

Small business grant proposals are due tomorrow

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Tomorrow is the deadline for applicants to submit proposals for a federal grant designed to promote small business exports, perhaps for the last time. The grant, which has gone unnoticed by businesses in the Centre Region, may be discontinued after the money has been allocated to this year's awardees. The grants are not intended for the sole use of an individual small business, but rather to provide support services to a number of small businesses, according to a prepared statement by the United States Department of Commerce. Local industrial development authorities said they had never heard of the grant. Edward Jenson, director of the Centre County Industrial Development Corporation, said not only was he unaware of the grant, but "it is of no concern to us." At the University, Paul Houck of the Pennsylvania Technical Assistance Program (Penatap) said he was not aware of the University's application for the grant. "You would almost need a full-time person sitting

around logging in all the (grant) possibilities," Houck said. Houck said that if the University had applied for the grant, he would know about it. Deborah Graham, press secretary for the Senate Small Business Committee in Washington, D.C., said the program was poorly publicized. "If the program is reinstated next year, publicity will be improved," Graham said. The International Trade Administration, which administers the program under the Small Business Export Expansion Act of 1980, will spend \$1 million in federal funds on the program this year. Last year the ITA distributed \$2 million to both public and private business entities, including Philadelphia, the University of San Diego, small businesses and state economic development agencies. Philadelphia was the only organization or governmental body within Pennsylvania to receive a grant last year, obtaining \$150,000. "I think it is a good program. The money helped us reach a lot of firms that didn't have the capacity to export," said Jim Petkovits, manager of international

marketing for the Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation. Petkovits said the money was used to provide technical assistance to small and medium-sized firms involved in exporting and to send firms to trade shows throughout the world. Firms attended the Hanover Trade Fair in Germany — the premier industrial trade fair in the world — and the General Trade Fair in Quebec. Firms are scheduled to attend the Medical Trade Fair in Calgary, Canada later this year. Another major use of the money was to help finance a trading company based in Philadelphia. The trading company serves as a middleman between manufacturers and buyers. "The trading company helps manufacturers who don't have the knowledge or financing to look for markets," Petkovits said. The PIDC also allocated a total of \$10,000 to Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lehigh and Montgomery counties to conduct surveys to assess their needs for a trading company. "If the small businesses knew about the program they

would definitely apply," Petkovits said. "It has been very beneficial to us." Petkovits said that Philadelphia was applying for the grant again this year. Organizations applying for the grant must submit a proposal for the use of the money and match the amount of the grant. This year, the maximum grant will be \$100,000. "I hope to test and refine the theory that giving matching grants to local entities is an effective way of providing export promotion," said Peter Wilson, director of Small Business Export Development Assistance Program for the ITA. Wilson said that those entities who received the grants last year have administered the funds properly, although extensive audits to evaluate expenditures have not been completed. As of Sept. 30, the ITA will not have the authority to award any more grants, unless legislation is passed to reinstate the program. The Senate Small Business Committee, said Independent Republican Sen. Rudy Boschwitz of Minnesota is pushing for an amendment to increase export by small business.

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- The Central Pennsylvania Citizens for Survival will hold a champagne buffet fund-raiser at 6 p.m. tomorrow at 953 Robin Road. Tickets are available at the door, Nittany News, Dandelion Market, and New Morning Cafe.
- The Big Spring Boxing Club will hold registration for amateur boxing from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday at 114 W. High St., Bellefonte. For more information call 355-2174 or 355-7825.
- An exhibit of the life and work of Eubie Blake will be on display in the Black Studies Room of Pattee throughout Summer term.
- Central Pennsylvanians Against Intervention in Central and South America will be available to discuss the July 2 demonstration in Washington, D.C. at the corner of College Avenue and Allen Street today and tomorrow.
- The Krishna Yoga Society will sponsor a free vegetarian feast at 7 p.m. tomorrow and 5 p.m. Sunday at 103 E. Hamilton Ave.

