

Program to explore financial aid standards, test-taking tips

By ANITA YESHO
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Students who are concerned about changes in student financial aid or who want to know how to increase their scores on multiple choice exams may find some interesting information at the Paul Robeson Cultural Center at 7 tonight.

The Office of Student Affairs Special Programs and Services and Black Caucus will sponsor an informational program explaining the Satisfactory Academic Progress standard.

The standard affects students receiving Pell Grants, Guaranteed Student Loans, National Direct Student Loans and Supplemental Educa-

Our Store co-op follows 100-year-old tradition

By TERRY L. MUTCHLER
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More than 100 years ago in Rochdale, England, a group of people drawn together by a common idea and commitment formed the first known cooperative organization.

Today, not only is this original co-op still in existence but it has established a set of principles — the Rochdale Principles — upon which all co-ops basically are founded.

ferred by the co-op. A trial membership, based on three-month quarters, is offered for a non-refundable fee of \$5. It entitles the person to three months of shopping at the co-op.

Both memberships require three hours of work at the co-op per month, and include such benefits as getting food at a lower cost, gaining invaluable work experience and interacting with others, said Judith Johnson, the president of the 12-member board of directors.

"This place provides much more than food," Johnson said. "It is a place of people finding people, and working with people, who act on high principles."

Project to improve campus air quality entering final phase

By PATRICIA WOOD
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Progress on the \$8.3 million pollution control project at the west campus power plant will probably move into the final construction phase Nov. 16, a University engineer said recently.

The project, ordered by the state Department of Environmental Resources in 1980 to update the Burrows Road power plant to meet current air quality standards, should be completed sometime during the 1985 Fall Semester, said John D. Miller, director of Physical Plant Planning and Design.

The last phase of the project involves connecting the new smoke-filtering system to the coal-burning boilers that supply the University with most of its power. All the University's electricity is bought from the West Penn Power Company.

Lloyd Niemann, manager of the University utility system, said most of the transition work involved in connecting the new system to coal boilers from the power plant is delayed during the winter months because of the University's need for heat.

Five boilers are used in the west campus power plant — four burn coal and one burns oil and gas.

Oil and gas, Niemann said, could be used to provide power in conjunction with coal. This over-fire technique has been used as an additional form of emissions control because oil and gas are considered to be clean-burning fuels, he said.

Niemann said the over-fire technique is an attempt to stay within DER regulations, but the plant still will not comply with air standards until the new air-filtering system is connected.

