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Student leaders may govern own community

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An "interest community," where those students primarily active in organizations may live and govern themselves, was proposed to the University Student Executive Council last night.

'Hopefully, this could be the first in a series of interest housing sprouting up in the community.'

— Emil Parvensky, Undergraduate Student Government president.

Benson Lichtig, managing general partner of the partnership sponsoring the project, said the 34-unit townhouse community to be located in Orchard Park Village near Southgate Drive would be occupied by students involved in organizations and their friends who would form a tenant association comprised of all tenants and elected officers.

Tenants living in this community would live by the rules and

regulations the association approves by a two-thirds vote of its members, be willing to volunteer at least five hours to a Centre County non-profit agency, be willing to cooperate with University community studies and attend an organizational meeting in April, Lichtig said.

The 100 to 135 students living in the 15 two-bedroom and 18 three-bedroom apartments would have access to one two-bedroom apartment converted into a community center where meetings, guest speakers, films or parties could be held, Lichtig said.

Tenants would also have three computers available to them and the landlords will give \$2,000 to the association as "seed money" which Lichtig hopes the association will build upon through fund-raising efforts.

Lichtig emphasized that he would have limited involvement with the community, acting only as an enforcer of policy to protect his partnership's investment.

However, Lichtig does not anticipate many problems that cannot be compromised because he said the students, being primarily student leaders, would respect the property and the rights of their neighbors.

Lichtig, a downtown merchant, proposed the idea to the University administration 13 years ago when he

was Undergraduate Student Government president, but his idea was rejected.

"I'm in a little better position now and I am still excited about this project," Lichtig said.

A community where students can exchange ideas freely as well as govern themselves can benefit them greatly, Lichtig said, and now that he and his partners can support the idea, he wants to get it into action.

He said starting the project "took a little arm-twisting" to convince his partners that it would work, but he is optimistic about the response he received from University students and administrators so far.

USG President Emil Parvensky expressed support for the community hoping it would also help town-gown relations.

"Hopefully, this could be the first in a series of interest housing sprouting up in the community," Parvensky said.

Peter Cutrone, Organization for Town Independent Students president, said the project has potential, but he hopes the community does not become a "HUB Club" with only a small group of organizations represented.

Lichtig said he hopes the community will consist of an equal mixture of students from various student organizations from the beginning and that in years to come



State College merchant Benson Lichtig, center, explains plans for a townhouse community for students involved in campus organizations to members of the University Student Executive Council. Patty Wolf, newly elected Panhellenic Council president, takes notes on a map of the village as University Student Government President Emil Parvensky observes.

the tenant mixture will remain the same.

Cutrone said the community's success could encourage other realtors to create other interest communities such as a "computer science community."

Lichtig said, "If the idea flies, it

could have an impact on student housing.

"I would be disappointed if this project was unsuccessful and it would be a waste to turn it into another rental project," he added.

About 10 townhouses will be available for summer occupancy

and all townhouses will be ready Aug. 16, Lichtig said.

He added that applications for fall occupancy are available in 203 HUB and 210 HUB and are due no later than Feb. 25. Applicants should know whether they were accepted by early March.

CATA:

Strike averted as union reaches tentative agreement on 2-year contract

By TERI WELLS
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The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 1203-B yesterday reached a tentative agreement on a two-year contract with the Centre Area Transportation Authority, the union local president said last night.

Frank J. Finsinger said the full membership of 1203-B, which consists of 33 Centre Line bus drivers and five shop personnel, will meet at 2 p.m. Sunday in the State College Municipal Building to vote on the contract.

"The union negotiating committee is recommending acceptance of the (contract) package, but is not releasing any details pending the employees' vote," Finsinger said.

The previous contract, which expired at

midnight Tuesday, was extended for seven days.

The contract dispute did not center on wages or employee benefits, but instead focused on a federal employee protection agreement, section 13(c), in the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964.

Under section 13(c), CATA cannot receive federal operating and capital grants unless Local 1203-B agrees that the funds will not be used in a manner harmful to employees, both union and non-union.

Operating grants deal with funding for wages and fuel, while capital grants deal with new equipment such as buses and buildings.

In essence, the union must approve each federal grant that CATA applies for. Finsinger said the union has agreed to forfeit its right to approve operating grants, but it will not give up its right to screen capital grants.

Finsinger said CATA proposed a suggestion for resolving the conflict over section 13(c) at 9 a.m. yesterday, during the 13th negotiating session since Dec. 21.

He said the charges of unfair labor practices, which the union had prepared to file before it agreed to the seven-day contract extension, are no longer necessary.

CATA Chairman James H. Miller said he is "very pleased" with the outcome of yesterday's negotiating session.

"The settlement is a good resolution as far as section 13(c) goes. Now we have the contract language that will allow us to proceed with our capital grants," Miller said.

Miller, as a board member of CATA, does not participate in the negotiating process.

CATA Managing Director Paul Oversier could not be reached for comment.

CIA's primary job is collecting information

By MIKE NETHERLAND
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It is highly unlikely that the United States could be surprised with a nuclear attack simply with the push of a button as depicted in the film "The Day After," a senior CIA intelligence analyst said last night.

Because the Soviet Union is a closed society where foreign policy is not a matter of public record, the CIA developed a "surrogate" system of estimating that nation's future actions, said Arthur C. Hulnick, whose last assignment for the CIA was in Latin America.

Hulnick, part of a CIA entourage visiting the campus at the invitation of the University's Geography and Political Science departments, said that providing policy makers with intelligence based on such estimates is one of the most well-known functions of the CIA. But while the agency monitors indicators such as military installations, shipping and troop movements, "there are no indicators so sophisticated as to tell us what they would like to do." Successful predictions using

indicators, he said, include the Soviet invasions of Czechoslovakia in 1968 and of Afghanistan in 1979. Notable exceptions are the Arab invasion of Israel in 1973 and the fall of the Shah in 1979.

Hulnick also spent time dispelling some myths about his employer. Ninety percent of CIA work is devoted to collection and analysis of information, "an aspect that gets little attention in the media," he said. Asked what the CIA does the other 10 percent of the time, he said five percent is counter intelligence work and five percent is covert actions. These actions, he added, are ordered by high administration officials and are reviewed by House and Senate intelligence committees.

Hulnick, who also served as a liaison between the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence and the West German government, was asked by an Italian student about the many Socialists in power in Europe including Italy's Prime Minister Bettino Craxi. He said most of the Socialists are conservative and he sees "no great swing to the Left" in Europe.



Photo by Jay Gorodetzky

All together, now

Raymond Brown, professor of music, directs the University choir during last night's rehearsal in the Forum.

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weather

Cloudy today with periods of rain that may be mixed with wet snow at times this afternoon. High of 39 degrees. Mixed snow and rain will change to light snow before tapering to flurries this evening. Low tonight 23 degrees. Mostly cloudy tomorrow with occasional snow showers. It will become colder with a high early in the day near 27 degrees.....by Glenn Rolph