

Rockview gets state accreditation

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Mazurkiewicz also outlined plans for renovations to be instituted at the 7,000 acre facility within the next six years.

Remodeling cell blocks, installing new cell lighting and wiring and constructing a new counseling facility are a few of the plans, he said.

Rockview, now housing 1,378 inmates, is a medium security prison with a capacity of a little more than 1,000 inmates, prison spokesman Anthony C. Biviano said.

In the general population containment area, about 444 inmates are double-celled in 8-foot by 8-foot prison rooms.

Other inmates are dispersed into therapeutic areas and modular housing, Biviano said.

Therapeutic areas offer ongoing professional and peer counseling to help inmates become more involved in their environments.

Nal training are available to inmates on a voluntary basis, Biviano said.

Modular housing offers units to 104 men, who are usually within six to nine months of release, Biviano said. The men require minimum security with the living arrangements resembling a dormitory or a hospital ward.

"There is self-governing to the extent that is possible," he said. "The guards are actively involved rather than overseers in this type of housing."

Integrity and pride are built through modular and therapeutic housing and integrated as part of Rockview's counseling, Biviano said.

The complex, surrounded by a 14-foot nylon mesh gate topped with razor ribbon, offers inmates a variety of recreational and educational facilities.

About 26 of the 7,000 acres are devoted to the recreational needs of the inmates.

In conjunction with the University, Rockview offers eligible inmates associate degree college courses: In addition, basic education and voca-

"A lot of inmates need upgrading in educational and vocational training," he said. "We try to meet those needs."

When inmates enter the facility, they are evaluated by prison counselors and told what facilities Rockview can offer, Biviano said.

"We'll advise, counsel and encourage (the inmates), but the decision is up to him," he added.

If educational and vocational opportunities do not interest the inmate, the individual is put to work in one of the operational areas of the prison.

As a result of overcrowded conditions, the prison is now 75 to 100 jobs short of the current demand, Biviano said.

Last year, the State Regional Correctional Facility at Greensburg became the first facility to earn accreditation, acting state Correction Commissioner Glen R. Jeffes said.

"Pennsylvania has been and is, committed to having all our institutions, facilities, community centers and the Bureau itself become accredited," Jeffes said.

USG battles to keep the pass/fail option

By ANNE McDONOUGH
Collegian Staff Writer

The wheels have been set in motion by the Undergraduate Student Government's Academic Assembly to combat a University Faculty Senate committee's recommendation to eliminate the pass/fail option.

The assembly set up a six-member committee to draw up a proposal listing reasons why the pass/fail option should remain and offering possible alternatives.

The committee was established in response to the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Instruction's abolition recommendation.

Members will gauge student reaction by presenting Frank Pogue said. Members will gauge student reaction by presenting with each college's student center and through talking to the students themselves.

The issue at stake is the role of the option in obtaining a quality University education, Pogue said.

Tom Thompson, Faculty Senate representative from the College of Engineering, said the Senate committee is determined that the option be voted on at the Sept. 13 Senate meeting.

The assembly proposal should include the alternative of opening the pass/fail option to every college, he said.

The Senate committee's reasoning for the abolition includes: restrictions by various colleges against the use of pass/fail to satisfy Basic Degree Requirements; the low percentage (1 percent) of grades given each year under the option; and the unavailability in many academic programs of free electives eligible for the option.

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- The On-Campus Peace Corps Office will be open from 9 a.m. to 12:30, and from 2:30 to 5 this afternoon in 219 Agricultural Administration Building.
- The Penn State Outing Club will present a slide show on the club's seven divisions at 7 tonight in Schwab Auditorium.
- Students interested in serving as volunteer ushers can sign up at 4 this afternoon in Eisenhower Auditorium.
- The Undergraduate Entomology Association will meet at 7 tonight in 204 Patterson.
- The student counselors will present a one-hour workshop at 4 this afternoon and every Thursday in 312 HUB. The workshop will cover study methods, test anxiety, time management and concentration hints.
- The Men's Fencing Team will meet at 4 this afternoon in 69 Rec Hall. Anyone interested in trying out should attend.
- Student counselors are available for general counseling, information and referral. Call 863-2020 from 4 to midnight Monday through Friday, and from noon to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.
- The College of The Liberal Arts Student Council will sponsor a "Meet the Deans Night" at 7 tonight in the HUB Gallery Lounge. All liberal arts students are welcome and refreshments will be served.
- The Agronomy Club will meet at 7:30 tonight in 301 Agricultural Administration.

police log

- The State College Police Department reported that three sofa cushions were missing from 516 E. College Ave. on Tuesday. The value of the cushions was not determined, police said.
- Two broccoli plants were reported missing from 433 W. Fréster St., State College police said.
- University Police Services reported that a bike was missing from the east side of Willard Building on Tuesday. The value of the bike is \$160, police said.

— by Karen Kane

Women's center has new director

By LORI-MARIE VAIL
Collegian Staff Writer

The Centre County Women's Resource Center will continue to offer counseling services to women this year under the supervision of a new executive director.

Patty Johnstone was appointed to the post by the center's board of directors this summer.

