

Fraternity party donations questioned

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Several fraternities have accepted donations at recent parties despite Interfraternity Council and the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board rules that prohibit fraternities from taking any money except for philanthropies.

According to IFC President Adam Levinson, fraternities who accept donations for parties could be subject to a fine in excess of \$300.

"It is a statute of the commonwealth that unless you have a liquor license you cannot charge admission or take donations at a fraternity party," said Melvyn Klein, director of Student Activities.

Levinson said the IFC is "100 percent against fraternities charging admission to parties. It is illegal according to the LCB and Penn State laws. Fraternities can only offer beer to people as guests of the house."

Levinson said he was under the impression that as long as the donations are voluntary, fraternities could accept money.

"But," Levinson said, "it is illegal and there's no loophole; no way around this rule. Fraternities cannot sell cups at parties either."

Craig Tate, former member of the IFC Board of

Control, said fraternities cannot accept donations for their own cause.

"Fraternities are only allowed to accept money for philanthropies, not for their own use," Tate said.

Stuart Turetsky, social chairman at Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity, 328 E. Foster Ave., said, "We wish we had enough money to finance a lot of parties. The only way we can perpetuate parties is to charge."

Turetsky said his fraternity asked for donations. He said there were signs posted at the door saying that without donations, the fraternity could not continue to hold parties throughout the summer term. Turetsky also said the fraternity was willing to admit anyone who refused to make a donation.

"We weren't out to make a profit," Turetsky said. "We just wanted enough money to break even and have another party."

Mike Capitosti of Zeta Psi fraternity, 225 E. Foster Ave., said the IFC rule prohibiting charging at parties "doesn't make sense."

"There's not enough brotherhood in the fraternity during the summer to finance all its own parties. We don't have enough money to have a party," Capitosti said.

Capitosti said his fraternity has not charged admittance to any parties this summer. However,

several people who attended a party at Zeta Psi said donations were accepted.

Three other fraternities that have accepted voluntary donations are: Kappa Delta Rho, 420 E. Prospect Ave.; Phi Delta Theta, 240 N. Burrowes Road; and Acacia, 234 Locust Lane.

John Berrettini, house manager at Kappa Delta Rho, said, "During the summer the only way to cover the cost of a party is to charge at least something."

"I don't see anything wrong with it because there aren't as many brothers living at the house during the summer and we can't afford it ourselves," Berrettini said.

Anyone who refused to make a donation at Kappa Delta Rho was still allowed into the party.

Bruce Rowley, social chairman at Phi Delta Theta fraternity, said, "I think we have to get some money back from a party. Otherwise, the brothers are throwing their money away."

Rowley said his fraternity plans to accept voluntary donations at their parties this summer. However, he said, donations will be optional.

Members of the Acacia fraternity refused to comment.

Tate said in past summer terms IFC has let this policy

"slide."

"IFC is not functioning at full capacity during the

summer. This rule has not really been enforced. Up until this last year they've let it slide pretty much," Tate said.

Terry Milani, associate director of Student Activities at the University of Pittsburgh, said Pitt also prohibits fraternities from charging admittance to parties.

Tom Forsberg, Director of Student Activities and Organizations at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, said IUP has no policy regarding charging fees for parties off campus and all fraternities at IUP are located off campus.

Levinson said IFC "has no choice but to take action against fraternities who violate this rule."

"The first thing we would consider is the past record of the fraternity involved. There could be a fine in excess of \$300 to \$400 or social probation — when the fraternity is not allowed to hold parties for a certain amount of time," he said.

"It's a pretty stiff punishment. But if IFC hears of it, we take action against it. You have to be able to get beer for free," Levinson said.

Levinson urges any student who feels he has been taken advantage of by paying to get into a fraternity party to contact him at the IFC office, 203-B HUB.

"Any kind of money transaction for beer is illegal," Levinson said.

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Va. mine explosion kills 7, injures 3

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McCLURE, Va. — The bodies of seven coal miners, including a woman and a foreman three days from retirement, were pulled from a 460-foot-deep mine shaft yesterday after an explosion that marked Virginia's worst mine accident in 25 years.

