## Swimming test:

**By CHRISTINE MURRAY** Collegian Staff Writer

Louis D. MacNeill, University aquatic director and head coach of the men's swimming team. he University's swimming test.

But without the students' help, he admits, the ontional test may not be reinstituted "Students do not realize their potential, MacNeill said. "Ten thousand students could

Fall semester orientation represented the first time in almost 59 years that the University did not offer the test, MacNeill said. The test was ended because one student did not want to be forced to take an optional swimming test, he said. Before former Undergraduate Student Government Senator Darryl Daisey successfully chal-

lenged the test in 1982, it was widely believed to be a graduation requirement If students realize the clout they have, they could have the test reinstituted, MacNeill said. "One kid did this and he made this fantastic change," MacNeill said. "The administration is very concerned with the thoughts of one stu-

When the test was implemented, the University Faculty Senate never approved the test as a

Coach wages campaign to make it mandatory

G. Thompson, acting head of the physical educa-

If a student failed the test, the physical education department recommended a beginner's swimming course, he said. No student was ever prohibited from graduating because he did not take the test, he said.

MacNeill said the swim test was a source of pride for him when he was recruiting students. He said he used to tell students and their parents that the University was one of only two schools that provided its students with the opportunity to have instructors test their swimming proficien-

important it is," he said. "Maybe it will make the students aware of their inability to, swim." Thompson said the University announced the

test was voluntary two years ago and since then the number of people taking the test has steadily MacNeill stressed that the test was not mandatory and most of the time a student who could not

course. "We had an aura of understanding about MacNeill said he is concerned about the people

required physical education course, said James who think drowning is something that will never

He said 8,000 people drown every year and chances are good that those people had the opportunity to learn how to swim and did not take MacNeill also said that in the past 19 years, 19

to 20 percent of the students who took the test did

not pass it. During various orientation periods

between 5,000 and 7,000 students took the test, he

ducted last year showed that 70 percent of the

students surveyed thought a required swim test was a good idea The test required students to dive into the deep end and swim around the pool using any stroke.

minutes, MacNeill said. The entire test takes 10 minutes because "if you can swim in the water for 10 minutes vou could probably survive for hours," he said. MacNeill said he wants to make students aware that they cannot swim and he hopes they will sign up for a course in introductory swim-

They were then required to tread water for a few

swim just signed up for the basic swimming "We think our students are valuable and we don't want them to drown after they get their

## Rush begins for fraternities and sororities

Collegian Staff Writer

Fraternity rush at the University has been a tradition for 95 years; sorority rush for 57 years. Today this tradition begins again. For sororities, Rush Recruitment Week begins today and will last until

Friday, with rush officially starting Sept. 9, said Chris Naida, rush chair-Women who want to rush must complete a form by Thursday and pay a \$5 registration fee, she said.

Forms can be obtained at the Panhel lenic Council Office, 203B HUB, and at tables set up in the dining halls, Naida said. Fraternity rush also begins tonight

with a Rush Mixer in the HUB Ballroom. Four representatives from each fraternity will be on hand to ty's fraternities and greek life, said distributed to all fraternities. Levinson said. A preference rush list, if a person is interested in a particular fraternity, may also be signed, he

'Freshmen shouldn't be scared to rush. It's a way to become involved in a University activity

- Chris Naida, rush

a slide show presentation and a question and answer session about sorori-

dormitory areas maining dorm areas are pending and

"Women interested in rushing will have two opportunities to meet sorority representatives," Naida said. In addition to the slide presentation, Naida said women interested in be-HUB Gallery.