Johnstone, originally from Sacramento, Calif., received a bachelor's degree in sociology at the University of California at Davis and then went on to receive a master's degree in counseling at the University of Wisconsin.

After working as a school counselor for junior and senior high school students for three years in Wisconsin, Johnstone moved to Delaware county, where her husband, Christopher, worked as a professor at the Delaware County Campus of Penn State.

While living in the Delaware county area, Johnstone volunteered to work for the Women in Transition support group, which helps women through the difficulties of separation and divorce.

She was also a counselor for the Senior Safety Project which offers counseling to elderly crime victims. Johnstone was the director of the Senior Safety Project from 1976 until this summer when she moved to State College with her husband, a University professor of speech communications.

She then obtained the position of executive director of the Women's Resource Center, 111 Sowers St.

"Our priority right now is to provide quality services for women," Johnstone said.

She said she doesn't plan to institute any major changes at the center.

The center opened in 1975 and staffed completely by volunteers. In 1979 the Rape Crisis Group and the Task Force on Domestic Violence merged to become the Women's Resource Center.

The center is funded primarily by the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape and the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The center also receives a community block grant and money from the State College Food and Shelter Team (FAST).

One feature of the center is the domestic violence shelter, created for women who are no longer safe in their living conditions. The shelter can accommodate two women and an unspecified number of children. Volunteers also open their homes for women who need lodging, she said.

Volunteers also man a 24-hour phone counseling service to aid victims of rape or domestic violence.

NY Times' college guide gets revision

By LEE MITGANG
AP Education Writer

NEW YORK — Campuses fumed a year and a half ago when The New York Times' education editor published a college guide that assigned schools star ratings as if they were restaurants. A revised edition will soon appear in book stores, and it seems designed to soothe at least some of its many critics.

The second edition of the "Selective Guide to Colleges," by Edward B. Fiske, (Times Books, \$9.95) profiles 275 of the nation's most selective four-year schools — 10 more than the first edition published in the winter of 1982. That edition sold more than 80,000 copies.

The new edition, with a publication date of Sept. 28, changes the book's controversial star-rating system, which gave each school from one to five stars for academic quality, social life, and quality of life. The problem was that some schools — Brown University for

— added up the stars from all three categories and touted themselves as "12-star" or "15-star" schools.

This time, the book hopes to prevent that by assigning stars for academics, telephone-shaped symbols for social life, and asterisks for quality of life.

But equally controversial was the way Fiske gathered campus information: primarily from student questionnaires. Fiske insists there's nothing wrong with that, despite criticisms that the method is too subjective, particularly for a book that bears the imprimatur and prestige of The New York Times.

"Basically we're asking students to tell us about the schools they go to. And then we report what they say," Fiske said in an interview yesterday.

"I think it's an improved book," he said. "But anytime you're making judgments of this sort, you're going to have controversy."

Many colleges complained bitterly about their ratings in the first

edition, and the latest book changes the ratings for 38 schools — nearly all for the better.

Other schools — Dartmouth College and University of Rhode Island, most notably — objected to uncompromising language in their profiles in the first edition. Fiske changed some of the offending passages in the new edition.

Dartmouth, though given five stars for academics, was likened to "Animal House," in the first edition. The reference to the movie about a drunken, bawling "frat" school is still there in the latest edition, but with the qualifier that "the film was, after all, written by an alumnus," and that "this is only part of the picture."

And Fiske's new edition deletes wisecracks that infuriated University of Rhode Island officials. The first edition called it a "high school after high school," and concluded, "as long as you don't ask too much

of URI, it won't ask too much of you." The new profile is far more sympathetic, and instead upgrades a "right-fisted" state legislature that is strapping the school for funds.

Among other schools that came out ahead in this edition: University of Nebraska and University of Oklahoma, both given subpar one-star academic ratings in the first book, were each boosted to three stars.

Fiske explained that in both cases, "the write-ups could have been improved in the first edition with more information." The new edition reflects a second look at those campuses, he said, and at least in Nebraska, fresh student questionnaires were distributed.

Several colleges were upgraded to the top ranks of schools with five-star academic ratings: Reed College, Rice University, Carleton College, and Duke University.

Local beer supply is threatened by strike

By HARRY R. WEISS
Collegian Staff Writer

Negotiations between striking Lantrobe Brewing Company employees and management "have taken a step backward," the brewer's labor director said yesterday.

"No talks are going on as of the moment," said Kenneth Keene. Neither Keene nor union representatives would comment on work-action demands.

The 32-day-old strike has idled 215 Rolling Rock brewers, truck drivers and bottlers.

Proponents of State College drinking establishments can expect supplies of the beer to last at least until the first home football weekend, local tavern owners said.

John Palm, spokesman for Zeno's, 100 W. College Ave., said yesterday that so far he has had no problems thanks to Sam Nastase's Distributorship on Perry Alley in Bellefonte.

He said that Nastase's had enough foresight to see the strike coming and built up stock accordingly.

John O'Connell, owner of the All American Rathskeller, 108 S. Pugh St., told The Daily Collegian last month that he is worried whether his bar, which sells more Rolling Rock than any other establishment here, can hold out until the game.

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