Three other miners were injured in the explosion at Clinchfield Coal Co.'s McClure No. 1 mine in Dickenson County. An additional 74 miners escaped without injury, a company spokeswoman said.

"We didn't hear no boom or anything like that," said Jerry Jenkins, who was working in another part of the mine when the accident occurred. "It was a change in air pressure."

"Our ears popped and hurt and we felt a big rush of air," he said. "It was like a big wind, and then there was a lot of dust."

The cause of the explosion, at 10:15 p.m. Tuesday, was under

investigation, said Clinchfield Coal spokeswoman Susan Copeland.

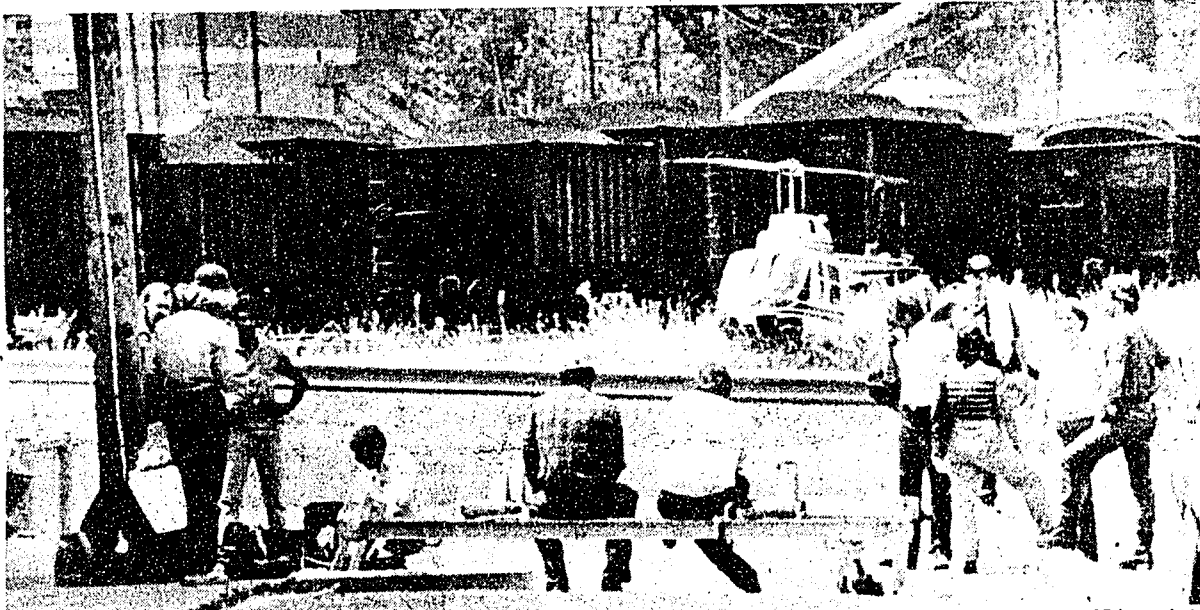
"We're speculating it was methane, but we don't know why it exploded," she said.

"This mine liberates a lot of methane," a flammable gas commonly found in coal seams, said John Kennedy, president of District 28 of the United Mine Workers of America. "It's a mine that has dry coal, and there's a lot of dust with the coal."

Coal dust is potentially explosive.

Kennedy said there were four previous fatalities at the four-year-old mine, none due to explosions. The mine has about 300 employees, he said.

Copeland identified the dead as F.C. Riner, 58, a section foreman; of Dante; Ernest A. Hall, 30, a foreman, from Castletown; J. Covey French, 45, of Clintwood; Luther McCoy, 37, of Nora; Dale Stamper Jr., 56, of Lebanon; Eugene W. Meade, 26, of Coeburn; and Mary K. Counts, 51, of Nora.



AP Laserphoto

Waiting for news

Reporters and Clinchfield Coal Company employees wait for news outside the mine in McClure, Va., where seven workers died Tuesday. The deadly explosion occurred nearly a mile below the ground while 84 employees were working.