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sept. 13, post

ty life will be conducted in each of the 6:30 in Pollock and 8 in Findlay Lounge, East Halls tomorrow night. The presentation dates for the re-

will be posted later in the week,

coming sorority members can attend an Ice Cream Mixer on Sept. 7 at the Rushees will have the opportunity to meet their rush counselors Sept. 8 and learn the procedures of rush,

During the first round of parties, Sept. 9, 11 and 12, women will be of the 17 sororities for 20-minute

On Sept. 16, a second post office will be held and women will receive invitations from six sororities. These six 40-minute parties.

accept membership," Naida said. The last post office and preference parties - parties that last one hour at three sororities - will be held Sept.

tions to the sororities for second The presentation will be shown at rounds. Second rounds consist of 30-

> invitations make up third rounds from Sept. 19 and 20, which include "During the third round, rushees should be looking very seriously at which sorority they would like to

> After the preference parties, the rushees return to their specified area

become involved in a University ac-

and sign bid cards, listing their prefrush," Naida said. "It's a way to

## USG Senate picks Laura Morrison as new president

By CHRISTINE MURRAY and LORI MUSSER Collegian Staff Writers

"I think I'll have the experience to improve upon last year's performance," Chestnut said. The Undergraduate Student Government Senate elected a new senate president after the resignation of former Senate President Bill Kraftsow in its first meeting of the Fall Semester last night.

"Due to personal reasons, most notably my failure to obtain adthe field will be protected, she equate funding to remain a University Park student, I must resign from the senate," Kraftsow said in a resignation letter.

Town Senator Laura Morrison been made to donate the proceeds defeated town Senator Kelli Chestnut in elections for the position. Morrison said she gave the posifound out Kraftsow had resigned. "I'm excited about (assuming Stone Valley Recreation · Area, office)." Morrison said. "Now I'll USG decided to look for another be able to get a lot more things

As senate president, Morrison private caucuses -- without The Daily Collegian present -- with senators prior to senate meetings. The senate would use this time to discuss bills that appear on the agenda, answer questions and avoid accidental outbursts that

Morrison said these caucuses would shorten senate meetings and eliminate excessive argu-"We'll only have these caucuses when there is a need, like when

there are a lot of bills," she said. Morrison wants to have administrators and USG department heads attend meetings at least once a month.

Chestnut spoke with Head Football Coach Joe Paterno earlier this summer about the Beaver Stadium concert proposal. Paterno told her he has no objection to the proposal if she can guarantee that

"In the past it was said that he was against the proposal," Chestnut said. "That's not correct. His primary concern is protecting the

Chestnut held that position last

USG originally planned to donate the proceeds from the concert to Stone Valley Recreation Area. However, tentative plans have Chestnut explained that because the Lion Ambassadors are requesting graduating seniors to donate their general deposits to

charitable organization. "I think our money would be best sent to Second Mile, but nothing's definite yet," Chestnut said. Also, the USG transportation advisory committee chairman. Lawrence Niland, said he would like to get involved in improving Campus Loop services. USG President Emil Parvensky

told the senate in addition to the decrease in Loop services and the elimination of free rides after 9 p.m., Loop passes were increased from \$15 a term to \$40 a semester. Parvensky said he would like to see USG play a "direct role in

looking for ideas and solutions." Parvensky also told the senate that off-campus students can no longer purchase on-campus over-Although Niland said he is not in

favor of overnight parking per-In other action, Kelli Chestnut mits for students, he will work was elected rules committee with senators if student opposition chairwoman, replacing Morrison. is expressed.

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## Launch flawless despite weather

Associated Press Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Riding a brilliant pillar of fire that turned night into light, Chalenger thundered away from Earth early Tuesday, carrying America's first black astronaut

and four crewmates into orbit. The space shuttle was soaring more than 100 miles high at 17,400 mph after a stunning liftoff, a magnificent display of sound and light that shook buildings three miles from the pad and made the

sky bright enough to read a newspaper at that

"We can see the stars real lovely," said Commander Richard Truly as the ship headed toward orbit over the Atlantic Ocean.

"Everything is normal," Mission Control Houston reassuringly told the crew. The dazzling departure began 17 minutes late, at 2:32 a.m. EDT as Challenger's engines flashed to life with a light twice as bright as the sun,

sending a cascade of flame rushing like a waterfall over the launch pedestal NASA delayed the launch to allow thunder storms and low clouds to clear out of the area, in case the shuttle had to abort its mission and make an emergency landing on a runway near

the launch pad.

