## Semester Hotline delayed one week

### **By ANN MATTURRO Collegian Staff Writer**

Because of a lack of semester transition handbooks in each University department, the Semester Hotline, scheduled for operation this week, was postponed until next week, the president of the Undergraduate Student Government's Academic Assembly said.

Chris Hopwood said the hotline. sponsored by the Academic Assemoly, will give students an opportunity to ask questions about changes in their individual departments and colleges next year.

"We're having some problems getting information from the individual departments," Hopwood said. "Many departments don't have any available information and all they give us is vague handouts. However, James R. Dungan, Calendar Conversion Council secretary, said: "It would seem to me that, by this time, the departments should have adequate information. And, I don't know why Academic Assembly is having any problems." Hopwood said the departments

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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 information they need, we

will direct them to the appropriate person or department," Hopwood Most of the individual departments in the College of Education

and the College of Health, Physical Education and Recreation are well organized. Hopwood said. But, "some of the more technical colleges like (the colleges of Busi-

ness Administration, Engineering and Science) have caused us many problems." he said Unmotivated Academic Assem-

bly members are another part of the problem, Hopwood said. members motivated to get out to Students can call the USG office at the departments and gather the 865-9111 or 863-1874.

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information." he said.

Sue Leech, incoming Academic Assembly vice president, was responsible for collecting information from the College of Arts and Architecture. Many of the departments within the college could not give her the information she

needed, she said. "Nothing seemed finished," Leech said. "I guess I should have pursued them a little more, but

being sent all over to every department is very frustrating." Hopwood said he urges any student who is given the "runaround" by any college not to be complacent, and suggested the student demand the information from his individual department.

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

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

Assembly will be available to answer questions from 7 p.m. to 11 "It's been hard to get our own p.m. Sunday through Thursday.

Legislation would restrict tenant fees By MICHAEL NEWNAN Collegian Staff Writer

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

Federal law now permits requiring a security deposit of up to two months' rent during the first year of any lease, but some landlords impose what are called "non-refundable reconditioning fees" in the contract. Corman said additional fees which are imposed when

the tenant vacates, are unnecessary. "A landlord may ask you for a damage security depost." 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 have to shampoo the carpet and paint the walls (when the tenant leaves) so they charge reconditioning fees," he said. Charley Burch, public information officer for the state

"I don't think there was any organized opposition to the bill. There was just insufficient time to handle it," Burch said. "I think it will pass this time around. The very fact it passed unanimously in the Senate before shows how wellaccepted (the bill) was."

not want to change the existing landlord/tenant contracts because they were satisfied with them. Burch said landlords in smaller communities, as well as

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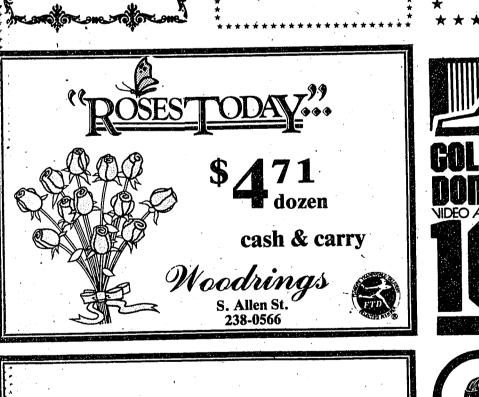
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Senate majority, said the security deposit is sufficient to cover any damages to an apartment. If a landlord thinks the security deposit would not cover all damages, Burch said the landlord could seek legal recourse. Corman introduced a similar bill in the 1981-82 session that passed the Senate by a 44-0 vote but died in the House. The bill was never acted upon in the House, Burch said.

Corman said a few members of the House said they did

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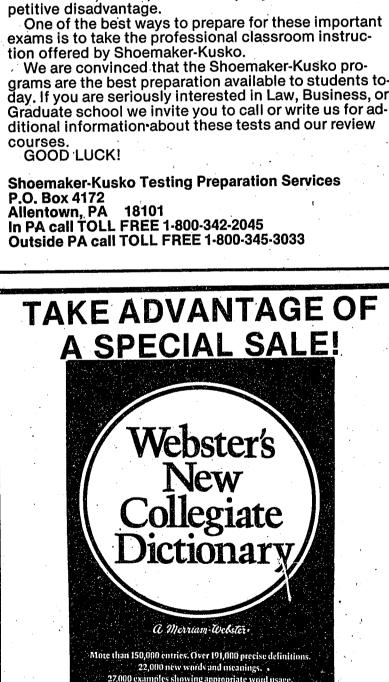
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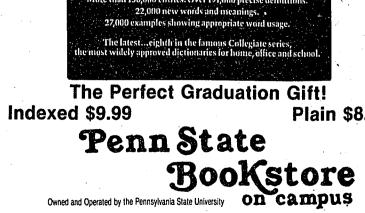
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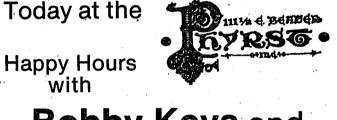
Bill Groves, office manager with S.C. Sun Corp., 418 Clay Lane, said he is not aware of any landlord in this area that imposes reconditioning fees. "The only additional fees we charge are for first year tenants to change their own locks," Groves said. "We

have no complaints with (the bill) whatsoever." Mary Frantz, property manager with 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 apartments and University Terrace.