Pope meets Communist Party head

By KENNETH JAUTZ
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KRAKOW, Poland — In a surprise climax to his tumultuous Polish homecoming, Pope John Paul II met last night with Communist Party chief Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski. Lech Walesa waited in the wings for his own audience with the pontiff.

Earlier, tens of thousands chanting "Long live the pope!" streamed through this ancient city's streets in a march supporting Walesa's banned Solidarity union.

That demonstration was brought to a peaceful halt by police.

The meeting between John Paul and Jaruzelski began shortly after 9 p.m. and lasted two hours. There was no immediate word on what was discussed.

Kidd, Thomas newly elected to Board of Trustees

By PHIL GUTIS
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The University's top governing body now includes two new members, following the recent election to fill seven spots on the University Board of Trustees.

University alumni selected one new member, while delegates from agricultural societies elected the other new member. Five incumbents were returned to the board.

From a field of seven candidates, the alumni elected Nancy VanTries Kidd of Glendale, Ariz., a psychologist and family counselor who graduated from the University in 1955 with a bachelor's degree.

Reno Thomas, former member of the state House of Representatives, was selected by the agricultural societies.

Kidd, a former resident of State College, said she hopes to ask questions about the "broader issues and educational goals" at the trustees meetings to "get things out on the table."

"My style will be participatory," Kidd said in an interview yesterday. "I hope to be able to sense the pulse of the students and faculty and be in touch with what is really going on."

A member of the Academy of Family Mediators, Kidd will serve on the board's educational policy committee. She has also been appointed to the board's Special

Committee on Affirmative Action.

When asked about the role of a trustee, Kidd said many people, once appointed to a governing board, tend to take on the personality of the entire board.

"I fear for an institution where a board is more of a ratifying board. I am conscious of that," she said. "I want to keep a sense of self."

The University's rising levels of tuition, its image nationally, and minority recruitment are among the topics Kidd said she would like to examine as a trustee.

On tuition, Kidd said she thinks the University's increasing costs may be "forcing a cutoff for very able students."

"It seems to me that some very bright,

qualified and motivated students are so concerned about how to survive financially that they are prolonging their stays here — working so many hours to pay educational expenses," she said. "I don't want Penn State to lose those qualified students."

And on the issue of national reputation, Kidd said she thinks the University's faculty members and their research need to be better publicized. Also, she said the University must better recognize its outstanding faculty members by providing incentives — both financial and non-financial.

On the issue of minority recruitment, Kidd said she will be looking for actions that provide results. While administrators can

spend many hours working on plans of action for increasing minority recruitment and retention, Kidd said she will look for results.

And growing out of that issue, Kidd said, is her "deep concern for the status of women at this University."

The University needs to have more women in higher management positions and in academic positions higher than instructor, she said. Also, Kidd said she would like to examine the issue of sexual harassment at the University.

Thomas, the other newly elected trustee, served as a Republican state representative from Snyder County

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weather

Mostly sunny and noticeably warmer today with a high of 87. Pleasantly mild tonight with a low of 63. Partly cloudy tomorrow with a chance of a brief thundershower. High of 85. Today's sunshine scale is 9. Tomorrow's will be 7.