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- Joseph Strong, 456 E. Beaver Ave., told University Police yesterday an unidentified vehicle struck his car, causing minor damages, while it was parked in student parking lot 42.
- Housing Superintendent Lynn Dubois yesterday told University Police that an unidentified nosedrive man was showering on the first floor of Atherton Hall. The man left before police arrived.
- Stan Womer of G.M. McCrossin Inc., a Bellefonte contractor doing electrical improvements for the Uni-

Business Administration raises required GPA

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Because of increased enrollment and the overcrowding of departments, the College of Business Administration has altered its entrance requirements, said Tom Broitman, assistant director of undergraduate programs. The College of Business Administration has more than 5,000 students enrolled and only 150 faculty members, Broitman said. This ratio is the main reason for the change, he said, adding that it is easier to limit the number of students entering the college than it would be to find more faculty. Students will be required to have a 2.75 grade point average to declare a major within the college, Broitman said, while students seeking admittance from other universities must have a 3.0 average. The change in entrance requirements is an attempt to balance the problem while ensuring a quality education for students, he said. The decision to change the entrance requirements was made by administrators, faculty and students in the College of Business Administration, and the University. "The change will affect students transferring from

another college to business," Broitman said. However, he emphasized that the change will not affect upperclassmen who are already enrolled in the college. Those students will be allowed to maintain the old requirement, a 2.3 average. Students who were in the division of undergraduate studies with approved classification to be admitted into a business major will also be able to maintain the old average. Changes in the accounting department will be more stringent than the other departments because of its size, Broitman said. The accounting department is the most crowded of any department in any of the 10 colleges, he said, adding that one-third of all junior and senior business majors are in accounting. Those seeking admittance to the accounting department will need a 3.0 instead of a 2.75. The College of Liberal Arts is offering a business minor for students who want a business background but do not wish to change majors. In the past, he added, many students switched to business because they wanted some sort of business background.

—by Mike Netherland

Senators pressured on Hatch bill

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Local pro-life and pro-choice groups are now pressuring both Congress and the courts, two arenas in which the abortion question is being debated more intensely than ever. The Students for Reproductive Rights group has been active since Spring Term 1982 and supports legal abortions. The group has been working to convince U.S. Sens. John Heinz, R-Pa., and Arlen Specter, R-Pa., to filibuster the Hatch Human Life Federalism Amendment when it goes to the Senate for a floor vote at the end of this month. The amendment, sponsored by the Judiciary subcommittee on the Constitution Chairman Orrin G. Hatch, R-Utah, seeks to reverse the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court ruling which gave women the constitutional right to have abortions. Joanne Howes, a legislative representative of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, said she thinks backers of the Hatch Amendment are far from having the legislative support they need, but Ed Bikales, a University graduate in general arts and sciences, said the vote could be close.

"Heinz is very crucial to us because it is the swing vote and we don't know how he will go," Bikales said. Sen. Hatch's amendment previously allowed federal and state governments to "restrict and prohibit abortion," but it was altered by Sen. Thomas Eagleton, D-Mo., to read only that "a right to abortion is not secured by this Constitution." Working on the other side of the issue is Citizens Concerned for Human Life, whose philosophy is "life begins at conception." The group has been lobbying for legislative support of the Hatch Amendment. "We are for any amendment that would stop abortion," said Beth Knievel, president of the pro-life organization. Knievel's organization is also trying to get Heinz to work with them in support of the Hatch amendment. Although Bikales predicts some surprised faces from the pro-life groups, he feels fairly peaceful about the situation. "I think it will give us and them a better understanding of each other," said Beth Putnam, president of the reproductive rights group. Beth Knievel, president of the Citizens Concerned for Human Life group, said she was unaware of the pro-choice group's new location but commented that she did not see any problem. "I don't see that it would bother me one way or the other," Knievel said. When asked if he felt uneasy about the three groups sharing the same building, landlord Harold Griffith said that he was not going to get caught in the middle. "To keep rent expenses down, the pro-choice group will be sharing office space with the Centre County Consumer Party."

