

New structures help clarify summer sessions

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With the goal of making summers at University Park the "Chautauqua of Pennsylvania," University officials are now planning diverse programs for future summer sessions that they hope will revitalize Penn State summers.

By taking advantage of the administrative changes in the University's switch to a semester calendar this fall, future summer sessions will be "enlarged and enriched" — to the point where officials hope the University could rival Chautauqua, N.Y., as a learning vacation spot, said Nancy Tischler, director of summer session.

The administrative shifts — including placing summer session on a different financial base — will allow University officials to be more sensitive to student

demand, Tischler said, and will possibly open up various curricula to more experimentation.

For example, Tischler said she has in mind a few "themes" that could be used Summer Session 1984, including the George Orwell novel "1984."

"Technological improvements are not necessarily a sign of humanistic success," she said. "Courses could explore the tie-in between technology and the humanities."

Beginning next summer, the University will consider summer sessions heavily subsidized "stand-alone operations" that will depend on the tuition collected from students attending two-, four-, six- or eight-week courses, Tischler said.

Before this change, she added, colleges and departments had to take money from regular academic year budgets to fund summer term courses.

"Over the last 15 years, there has been a

gradual starvation of summer session," Tischler said.

When the University switched from a semester calendar in 1961, the summer term was to be considered an equal to fall, winter and spring terms. But gradually, as student enrollment and course offerings decreased, the summer term eroded.

And after former University President John W. Oswald's March 1981 decision to change back to a semester calendar starting this fall, the redirection of summer sessions remained a stumbling block for officials charged with implementing a semester calendar.

In December 1981, the Calendar Conversion Council received a report from its summer session committee that served as the first outline of future summer session structure. While many aspects of the committee's report still remain true, some items — including the existence of

obligatory summer freshman enrollment — eventually changed.

In its report, the committee recommended that there be no "obligatory summer enrollment beginning in 1984." Instead, the committee suggested that 200 to 300 "volunteer regular matriculants" be urged to attend University Park to work with remedial, accelerated or enrichment programs.

"All admissible students would be offered fall admission with a summer volunteer option with suitable description of options, advantages and alternatives available," the report said.

But in discussions among James B. Bartoo, acting executive vice president, Donald G. Dickason, dean of admissions, and Tischler, the decision was made to continue requiring some freshmen to start in the summer.

Although the number of "obligatory summer freshmen" would decrease to about 500 to 800, Tischler said both the College of Engineering and the College of Business Administration have discussed offering classes of pre-engineering and pre-business for minority students.

"We think summer is a good time to introduce students who ordinarily are not immediately comfortable on campus," Tischler said. "We also think it is a good time for people who need work on basic skills."

One aspect of the committee's report that survived to become part of the principals and guidelines for summer sessions — which Oswald approved in one of his last actions before retiring on June 30 — is the abolishment of full- or part-time students for summer sessions.

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Pa. escapee charged in killings captured in Calif. after manhunt

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SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. — A man charged with the hatchet murders of four people at a Chino Hills hilltop ranch was captured after eluding a manhunt for two months by staying aboard a sailboat, authorities said yesterday.

Kevin Cooper, 25, was arrested Saturday morning after a rape was reported on an anchored sailboat near Santa Cruz Island. The rape victim identified him after seeing a wanted poster issued in the slayings, officials said.

Santa Barbara County sheriff's deputies and Coast Guard personnel plucked him from the ocean as he tried to swim ashore to flee, authorities said.

A fugitive warrant charges Cooper in the June 5 slayings of F. Douglas Ryan and his wife, Peggy, both 42; their daughter Jessica, 10; and an overnight guest, Christopher Hughes, 12, all of Chino Hills.

The Ryens' son, Joshua, 8, had his throat slit but survived and lives with his grandmother, Dr. Mary Howell.

Cooper escaped June 2 from the California Institute for Men in Chino, where he mistakenly had been placed in minimum security to serve a four-year sentence for two burglaries in Los Angeles in January.