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riding nearly seven million pounds of thrust, the 100-ton shuttle rose from its floodlit pad and pierced the dark sky, trailing a fountain of fire 500 feet long and 100 feet wide. It remained visible in the Cape area as a bright orange glow

for 2 minutes and 42 seconds after launch. A severe thunderstorm sent crowds scurrying for cover three hours before launch, but their wait was rewarded by perhaps the most spectacular liftoff in the 33-year history of this spaceport Cheers of amazement erupted from thousands who gathered on the Kennedy Space Center and along highways, beaches and riverbanks to

Only once before had there been such a sight: in 1972 when the Apollo 17 left for the moon in the

watch the first after-dark launch of a space

middle of the night from the same pad. Truly, 45, was making his second shuttle journey. His pilot is Daniel Brandenstein, 40. The three mission specialists are Guion Bluford. the black astronaut, Dale Gardner, 34, and Dr. William Thornton, at 54 the oldest person ever to fly

Their main tasks on a six-day mission are to deploy an Indian satellite, test the shuttle's robot arm and run checks on a communications satellite critical to future shuttle misssions. At 2 minutes 6 seconds, Challenger shed its two

149-foot boosters, hurling them toward a planned

were to recover them for re-use. The National Aeronautics and Space Adminis tration had estimated that if clouds did not interfere, Challenger's flame could be seen in

various degrees of brilliance 450 miles away. Bluford, 40, an Air Force lieutenant colonel with a doctorate in aerospace engineering, is making the trip just two months after Sally Ride rode in the same ship as the first American

> On board for the six-day voyage around Earth were a communications and weather satellite to be put into orbit for India, an experiment for making pure drugs, 260,000 stamped envelopes for collectors, and six rats whose travel comfort is of interest to scientists.

> During the flight the astronauts will test the ability of the shuttle's 50-foot mechanical arm to move heavy payloads, maneuvering a 7,460pound package around the cargo bay.

The early-morning liftoff time was dictated by the need for Challenger's crew to release the Indian satellite into a precise "keyhole" above the equator within radio range of a tracking station at Hassan, India Challenger is scheduled to land, also in dark

ness, at 12:23 a.m. Pacific time, at Edwards Air

nedy Space Center.

In an interview with The Daily Collegian earlier this month, Bluford said the gifts from the University were sent to the space center

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Early this morning, University alumnus Guion S. Bluford took a bit of Penn State with him on the space shuttle Challenger, which lifted off from Kennedy Space

Bluford, a 1964 University graduate with a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering, is the first black astronaut in space. Two Penn State football jerseys with Bluford's name and the year

he graduated on them, and a cassette of Penn State fight songs to be played as a wakeup call were awaiting Bluford's arrival at Ken-

instead of his home in Houston,

Bluford said he was pleased to receive the gifts from the University and would play the cassettes, "if I have something to play them

night launch of a shuttle mission. Bluford said he was scheduled to be flight engineer or mission specialist between commander Richard Truly and co-pilot Dan

Brandenstein. Bluford will launch an Indian communications satellite and operate a space medicine test that will test live proteins during the

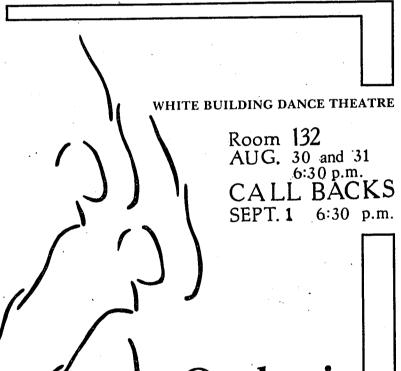
Bluford has known about hi mission aboard Challenger for four years, but he said he is still excited and hopes to fly on other

"It's something that everyone looks forward to," Bluford said referring to his colleagues in Houston.

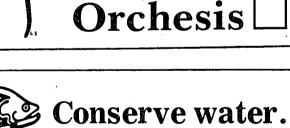
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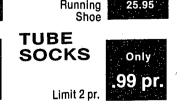












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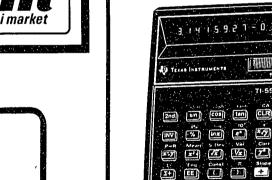
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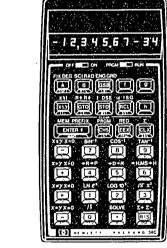
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