—by Jim Kosarik

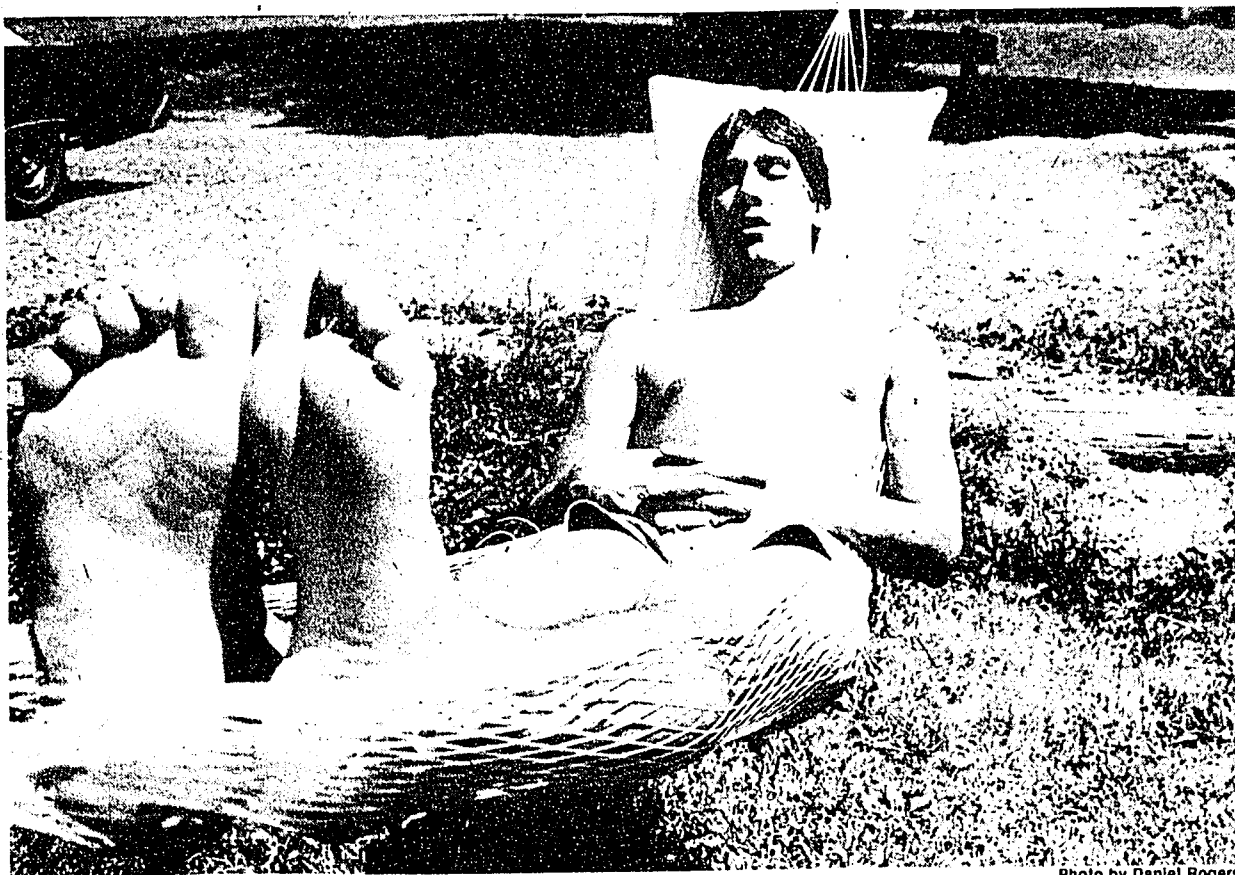


Photo by Daniel Rogers

Hanging ten

Barry Valentino (9th-Physics) decided to take advantage of the warm weather yesterday and caught 40 winks in a yard near Foster Avenue.

Shuttle might not land in Canaveral

By HARRY F. ROSENTHAL
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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The shuttle astronauts played a celestial game of tag with a satellite yesterday, releasing and plucking it back from orbit in a rehearsal for future repair missions. On the ground, bad weather put a Florida landing in doubt and President Reagan canceled plans to attend.

NASA officials said a decision would be made today on whether to allow Challenger to land as scheduled the tomorrow and whether such a landing would be at Cape Canaveral or at Edwards Air Force Base in California, the backup site.

If clouds and thunderstorms persist in Florida, Challenger could remain aloft an extra day or two. It's been done before.

"Our guidelines say if the weather is projected bad for a few days we like to come in to

Edwards," said flight director John Cox. "That's probably the way the flight control team recommendation will be made."

In a day-long aerial ballet at 17,400 mph, astronauts John Fabian, Sally Ride and Norman Thagard used the shuttle's 50-foot-long arm to release the satellite into space and grab it again five times, before restoring it for the flight home.

Never before has a satellite been retrieved by a spaceship. The ability to snatch an object from orbit will be crucial when shuttles are sent aloft for satellite servicing and repair missions. Such a flight is scheduled next year.

"We're delighted about what happened today," said lead flight director Tommy Holloway. "Today has been a significant milestone in the overall operation of the shuttle. . . Everything went exceptionally well."