State criminal justice workers never told each other that Cooper was wanted in Pennsylvania for an October 1982 rape-kidnapping, four burglaries and escaping from a state mental hospital.

Cooper escaped from Mayview State Hospital near Pittsburgh on Oct. 8, broke into an Upper Saint Clair Township home, abducted a 17-year-old girl and raped her in Pittsburgh's Frick Park, according to Allegheny County police.

San Bernardino County Sheriff Floyd Tidwell said Cooper had eluded an intense manhunt for two months by staying aboard a 32-foot sailboat owned by a couple, Owen Handy, 35, a retired Marine, and his wife, Angelica, of Humboldt County in Northern California.

The Handys hired Cooper as a deckhand June 10 — five days after the Chino Hills killings — upon meeting him in Ensenada, a resort town in Baja California, Mexico. Tidwell said the Handys told authorities they didn't know about the murders.

The Handys and Cooper had been anchored for a month off Santa Cruz Island, about 25 miles south of Santa Barbara. The sheriff said Angelica Handy was a

Costa Rican native and the couple apparently avoided docking their boat because she is not a U.S. citizen.

"That's something we'll certainly want to be talking (more) to them about," Tidwell said.

Tidwell said the Handys "were getting tired of (Cooper) and were hoping he would leave." The rape occurred on a 26-foot sailboat anchored nearby. Its owners were not identified.

The Handys and Cooper went to a fish fry at the boat of the North Hollywood couple Friday night, Tidwell said. Afterward, the Handys and Cooper returned to their own boat, and Tidwell alleged Cooper "knew that the husband was passed out and the wife was on the boat."

The sheriff alleged Cooper rowed over about 4:30 a.m., raped the woman at knifepoint, threatened to kill her husband, then returned to the Handys' boat.

The woman was treated at Goleta Valley Hospital and released.

On Saturday, she alerted authorities that the man arrested after the sailboat attack was Cooper, Tidwell said.

Tidwell said the 26-year-old North Hollywood woman "was in the detectives' office . . . and she saw the flyer of Kevin Cooper wanted for murder, and she became very hysterical and she said, 'That is the man!'" Tidwell told a news conference.

A Coast Guard cutter took Special Weapons and Tactics deputies to the boats, Santa Barbara County sheriff's Lt. Jim Regan said. As they approached, Cooper "tried to swim to shore," then climbed into a dinghy, but was captured.

As officers approached, Cooper threw a knife overboard, but sheriff's divers retrieved it from 30 feet of water, Deputy John Hupp said.

Cooper identified himself as Angel Jackson, 25, of Philadelphia, but fingerprint checks confirmed he was Cooper, officials said.

Tidwell said deputies hoped to search the Handys' boat for anything that belonged to the Ryens.

Authorities planned to bring Cooper to this city 60 miles east of Los Angeles later yesterday. He is to be held in isolation under tight security.

The pre-dawn murders shocked Chino Hills, a quiet community of horse farms 20 miles west of San Bernardino.

California Attorney General John Van de Kamp blamed Cooper's escape from the prison four miles west of Chino Hills on "human error."



Kevin Cooper, the fugitive suspect in the slaying deaths of four people in Chino, Calif., is escorted by detectives to an auto for transportation to San Bernardino yesterday. Cooper was captured by Santa Barbara police Saturday at Santa Cruz island.

Stone:

U.S. envoy meets with rebel leader

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — U.S. special envoy Richard Stone, after weeks of diplomatic maneuvers, met yesterday for the first time with a leader of El Salvador's left-wing rebels, President Belisario Betancur reported.

He made the announcement at a brief news conference and said he had acted as a "go-between" for Stone and Ruben Zamora, a director of the Democratic Revolutionary Front. The front is a coalition of left-wing political organizations opposing the U.S.-backed Salvadoran government.

Stone and Zamora attended the conference but did not make any comments.

"This is a new effort in the process of the search for peace in Central America," said Betancur, who participated in the talks.

Immediately after the news conference, Stone flew to San Salvador where he met with El Salvador's nine-member Political Commission including President Alvaro Magana, the defense and foreign ministers, and representatives of political parties.

