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have been notified that the hotline will be in operation April 17 to 21, "come hell or high water," even if the assembly has not received sufficient information from some of the departments.

If a situation like that occurs, the hotline will be used to show the assembly exactly what student concerns are, Hopwood said.

"If students call and we don't have the answer they need, we will direct them to the appropriate person or department," Hopwood said.

Most of the individual departments of the College of Education, College of Health, Physical Education and Recreation are well organized, Hopwood said.

But, "some of the more technical colleges like (the colleges of Business Administration, Engineering and Architecture) have caused us many problems," he said.

Unmotivated Academic Assembly members are another part of the problem, Hopwood said.

"It's been hard to get our own members motivated to get out to the departments and gather the

information," he said.

Sue Leech, incoming Academic Assembly vice president, was responsible for collecting information from the faculty on arts and architecture. Many of the departments within the college could not give her the information she needed.

"Nothing seemed finished," Leech said. "I guess I should have pursued them a little more, but being sent all over the place by departments was frustrating."

Hopwood said he urges any student who is given the "runaround" by any college not to be completely satisfied. He suggested the student demand the information from his individual department.

"Students have a right to know what's going on, especially at this stage in time, they can properly plan their futures under the semester system," Hopwood said.

Current freshmen and next year's seniors, who are not "on track" for graduation, will probably experience the most problems under the semester system, Hopwood said.

Volunteers from the Academic Assembly will be available to answer questions from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. Students who wish the USC office to send them more information call 865-911 or 863-1874.

By MICHAEL NEWNAM  
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Sen. J. Doyle Curran, R-Centre County, has reintroduced legislation to the state Senate that would restrict landlords from imposing specific nonrefundable fees on tenants in lease agreements.

Some law now permits requiring a security deposit of up to one month's rent at the first year of any lease. But federal landlords impose what are called "non-refundable conditioning fees" in the contract.

Corman said additional fees which are imposed when the tenant vacates, are unnecessary.

"I mean you can't say you're going to charge security deposit," he said. "If you leave the place undamaged, you should get your money refunded."

"Some landlords say they don't care if the place isn't damaged; they are going to go to the shoppo to the carpet and paint the walls when the tenant leaves," he said.

Charley Burch, public information officer for the state Senate majority, said the security deposit is sufficient to cover the cost of damages.

"The security deposit would not cover all damages, Burch said the landlord could seek legal recourse.

Corman introduced a similar bill in the 1981-82 session that passed the Senate by a 12-1 vote. It died in the House.

"I don't know if there's ever arisen upon in the House, Burch said. "I don't think there was any organized opposition to the bill. There was just sufficient time to handle it," Burch said. "The bill will pass this time around. The very fact it passed last session in the Senate before shows how well accepted the bill was."

Corman said a few members of the House said they did not want to change the existing landlord/tenant contracts because they were satisfied with them.

But Burch said the bill would affect communities, as well as large cities, charge the reconditioning fees. Most State

—Sen. J. Doyle Corman, R-Centre County

College landlords, if any, do not impose them.

Bill Groves, office manager with S.C. Sun Corp., 418 Clay Lane, said he is not aware of any landlord in this area that imposes reconditioning fees on tenants.

"The only charge we have for first year tenants to change their own locks," Groves said, "We have no complaints with the bill" whatsoever.

John J. O'Connell, president of the Benchmark Group, 818 Bellair Ave., said the deposits it holds are returned after damages are subtracted. The Benchmark Group manages Heritage Oaks Apartments, Vairo Boulevard, and Versailles Terrace.

Lise Fisher, a member of the Organization for Women Independent Students, said landlords in this area usually do not ask for reconditioning fees, but OTS received complaints about the use of money from security deposits for cleaning purposes.

"Some (landlords) will take out money for painting," Fisher said.

Fisher said OTS advises tenants to complete a damage report if they agree to rent from a landlord. The list should include any damaged item in the apartment.

"If there's anything wrong with the apartment when you move in, you won't get charged for it when you move out," she said. "If you don't have a written list and the tenant should keep a copy of it for himself."

**By G. LoMONACO**  
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As the smoke seeps under the door, a student plugs up the cracks with a sheet and runs to the window for air. He feels the door for heat and exits into the smoke-filled hallway.

The student cautiously exits and reaches for the fire alarm to alert his friends and, while gasping for air, crawls down the corridor to the

Although the scene is only a simulation conducted by University Safety Services, it enables students to experience what it is like to be in an actual fire.

Safety Services opened the doors of its new Mobile Fire Safety Unit or "Fire Simulator" for the first group of students in North and West Halls this week and invited them to walk through a "fire."

The 20-minute training session began in a dorm room with an informal talk by Safety Services personnel. Groups consisting of eight students learned about the chemistry of fires; they were also taught about the types of fires, fire alarm systems, false alarms, fire drill, and fire extinguishers and how

The lecture also reviewed fire safety techniques.

The simulator will be parked in the parking lot behind Beaver Hall on Monday and Tuesday for students in the Centre, Pollock, Nittany and South areas. It will be in the East Halls area April 25 and 26 but a specific place has not been chosen.

it would be like. I'd still be a little panicky though."

Brad Mello, an orientation chairman for the University, said the lecture also shows students which type of extinguisher to use for the different types of fires.

An "A-type" extinguisher is used to put out paper fires. "B" is used for flammable liquids and "C" is used for electrical fires.

"I think that was really helpful because I wouldn't know to pick up

During the mock fire, students used survival techniques they had just learned to travel through a corridor with a 100-degree temperature reading and smoke too thick to see through.

Someone pulled the fire alarm which sounded the bell. The students groped their way on their hands and knees, feeling their way through the corridor and counted

To the participants, the air in the hallways is "like being reborn," because of the noticeable difference of less smoke, said Tom Hand, University fire safety specialist and

The University Office of Gifts and Endowments donated the bulk of the \$15,000 final estimated cost of the simulator. The 40-by-14-foot trailer has a 7,000 watt gasoline-run generator, which heats the corridor with extra coil heaters to intensify the heat.

Linda Rovey (5th-tribal arts) and Rick Kennedy (8th-wildlife science) were elected president and vice-president of the organization. The Wildlife Residence Association last night.

Though the two ran opposed, the results of the election were not too surprising some people. Anthony Palmentera (5th-division of undergraduate studies) and David M. Kennedy (5th-tribal arts) were elected representatives and secretary of ERA respectively as write-in candidates. Kennedy was the best-written candidate (his election) was also elected ERA representative.

Debra Zuehl

(5th-seme) was named president and Matt Jacobson (8th-semester science) and Doug Elliott (8th-electrical engineering) were named representatives for the undergraduate studies committee for Centre Hall Residence Association.

In Centre Halls, Chris Shew (3rd semester) and Doug Elliott (8th-semester) and Stephanie Colella (3rd semester) were elected ARIS representatives.

Gordon Zavilla, an election commissioner in East Halls, said, "After turning out for undergraduate studies were available."

Zuech, president-elect of CHRA, plans to use the semester system to the advantage of the organization.

"One of our main objectives is respecting the roles of the resident assistant and house president by redefining some of the responsibilities," she said.

The semester system will also provide more opportunity for activities, Zuech said. "You won't be getting hit with finals every ten weeks," she noted.

—by Gail Johnson

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