They face each other in the streets and in the courts. And beginning July 1, the forces for and against abortion in State College will go to work in the same building. Birthright Inc. and the Centre County Chapter of Citizens Concerned for Human Life, two pro-life organizations residing at 108 W. Beaver Ave., will have to make room for the Students for Reproductive Rights, a pro-choice organization that plans to move into the building. "I can't wait to see the expressions on their faces when we start to move in our furniture," said Ed Bikales, a University graduate in general arts and sciences and an associate member of the Students for Reproductive Rights.

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Vedam sentenced to 2-5 years on drug charges

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Subramanyam Vedam, convicted previously on a murder charge, was sentenced Monday to two to five years in prison on a charge of delivery of a controlled substance. In February, Vedam was found guilty on a first degree murder charge. He was charged with killing his one-time roommate, Thomas E.P. Kniser, of Boalsburg, whose body decomposed in a field near the campus. Vedam is still awaiting formal sentencing on the murder charge. In addition to the delivery of a controlled substance charge, Vedam was also arrested

March 31, 1982 for another count of delivery of a controlled substance; one count of burglary, theft and receiving stolen property; and two counts of receiving stolen property. Centre County District Attorney Robert Mix said William P. Tarabek, 351 E. Fairmount Ave., worked in cooperation with the Bureau of Narcotics Investigation on Vedam's arrest. Mix said Tarabek bought 100 dosage units of LSD from Vedam on Nov. 20, 1981. Centre County President Judge Charles C. Brown Jr. on Monday denied the withdrawal of a no contest plea submitted by Vedam. Brown said he saw no need to permit the withdrawal, saying the court is satisfied that Vedam knew what he was doing when he entered the plea. Vedam's attorney, Amos Goodall, said the no contest plea was filed against his advice. The plea means the facts of the charge, as alleged by the commonwealth, are true, Goodall explained. For purposes of sentencing, the no contest plea is the same as a guilty plea, Mix said. The court also denied Goodall's petition to withdraw as counsel for Vedam on other charges. Brown said Goodall can properly and adequately represent Vedam because he knows Vedam, his family and the case so well. Goodall said Vedam has a number of things

New police phones offer 24-hour help

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The Department of University Safety has installed two more direct lines to the police dispatcher on campus, the director of University Safety said yesterday. Director David Stormer said the installation of the two police phones, one at the bottom of the mall at College Avenue and Allen Street, the other at Shortledge Road and College Avenue, will bring the total number of emergency phones on campus to eight. A police phone can be identified by the blue light suspended above the booth. Users need only to lift the telephone receiver and a dispatcher will answer, Stormer said. The other six phones were installed in 1979 and one is located on most of the information booths around campus, Stormer said. Also, one free standing phone booth is located in Parking Lot 83 north, he said. All of the phones are a direct line to campus police services except the phone at the parking lot, which is a dial phone, he said. Stormer said the locations for the

phones are chosen based on the number of calls for service received in one area. They are also located in places from which police services has received calls six or more hours. Reports of fights occurring along the wall on College Avenue in the early morning hours prompted the installation of the police phone at College Avenue and Allen Street, Stormer said. The Allen Street phone is also used to report vandalism or for people who need assistance, such as a person with a disabled vehicle, he said. The phone at Shortledge Road and College Avenue was installed because of the significant amount of pedestrian traffic to and from campus, Stormer said. "Fortunately, they aren't heavily used and fortunately, they aren't abused," Stormer said. When more funds become available, Stormer said he hopes to install more phones on campus. The cost of installation for the two new phones is \$6,000, which was reasonable because of the extensive work involved, Stormer added. Additional expenses included weatherproofing the booths and digging trenches for the wiring and he said.

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