Kenneth Bleakley, a spokesman at the U.S. Embassy in San Salvador, said Stone left at 9:30 p.m. EDT to fly back to Bogota.

Stone's aide, Joseph Presel, spoke briefly with reporters in San Salvador but declined to give any details about the Stone-Zamora talks or say why the special envoy was returning to Colombia.

It was believed he was carrying proposals between the Salvadoran government and leftists and planned further talks with Zamora or other Salvadoran rebels.

Earlier, Stone had been expected to spend the night in the Salvadoran capital and then go to Managua, Nicaragua for a meeting with the left-wing Sandinista government. Presel would not discuss Stone's itinerary, and it was not known if his meeting with the Sandinistas scheduled for Monday would be postponed.

Colombian sources said Stone's meeting with Zamora apparently had been arranged by Guillermo Ungo, president of the Democratic Revolutionary Front, who met with Betancur last week. Zamora, who is secretary-general of the Popular Social-Christian Movement, is considered the No. 2 man in the Democratic Revolutionary Front. The front serves as the political organization for five guerrilla-groups waging a civil war against the government.

In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Sue Pittman said there would be no comment on Stone's talks with Zamora or his mission.

With next shuttle mission, Bluford takes PSU into space

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When Col. Guion S. Bluford travels into space on the shuttlecraft Challenger later this month, he will be part of several firsts for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration — and he will be taking a piece of Penn State with him.

Bluford, a 1964 University graduate with a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering, will be the first black astronaut in space and will be aboard the first night launch and landing of a shuttle mission.

The University recently sent Bluford two football jerseys embossed with his name and the year he graduated, along with a cassette of Penn State fight songs for his wake-up calls.

In an interview Thursday, Bluford said he had received the jerseys and they are packed and ready for the trip to Florida. The jerseys arrived last week, he said, but he has not seen them to try them on and probably will not know if they fit until he is in Cape Canaveral.

"I was pleased to get them," he said.

Bluford said he also received the

cassette and will play them in the space shuttle "if I have something to play them on."

David Garrett, a NASA spokesman, told the Associated Press the target liftoff date will be between Aug. 23 and 30. However, Bluford said, he was told Thursday the shuttle is expected to be launched Aug. 30.

Bluford said he is planning to leave his home in Houston at the end of July for the eighth shuttle mission.

"It should be an exciting experience," he said.

Bluford will be flight engineer or mission specialist between commander Richard Truly and co-pilot Dan Brandenstein. Bluford's job will be the same as Sally Ride's — America's first woman in space — during the seventh space shuttle mission.

His responsibilities will include launching an Indian communications satellite and operating a space medicine test that will test live proteins.

Bluford also said he will be working on another experiment involving space adaptation syndrome and space sickness. NASA is conducting experiments on the causes of space sickness and

why some people experience it while others do not, he said.

Although he has known about the mission for four years, Bluford said he is excited about it and hopes to go on another space shuttle mission in the future.

"It's something that everyone in the office looks forward to," Bluford said, referring to the other 78 astronauts he works with in Houston. He said all the astronauts will eventually fly a mission, but some will fly more often than others.

Bluford's son Stuart, 19, said the family is preparing for the trip to Florida for the space flight.

"We've been expecting this for four years," Stuart Bluford said.

Bluford visited the University in December and was given the Outstanding Alumnus Award of the College of Engineering. He was also made distinguished alumnus in early June, the highest honor bestowed by the University.

A Philadelphia native, Bluford graduated from Overbrook High School in 1960. He earned his master's degree in aerospace engineering at the Air Force Institute of Technology.

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weather

Partly cloudy and humid today with a good chance of afternoon and evening thundershowers, high of 88. Cloudy and foggy tonight with a lingering shower possible, low of 63. For Tuesday, becoming mostly sunny and less humid by afternoon, high of 84. Sunny and warm Wednesday, high 85. Today's sunshine scale is 5. Tomorrow's will be 7. —by Jim Kosarik