.

"Certainly the elimination of some of the nuisance taxes would be in the bill's favor," he said. "But we must watch that the wage tax doesn't get too high."

McKinstry, also associate dean of the University's College of Engineering, said an increased wage tax would probably be more fair than the occupation tax.

Loretta Jeffreys, a member of the State College school board, said she does not oppose the bill, but does not think it will make a big difference in equity.

But Jeffreys agreed with Rudy's proposal to eliminate the occupation tax, saying that it was "outdated and inadequate" in relation to today's salaries.

—by Michael J. Vand

2 were injured in frat stabbing; Baker still fair

By BONNIE MORTER
Collegian Staff Writer

Stabbing victim Randolph Baker (12th-accounting) is still listed in fair condition in Centre Community Hospital's intensive care unit, a hospital spokeswoman said yesterday.

Baker, 22, was stabbed in the chest during a fight early Sunday morning at Phi Kappa Tau fraternity, 408 E. Fairmount Ave., according to the State College Police.

State College police said both Baker and the other person involved in the fight are residents of the fraternity. The identity of the assailant has not been released by police.

However, a second person was reported to have been injured in the fight. Twenty-year-old Kurt J. Maltzer (20th-civil engineering) also of 408 E. Fairmount Ave., was treated for injuries to his hand following the incident and was released. Hospital officials declined to specify the nature of his injuries.

—by Michael J. Vand

Magistrate sets bail for suspect in man's stabbing

By BONNIE MORTER
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The State College District Magistrate's office reported yesterday that James Gianetti, 33, of 123 W. Nittany Ave., was arraigned on charges of aggravated and simple assault and criminal mischief for the stabbing incident of a Pine Grove Mills man Monday night.

Gianetti had been arguing with James Hess, 161 E. Chestnut St., at the rear of the Union office building, 477 E. Beaver Ave., and a fight ensued, according to the State College Police Department.

Responding officers reported that Hess was slashed in the hand with a knife and identified Gianetti as his assailant.

District Magistrate Clifford H. Yorks arraigned Gianetti on Monday night and set bail at \$2,500.

—by Michael Newnam

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