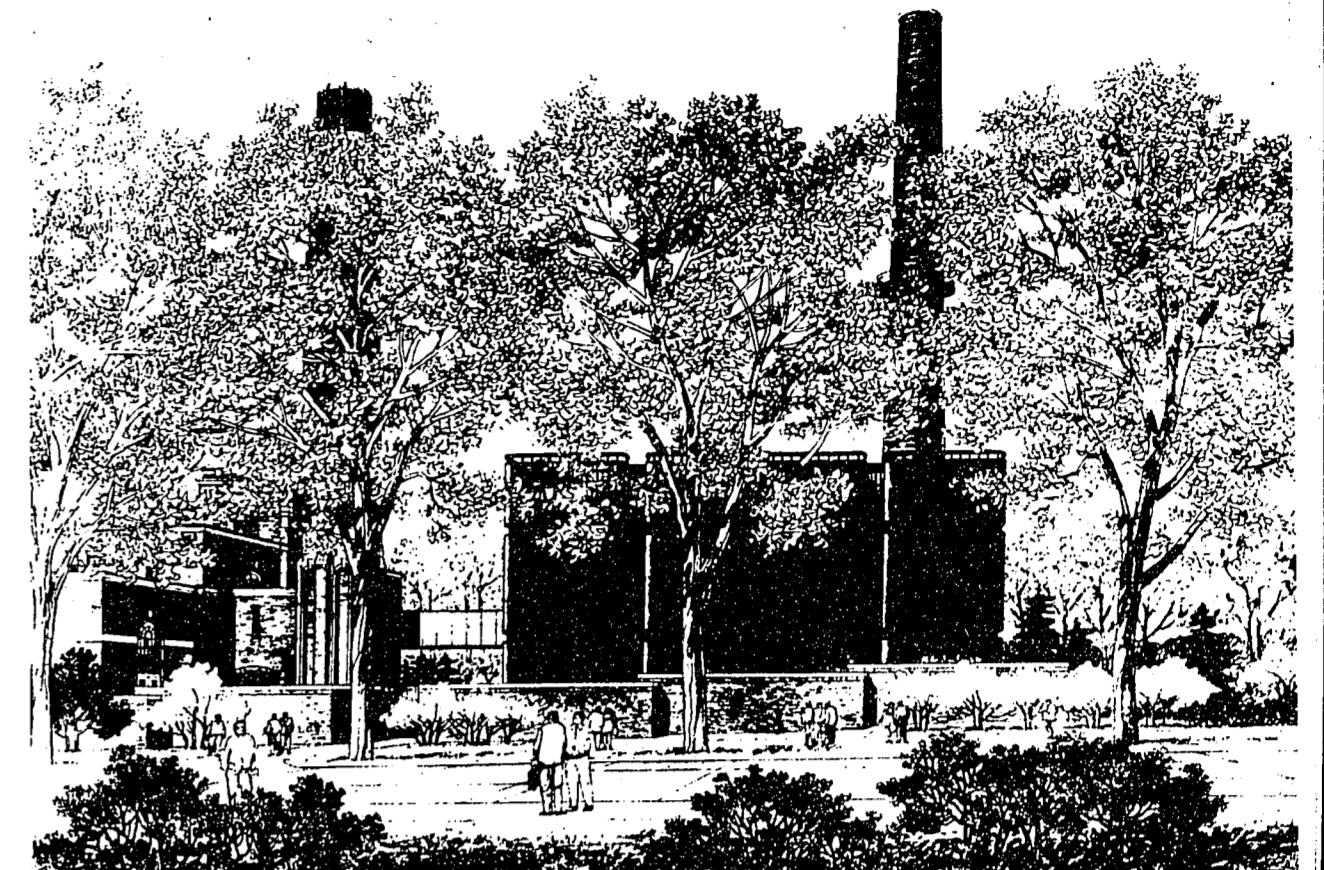
The Burrows Road power plant, which is owned by the General State Authority and operated by the University, has changed and grown with the University since the plant was built in 1929.

"The power plant has no equipment existing in it anymore that it had when the plant was built," Niemann said.

The emission control project began with the completion of a 198-foot chimney in 1982 to replace the one now in use. The foundation was then laid for the building currently being completed, which will filter particles from the coal emissions. The chimney and the "baghouse" will be combined during the last phase of construction to allow the plant to meet state air quality standards.

"The baghouse is like an over-sized vacuum cleaner," Niemann said. About 2,500 finely-meshed bags in the building will filter larger particles from the coal smoke that will then be released into the air through the new smokestack.

When the state legislature allocated funds for the pollution control project in 1980, University officials were quoted in The Centre Daily Times as saying that converting the system completely to coal would save \$1 million annually on its oil bill.



Projected sketch of the Burrows Road power plant after it undergoes an \$8.3 million pollution control revision, which is scheduled for completion by Fall Semester 1985.

Equal rights advocate brings feminist issues to HUB

By JULIE HERR
Collegian Staff Writer

A former president for the National Organization for Women and advocate for women's rights, Ellie Smeal, is scheduled to speak at 8 tonight in the HUB Ballroom on "Women's Rights Issues in the 1980's."

"NOW is an organization for women and men who are interested in feminist and equality issues," O'Connor said.

He said NOW has had a big impact on getting discriminatory laws abolished.

"NOW has been both a product of the Women's Movement and a force for continuing that movement," O'Connor said.

Smeal is now involved in increasing the political action of women, Clark said.

Tonight's lecture is sponsored by the Women's Studies Program in conjunction with the department of political science and the Undergraduate Student Government's department of women's concerns.

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