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

"Some (landlords) will take out money for painting," Fisher said. Fisher said OTIS advises tenants to complete a damage list when 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," Fisher said. "The landlord should sign (the list) and the tenant should keep a copy of it for himself."



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# 'A landlord may ask you for a

By G. LoMONACO **Collegian Staff Writer** 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 hall-

reaches for the fire alarm to alert his friends and while gasping for air, crawls down the corridor to the nearest door and flees the burning building. Although the scene is only a simulation conducted by University Safety Services, it enables students

The student cautiously exits and

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 wasn't real, but I'll be a little bit

niques, such as counting doors to an panicky though." exit when the smoke is too thick to see through, were explained. 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 "I think that was really helpful hands and knees, feeling their way specific place has not been chosen.

'I never had been in a really smoked-filled room. I never had to depend on myself to get out.'

Mobile simulator teaches students about fires

"I knew (the demonstration)

to operate them. Fire survival tech- it would be like. I'd still be a little transfer students and freshmen dur-Brad Mello, an orientation chairdifferent types of fires. An "A-type" extinguisher is used see through. to put out paper fires. "B" is used

> used for electrical fires. because I wouldn't know to pick up through the corridor and counted

—Don Miller (3rd-meteorology)

an' (A-type fire extinguisher) for

Gib McMurtie, a University police officer, advised people with asthmatic, heart and back problems against going through the simulated experience. But, in a real

fire, "They have no choice. Then it's a must," he said. Matt Horey, West Halls area orientation chairman, said he would

ing Orientation Week. During the mock fire, students man for the University, said the used survival techniques they had lecture also shows students which just learned to travel through a type of extinguisher to use for the corridor with a 100-degree temperature reading and smoke too thick to

Someone pulled the fire alarm for flammable liquids and "C" is which sounded the bell. The students groped their way on their doorways to reach the fire exit and resh air in the stairwell.

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 member of Alpha Fire Company. This showed students the importance of keeping fire doors closed, he said

Hand said he would like to expand the use of the fire simulator outside the University.

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

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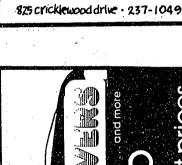




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The Daily Collegian Friday, April 15, 1983-3 East, Centre halls' election results in Linda Rovder (5th-liberal arts) and this year, Judi Smith, current presi-

Rick Kennedy (8th-wildlife science) dent of CHRA, said. She noted that were elected president and vice-pres- the increase probably occured beident respectively for 1983-84 East cause this year's ballot listed two sets Residence Association last night. Though the two ran opposed, the

results of the East Halls elections still surprised some people. Anthony Palmentera (5th-division of undergraduate studies) and DeDe Delareto (3rd-liberal arts) were elected ARHS representative and secretary of ERA respectively as write-in candidates. Gary Rifkin (6th-business administration) was also elected ARHS representative

Wednesday night, Debra Zuech (5th-science) was named president and Matt Jacobson (8th-computer science) and Doug Elliott (9th-electrical engineering) were named first and second vice-presidents respect tively for Centre Hall Residence As sociation

In Centre Halls, Caren Shelow (3rd division of undergraduate studies and Stephanie Colella (3rd-science) were elected ARHS representatives. Gordon Zavilla, an election commissioner in East Halls, said voter turnout was low, although no figures were available

Turnout was higher in Centre Halls

of candidates, whereas last year she

ran unopposed. Rovder, president-elect of East Residence Association, said she and Kennedy plan to publicize the association more

"A lot of students are not aware o what it is and what it can do for them," she explained. She added that they will also en-

courage the executive council to become more closely knit and to work more closely with house presidents. Zuech, president-elect of CHRA,

plans to use the semester system to the advantage of the organization. "One of our main objectives is

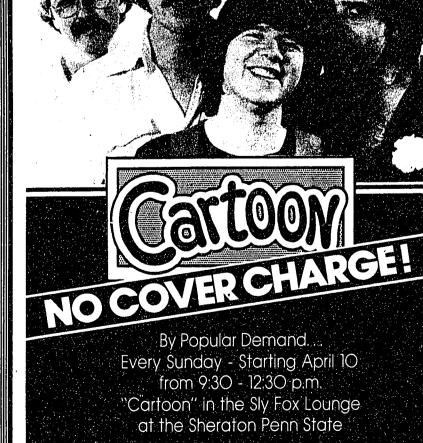
redefining the roles of the resident assistant and house president by redelegating some of the responsibili ties." she said.

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

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